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I'm typing this while taking a break from my hectic activities on 15 meters. Yes, it's CQWW-CW weekend. So the holidays are truly here! I just got word the other day that I have to go to Austin tomorrow, (Sunday the 30th) and work for two weeks.

What punishment, hi hi. Will have to check out the Waterloo BrewPub. But that does cut into my weekend. So today I'm trying to get caught up..Fat chance. The way the leaves are falling it will be March before that happens.

I spoke to Lon the other day and it sounds like he and Martha are ready for the crew. You should plan to arrive in the 6:30 time frame and be ready to eat a bite. They will have a buffet and beer and wine. If you require other drinks, feel free to BYOB. Remember that's the 19th of December. I'm sorry we will have to miss it, but that will be our Christmas with my Brother and his family in Dallas that weekend. Lon is sending Dave a map to his home so look for it elsewhere in this issue.

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## Announcements

**Meeting** – The Texas DX Society Meets the second Friday of each month, except when the date is changed by the Board of Directors.

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## How to Reach Us

On the World Wide Web:

<http://n5uh.tech.uh.edu:80/~tdxs/>

On 2 Meters:

**147.96/36 MHz**

On Packet:

**Connect TDXS9 on 144.930 MHz and  
then Connect K5DXC**

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## The Prez Sez – de Bob, N5ET

Well it's that time of the year again. The holidays are here. I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving day, as did we. We just made a short pilgrimage this year, to Pt. Neches to spend the day with Lindas' folks and family at her brothers home.

Remember, DUES ARE DUE. I'm sure Madison will be there with hat in hand spreading his usual Christmas Cheer. I'd like to thank Jim and Earl for all their work in getting the packet cluster back up and running. It sure is nice to see the packet screen active again. Also, let's all thank Roy, AD5Q for his generous contribution to the packet fund. There are lots of folks that tune into and use the cluster.

Speaking of which, I had a strange "T" talk the other night. From KZ5KG. It took a bit for me to snap. Another on the KZ5 boys. This one Ken, KE5IV. I didn't even know he had sent in for a new call. Congratulations Kenny. If someone had been away for a year and came back here on 2 meters, he wouldn't recognize over a half a dozen calls. I guess that's not all bad.

Things do change. And with that, we want to wish Ron Jr., NN5DX all the best with his job relocation to Castle Rock, CO. Don't know how hard it will be to find a mountain top there for a QTH but just be sure you don't move into someplace with tower restrictions...Keep in touch.

## The TDXS Bullshead

From Linda and I both, a Very Merry Christmas to all. Also a happy and prosperous New Year. May the P5 finally get on the air for real. CU at the Banquet in Jan.

73, Bob N5ET

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### Contest Corner – de Joe, W5ASP

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Due to Technical difficulties (the editor's note Joe's) I do not have Joe's column this month. My apologies to the Members of TDXS and Joe.

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### DX – de Buzz, N5UR

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The Central Arizona DX Association plans to be QRV as 8Q7AA beginning 19 January, with four stations operating 24 hours a day on 160-10 metres through 28 January 1998. The team includes SSB operators NP3BY, KP4RF, KM5EP, K7ZV & NA7DB and CW operators N6NT (who will also run HF RTTY as operating time permits), AF7O, K7WX, N7TX & NN7X. A concentrated effort will be made on the low bands with adequate power and antennas. Remember this counts for CQ Zone 22! 8Q7AA will participate in the CQ 160-meter CW DX Contest (23-25 January). QSL via N7TX. More complete details are available at <http://www.cadxa.org/8q7aa>

Its antarctic season again. It was lots of fun seeing some spots concerning VU2RAY and VU2JBK as possible pirates as their beam headings were off. Both are located at Maitri Base antarctica which could explain the discrepancy! Look for Hector, LU6UO, and Ernesto (Ernie), LU4AXV, who will activate Deception Island base (South Shetlands for DXCC) as LU1ZC with the support of the Argentine Antarctic Management Agency and the Navy Amateur Auxiliary Service in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the base. They are leaving Buenos Aires December 8th in an Hercules C130, and flying to Argentine Antarctic Marambio base, located in Seymour Island, and then transfer to the Argentine ice breaker "A. IRIZAR". They hope to be on the air about December 15th until the end of February. Operation will be mainly on CW but some SSB. QSL with some IRCs to LU6EF/GACW Raul M. Diaz, GACW, Box 9, 1875 Wilde, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

10-12-15 meters have been hot, especially between 730 and 900 CST or 1330-1500Z. In less than three weeks with my new duoband A3WS I have DXCC worked on twelve and am on my way to 200 on 18!. HS YB and VK came in longpath on ten during the CQWWCW, and YI A4 A6 A9 have been frequent visitors to 15. Twelve has been open to Europe, the middle East, all of Africa and right around to Japan almost daily. So far not into Zones 22 23 17 18 26, but it is still early.

The 5A2A expedition was workable here from 80-10, but I could never work them due to the persistent third

harmonic of KILT AM on 1830 khz and the 5A always chose 1829! Hopefully by this weekend KILT will fix their rig/antenna! They have been S9 at my QTH 25 miles from their transmitter.

A new web site for island chasers is [http://www.islandchaser.com/cgi-bin/cal\\_make.pl?p1=CAL](http://www.islandchaser.com/cgi-bin/cal_make.pl?p1=CAL). It has a day by day calendar of upcoming island events, so use it if you have a day off. Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year. 73, Buzz N5UR

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### DXAC Doings by Jim, N5DC

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The DXAC has been asked by the ARRL DX Desk, to consider the removal (or deletion) of three "Countries", that are presently on the active countries list.

#### ***Fernando De Noronha***

In the case of Fernando, There are two points, that leave its' addition to The Countries list in doubt:

It was added in 1958 (March issue QST) as a "point 1" Country, when in fact, at that time "point 1" had never been published. We know from later discussions that the DX Desk had unpublished, but specific criteria for establishing the validity of a "new one". The 3 criteria were (1) Does the area have political independence? (2) Does it have adequate geographical separation (225 miles) from a parent nation? (3) Does it have foreign lands in between?

In this case the separation is very borderline, with the best maps available showing anything from 217 miles to 225 miles.

In the case of separation, Atol das Rochas is part of Brazil, and counts as a part of Brazil, for Country Credit. It is 138 miles from the coast of Brazil, and only 102 miles from Fernando de Noronha.

As you can see from the above Fernando certainly looks to be a candidate for deletion.

#### ***Kure Island***

Kure Island was added to the Countries List in 1961 (May 1961 QST). Kure was added by "point 3". Point 3 calls for "Where foreign territory divides a country, there will be a minimum distance of 75 miles Of foreign land separating the two areas of places in question. In the case of island groups this distance does not apply." The justification for adding Kure was the separation from the rest of the Hawaiian chain by Midway, which is not incorporated into the State of Hawaii, but is administered by the US Navy. It appears that Kure is part of the state of Hawaii, and that the separation criteria does not apply. It certainly seems to point to either a deletion, or removal of Kure.

#### ***South Sudan***

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South Sudan was added to the DXCC list in October 1978. It was added after long deliberations concerning the "separate administration". Subsequent to this addition, the conditions under which Southern Sudan was added have changed. Unnoticed by most, the conditions, that lead to the addition of Southern Sudan have changed dramatically. Since 1983 a revolt has been in progress, and the intent of the revolutionaries is not secession, but the takeover of the entire country. There is no longer any reason for Southern Sudan to be on the DXCC Countries list.

I hope this will give you DX Chasers some insight to what we do on the DXAC, and how we arrive at some of the recommendations, that we make to the MCS, ARRL Board, etc.

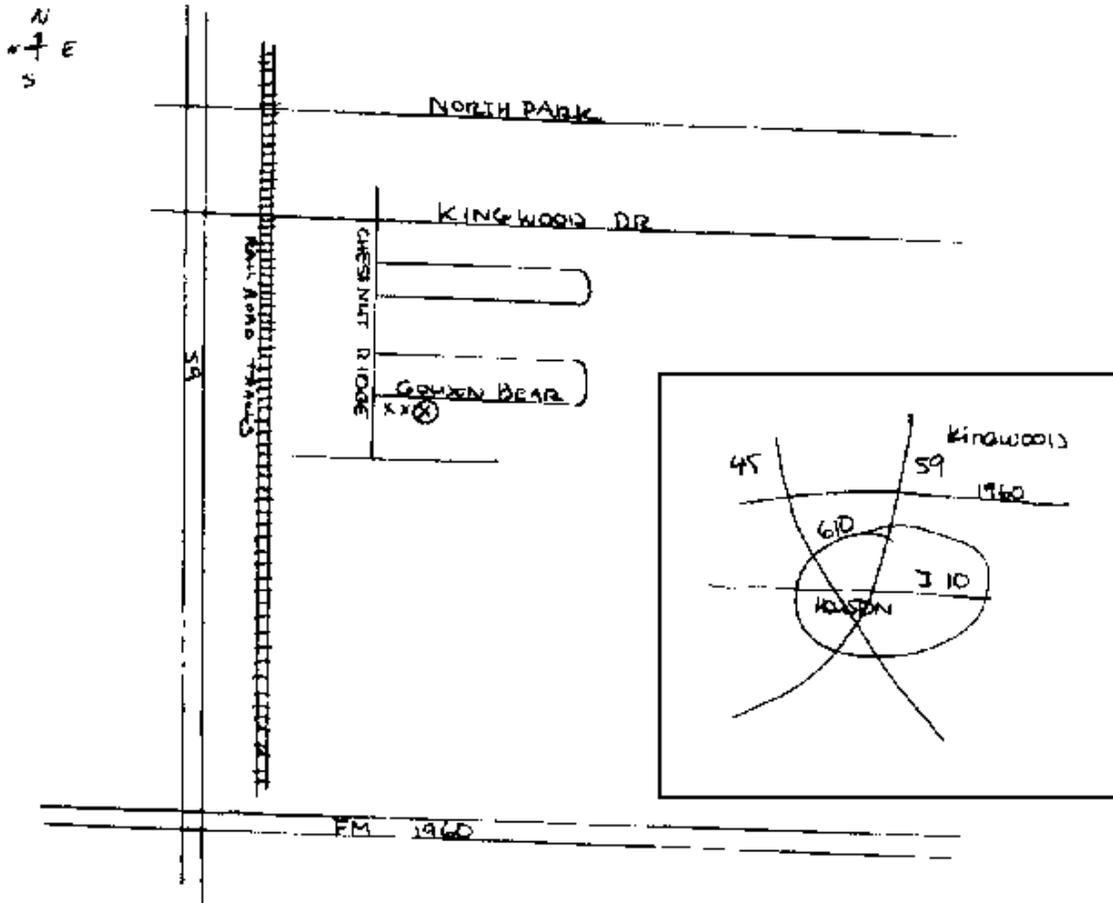
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOOD DX IN 1998!

# The TDXS Bullsheat

TDXS Christmas Party hosted by Lon , K5JV

Friday December 19, 1997. 7:00 PM 1110 Golden Bear Lane, Kingwood TX

- Directions:
- Go north on US 59
  - Exit Kingwood Drive and turn right
  - Turn right on Chestnut Ridge
  - Turn Left on Golden Bear Lane
  - 1110 is the third house on the right
  - (713) 358 4207 for help





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