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We had some nice door prizes, thanks to George at Houston Amateur Radio, W4MPY, Wayne Carroll and AT&T. Thanks again go out to Madison, W5MJ for all his efforts in arranging the hotel and securing some of the door prizes.

It's not too early to be thinking of FIELD DAY '98. Under Dale's able tutelage we were able to place no. one in 2A. Do we want to try another category this year? Do we want to go for the gold or lay back and sing songs around the horse tank? The opportunities are endless. And who would like to head this effort up? We need to get started at this month's meeting so please be thinking about it. Speaking of this month's meeting, it will be at Papa's Bar B Q on the SW Frwy.

So mark the 12th on your social calendar. The food is great and the meeting room isn't bad. If you didn't get your flyer in the mail for the Lafayette Hamfest '98, it's to be the 14th and 15th of March. It's a fun Hamfest but watch out for the food at Montanas in Lake Charles. In fact, plan to do all your eating in the Lafayette area. You won't go wrong. All this talk about eating is making me hungry. CU at the meeting.

73, Bob N5ET

Announcements

Meeting – The Texas DX Society Meets the second Friday of each month, except when the date is changed by the Board of Directors. February meeting will be at Papa's BBQ 7007 Southwest Freeway on February 12th at 7 pm.

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 TDXS on 144.950 MHz and then Connect K5LV

The Prez Sez – de Bob, N5ET

We sure had a nice time at the annual TDXS dinner. Wish more could have attended but we did have a nice gathering. I believe Madison said that we had 40 there. The food was excellent. Linda doesn't like fish and she even had two bites.

Contest Corner – de Joe, W5ASP

Coming up in February:

Feb. 01 - NA Sprint SSB @ 0000Z for 4 Hours

Feb. 08 - NA SPrint CW @ 0000Z for 4 hours

Feb. 21 - ARRL DX CW @ 0000Z for 48 Hours

TDXS Teams have already been submitted.

Results

IARU HF

W5ASP (@ K5XR) 754 Q x 78 Mlts 218,556 SO/CW

Claimed Scores

NAQP CW

The TDXS Bullsheat

KN5H (@K7UP) 839 Q x 256 Mlts 214,784 Pts
K7BV 862 Q x 239 Mlts 206,018 Pts
K5GN 793 Q x 254 Mlts 201,422 Pts
W5ASP 735 Q x 206 Mlts 151,410 Pts
KG5U 511 Q x 195 Mlts 99,645 Pts
N5TU 489 Q x 179 Mlts 87,531 Pts
N5DU 398 Q x 130 Mlts 51,740 Pts

NAQP Phone

N5LZ 497 Q x 149 Mlts 74,053 Pts
K5RC (@K7GJ) 756 Q x 191 Mlts 144,396 Pts
KZ5MM 706 Q x 186 Mlts 131,313 Pts

CQ 160M CW

N5LZ 329 Q x 47/7 Mlts 40,770 Pts

DX – de Buzz, N5UR

SPRATLY ISLANDS 9M0C The Big One for February 1998

A multinational group of DXpeditioners, primarily members of the UK's Chiltern DX Club will operate from Layang Layang Island in the Spratlys from 12th to 24th February 1998. The team is expected to include G3NUG G3OZF G3SED G3WGV G3XTT G4JVG G0OPB K5VT VK2BEX 9M2OM(G3NOM) N2QW 9H1EL JA1RJU and 9M6SU. It is planned to keep four stations on the air round the clock, to maximise band openings. All HF bands will be activated, on SSB, CW and RTTY. The team will use a wide selection of monoband and multiband antennas including four-square arrays for both 40 and 80 metres.

Layang Layang is also in Zone 26, one of the rarest zones on the LF bands. QSO data will be uploaded to the Internet while the expedition is in progress. A Web page is available at (<http://members.aol.com/spratly98>) with up-to-the-minute expedition news. The pilot station in the US is N1DG n1dg@aurumtel.com will act as an interface to the team, in line with the recent practice of other major expeditions. Phil Whitchurch G3SWH will be QSL manager, and QSLs will be available through the bureau or direct. Phil's address is 21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol, BS19 5HQ, England. Bureau cards will also be answered 100%.

Band Plans

The following frequencies should be used as guidelines, and all are +/- QRM. In any case, these frequencies are subject to comment by the DXing fraternity, and may be changed before the DXpedition commences.

160: CW 1824, SSB 1845
80: CW 3502, SSB 3805 (QSX down)
40: CW 7002, RTTY 7035, SSB 7080
30: CW 10102
20: CW 14022, RTTY 14080, SSB 14195

18: CW 18072, SSB 18145
21: CW 21022, RTTY 21080, SSB 21295
24: CW 24892, SSB 24945
28: CW 28022, RTTY 28080, SSB 28495

All operations will be split up, with the exception of 80m SSB where the split may also be down to accommodate both EU and USA requirements. Please do not under any circumstances call on the DXpedition transmit frequency unless the operator clearly indicates that he has reverted to transceive.

KH1 KH5 KH5K

KH5 - Mark, KA4IST will open up operations from Palmyra Island (OC-085) around 4 February. Mark will operate during his off duty hours. On 20 February he will be joined by Chuck, N4BQW until the 25th, when other five operators (NH6UY, N4DAZ, WA4FFW, W4DKS and K4AU) will join the group. The sked at this time is for round the clock all-band all-mode operations from Palmyra till the 27 February.

KH5K - After leaving Palmyra on 27 February, they will sail for Kingman Reef (OC-096), where they will operate around the clock until 1 March.

KH1 - After leaving Kingman Reef, they will sail to Baker Island (OC-089), where they will be active between 5 and 12 March. QSL and financial support via AC7DX.

<<< RULES CHANGES FOR THE DXCC PROGRAM

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Excerpt from the ARRL Bulletin #8

"Approved by the Board were rules changes for the DXCC program that had been recommended by the DXCC 2000 Committee. Under the new criteria, no countries currently on the DXCC list will be removed. In the future, countries will be referred to as entities. A political entity will be added to the DXCC list if it meets any one of three criteria: it is a UN member state, it has an ITU prefix block assigned, or it has a separate IARU member society. The new criteria also replace all DXCC measurements, including physical separation distances, with metric system figures roughly equivalent to the former distances. While the 57 entities on the deleted list will remain, no new countries will be added to the deleted list in the future. Deleted entities simply will be removed. In addition, the new rules specify a minimum 'island' size of 100 meters measured in a straight line. The DXCC field checking program will remain in place. The effective date of the changes will be announced later this year. The DXCC 2000 Committee was discharged with the Board's thanks."

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