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writing this the FO0FR is banging away on 20 CW. They have been easy to work with both this call and the FO0FI of last week. Sure hope all have gotten them in the log as it looks like both will count as new ones with the revisions made to the DXCC 2000 rules effective April 1st.

This group should also be at Visalia so between Joe, W5ASP and I we should have all the latest poop. And remember, just one month left to Field Day. Bob, N5RP has sent off for the package from ARRL so we are getting ready. I understand Dave, WB5N has volunteered for one station and Earl, N5TU has raised his hand for another. Jim, N5DC has touched base with Kenny, KZ5KG, (ex KE5IV) for the loan of another motor home from George, NR5M. So things are progressing.

Be sure to be at the May meeting. Field Day will be here in June, let's be part of it. (Pardon the pause, I just had to work the FO0FR on 10 CW. Heck of a signal at 3:30 in the afternoon.) Not sure where the May meeting will be as I haven't spoken with Henry, W5HNS. It may be back on South Main for some of that good Chinese food. In any event, please try to be there and make our May meeting a good one. If your not there, you may get nominated for something neat at Field Day..CU there. 73, de Bob, N5ET

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

Getting this in a little early. Next weekend, the 1st, Linda and I will be in California to attend the Visalia DX Convention. The perfect way to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We should be able to bring all the latest gossip to the May meeting as far as the new countries go.

I understand one of the presentations will be the H40AA operation and its application for DXCC country status. If they have logs and print out cards as they have done in the past, I'll try to put a TDXS run on em and see how many I can bring back. Speaking of new ones, as I'm

Contest Corner – de Joe, W5ASP

An interesting set of scores appeared in the recent issues of CQ, QST and the NCJ. Though the contest activity within the TDXS is confined to a relatively small group, the results continue to be rather impressive. Consider the following.

Dave, K5GN made his first trip to the Turks and Cacios Islands and operated the WPX CW last May from VP5JM's place on Provo. This is no super station, and Dave's equipment was rather modest. But he managed to place third in the World behind 3V8BB and ZD8Z. In addition he won the World Contest Expedition trophy. If you know anything about the quality of his competition, you can understand what an outstanding achievement it was for Dave.

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ZF2NE operated by W5ASP won the World Single Op, Single Band 20 Meter category setting a new North American record in the process. (It was a petty satisfying win after finishing second in '96 and '95..)

Strange as it may seem the TDXS finished 18th in the World Club competition. No that may not seem very impressive, but when you realize that of the top 17 clubs 12 were non-USA clubs, and that TDXS (8 entries) was sixth behind such US mega clubs as FRC, YCCC, PVRC, NCCC and SCCC (some with 50-60 entries), it does become a more enviable accomplishment. (Yes Virginia, we did beat NTCC with twice their score from half the number of Ops. That's very unusual, but nice to know.)

Looking through the listings it's a bit hard to tell the players anymore. For example NN5AA (that's Richard, K5NA) won the USA 10 M Single Band, and NN5ZZ (a.k.a. Don. N5LZ) showed up with a nice score. If I missed anyone in the "Results" below, please say so.

Sweepstakes CW was equally satisfying. Dale, KG5U who apparently has yet to figure out how to tune up his big amp, stuck it out in the QRP category and finished 5th overall. In the High Power group three TDXSers finished in the top ten; Steve, KN5H (@K7UP) was 6th, Dave, K5GN 9th and Bill, K5GA 10th. The Club competition results were not listed... did I miss something?

Finally, the results of the January NAQP came out in the current NCJ. The TDXS Team finished 5th (only 4 scores out of 5). It is encouraging to see how the popularity of this contest has grown. About a 1,000 stations participated this time. Five of the top ten scores were from TDXSers: Eric, NM5M (#2); Trey, N5KO (#3); Steve, KN5H (#7); Dennis, K7BV (#9) and Dave, K5GN (#10).

All in all it's a pretty nice picture from the TDXS standpoint. Unfortunately it's probable than many of our current local TDXS members may not even recognize the names & calls of a lot of the folks listed below. Perhaps it would be worth your while to get on the air during some of the upcoming contests and introduce yourselves.

Results

1997 CQ WW WPX CW

VP5GN (Op. K5GN)	SO/AB	3491Qs x 794 Pfx =	10,975,330
ZF2NE (Op. W5ASP)	SO/20M	2268 Qs x 706 Pfx =	4,122,334
NN5ZZ (Op. N5LZ)	SO/AB	627 Qs x 352 Pfx =	376,992
NN5AA (Op. K5NA)	SO/10M	244 Qs x 147 Pfx =	29,400
K5ZD	SO/AB	1647 Qs x 591 Pfx =	3,129,345
K5MA	SO/AB	794 Qs x 430 Pfx =	1,007,920

1997 ARRL SS CW

	QSOs	Sec	Score	
KG5U	Q	724	76	110,048
W5MJ	Q	89	64	11,392

N5TU	A	1009	76	153,368		
N5RP	A	724	77	111,496		
K5NZ	A	668	78	104,208		
AC5K	A			676	77	104,104
KN5H	B			1379	79	217,882
K5GN	B			1373	79	216,934
K5GA	B			1371	79	216,618
NM5M	B			1389	77	213,906
N5KO	B			1342	79	212,036
K5ZD	B			1292	79	204,136
K5NA	B			1256	79	198,448
N5DU	B			1171	79	185,018
W5ASP	B			1155	79	182,490
N5LZ	B			850	79	134,300
K5MA	B			836	79	132,088
K5RC	B			503	75	75,450
K5DX	B			208	72	29,952
KZ5MM	B	57	42	4,788		

January NAQP

QSO	MLT	Pts			
NM5M			983	275	270,325
N5KO			1015	255	258,825
KN5H			812	251	203,812
K7BV			848	237	200,976
K5GN			791	254	200,914
W5ASP			735	206	151,410
KG5U			511	195	99,645
N5TU	489	179			87,531

DX – de Buzz, N5UR

The big one for May assuming the A index drops below 300 is the 3B7 St.Brandon operation planned which started May 6 and runs through May 17. So far they are working 15 and 17 cw, but Europe owns them so far. Our own K5KG is among the operators and has been active /3B8 waiting for the ship to St. Brandon. TDXS made a \$100 donation to this operation. The Cargados-Carajos archipelago (St. Brandon, IOTA AF-015) consists of 22 small islands. On one of them - the Raphael islands - they will establish camp. The crew - 1 XYL and 13 OM - intend to fly the flag of "HAM SPIRIT". Check them out at <http://www.3B7-Brandon.ch/>

Band	CW Tx	RTTY	SSB
1.8			1829
3.5	3507	(no operation on SSB or RTTY on 75!)	
7.0		7007	7035
10.1			10106
14.0		14024	14080
18.0		18074	18105
21.0		21024	21080
			21295

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24.9 24894 None 24945
28.0 28024 28080 28475

They want everyone to work them, so for the first few days they will concentrate on one or two bands modes before trying to work all 9 bands. This should be fun.

The second major operation for May is The Hungarian Dxpediton to Mongolia which has requested the callsign JU0HA. The web page is <http://www.dunanet.hu/pannondx/mongoliaeng.htm> which has all their frequencies etc. Last month the Italians tried an expedition as JT1Y, which was a failure by North American standards as they only worked 17 and 20 as they constantly worked Europe during our limited low band openings. The HA group promises to try North America on other bands, especially 40 around sunrise and 15 12 and 10 around sunset.

BI7Y which should fire up any day is a new IOTA and has no chance of becoming a new DXCC entity. Check them out at <http://www.qsl.net/bi7y/> China has assigned the BI block to island operations, and this will be the 6th IOTA put on by PRC hams. Maybe there is hope to put those North Korean islands on the air one day!

Finally, yours truly along with AD5A N5FTR and AB5EB will attempt to put on a new IOTA from Nicaragua from May 22-24. We are flying to Managua with three stations, a 5 band beam, generator etc., and hope to receive the special call H75A for the first operation from the uninhabited Isla de Venado in the Caribbean. This past weekend we had a dry run of all our equipment on Galveston. We have to carry all our own food water and gasoline, and the temperature will be near 100 every day unless it rains! This is no pool side pina colada operation! We hope to put 4000 QSOs in our logs if the propagation gods settle down. Please call the Buzz Mike Buzz and Michael operation if you hear us, but don't be surprised if you get the wrong Mike or Buzz! Adios

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