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## The Prez Sez-de Bob, N5ET

Well we did it. Another Field Day in Sunny South Texas. And sunny it was. We didn't get any rain till on the way home Sunday eve between Brenham and Hempstead. I think everyone had a good time. Especially if you wanted to work on your tan. Thanks Bob, N5RP for the excellent Bar B-Q. All I can come up with is that you must have had AR do the cooking. It sure went fast. Murphy did rear his head a couple of times, but didn't get the best of the TDXS. I brought out two rotators and control boxes and we used em both. One was an old flood survivor and the other a newly refurbished job done by Hygain. Guess which one failed just 2 hours before the start? Right! Seems the brake had gotten hung up. Jim, N5DC climbed the crank up, (after lowering in all the way down) and turned the antenna, WaLa, it never failed again the whole weekend. From just the preliminary reports, it looks like we took it in the shorts from the NARS FD effort, but I bet we had more fun. I don't know what happened to my secret weapon for the novice station. I guess the WX was to hot for him. I can't give him to much grief though, he my boss. (I do understand that he

## Announcements

**Meeting-** The July meeting of the TDXS will be on July 9th at 7 PM. Location is the Hickory Hollow Restaurant at 101 Heights blvd. One block north of Washington Ave.

## How to Reach Us

On the World Wide Web:

<http://www.tdxs.org>

On 2 Meters:

147.96/36 MHz

On 70 Cm:

447.00/442.00 (103.5 Hz)

On Packet:

Connect to **TDXS95** on 144.95  
then connect to K5LV

**Prez Sez continued**

did show up at the NARS site though).

I want to welcome Jim, N5DC aboard as our new Bullsheet Editor. He has some great ideas for the Bullsheet so let's all support him and get in those articles you have been putting off. I know Richard, K5NA wants to do a follow up on the History of the TDXS. I know we'd all like to see it. It might even answer why there isn't a member no. 76? Let's give a big round of applause to Dispatcher Dave, W5BN for his years of service as the Editor of the Bullsheet. Dave will continue to be our WebMiester and keep the home page up to snuff. Thank you Dave.

Another member does good! Congratulations to George, NR5M on his appointment by the Mayor Lee Brown (not a ham) to lead the effort to attract the 2012 Summer Olympics to Houston. He will oversee a committee of as many as 40 including sports figures, politicians, and leaders of the city.

Could he use a member of the TDXS to keep him in line? Humm... Thanks to George too for the use once again of a motor home at Field Day. We used it for the phone/UHF station. Thanks also to Dave, W5BXX for bringing his motor home that we used for AMSTAT. And certainly the club owes a big thank you to Bob, W5SJS for the use of his home away from home, the horse tank, the air conditioned novice station, and the CW motor home. This month I think Henry, W5HNS has picked an outstanding place for our meeting. It's the Hickory Hollow located just south of IH-10 on Heights Blvd.

on the corner of Center. I've had lunch there several times and the food is great. So try to make it. We'll get a FD wrap up by Bob, N5RP and maybe some of the numbers crunched up by Mike, N5MT. So, stay cool and drink lots of liquids. Maybe even some water too. 73, Bob N5ET

p.s. And speaking of erections, we all need to thank John, NJ1Viagra and Prime Rental Equipment, for the use once again of the "man lift". Under the careful guidance of John, K5IUA they provided the means to get those antennas up. Thanks guys, we all appreciate it. (ed. see picture above)

**From the Editor:**

I would like to hear from each of you as to your wishes no how to receive the Bullsheet email?; snailmail? or both. Please drop me a note to my MCI email address and give me your wishes. Remember snailmail costs The Club postage as well as printing. I realize there are very valid reasons for wanting a mail copy, and so you will have it. I will be mailing this issue to everyone on the mailing list. In the future, I hope to be able to send via email, the complete Bullsheet, that will have graphics, pictures, etc. To that end, it looks like you will need Adobe Acrobat, in order to receive the Bullsheet in that form. Acrobat is public domain, and I believe some of the Microsoft programs like Explorer 4.0 include it. You might want to check your computer to see if you have it. Please keep the contributions to the Bullsheet coming.

Thanks

de Jim, N5DC

## FIELD DAY '98 RESULTS

By Mike, N5MT

I collected the logs from each of the FD stations (except SAT) and have the following as a preliminary score for our 2A + Novice effort.  
CW station: 80M - 7 Q's; 40M - 361; 20M - 473; 15M - 421; 10M - 5 solar power contacts. Total 1267 for 5068 pts.  
SSB station: 40M - 498; 20M - 619; 15M - 495; 10M - 359. Total 1971 for 3942 pts.  
VHF station(free): 6M - 317 phone. 144M - 15 phone. Total 332 for 664 pts.  
Novice (free): 10M - 212 phone. Total pts 424.  
AMSAT group (free): log was not put into computer. Est 50 phone 50 cw. About 300 pts.  
Bonus pts: 2 Generators - 200; ARRL Msg - 100; Solar power - 100; Sat 100 pts.  
Total of 10,900 points.  
Mike N5MT



**TDXS Antennas up for Field Day!**  
by John, K5IUA

**DX Report by Buzz N5UR**

### SUMMER DOLDRUMS

There are no major expeditions scheduled this month, but numerous summer vacation miniexpeditions. The most interesting rumor surrounds 70 Aden. Zoli, HA5PP reports the Deputy Minister of Telecommunications in Sana'a saying that "they really want to start/establish ham radio in Yemen". Zoli has offered his help and support to set up four complete stations (in Sana'a, Taiz and Aden) and train local operators between 1 September and 1 December 1998. He has also applied for three call signs (708DX & 708CW for the stations located in Sana'a and 701A to be used from Aden). The Deputy Ministre "asked me to collect information on all the hams of he world who want to help and operate from Yemen", Zoly says - those interested are invited to get in touch with Zoli at navus@mail.matav.hu What a great way to start the Fall DX season. Keep your fingers crossed.

**DX Report By Buzz, N5UR**  
**continued**

TL5A is causing a bit of a stir this month as is 3C5DX. BI4C on July 13-14 and BI5Z on July 16-17 will be new IOTAs and prefixes along with BI3H on July 24-5. Also, listen for 3K8A from Kosovo, soon to be a new former Yugoslav DXCC country??? 1X5AA is Chechnya, a breakaway Russian Republic with quick QSLs from W3HNK.

By the time you read this, Bob Sutton, ZL1RS should be operating from Raoul Island in the Kermadecs (OC-039) as ZL8RS until about July 15. He will operate mostly SSB, with "a little lousy and slow CW on 160 and 30 meters" and some RTTY. His basic intentions, which may change due to work and other factors, are as follows: on 160 meters he will call CQ on 1.828 MHz (rx up 2) 05.05 UTC (ZL8 sunset) and 18.45 UTC (ZL8 sunrise) for 10 minutes when he is able to; on 80-10 meters he will be on or near the usual DX frequencies (on 30 meters he will be calling on 10.120 MHz), around 07.00 UTC-11.00 UTC initially, other times as work allows, particularly at the end of the trip and on any days off that he manages to have. Please note that the generator power supply is supposed to be off from 11.00 UTC to 19.00 UTC, so that any operation between these hours will be battery powered and QRP. QSL via ZL1RS (Robert Sutton, 109 Wright Rd, RD2 Katikati, New Zealand). A good way to get started in IOTA is the 1998 IOTA CONTEST (25-26 JULY). The following amateurs have announced their participation in this year's event

AF-018 - Giuseppe, IT9BLB from Pantelleria Island (IH9). QSL via IT9BLB.  
EU-007 - Anthony, EI2HY and Mike, EI2IB as EJ2HY and EJ2IB from Blasket Islands. QSL via home calls.  
EU-077 - Batea RDXJ and URE-Rias Baixas operators from Salvora Island as ED1MC and EG1MC. QSL via EA1MC.  
EU-116 - Ivan, G3IZD as GD3IZD/P (CW) from the Isle of Man. He will be active between 24 and 27 July and outside the contest he will work CW mainly on WARC. QSL via G3IZD.  
EU-120 - The Wirral & District ARC as G4MGR from Hilbre Island. QSL GOVAX.  
EU-132 - SP1BNS, SP1DPA, SP1RWK and SP1EOM as SNOSZ from Wolin Island.  
NA-056 - Crescencio, CO4BM from La Juventud Island. QSL via CT1ESO.  
NA-062 - David, KF8TM/4 (CW) from Cudjoe Key from July 20 to 30  
NA-067 - Jon, WB8YJF from Ocracoke Island (USI NC-001S). Jon will be active between 25 July and 1 August, mainly on CW and RTTY with some SSB. QSL via WB8YJF (Jon Severt, 5586 Babbitt Rd., New Albany, OH 43054  
NA-100 - GM4FDM and the Windy Yett Contest Group as V26VG from Antigua. The \*new\* QSL manager for this operation is GM3UTQ either direct or via the buro.

QSL for contacts made outside the contest go to the operator's home call.

NA-111 - Bob, N200 and John, N2LD as N200/p from Long Beach Island (USI NJ001S). QSL via N200 (P.O. Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087-0345, USA).  
NA-138 - Vance, N5VL from Amelia Island 10-80 meters CW/SSB. QSL W5IJU or N5VL.

Both RU0C from either AS-69 or an all time new IOTA and RA1QQ & RW1ZZ from EU-160 also are planned. Many other islands just show up, so listen and have some fun. I will be at home that weekend trying to figure out my new FT-1000MP. The RX sure beats the pants off my faithful TS-430 that is being retired to mobile service. See you in the pileups.

<b>Contest Corner by Joe, W5ASP</b>
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The July issue of QST appeared recently with the results of the 1997 ARRL Ten Meter contest. Actually what was published appears to be only a first pass at the "final" results, as there were a great number of legitimate scores omitted due to what has been designated as an "unrecognized quirk in the ARRL headquarters computer network".

Fortunately the resulting hue and cry quickly reached the ears of Bill Kennamer, K5FUV the newly designated head of the ARRL Membership Services operation. Bill acknowledged the error and committed to a full revision and republication of the results in the October issue. Kind of a bad scene, but well handled by Bill. This reaffirms the belief held by many of us that we will see some significant improvements at the Contest Desk in the near future.

As published there were two excellent scores posted by TDXSer. Don, N5LZ was ranked 6th W/VE in the SO/Mixed Mode HP and Chuck posted his usual excellent phone only score taking first W/VE. Interestingly TDXS finished a surprising 6th in the ARRL Club category right behind powerhouse YCCC. In fact had the scores of Mike, K5NZ and Bob, N5DU made the listings we would have finished in 5th place. We'll have to see what the next set of "results" say about all this.

Apparently only two of us were active in the CQ WPX CW the last weekend in May. Don, N5LZ obviously did his bit in the "relaxed" mode after a really serious go during the TQP. My effort as VP5Z was anything but relaxed, but the effort appears to have to have paid off with the top SO/20M score.

As I sure some of you know, TDXS teams have finished at or near the top of the semiannual NAQP quite often in the recent past. Unfortunately the acquisition and distribution of awards for these events has been nil. In an effort to get the awards program back on track a drive is under way to find sponsors who will support selected awards in both the winter and summer running of this popular event. At the July TDXS meeting I will recommend that TDXS sign on as a regular sponsor.

The ever popular IARU Championships (the old IARU Radiosport) is due up Saturday after the club meeting. The event runs from 1200Z on Saturday til 1200Z on Sunday, phone, CW or mixed, Single or Multi. Everybody works everybody, and there will be lots of IARU Headquarters stations for additional

multipliers. For us the exchange is 599 (59) plus 07 (our ITU zone). Good way to "beat the heat"... stay inside... keep cool... operate !

C ya !

#### 1997 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

N5LZ	1436	158	668,656	#6 Mixed Mode HP
KZ5MM	2290	121	554,180	#1 Phone HP
W5ASP	955	134	368,768	#2 STX Mixed HP
K5DX	525	98	135,632	#3 STX Mixed HP
N5MT	707	120	183,360	#3 STX M/S

#### 1998 CQ WW WPX CW - Claimed Scores

NN5ZZ	(N5LZ)	582	344	347,496	SO/AB HP
VP5Z	(W5ASP)	2140	720	3,713,040	SO/20M HP

IARU by Dennis K7BV

Hi Gang!

I hope to see you all in the IARU contest from 8P. I'll be SOCWHP, of course.

After that KP3P ARRL DX SSB experience, I may not touch a mic for another 10 years or so. I may be sporting a never before used prefix - 8P0 - if the ol' TDXS-taught silver tongue is still effective. Will begin warming up July 7th and get kicked off the island the evening of the 14th. Because working 5,000 folks isn't enough I will be taking a 6 meter rig and run it in QSK mode on 50.101MHz as well as keep an eye open for the RS12 passes.

Hope to see lots of ya - 73. Dennis K7BV

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