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Announcements

The April Meeting will be Thursday April 8th. at **Ryan's Steak House** on 34th street. To get there, take the second exit off of 290 outbound (34th street, Antoine) from the 610 Loop. Turn left under the freeway on 34th street. The restaurant is 1/2 a block on the left. Dinner is at 6:30. Meeting to follow.

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 **NARS BPQ** on 145.71
then connect to K5LV

Reflector: Send to: majordomo@n5uh.tech.uh.edu

In the body of your message only put: subscribe tdxs-list
do *not* include your email address, as the reflector will pick
it up automatically. Put nothing in the subject line.

The Prez Sez- de Earl, N5TU

I can't believe I am actually going to miss two meetings in a row! This hasn't happened in the 5 years I have lived here. Must have something to do with the office. Anyway by the time you read this I'll be in BV-land plying my trade.

Anyway the main topics of this month's meeting should be Texas QSO Party, Field Day and a report from our fund raising committee. All of these activities will be over by the end of June so now is the time to get moving on them. There are only 3 meetings before Field Day and 2 meetings before the Dallas Hamfest. So let's get going and make these things happen the TDXS way!

It was with great sadness that we bade our final good byes to our friend Chuck Coleman. I first met Chuck at a TDXS Field Day and the words "He never met a stranger", spoken at his memorial, struck home with me. I will especially remember the '95 Field Day where he and I were the only two CW ops that stayed for the weekend. Chuck and Barbara treated me like family. I was also fortunate to be able to operate with Chuck in Mexico last year and we really missed having him down there this year too. He was a great op and a truly unique individual.

The packet cluster seems to be working better all the time. Still have some more improvements to make and moving TDXS95 to 145.71 should also allow even more people to connect. So keep trying and let me know when something works well. This packet stuff is a mystery to me and drives me crazy sometimes but I'll keep plugging at it until we get it right.

Happy DX and Contesting,
N5TU

Contest Corner de Ben KM5OT

Contests for April and May include the VHF/UHF Spring Sprints, 6 Club 6m sprint, DX contests include the DXYL, Japan, Australian, Spain and Switzerland contests, QRP contests include: QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party, QRP To the Field. And a handful of State contests

Weekend of:

April 9th - Japan, Spain, MARAC County Hunters, QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party, VHF/UHF Sprints.

April 16th - DXYL-NAYL Contest-CW, Holyland DX, Michigan.

April 23rd - DXYL-NAYL Contest-Phone, Six Meter Sprint, Florida, Helvetia, Nebraska, Ontario, QRP to the field.

April 30th - ARI International DX Contest, Connecticut, MARAC County Hunters Contest, Massachusetts, Ten-Ten Spring CW.

May 7th - Fists CW, Indiana, Nevada, Oregon.

May 21st - TEXAS QSO PARTY !!!! (22nd and 23rd).

May 28th - CQ WW WPX-CW.

Refer to the Contest Calendars that I rely on, <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/> and <http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/apr.html> for additional info, as it becomes available.

I've received some emails with scores, and have filed them away, and now I cannot find them all! My apologies!

If you have scores from contests that you would like published, please resubmit them!

<http://bfweb.com/tdxs> now has a link to use for submitting Scores and Contests that your would like to see published.

Again I appoligize for those that I lost!

Packet Racket by Jim, N5DC

We have made a change in the TDXS packet system, that we hope will give you a more reliable connection. To connect to K5LV you have 2 options now.

1. Connect to direct to **NARS on 145.71**. When you get the acknowledgement back from NARS then issue the following command in the convers mode: **C 3 K5LV**. This will then put you in the DX Cluster.
2. If you are unable to connect to the NARS in 1. Above, connect to **TDXS571**. When you get a connect acknowledgement from **TDXS571**, then issue a command, **C NARS**. When you get an acknowledgment back from the NARS then issue the command: **C 3 K5LV**.

NARS is located at Rose Hill, Northwest of Tomball, and most stations on the North side of Houston can connect direct. For those of you unable to, can use TDXS571 to get to NARS. TDXS571 is our old TDXS95 with a new name. It is located in Downtown Houston at 795 feet. If you have problems, get in touch with me, and I'll try to help work out the problem. Thanks to Earl, N5TU for all his efforts, and to Bobby, K5BC. They are doing a swell job!

We deeply regret to report Chuck Coleman, K5LZO SK

DX Report by Buzz, N5UR

APRIL DX STARTS WITH 3B9 RODRIGUES

By the time you read this, the 3B9R expedition should have 1000's in their logs. The 1999 Rodrigues Island 3B9 (AF-017) DXpedition is scheduled for April 1-10 1999. A team of nine operators representing five countries will conduct the DXpedition on all modes from 160 through 6 meters. Plans are for up to nine fully equipped HF stations to operate from a number of locations throughout the island. One station will be dedicated to RTTY only. Logs WILL NOT be on the web, though they have a website at <http://www.dateline.ru/3b9/>

MARION ISLAND Deryck Yelverton, ZS6DE is a member of the 56th weather and biological research crew on Marion Island (AF-021). He will be leaving on 1 April and is not expected to be active before mid-April at the earliest, as the base handover will occupy his full attention. However, once he has all the hardware ready, he expects to be on regularly and to make lots of contacts on SSB, CW and RTTY. Deryck has been issued the call ZS8D. QSL via QSL to ZS6EZ either direct (Chris R. Burger, Box 4485, Pretoria, 0001 South Africa) or through the bureau.

MONGOLIA IZ0AEH has set up a web site for the 6-15 April JT1Y activity <http://stop.at/JT1Y> or <http://www.geocities.com/TimesSquare/Zone/4778> They will have one cw and one SSB station operating 24 hours per day on all bands 6-160. I'd be thrilled with 10 and 40!

PALESTINE The activity has dropped somewhat, but two stations are spotted almost daily if you still need the newest one. Peter, G3WQU has been operated as 4X/G3WQU from Bethlehem since 1975. He has now been issued a licence by the Deputy Minister of Posts and Telecommunications in Gaza, Palestine, with callsign E4/G3WQU. He is active (especially during the weekends) on CW only on all bands (80-10 metres, 160 metres not available). Peter expects to be in Bethlehem at least two years. QSL via G3WQU either direct (Peter McKay, UNIFIL, P.O. Box 75, Nahariyya 22100, Israel) or through the RSGB bureau. E41/OK1DTP is also quite active and will be there until Decemeber, QSL via OK1TD Jiri Lunak, U Sporky 185 , 470 01 Ceska Lipa, Czech Republic. These logs are available on <http://www.okdxc.cz/e41/>

There is also some late Antarctic activity, 8J1RL from the Japanese and FT5YG from the French. I need both of these if you hear them, as they are separate IOTAs. CE9R will be on for one month from the South Shetlands.

Finally, there are a number of IOTAs scheduled this month including KL1SLE from St. Lawrence Island NA-040 April 5-6, 4X1FV from Akhziv Island (AS-100) on April 10, JI3DST/6 from the Tokura Archipelago (AS-049) April 28-May 4, and BI5D from Dongtou Island (AS-new) April 29- May 3.

Happy Hunting, See you next month, Buzz N5UR

TEXAS QSO PARTY COMING SOON!!!

May 22nd and 23rd, 1999. That's before field day!!!!!! Get warmed up and ready for field day with a stint in the Texas QSO Party.

Last year showed strong positive signs of growth in this activity. Log submissions more than doubled the previous year and along with many more positive comments and inquiries about this year. With sunspots up, Techs will have a "field day" on ten meters and the Party has added a new category for Novices and Techs.

Links to the rules and other information have been placed on many additional websites including The Florida Contest Group website.

With 254 counties in Texas, many county hunters will be on the prowl. Some looking for low band contacts while others are trying to achieve USA CA for the first time or second or third. That makes every Texas amateur radio operator "the hunted" especially if he /she is mobile.

If you are not set up for mobile, organize a group and go multi op. a great opportunity for Techs with no HF gear to take a turn when it is time to go to ten meters!!!!!! Hint ..hint Invite a Tech/Novice to join your mobile operation and get them hooked on mobilizing, contesting, upgrading, etc Or set up a club activity and use a fixed station setup.

Non Texas participants make note that there will NOT be the mythical Armadillo County out there.

At this early date (early April 99) we have firm commitments from 15 mobiles . Some of these were not there last year and some of the regulars just haven't reported in yet and they will!!!!!!

Mark your calendars..May 22 and 23, 1999. Check the Texas DX Society website for complete Rules

If your club has a newsletter, please run this for us. You should have already received the TQP announcement.

AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED

The Texas QSO Party is looking for individuals or clubs to sponsor plaques awarded to winners in the annual contest. Interest is growing for this event and in the near future may warrant additional plaques. This drives up the cost of the event. Since this is a QSO Party for Texas, all Texas hams are urged to participate as party contestants as well as sponsorship.

Currently, plaques are awarded to the following winners:

Top non Texas mixed score

Top Texas aggregate club score

Top Texas Single Op Mobile score

The cost of these plaques is currently \$30 each.

The Texas QSO Party is asking for volunteers to sponsor any one of these three plaques or any additional plaques deemed appropriate. Each plaque is \$30.00.

Please send your desires/commitments to

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or to

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From The DX Magazine, the most wanted 100 countries.. How do you stand??

1998 REGIONAL BREAKDOWN
MIDWEST (CENTRAL TIME ZONE) U.S.A.

#	PFX	COUNTRY	1997 RANK	#	PFX	COUNTRY	1997 RANK
1	P5	NORTH KOREA	1	51	VP8	SOUTH GEORGIA	---
2	BS7	SCARBOROUGH	6	52	1S	SPRATLY	---
3	A5	BHUTAN	3	53	T33	BANABA	---
4	BV9P	PRATAS	12	54	VK9M	MELLISH REEF	---
5	7O	YEMEN	5	55	ZC4	CYPRUS	---
6	VU4	ANDAMAN	2	56	ET	ETHIOPIA	---
7	FR/T	TROMELIN	---	57	XX	MACAU	---
8	VU7	LACCADIVES	8	58	9M6	EASTERN MALAYSIA	---
9	SV/A	MT ATHOS	14	59	3A	MONACO	---
10	FR/G	GLORIOSO	13	60	3D2	CONWAY REEF	---
11	VKØ	MACQUARIE	---	61	9M2	WESTERN MALAYSIA	---
12	3Y	BOUVET	10	62	AP	PAKISTAN	---
13	E3	ERITREA	7	63	FO	AUSTRAL	---
14	ZL9	AUCKLAND	9	64	PYØT	TRINIDADE	---
15	XZ	MYANMAR	---	65	T2	TUVALU	---
16	FR/J	JUAN DE NOVA	41	66	JD1	OGASAWARA	45
17	YA	AFGHANISTAN	37	67	TJ	CAMEROONS	---
18	FT8Z	AMSTERDAM	44	68	3CØ	ANNOBON	---
19	ZS8	MARION ISLAND	48	69	4S	SRI LANKA	---
20	XW	LAOS	4	70	5R8	MADAGASCAR	---
21	YK	SYRIA	---	71	1AØ	SOVR. MIL.ORD. MALTA	---
22	VP8	FALKLANDS	---	72	9U	BURUNDI	---
23	EP	IRAN	---	73	FO	MARQUESAS	---
24	3C	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	---	74	PYØS	ST PETER & PAUL	---
25	YI	IRAQ	---	75	EK	ARMENIA	---
26	A6	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	11	76	FO	CLIPPERTON	21
27	9N	NEPAL	---	77	J2	DJIBOUTI	---
28	VK9C	COCOS KEELING	---	78	3V	TUNISIA	---
29	XU	CAMBODIA	47	79	D6	COMOROS	---
30	FT8X	KERGUELEN	43	80	H4Ø	TEMOTU	---
31	JD1	MINAMI TORISHIMA	---	81	T8	PALAU	---
32	CEØ	SAN FELIX	31	82	KH5	PALMYRA	---
33	8Q	MALDIVES	39	83	VK9W	WILLIS ISLAND	36
34	HKØ	MALPELO	---	84	9V	SINGAPORE	---
35	3B6/7	AGALEA / ST BRANDON	16	85	A7	QATAR	---
36	3B9	RODRIGUEZ	28	86	TN	CONGO	---
37	FT8W	CROZET	42	87	UJ	UZBEKISTAN	---
38	3W	VIETNAM	---	88	XT	BURKINA FASO	27
39	VK9X	CHRISTMAS ISLAND	46	89	YJ	VANUATU	---
40	A9	BAHRAIN	---	90	ZK3	TOKELAU	---
41	S2	BANGLADESH	---	91	EY	TAJKISTAN	20
42	T5	SOMALIA	---	92	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	---
43	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	---	93	FH	MAYOTTE	---
44	SØ	WESTERN SAHARA	23	94	KH7K	KURE	---
45	ZD9	TRISTAN DE CUNHA	---	95	R1MV	MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ	---
46	5A	LIBYA	29	96	TI9	COCOS ISLAND	---
47	JX	JAN MAYEN	50	97	TY	BENIN	---
48	KH5K	KINGMAN REEF	---	98	TZ	MALI	---
49	ST	SUDAN	22	99	3D2	ROTUMA	49
50	V8	BRUNEI	---	100	4J	AZERBAIJAN	---