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Announcements

The May Meeting will be **May 13th** 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 **TDXS95** on 144.95

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

CW Sweepstakes results are out on the ARRL members only page. Congratulations to the TDXSers who locked up all the categories for the South Texas Certificates KG5U in QRP (2nd place overall and another West Gulf Division Plaque), N5TU for Low Power, K5GN for High Power (4th place overall and the West Gulf Division Plaque), and K5NA for Multiop. The club scores should be out next month and it looks like we had a good turnout, perhaps a gavel?

Texas QSO Party is also this month and I am sure that Henry is going to have some last minute suggestions for the contest.

The May meeting will focus on our upcoming fund raiser and Field Day. Both will occur in June and this is the last meeting before the radio raffle at the Arlington Hamfest.

Hopefully we have raffle tickets so we can start selling them. For Field Day we need to determine in which class we are going to compete. We also need to pick site captains and hash out the rest of the plans. Looks like we are without a manlift this year since NJ1V has left the area. Anybody remember how we used to do it before that lift started showing up?

See you at the meeting.

N5TU

DX Report by Buzz, N5UR

The big news for DX is Martii has satisfied everyone's need for P5. At least that's what some of his proponents would have you believe. He was active as P51BH between 0536 and 0740 UTC on 21 April. The operation covered 14 MHz CW and SSB plus 21 MHz SSB, and 263 stations got through. What a DXer! Even worse, the ARRL will undoubtedly accept this operation giving more of Martii's friends the Top of Honor Roll. A few 6s and 7s got through. This reminds me of the old Don Miller days of the 60s when only friends of Don remained on the Honor Roll. Notice the time and frequencies, 1230-0230 local Houston time, noted for great 21mhz openings to USA. I guess the ARRL has deleted rule 12(a) of the DXCC rules that states "Fair play and good sportsmanship in operating are required of all DXCC members." Seems to me that P5 should not count until a real operation takes place, not just a demo working some of your buddies.

3B9R finished up on Rodriguez after a very successful operation in early April logging over 47,000 QSOs. QSL via N7LVD. In case you need 3B9, the expedition left behind equipment for 3B9FR who has been active of late, especially on 30 meters CW. That is the last of the mega-Dxpeditions scheduled until next fall. Its just as well, as condx have been terrible the second half of April and are a long way from the wonderful condx of a few months back.

In May look for

TR8XX (Jean-Claude), TR8CA (Alain) and TR8SA (Christian) as 3C8XX from Corisco Island (Rio Muni Province group, AF-??), Equatorial Guinea between 22 and 30 May. They expect to have two complete stations (CW and SSB). QSL via TR8XX. This will be an all time new IOTA.

Another good IOTA to listen for is TM2WLH who will be active (SSB and CW) from the lighthouse on Penfret Island (EU-094) between 6 and 9 May. QSL F6HKS.

WC6DX will be active from Anacapa Island (NA-144) from around 18.00 UTC on 22 May until around 15.00 UTC on the 23rd. Due to Channel Islands National Park restrictions, he will use only 100 watts and a vertical antenna. Look for him on or around 14.260, 14.030, 7.260 and, if the propagation is good, 10.105 MHz. QSL via WC6DX. This will be the first operation from this California Island.

Those of you who still need ZC4 should look for G0WSA who is stationed at the Western Sovereign Base Area (WSBA) in Episkopi, Cyprus (AS-004) and expects to be there for another two or three years. He is active on RTTY, CW and SSB, as ZC4JP. QSL via G0WSA through the RSGB QSL Bureau.

The noise is up on the low bands, so now is a good time to work on your stations and antennae for the upcoming Fall DX season. The seers say the sunspot cycle will peak in 2000, so be ready! 73 Buzz N5UR

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TEXAS QSO PARTY

It's right around the corner!!!! Support your club sponsored event!!!! If you have mobile capabilities I urge you to put in some time. Anytime at all will be helpful. This TQP works just like a fleamarket at a convention. This year's activities will affect next year's performance. Mobiles are the heart. The more mobiles the better.

If you KNOW you are going to be on, let me know and I will get it listed with all the others. The hunters will be looking for you!!!!

May 22 - 23. Weekend after Dayton and NOT a holiday weekend!!

THE TEXAS QSO PARTY - 1999
sponsored by the Texas DX Society

To provide competition for Amateur Radio Operators by contacting as many Texas stations in as many different Texas counties as possible. To provide county hunters the opportunity to contact rare Texas counties during the published contest time and in accordance with the rules of operation.

RULES OF OPERATION:

1. Operation will be permissible only in accordance with current FCC rules or your country's rules.
2. The use of spotting nets, by way of repeaters, packet nodes, simplex operation, telephone or any other means is permissible in multi op and assisted.
3. Operation on all bands and modes is permitted, except on 30 meters, 17 meters and 12 meters.
4. Stations may be worked once per band per mode.
 - 4a. Texas mobiles may be worked once per band/mode from each county.
 - 4b. Texas mobiles may work stations once per band/mode from each county.
5. The Texas QSO Party operating times will be from 1400Z on the 22nd of May to 0500Z 23rd of May 1999..and from 1400Z to 2000Z of 23rd of May. Stations may work the entire contest period. All logs must be submitted no later than June 30, 1999..
6. For purposes of clarification, separate logs may be submitted for each mode. Dupe sheets are required for all stations submitting more than 200 contacts. Texas mobiles can use separate logs per county.
7. Any station not abiding by all of the rules will be disqualified.

EXCHANGES

Non Texas stations use RS/T, State, Country, Canadian Province, or maritime region.

Texas stations use RS/T and County.

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Multi Multi

Multi Single

Texas Mobile Single Op (includes assisted)

Novice/Tech

Texas Mobile Multi Op

Club Aggregate

CATAGORIES

Single transmitter QRP (less than 10 watts phone and less than 5 watts CW and other modes)

Multi transmitter QRP (less than 10 watts phone and less than 5 watts CW and any other mode)

Single operator

Single operator assisted

Add one hundred (100) points to your FINAL SCORE for every ten (10) Texas mobiles worked per band per mode.

SCORING:

Texas Stations

Count two (2) points per phone QSO with any station.

Count three (3) points per CW and other mode QSOS with any station.

Non - Texas Stations

Count two (2) points per phone QSO with any Texas station

Count three (3) points per CW and other mode QSO with any Texas Station.

Multipliers

Non - Texas stations

Your multiplier is the number of Texas counties worked. A maximum of two hundred fifty four (254) multipliers is allowed.

Texas Stations

Your multipliers are the number of states worked plus the number of Texas counties worked plus each Canadian province worked (13 total) plus each DXCC country worked excluding USA, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii. All additional DXCC contacts worked count for points.

• Washington DC QSOS count as Maryland contacts

Multiply the total QSO points times your multiplier to arrive at your final score.

BONUS POINTS

Non - Texas Stations

Add one hundred (100) bonus points to your FINAL SCORE for every ten (10) Texas mobiles worked per band per mode.

FINAL SCORE

Texas Mobiles

Add five thousand (5000) points to your FINAL SCORE per every five counties covered with at least five contacts in each county.

Add one hundred (100) points to your FINAL SCORE for every ten (10) Texas mobiles worked per band per mode.

FINAL FINAL SCORE

Add bonus points to your Final score.

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES

CW - 30 khz up; Novice/Tech 30 khz up

PHONE - 25 khz up in General segments and 28.300 - 28.500

VHF - 50.200 144.200 46.55

ADMINISTRATION:

The Texas DX Society shall appoint a QSO party committee whose responsibilities shall include the publication of the Texas QSO Party announcement in amateur radio magazines, journals, newsletters

published by TDXS and other publications deemed appropriate. The committee shall oversee the receipt

of logs and has the final authority to resolve issues relating to rules of the contest and the tabulation of

aggregate club scores. The Texas QSO Party shall also be responsible for the issuance of all Texas QSO Party awards.

Send logs and summary sheet via mail, disk or e-mail by June 30, 1999.

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Results will be posted on the internet contest reflector, sent with a SASE, or via email.

TQP is supported by NA Contest Software from LTA @ (216) 565-9950 and TR Contest Software @ (512) 416 - 7010.

Contest Corner de Ben KM5OT

TQP - there that's all I need to say for this edition of ContestCorner.

It's already May and That means Texas QSO Party Time !! (May 22&23)

(See Henry's TQP Article elsewhere in this edition for details)

Some of the other less significant Contests for May are:

May 8 - 9

Oregon and Indiana QSO Party, CQ-M International DX Contest,

FISTS CW Club Spring Sprint

May 15 - 16

50 MHz Spring Sprint, EU Spring Sprint-CW

Contest Corner Continued

May 22 - 23

Texas QSO Party !!!, Major Six Club Contest (6m), CW Honor Sprint #2

May 29 - 30

CQWW WPX Contest-CW

For an excellent and up to date contest calendar refer to
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

73 and Good DX

From:

Eric June, KU6J

Director of Know Code International

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As a fellow DXer and Communications Chairman of KCDXC, I thought that you might be interested in learning about our new organization: Know Code International. You can get to our home page via <http://www.knowcode.org>

The Know Code International goal is to present a reasoned and rational look at the code testing debate that rages in Amateur Radio. We'll begin by taking a critical look at No Code International (NCI) which champions the NoCode cause. By using their own articles and data, we'll show that this organization is not what it appears to be. We'll back up our conclusions with findings from a carefully planned and executed investigative process that is presented in an easy to follow narrative format.

We'll present several other articles which look at issues such as hurdles (barriers to entry), our basis and purpose as a radio service (e.g. advancing the radio art) and other topics. Our articles will rely on common sense and logic. We won't try to confuse you with wild statistical manipulations or "smoke and mirrors". We'll shoot straight, and in exchange we hope that you will give our point of view a fair consideration.

As a DXer, I think that these public comments from a director of NCI (our nemesis) might provide some motivation for you:

"if the technically competent and inclined were to become hams in large numbers it would become unavoidably clear that many current HF hams are dolts as far as radio communications technology is concerned....If the technically competent and inclined were to become hams in large numbers, they might just object to the ridiculous waste of spectrum and motivation to bad behavior that exist because of the proliferation of the beeper's competitive sports/gaming aspects of ham radio (chasing DX and contesting)."

If you find the material on our site to be worthwhile, please sign up as a member and help us to spread the word. We're the other "no" code guys, but we spell our "no" as "know". Our easy to remember URL is <http://www.KnowCode.org>. Please tell your friends.

*******FOR SALE*******

10 sections of Rohn 25G in great shape for sale at \$50 each or \$450 for all. Some turnbuckles, guy wire and guy hardware for first buyer will be thrown in. Contact Bob, K5WA @281 444-0572

A TRUE STORY FROM THE 1999 WPX PHONE CONTEST.

THE STATESIDE NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT. - ED.

N2**: CQ contest, CQ, N2**, go...

Serbian: QRP..QRP..

N2**: QRP ,your call?

Serbian: Yankee United One Tango Ocean (no relation to Street).

N2**' YU1TO/QRP 59 412

Serbian: OK, I must protest. Why is your country bombing my country. Please tell your president to stop the bombing.

N2**: What is my number?

Serbian: I am protesting your bombing.

N2**: OK, I agree with you. Our president is an idiot. Don't worry, he won't be here much longer. I wish you all the best my friend.

Serbian: OK, good luck in the contest.

From the April North Texas Contest Club bulletin

We regret to report that Charlie "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU lost, his XYL. The Club extends our deepest deepest sympathies.

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