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Announcements

The July 8th meeting will be at Ryan's Steakhouse on 34th Take 290 outbound from the West Loop. Exit at the 34th. St./Antoine exit. At the light turn left, under the freeway, Ryan's is on your left 1/2 block past the freeway. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with the 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 **TDXS71** or NARS BPQ 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

Field Day '99 has come and gone. Attendance was a bit sparse this year with only about a dozen participating. Might have been the 4 inches of rain we got Friday night. Anyway the rain and lack of attendance changed the plans this year and we ended up operating 4E class. For the most part everything worked well and we had a good time. It was definitely the least sweat I have ever exuded on a Texas Field Day and I didn't think I required a single pilgrimage to the cattle tank. Some may beg to differ.

Next year will be the 30th anniversary of Field Day for the TDXS. This might be a great weekend to plan a reunion and make a new Field Day record. If so we will need to start making plans now if we want to make a big ado about it. I think it would be a great time to get everyone together including our out-of town brethren and put together a fantastic TDXS style Field Day. If so, how do we want to do it? What record do we want to go for? This should make for some lively discussion at the July meeting.

Whatever we do for Field Day next year we need to have an antenna party this year. The last antenna party we had was 6 years ago and the antennas played well after that but time and Field Day is starting to take their toll. Nothing

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works better than a freshly cleaned and penetroxed antenna. Let's pick a time this fall to get those antennas cleaned up resonated and repaired. The rotors and crankups could stand a little work too.

I just received word that NARS is going to build a packet cluster in Tomball. They want to be sole proprietors of it and that means that K5LV may be moving soon. I think we should see what they want to do and then see if we can design our system to enhance theirs. Guess it all depends on whether they even want to be able to connect to another cluster. We'll find out soon enough. K5DXC also reports that his cluster may come down. Bobby is moving and he may leave it up but doesn't plan on footing the bill anymore. This is another wait and see, but we need to be ready to move if it looks like there will be no clusters soon.

See you at the meeting.

Earl

The Club Owes by Jim, N5DC

Bob Burns, W5SJS a huge vote of thanks for his support over the years. Bob, not only has given TDXS the use of his ranch for field day, as well as allowing us to store all of our Field Day antennas and towers, but beyond that Bob has supported The Club's raffle ticket sale, by picking up the "tab" for the printing the tickets, which is no small sum. I wish each of you would express your thanks for Bob, as he is a major reason we are where we are financially, as well as our successes at Field Day.

THANKS BOB

Madison Jones, W5MJ, for a stellar effort in selling raffle tickets for the Yaesu FT-100. Madison invested a considerable amount of his own time and money to market the raffle tickets, to put TDXS in a more secure financial position we should all thank him for a job "well done".

Thanks Madison

DX Report by Buzz, N5UR

MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ R1MVA July 4 to 15, 1999

A joint Finnish-Russian team of 24 operators will show serious activity from Malyj Vysotskij Island in July on all bands HF to UHF. The team has been issued the callsign R1MVA. In the IARU Contest a special short callsign R1MV will be used. Modes of operation: CW, SSB, RTTY, MS, EME, tropo. Our goal: simultaneous CW/SSB/RTTY operation on all bands with propagation. Plans call for 9 to 12 operating positions. QSL manager is Jukka Heikinheimo, OH2BR, Rikunkuja 4, FI-01420 VANTAA, FINLAND (CBA not valid).

News at OH5AB home page at the following Internet address:
<http://www.etela-karjala.fi/yhdistykset/viitokset/>

Log check under construction. THIS TEAM IS DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH MASSIVE PRESENCE ON THE BANDS! BE PREPARED! FILL IN THOSE BAND/MODE VOIDS.

This month is also the annual RSGB IOTA Contest the last weekend of July. (24-25 JULY).

DX Report by Buzz Continued

The following stations are expected to participate in this year's event

EU-008 - Cockenzie & Port Seton ARC as 2A0CCC/p (callsign confirmed) from the Isle of Tiree . QSL via GM0ALS.

EU-008 - GM4FDM, GM0UKZ, GM0NAI, GM4YMA, GM3NIG, 2M1EDM and GM3COB as 2S5VG/p from Gigha Island. QSL via GM3UTQ.

EU-065 - UBA Section Golden Spur KTK (Kortrijk) from Ouessant island as TM5K (call confirmed) QSL via ON4ON either direct (Danny Commeyne, Rozenlaan 38, 8890 Dadizele, Belgium) or through the bureau.

EU-094 - F5LMJ, G0LMX/F5MBO and F6GIN as TM5G from the Glenan Islands. They will be active (mostly on CW) between 23 and 26 July.

EU-116 - Ivan, G3IZD as GD3IZD/p from the Isle of Man. QSL HC

EU-129 - DL8KWS (Frank), DL5KUD (Jo) and DL3KUD (Matt) as DL0HRO from Usedom Island. They will be active before the contest. QSL via DL3KUD, Matthias Labude, Margaretenstr.10, 18057 Rostock, Germany.

NA-018 - Fred, ON6QR as OX3NUK (or with a special callsign) from Nuuk, the capital city of Greenland. Look for him on the five bands CW and SSB. Operations will start on 23 July. QSL via ON4GO.

NA-083 - Stan, N2US as N2US/p from Chincoteague Island.

NA-106 - The EJ1D team as WP2Z from St. Croix, Virgin Islands. QSL via KU9C.

NA-127 - John, VE1JS from Brier Island (C.I.S.A. NS-011) on all bands SSB, Single Operator, 24 hours. QSL via VE1JS either direct (1999 CBA only) or through the bureau.

NA-139 - Brian, N3OC as N3OC/p from Assateague Island. QSL via home call.

NA-169 - N6HR (Hillar), N6VV (Lew) and possibly others as W7W from Waadah Island. Plans are to be active before, during and after the Contest, indicatively between 22 and 27 July.

There will be lots of others including possibly a new one or two.

Contest Corner by Ben, KM5OT

THIS WEEK'S CONTESTS

Compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

June 28 - July 4, 1999 Edition

RAC Canada Day Contest: 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1

Mode: CW and Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2m

Classes: Single Op All Band, Single Op Single Band, Single Op Low Power, Single Op QRP,

Multi-Op

Exchange: VE: RS(T) + province/territory
non-VE: RS(T) + serial no.

Submit logs by: July 31, 1999

E-mail logs to: gkosmenko@arrowspeed.com

Mail logs to: Radio Amateurs of Canada

720 Belfast Road, Suite 217

Ottawa, Ontario K1G 0Z5

Canada

Find rules at: <http://www.rac.ca/CANDAY.htm>

Contest Corner by Ben Continued

Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, SSB: 0000Z, Jul 3 to 2400Z, Jul 4
Mode: SSB Only Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m
Classes: Single Op All Band, Single Op Single Band, Multi-Single,
Multi-Multi
Exchange: RS + serial no.
Submit logs by: September 30, 1999
E-mail logs to: (none)
Mail logs to: Radio Club Venezolano
Concurso Independencia de Venezuela
P.O. Box 2285
Caracas 1010-A
Venezuela

Find rules at: See note below.
MI QRP Club July 4th CW Sprint: 2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
Mode: CW Only
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6m
Classes: <=250 mW, 250 mW - 1 W, 1 - 5 W, 5 W
Exchange: RST + (state/province/country) + power
Submit logs by: August 4, 1999
E-mail logs to: n8cqa@tir.com
Mail logs to: L.T. Switzer, N8CQA
654 Georgia Avenue
Marysville, MI 48040-1243, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.tir.com/~k8dd/rules97.htm>
Note: You may wish to try the following websites to find rules for those
contests for which no web site or other source of rules is listed:
SM3CER: <http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/>
LA9HW: <http://home.sn.no/~janalme/hammain.html>

CONTEST LOG SUBMITTAL DEADLINES FOR RECENT CONTESTS:

Please consult the individual contest rules to determine what log
documentation must be submitted (i.e. summary sheet, dupe sheets, etc.).

Kid's Day Contest (none)
E-mail: kids@contesting.com
Mail: BARC
15125 SE Bartell Road
Boring, OR 97009, USA
Alaska QSO Party June 30, 1999
E-mail: (none)
Mail: South Central Amateur Radio Club
c/o Jim Wiley, KL7CC
8023 E. 11th Ct.
Anchorage, AK 99504, USA
EA RTTY Contest June 30, 1999
E-mail: alcolado@redestb.es
Mail: EA RTTY Contest Manager
Antonio Alcolado, EA1MV
P.O. Box 240
09400 Aranda de Duero, Burgos
Spain

Texas QSO Party June 30, 1999
E-mail: W5HNS@aol.com
Mail: TDXS
 POB 540291
 Houston, TX 77254
 USA

CQ-M International DX Contest July 1, 1999
E-mail: cqm99@mai.ru
Mail: CQ-M Contest Committee
 Krenkel Central Radio Club of Russia
 Box 88
 Moscow, Russia

Baltic Contest July 1, 1999
E-mail: kturc@rc.ktu.lt
Mail: Baltic Contest
 P.O. Box 210
 LT3000 Kaunas
 Lithuania

IARU Reg 1 Field Day, CW July 6, 1999
E-mail: (none)
Mail logs to: Entrant's national society

CQWW WPX Contest, CW July 10, 1999
E-mail: n8bjq@erinet.com
Mail: CQ Magazine WPX Contest, SSB
 25 Newbridge Rd.
 Hicksville, NY 11801
 USA

VK QRP Day July 10, 1999
E-mail: (none)
Mail: Ron Everingham, VK4EV
 30 Hunter Street
 Everton Park, Queensland 4053
 Australia

TOEC WW Grid Contest July 13, 1999
E-mail: TOEC.Contest@pobox.com

Mail: TOEC
 Box 2063
 S-831 02 Ostersund
 Sweden

ARRL June VHF QSO Party July 13, 1999
E-mail: JuneVHF@arrl.org
Mail: ARRL Contest Branch
 225 Main St.
 Newington, CT 06111

Contest Corner Continued

- QRP TAC Contest July 15, 1999
E-mail: wb3aal@talon.net
Mail: Ronald J. Polityka
1155 Robeson St. 2nd Flr
Reading, PA 19604-2151
USA
- West Virginia QSO Party July 15, 1999
E-mail: WA8WV@aol.com
Mail: WVQP
Dave Ellis, WA8WV
610 Hillsdale Drive
Charleston, WV 25302
- Marconi Memorial HF Contest July 27, 1999
E-mail: ik6ptj@qsl.net
Mail: ARI sez.di Fano
PO Box 35
61032 Fano (PS)
Italy
- ARRL Field Day July 27, 1999
E-mail: FieldDay@arrl.org
Mail: ARRL Contest Branch
225 Main St.
Newington, CT 06111
- All Asian DX Contest, CW July 30, 1999
E-mail: (none)
Mail: All Asian DX Contest
JARL
Tokyo 170-8073
Japan
- VOLTA WW RTTY Contest July 31, 1999
E-mail: i2dmi@contesting.com
Mail: Francesco Di Michele, I2DMI
P.O. Box 55
I-22063 Cantu
Italy
- Portugal Day Contest July 31, 1999
E-mail: (none)
Mail: REP Award/Contest Manager
P.O. Box 2483
1112 Lisbon Codex
Portugal
- SMIRK QSO Party August 1, 1999
E-mail: contest@smirk.org
Mail: Pat Rose, W5OZI
P.O. Box 393
Junction, TX 76849, USA
- ANARTS WW RTTY Contest September 1, 1999
Mail: Contest Manager, VK2BQS
Jim Swan
P.O. Box 93
Toongabbie, NSW 2146
Australia

Field Day 1999 by Dave WB5N

As has been our custom since about 1984 we have been gathering for Field Day at W5SJS's ranch in Austin County near Kenny.

As I pulled onto IH10 to leave for the Field Day site Friday afternoon, trouble was brewing. It was raining, and raining hard. It rained all the way to Bob's place. When I reached the site I found it awash in about 4 inches of rain. Those of us who braved the weather had a quick conference and decided that conditions were too muddy to enter as we had planned 2A club portable.

Add in an expected low turn out of TDXSers and we decided to cut our losses and move down to Bob's ranch house and operate a hybrid 4E station.

We used Bob excellent antennas on CW. For the phone station we mounted a 2 element 40 meter beam on Dave W5BXX's RV tower. We used one of the small crankups and mounted a TH6 Tribander for 10-20 meters.

For the VHF station we set up a 10 element 2 meter yagi and a 5 element 6 meter yagi and we were set to go.

In spite of not having much to set up we cut it pretty close, but got on the air just few minutes after the opening bell. Ross Baker, N5HHS came out to help with our now defunct Novice station, but Ross is also a super VHF contester. Six was pretty dead for the first few hours, but about 2 hours into the contest we started hearing the midwest on 6 meters. Six was open and just seemed to keep getting better. By the end of the contest Ross with a little help from some of the rest of us had put nearly 400 6 meter QSO's in the log. About 7 PM that evening I checked 2 meters and BAM! put 3 MICHIGAN and 1 WISCONSIN station in the log. Field always had a surprise for you.

SBB has a little trouble getting their rhythm going but strong early evening runs by Mike K5NZ and Earl N5TU kept the station in the hunt. I did my usual over night SSB routine. 20 meters stayed hot until about 2 am. 40 meters never slowed down, never even got quite. I worked close to 500 QSO's in about 6 hours.

Earl and Madison were our lone CW Ops, but did a great job. Their main trouble was that the great DX station that Bob has constructed at his ranch has the aluminum too high for this kind of contest.

Andy and the Amsat crew braved the weather and put in their usual good effort for the Satellite QSO's. We can't thank them enough for being there for us again this year.

Looks like our score was a nice healthy 8000 points. I don't think that's going to raise any eyebrows, but still we had fun even with a lot of things to overcome.

Next year will be the 30th anniversary Field Day for TDXS. Start talking it up with all the TDXS alumni. Let's have a reunion bash and blast out a new record for some category. Lots of super ops out there that would be great to see again, people like Dennis K7BV (ex KZ5M), Eric NM5M, Hose KN5H, and Rich K5NA. Let's not forget guys that are still around but haven't been able to be with us much lately, like Brent NT5D, Billy K5GA, and Kim K5TU. Put the squeeze on these guys and let's enjoy some good operating and good friends next year.