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MEETING NOTICE: The February TDXS Meeting will be Friday, the 11th, at 7:30 P.M., at the Chimney Rock Medical Plaza, located at 6550 Mapleridge, which is near Bellaire General Hospital.

FIELD DAY 1983

The last weekend in June is still a ways off, but Field Day was a major topic at last month's meeting. As a former Field Day Chairman, I thought I would summarize what was said and also present an alternative.

The Field Day discussion last month was centered on the annual debate of going less serious than in years past. The primary concern was the increased responsibilities of many key club members this year due to the ARRL Convention in October. I also feel that "burnout is a factor after the last two years. The general concensus at the meeting seemed to be toward a less-serious group of IA's or mobiles. However, a decision at this early stage we postponed in favor of more thought and discussion among the membership for the next month or so regarding our Field Day plans.

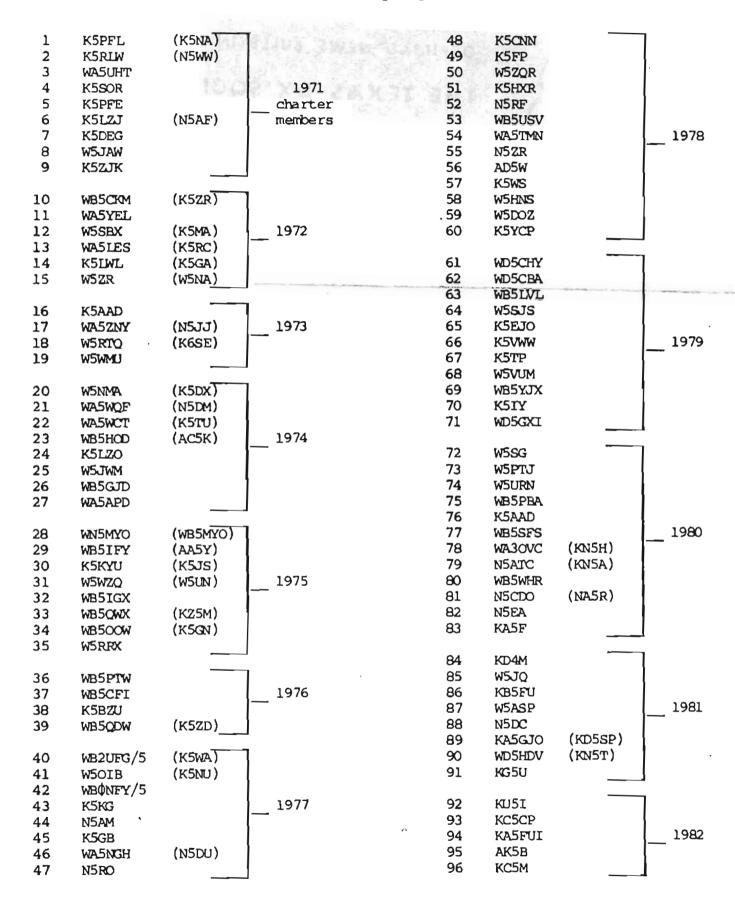
I would like to propose a less-serious 2A or possibly a 3A effort that would require set up only on the Saturday morning before the event. I could see it as a family outing in which the vehicles could be in closer proximity and the xyl's and harmonics not only welcome but encouraged to attend. We could have a TDXS bar-b-que Saturday afternoon for everyone, and maybe even find a spot for a softball game (we might even get K5RC out for this one). In short, it could be an excellent opportunity to relax for a change, be with the family in a country atmosphere, and show our gratitude to them for putting up with our serious efforts of the past. This is just one of many possibilities, so give it some thought and bring your ideas to the February meeting.

Jay, WSJQ

DXCC Beam Headings

I have completed and tested a beam heading program. If anyone would like a personalized printout or a copy for a DX friend, please give me a call at home at 1-689-6362 or at the office at 676-8505 and I will print you a copy and bring it to the meeting. The program prints all DX countries and the larger ones (Canada, USSR, Australia, etc.) are broken down into call areas or zones. The printout shows distances for short and long path bear headings. The full list is 360 countries or an option for selected countries can be used. For DX stations, there is also an option for beam headings to geographic center of the individual 50 states.

Galen, KB5FU





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CALL FOR PAPERS

The 1983 A.R.R.L. National Convention will have a new wrinkle for DXers and Contesters.

The Texas DX Society is inviting leading DXers and Contesters from all over the world to participate in the First International DX and Contest Symposium. Blue-ribbon panelists from the DX and Contest world will debate pertinent issues of interest to ham radio of the 80's, such as pros and cons of list operation, contest ethics and other topics. Each issue put before the panel will be debated and then a resolution of the panel will be made. The proceedings of each debate will be submitted for publication after the Convention. The TDXS is issuing a call for papers to be submitted from the DX and Contesting community on topics of interest to each individual. The TDXS will then choose the papers that best represent each side of the most popular issues. These papers will be read and credited to the Amateur that submits it. All contributors that are chosen for presentation will be notified in advance of their selection. Papers should be one typewritten page on any DX or Contest topic.

Please submit by June 1, 1983, to Bob Evans N5DU, Symposium Coordinator, 13719 E. Cypress Forest, Houston, Texas 77070.





HELP IN CONTESTS

I would like to see instituted an official policy to help fellow members participate in contests. When a member is heard and/or worked in a contest by another member, the latter should put out a "QST" on the repeater indicating the call, frequency and the contest exchange requirements. "QST"s are put out to aid members in their quest for DXCC honor roll. Why not, to help increase contest scores of members? After all, how many contests have been won or lost by the difference of only a few QSOs?

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