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June TDXS Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 7:00 pm, Tracey Gee Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, One block east of Beltway 8, between Richmond and Westpark..

Agenda-

Recap of HamCom and Raffle Ticket Sales.
Review of Field Day plans and readiness.
Short talk about **"Knots for Ham Radio",** by Don, N5DD.

Dinner before the meeting
Date: Thursday, June 9
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Location: Luther's Barbeque
Address: 9797 Westheimer, at S. Gessner

TDXS 2005 Raffle Results

The annual TDXS Raffle Ticket sale was very successful. The sale was successful because of the support we received from members and friends purchasing lots of tickets before HamCom, and due to the great work of our team at HamCom who politely asked all who passed by our booth to purchase tickets. Thanks to **W5MJ, N5MT, N4AL, KG5U** and **KC5DJI** for a great job manning the TDXS booth at HamCom! At 4:00 pm Saturday, we asked a young YL hopeful from the crowd to pick the wining ticket from our raffle bin. .

Don and friend preparing to draw the winning ticket. (Is that Peter Rabbit lurking in the background?)

The winning ticket belonged to **Lee Kinard, K5AVY**. Lee is from Houston and is the President of NARS. Congratulations Lee and thanks to all who purchased tickets.

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May Attendance:

WB5TUF, WF5W, W5PF, W5MJ, KE5TF, N5ET, N5DD, K5WAF, W5GCX, K5UO, N5MT and Margie, KG5U, W5BXX, N5UR, K7EC, N4AL, KW5O, W5EET, K5LBU, W0MM. Total - 21.

Calendar

June 25 & 26, Field Day
July 26 (Tue), TDXS Meeting, Speaker Scott Robbins, W4PA, TenTec Orion.
Location H.E.S.S. Club, 5430 Westheimer Road.
August 11, TDXS meeting, Speaker Wayne Barker, AD8A, WinLink.

Directions to TDXS Field Day

4826 Bluewater Highway
Surfside Beach, Texas 77541

Go south from Houston on hwy 288, passing through Lake Jackson and a large shopping area on your right and go about 2 miles past the Randall's on your right to a sign reading "Surfside, Hwy 332". Take it and loop over 288. Go +/- 7 miles, passing over the intercoastal canal big high bridge to the stop light. Turn left (the speed limit of 40mph is strictly enforced), go 4.6 miles and look to your right for "4826", in a group of 6 houses with blue accents. You'll see the antennas, etc., on the beach. Also, after the light you can go 4 miles and look out for Beach Access Road 3. Take it to the right and go left up the beach to the RV.

Prez Sez… de Don, N5DD

DX Luncheon. Once again the LSDXA did a great job putting on the DX Lunchen. This years speaker was Charlie Harpole, K4VUD. Charlie talked about how he had been working with Bharathi, VU2RBI, to work through the red tape and politics to re-activate VU4. He was on site, in Andaman, advising the VU4 team when the tsunami struck. HamCom had a surprise visitor. Tom Christian, VP6TC, and his wife Betty, VP6YL, were on a trip to the US and able to stop in for HamCom. Amy and I were fortunate to be seated next to them at lunch. Other noted visitors were John Devoldere, ON4UN; Jim Haynie, W5JBP; and Wayne Mills, N7NG.

Meetings. Last month, we all enjoyed Russell Dudley, KW5O's , talk about his adventures with the UN, and demo of the new "Blue" Alinco radio . This month we will have a recap of HamCom and plans for Field Day. In August, Wayne Barker, AD8A, will speak about WinLink. WinLink uses HF digital modes to send email to and from the Internet. This would be amazingly useful when regular Internet access is not available, such as camping, sailing in open water, or on a DXpediton to a remote part of the globe.

If you have a suggestion for a future meeting topic, please let me know.

Field Day. Field Day is coming up June 24 - 26.
This year TDXS is holding Field Day at W5BXX's beach house in Surfside.
Bill Frink, K5WAF, is the Field Day Coordinator, Madison Jones, W5MJ, is the CW Captain, Mike Davidson, N5MT, is the SSB Captain, and Don Daze, N5DD, is the GOTA Captain. Setup will begin Friday at 1:00 pm, operation will commence Saturday at 1:00 pm. Teardown will start Sunday at 1:00 pm. We will need help to set up and teardown, as well as t operate. I encourage all to participate to what ever extent you can.

TDXS Roster. If any of you contact information has changed please send updates to Laurent, W0MM. If you would like copy of the latest TDXS Roster, please email your request to w0mm@w0mm.com

73,
Don, N5DD

From the DXpedition Chair...

OK, OK, I have not been reporting on DX sites in thePacific. Frankly, I thought that the Atlantic sites Isuggested would be more affordable and time frugal than flying out West. I have operated many times from KH6 (tremendous over water propagation) and from VK (very easy to get a VK license, same good prop as KH6, particularly from VK4- Go the beach at Surfers' Paridise with your rental car and pound in to the US).

Here is a wonderful and inexpensive site. American Air flies non-stop to Maui from Dallas, last time we flew.

http://www.mauibnbcottages.com/inn.html#cot

Looks like some space available on the volcano for putting up antennas.

I have no other real info on the Pacific to add other than my own non-ham travels on grey things during the Vietnam war. I visited very beautiful KH8, American Samoa. That is a really cool place - particularly if you like the companionship of Great Whites! Plenty there at the Starkist cannery.

And of course, don't forget this great web site : .

http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/DX_Peditions/

73's
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Ham Comm Photos, de Don N5DD

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W5MJ and customer

N4AL

Don, N5DD with Betty and Tom Christian VR6YL & VR6TC at the DX Luncheaon.