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Hello fellow TDXSers!

As per tradition, Field Day will be considered the June TDXS Monthly meeting so I hope to see as many TDXS members as possible next weekend!

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

FIELD DAY 2025! FIELD DAY 2025! FIELD DAY!

Field Day 2025 is coming up THIS MONTH! TDXS members PLEASE COME ON OUT to the Field Day site to operate, install and eat! Field Day 2025 will be held at the Richmond Fire Training Center here in Richmond, TX. The address is 260 Clay Road. Details are being worked out and meetings are being held. Once again, Slots in the sign-up sheet are going fast. We have all the radios we need and once again we're going to operate 10A. We especially need great phone ops as we usually have CW covered (FT8 is pretty easy). **Please!** I know we have some great phone ops in TDXS and we could use your help! The sign-up sheet is online and active at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fHMcr5PrYWhplCFe0hfZMREgq-eU25hzb_YDTmWsqDw/edit?usp=sharing

Directions to the Field Day site: https://www.waze.com/live-map/directions/fort-bend-county-fire-field-clay-st-260-richmond?to=place.w.173146408.1731726223.792543

If you cannot make it out to FD, rule 7 of the ARRL FD rules states that scores may be "aggregated" from member stations. Since FD is mostly underwritten by BVARC, you should indicate BVARC has your club for this purpose.

See you at Field Day!! 73/161, Allen N5XZ

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I am planning an EX-ZED Eyeball lunch on Thursday, June 26th at Mambo Seafood, 9370 W. Sam Houston Pkwy S. Houston, TX 77099. All TDXS members are welcome to join. Please RSVP to n5xz@arrl.net so I know how many to expect.

ARRL FIELD DAY 2025

ARRL FIELD DAY & HOME-BREW SHOW

Hosted by:
Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club
(BVARC)

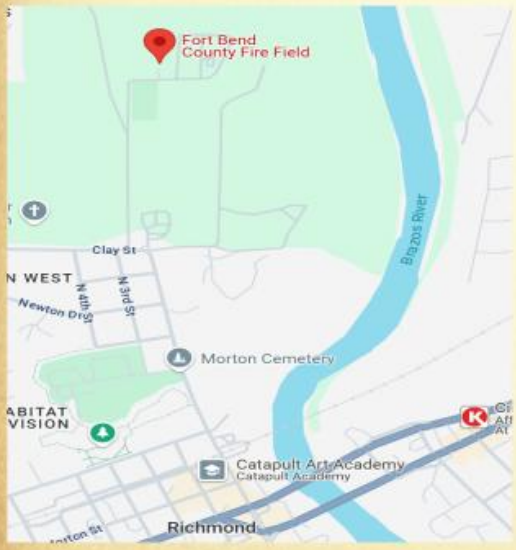
Date: June 27th - Setup at 1 PM
June 28th - Day setup at 8AM
June 28th - Start competition at 1PM
June 29th - End of competition at 1PM

Location: 260 Clay St
Richmond, TX 77469

Event: ARRL Field Day 2025 (Radio Connects)
Home-Brew Show area
Food and Camaraderie
Classes on Messages , FEMA Forms, and More

Contact: Richard Bonica (KG5YCU)
KG5YCU@Gmail.com

Signup: https://tinyurl.com/Signup-BVARC-FD-2025



TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ

Date: May 31, 2025

Location: Live Oak Grill, Sugar Land, TX

The May TDXS Meeting was held at the Live Oak Grill in Sugar Land. There were 13 participants: Doug W9LCQ, Dale KG5U, Robie AJ4F, Jim N5DTT, Chuck W5PR, Allen N5XZ, Laurant W0MM, Ed W5GCX, Norm N9MM, Rick K5GZR, Bill W5VOM, Jeff W5JEF and Glenn WB5TUF. This was our bi-monthly social luncheon, with good food and lively conversation. What else could you ask for?!

Thank you all for trekking all the way out to Sugar Land!

Submitted June 18, 2025

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary/Treasurer

Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

June

7 10-10 International Open Season PSK Contest
Kentucky QSO Party
ARRL International Digital Contest
VK Shires Contest

14 ARRL June VHF Contest

21 All Asia DX Contest, CW
West Virginia QSO Party

28 His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB
ARRL Field Day

July

1 Canada Day

5 CQ Worldwide VHF SSB/CW Contest
Marconi Memorial Contest

12 IARU HF World Championships

19 North America QSO Party-RTTY
CQ Worldwide VHF Digital Contest
YOTA Contest

26 Radio Society of Great Britain Islands on the Air Contest

TDXS members participated in several contests in May. Here is their score information as it was found on the 3830scores.com website:

7th Call Area QSO Party 2025 May 3

SOCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		108	0	0	51	16:58	16,524	TDXS
K5TIA		21	0	0	16	4	640	TDXS

SOMixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		110	31	0	76		18,924	TDXS

Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Delaware QSO Party 2025 May 3

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		6	0	5	16:58	600	TDXS

Indiana QSO Party 2025 May 3

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		34	0	25	0	16:58	1,700	TDXS
K5TIA		33	0	21	0	4	1,386	TDXS

New England QSO Party 2025 May 3

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		115	0	46	16:58	10,580	TDXS
K5TIA		80	0	36	6	5,760	TDXS

ARI International DX Contest 2025 May 3

SO Mixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	RTTY Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		36	14	0	36		11,556	TDXS

Canadian Prairies QSO Party 2025 May 10

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		19	19	25		850	TDXS
AF5J		10	0	9	1:34	90	TDXS

Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

50 MHz Spring Sprint 2025 May 10

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	Analog Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		0	15	12	3	180	TDXs

Arkansas QSO Party 2025 May 17

SOCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		29	0	0	10	2:22	890	TDXS
K5TIA		10	0	0	5	6	50	TDXS

CQWW WPX Contest, CW 2025 May 24

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
NU5A(K5GN)		3844	1256	36	12,882,792	TDXS
N5XZ		1153	590	15:03	1,531,050	TDXS
K5TU		490	351	9.2	575,289	TDXS
W5GCX		443	345		480,585	TDXS
K5TIA		467	410	13	465,350	TDXS
AF5J		362	269	21:45	235,106	TDXS

SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		142	330	6	46,872	TDXS
K5IZO		162	131	7	37,466	TDXS

It was another great month for contests. I hope everyone enjoyed them.

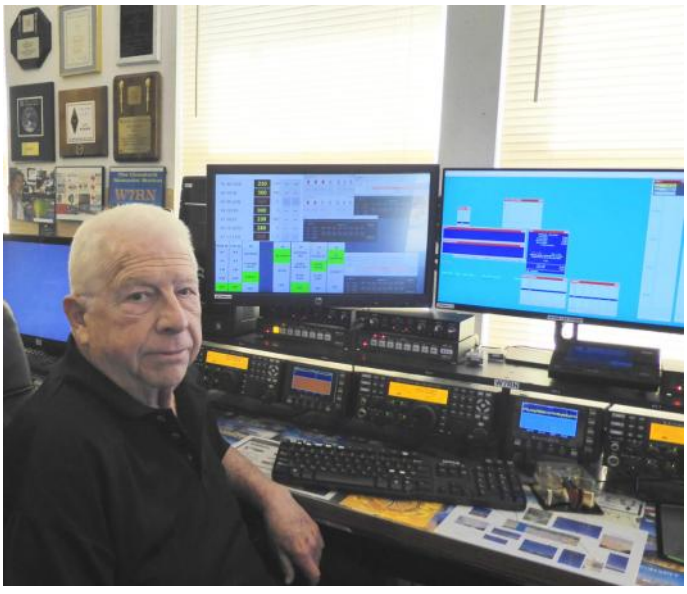
Jim, N5DTT

Tom Taormina K5RC TDXS member #13 (1972)—SK

Another TDXS member has sadly gone to DXCC heaven. That is Tom Taormina K5RC who passed away on June 9th, 2025. Tom was a respected DXer, top contester, and a proud member of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. His contributions to amateur radio were truly remarkable. Tom was the proprietor of the W7RN contest station in Virginia City Highlands, SE of Reno, NV. He was a veteran of the space program, and until coming down with long COVID, maintained a long-standing consulting practice. Long COVID was devastating for him, incapacitating him to the extent that he had decided to sell his home and move to Texas to be with family. Sadly, Tom never got vaccinated. Many contests were won from that station. Local hams have been in contact with his wife Midge. RIP, Tom.

I didn't get very many pictures of Tom, but K2TNO provided the two to the right.

K5RC Armadillo County Sheriff



Tom at his station at W7RN

Armadillo County Sheriff Badge (K2TNO)

Tom Taormina K5RC TDXS member #13 (1972)—SK

W7RN Comstock Memorial Station

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Tom helped many of us TDXSers... we had a great group back in the day... k5LZO, n5jj, k5dx, k5rvk nn5o, k5ga, k5ma, k5wa, kz5km. w5jwm, w5asp, n5dc, my uncle- wb5igx... a few of us are still left... nr5m, w5mj, w5pr, k5tu I got to work with Tom when he was at CAI back in 1986 (I was a field tech at Exxon Pipeline. CAI made low powered RTUs back when companies were fighting for market share in that business). I was that contest op wanna be kid and finally got to be a 35wpm cw guy like Tom. Hurricane Alicia destroyed his antenna farm (Scarsdale house) and Tom allowed me to pick up some KLM scraps. I built a 4 element 15m monobander from that.

RIP Tom... condolences to the family.

Pat KJ5Y

Back in the early 90's before Tom headed to NV, I hired Tom to help get my company ISO-9000 certified. With his help, we were able to get 3 certifications within a year. I couldn't have done it without him.

In April of 2007, I flew out to Tom's place to work BS7H (Scarborough Reef) which was the last entity I needed for #1 DXCC. After having worked it on CW and phone on 2 or 3 bands, Tom couldn't understand

how I could sit there for hours on end just listening to them. I had to explain that hearing such a rare entity at S-9 levels 24/7 just wasn't possible from Houston. What a treat!

Rest in peace old friend. 79 years old is still way too soon.

Steve – W9DX

I first met Tom as WA5LES around 1973 when I was at the University of Houston. Tom was working with Ford Aerospace at the NASA complex. He invited me to his multi-op DX contest events at his home on Barbizon and, along with Mr. Bill K5LWL / K5GA, taught me a lot about CW contesting. I have a lot of great memories about those times.

Kim, K5TU

My first radio was a Heathkit HW-16. I built it myself but as an inexperienced 13 year old, apparently I didn't know how to solder very well. Tom came to my rescue and fixed my HW-16 for me. Thanks again, Tom

Allen N5XZ

Tom Taormina K5RC TDXS member #13 (1972)—SK

Back on October 1, 1986 I bought Tom's house in Scarsdale Subdivision.

For those who did know about the place, it was about ¼ mile west of I-45 (southbound Exit 30) and just north of Dixie Farm Road. He rented (for $300/year) a field behind his backyard fence for his towers and antennas. Tom's contest station was in half of the 2-car garage attached to the house. The radio half was air-conditioned (heating & cooling), courtesy of Chuck/K5LZO. It also contained the family washer and dryer. The other half of the garage was just a storage area, with the cars relegated to an outside existence.

Sadly, a hurricane-spawning tornadoes took down most of the towers. At about that time, Grady, NA5R, was setting up a station in Manvel and Tom's remaining usable towers and antennas were relocated to Grady's place for his contest station. The 70' tower at the back of the house with his TH6DX beam survived.

So, in essence, I bought an expensive 70' tower w/antenna with a house and a swimming pool attached.

Prior to moving into the house, I had a house cleaning outfit come in and clean the place.

On one trip, while stowing the boxes in the radio section of the divided garage, it occurred to me that a couple of the boxes contained my radio gear. Tom's contest station desk was still there, as was the coax run to the TH6 and the rotator.

In ten minutes, I had my radio (I think it was the Ten-Tec Model 244 at the time), keyer, paddles and headphones in place and radio signals being heard. I dug out my logbook and made a dozen or so QSOs on 20 and 15 meters.

Time was moving on and I had some more boxes to pick up from storage. The house cleaners had just shown up and I left them hard at it while I went to pick up more boxes.

Two or three hours later, I finally got back to the house and moved more boxes in to the garage.

I found a note attached to the radio.

While I was gone, Tom had come by to pick up some of his stuff from the storage portion of the garage.

He saw the radio and the logbook with the new QSO entries.

His note said something like "There's not a stick of furniture or dishes or clothes in the house, but there are a dozen QSOs in the log. I am happy knowing I have sold my house to a true ham."

RIP, Tom.

Dale KG5U

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On 2 Meters: 147.96/36 MHz (100 Hz) On 70cm: 447.00/442.00 MHz (103.5 Hz)

DX Cluster—On Packet: Connect to **K5DX** on 145.71 MHz or telnet via IP address 75.148.198.113

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/TexasDXSociety/

TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to these members with birthdays in June:

Please notify the Editor if I have missed anyone or of any updates:

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