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MEETING NOTICE - The Texas DX Society meets the second Friday of each month except when changed by the Board of Directors. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on October 12, 1984 at the Bellaire Hospital Professional Building, 6550 Mapleridge.

NOMINATIONS DUE FOR 1985 TDXS ELECTED OFFICERS (de K25M) It's that time of year again! Written nominations can be sent in anytime prior to the beginning of the October regular TDXS meeting. Nominations will also be received from the floor at the October meeting.

This club has grown both in membership count and treasury balance over the last few years. You, the membership, must now pick your leaders for 1985 to maintain the momentum we have gained towards becoming a world recognized DX and contest organization.

Hopefully, you people will not make this purely a popularity contest, but instead give serious thought to picking your '85 executive board. I strongly recommend you consider the talents required for each of the four elected officers. Consider the time each job takes. Consider the personality required to successfully carry out the assigned responsibilities.

History within our club has shown that how the Board goes, so goes the TDXS in a given year. If you want an active productive year, pick active qualified individuals. Want to lay back a bit? Let your nominations and votes say so.

My personal recommendation is that you select individuals who are "high" on the club and not "burnt out". All of us go through up and down cycles due to personal obligations, an overdose of hobby activities, etc. It's not a crime so surely these people should be allowed to rest or be left alone without hobby related pressures.

So please take some time to review the membership list and jot down a list of possible candidates. Consider each carefully, and let us know of your decision by way of a written or verbal nomination.

BV - Taiwan...Not So Rare? (de KC5M) It is reported that September will be a big month for amateur radio in Taiwan with several Chinese nationals taking exams for operating priveledges. Taiwan will be divided into eight call areas with several stations scheduled for operation from each area. Amateur radio has had several significant 'firsts' for this small but very important island. For many years amatuer radio operations from Taiwan have been the private domain of Tim Chen, BV2A/BV2B. Several visitors have received permission to

operate within the last year. In the not so distant future, BV will surely be a regular for all DX contests.

YVØAA - Aves Island (de KC5M) QSL cards for this dx-pedition are an excellent example fo 'patience is a virture' and 'slowly but surely'. The correct QSL info is (after much confusion):

Radio Club Venezolano
P. O. Box 2285
Caracas 1010-A, Venezuela

Remember...patience! These cards are slowly appearing in mail boxes of your friends and neighbors.

P29 Papua New Guinea (de KC5M) Jim Smith is back on the air from his former QTH. P29JS has been very active on CW and SSB. He has a new P. O. Box to go along with his new job which, reportedly, will last for almost a year.
QSL Route:

Mr. J. B. Smith
Box 515
Konedobu
Papua New Guinea

CEØAA - San Felix (de KC5M) After many lists, this operation will go free style as soon as the operators feel comfortable with English. The faithful who have followed this operation believe they are about ready. This DXCC country was in greater demand than mainland CHina (BY) prior to this dx-pedition. My, how things change...

TEX-MEX WRECKS DX - (de K2TNO) Horray! The long-awaited belaboring of the obvious has occurred, with QST announcing our XE2FU doings. (Be sure to read BOTH sentences about us in QST. - ed.) Lest there be somebody who has been cryogenically preserved since the ARRL DX Contests - 84, we demolished all comers with two scores that ought to set the standard for years to come. The final tally was about 14 Megapoints on SSB, 8 Meg on CW.

Not only that, but K5-aR-uh-Cee managed a dandy sunset photo that will grace the cover of the '85 Handbook. (A real beaut of the XE2FU site. -ed.) Time to buy a new reference book, I guess - maybe buy an extra for a spare.

Well, nobody who went to XE will ever forget the experience; we'll be boring others with the re-hash of our Big One for years to come.

FIELD YIELDS REAL DEAL - (de K2TNO) Yep, you guessed it - we're in the running for tops in 3A at Field Day '84. The NCJ only had a few claimed-score rumors (after all, it isn't a contest, is it?!). Assuming ther are no ringers out there, we beat the NØRR crew by 1000 points (3756 to 3561 QSO's). How come there are no awards or certificates for that event, anyway? Watch this space for complete results in our election-coverage November edition...(film at eleven).

SPRINT QUINTS GLINT IN PRINT (de K2TNO) The Sept-Oct volume of the National Contest Journal has results fo the SSB February Sprint - and what a showing! The team of ten hit second place, losing the the CIA team by only 6K points (78.8K vs. our 72.9K) Isn't that great? NO IT ISN'T CUZ TWO LIDS AT TDXS

DIDN'T MAIL THEIR LOGS IN, SO WE LOST !! IF EVEN ONE HAD MAILED, WE HAD IT IN THE BAG DAMMIT.

I don't want to embarass these two turkeys, so I won't print their calls - however, the eight who did so well were: K5LZO (11.3K, 4th high nationally), N5JJ (10.6K, 8th place), KZ5M (10.5K, 9th) plus KE5FI, KN5H, KGSU, K5DX and K5BZU.

To quote K7CM in the contest report, "TDXS...will be another team to be reckoned with in the future." You betcher keester, Rick!

TOUCH TAPPER TEAM TROOPS TO TOP (de K2TNO) September CW Sprint has been concluded. The semi-annual madcap contest was again a mixture of agony and ecstasy. The team added over 12K to last sprint's total; since mults were down, we certainly have a good shot at the top. Most pleasing was the fact that all ten scores were competitive this time around. Tops was Dave, K5GN, operating out of K5VWW's Radio Moscow with 264 QSO's / 39 mults. Next was K5LZO (272/36) followed by KN5H at NA5R (252/35).

Now for the bad news. Dave, N5JJ and Dennis KZ5M both had coax problems crop up on 80 meter antennas, so they had to tough it out on 20 and 40 only. That's a real shame, because both had super QSO totals entering the stretch run on 80, and would have been up over 250-275 if Murphy had gone fishing. Dennis also had a frozen brake on the 40M beam (hear you were deadly in downtown Cincinatti, Dennis).

The moral of our story? Get that rig fired up and smoke tested NOW before the biggies roll around! Antenna work ain't much fun in the dark night of CQWW or SS. So how about trying the station out in a minor event first? Read on for some suggestions-

UPCOMING CONTESTS (de K2TNO) October really gets the juices flowing for the fall/winter contest season. The first weekend is ARRL CW QSO Party - a dandy mini-sweepstakes where you can practice getting the rate up. You say your beams are so high the first bounce is somewhere around T32? Then unlimber your mike for VK/ZL SSB on the same weekend. That one always brings out some weird new mults on the low bands.

The second weekend is the inverse of the previous weekend, ARRL SSB and VK/ZL CW. So...choose your poison.

Finally, the last weekend of October is CQ Magazine's Worldwide SSB Contest. No other contest brings out so much rare DX as this one, so aim to get all that educated aluminum up and ready. Not competitive from home loading your downspouts? Let the word out, and I'm sure I can help find you some operating space at one of the multiop extravaganzas. If you ain't ever run JA's with one of those 6-el KLM's and an Alpha 77, you don't know what macho means. Logs and rules at the October meeting.

ARRL SWEEPSTAKES (de K2TNO) This is our year to win the gavel again in the team club-aggregate score. So plan now how you can help the club back to our rightful spot atop the pack. The dates again:

CW: Nov 3-4 (1st weekend of Nov)
SSB: Nov 17-18 (3rd weekend)

These weekends have been designated as "Texas Send Your Family To Aunt Harriet Weekends".

If you have a big-smoke station, that's great - we're counting on you for at least one mode. Not planning/able to do both? Why not invite one of the club apartment dwellers to play your QTH? Phone SS drive you nuts after six hours? Join the groupies - co a multiop. Remember, we will need fifty entries for the club to win, so we'll be signing up our draft choices early.

Please try to attend the October meeting, so we can get this Sweepstakes show on the road.

HELPFUL FREUDIAN SUGGESTION (de K2TNO) No group in the history of radio, anywhere, anytime, has EVER won ARRL DX Contest, Field Day, and Sweepstakes in the same year! No time, no place, nowhere. We have two out of three already - and we for sure have the hosses to make it an awesome year for TDXS! (er-what a great story to share with my wife grandchildren divorce lawyer - TUNA.) See you around the piles.

ARRL AWARDS COMMITTEE REJECTS DXAC PROPOSAL (de W5DOZ - from ARRL DX Bulletin Nr 34) The ARRL Awards committee met on September 18 to consider the recommendation of the DXAC to delete Baker, Howland and American Phoenix Islands DXCC listing, and add a new DXCC country, Baker and Howland. The committee rejected this proposed action by a vote of 6 to 1. Therefore, the present listing remains but will no longer include the American Phoenix Islands, since sole jurisdiction has been under the Republic of Kiribati since September 23, 1983. Thus, no deletion or addition to the DXCC list will occur.

ARRL BULLETINS VIA RTTY (de W5DOZ) HR ARRL BULLETIN NR 73 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, NEWINGTON, CT SEPTEMBER 14, 1984 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO CONGRESS WHICH WOULD ADD MALICIOUS INTERFERENCE TO RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AS AN OFFENSE NAMED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, PERMITTING ENFORCEMENT DIRECTLY BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. UP TO NOW, INTERFERENCE CASES HAVE GENERALLY BEEN HANDLED ADMINISTRATIVELY AS VIOLATIONS OF FCC REGULATIONS. REPRESENTATIVE JIM BATES, D/CA, IS SPONSOR OF HR 6195 AND SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER, R/AZ, K7UGA, IS SPONSOR OF S 2975, EACH OF WHICH WOULD AMMEND THE ACT MAKING MALICIOUS INTEREFERENCE A STATUTORY OFFENSE. QST AND THE ARRL LETTER WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION. AR

HR ARRL BULLETIN NR 72 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, NEWINGTON, CT SEPTEMBER 14, 1984 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

ARRL HAS REQUESTED THAT FCC ISSUE A DECLARATORY RULING OF LIMITED FEDERAL PREEMPTION OF STATE AND LOCAL REGULATION OF AMATUER RADIO STATION INSTALLATION AND OPERATION, OR ANTENNA ZONING RULES, IN SHORT. THE FCC SEEKS FACTUAL, UNEMOTIONAL COMMENTS ON THE LEAGUE'S FILING. AN ORIGINAL AND FOUR COPIES OF ANY COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY, FCC, 1919 M STREET NW, WASHINGTON D.C. 20554 ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 9. PLEASE SEND A COPY TO ARRL. COMMENTS SHOULD REFER TO DOCUMENT NUMBER PRB 1. A COPY OF THE LEAGUES REQUEST IS AVAILABLE FROM ARRL HQ FOR A 9 x 12 INCH SASE WITH 88 CENTS POSTAGE. DETAILS IN LEAGUE LINES, OCTOBER QST. AR

1984 TDXS SWEEPSTAKES QUOTAS

OPERATOR	CW	SSB	STN.
N5JJ	160	230	
K5GA	155	175	?
KZSM	155	225	
K5GN	150	225	VWV
KN5H	150	200	RC?
K5WA	150	220	
K5LZO	160	230	
NA5R	150	220	
NSDU	155	240	
KG5U	125	150	RRR
N5EA	110	100	
W5ASP	90	100	
K5VWW			
KN5A	90	175	
AC5K	100		
W5JQ	75		
W5HNS	80		
W5SG	75		
KC5CP	75	175	
KD5SP		175	
K2TNO	110		
K5DX		175	
KB5FU		175	
K5GB	85	125	
K5BZU		125	
KC5M		60	
AK5B		60	multi?
W5JWM		40	
AA5Y		75	
K5RVK	75	150	lumber
K5TU	75		dad's?
KE5FI		125	?
KE5IV		150	?
N5DC		125	
NM5L	130	200	
NM5M	145	200	??
NR5M	125	200	
W5LLU		25	
NSWW			

Note: these figures are all in "kilopoints". If your number seems too low to you feel free to beat it by a bunch. If you feel the quota is too high you are obviously delusional about your station and/or skills, so just go out and kick butt, and meet your quota or better yet top it. Known of guest ops etc. were considered in this prognostication.

ARRL SWEEPSTAKES SCORE MATRIX

QSO's VS. MULTIPLIER

<u>Section</u>	<u>40K</u>	<u>50K</u>	<u>60K</u>	<u>75K</u>	<u>80K</u>	<u>100K</u>	<u>120K</u>	<u>140K</u>	<u>160K</u>	<u>180K</u>	<u>200K</u>	<u>210K</u>	<u>220K</u>	<u>230K</u>	<u>240K</u>	<u>250K</u>	<u>Section</u>
74	270	338	405	507	541	676	811	946	1081	1216	1352	1419	1486	1554	1622	1689	74
73	274	343	411	514	548	685	822	959	1096	1233	1370	1438	1507	1575	1644	1712	73
72	278	348	417	521	556	695	833	972	1111	1250	1389	1453	1528	1597	1667	1736	72
71	282	353	423	529	563	705	844	986	1127	1268	1409	1479	1550	1620	1690	1761	71
70	286	358	429	536	570	715	855	1000	1143	1286	1429	1500	1571	1643	1714	1786	70
69	290	363	435	544	579	725	870	1014	1159	1304	1450	1522	1594	1667	1739	1812	69
68	294	368	441	552	588	736	882	1029	1175	1324	1471	1544	1618	1691	1765	1838	68
67	298	374	448	560	597	747	896	1045	1194	1343	1493	1567	1642	1716	1791	1865	67
66	302	379	454	569	606	758	909	1061	1212	1364	1516	1591	1667	1742	1818	1894	66
65	308	385	462	577	615	770	923	1077	1231	1385	1539	1615	1692	1769	1846	1923	65
64	313	391	468	586	625	782	938	1094	1250	1406	1563	1641	1718	1797	1875	1953	64
63	317	397	476	596	635	794	952	1111	1270	1429	1588	1667	1746	1825	1905	1984	63
62	323	404	484	605	646	807	968	1129	1290	1452	1613	1694	1790	1855	1935	2016	62
61	328	410	491	615	656	820	987	1148	1310	1475	1640	1721	1803	1885	1967	2049	61
60	333	417	500	625	666	834	1000	1167	1333	1500	1667	1750	1833	1917	2000	2083	60

HR ARRL BULLETIN NR 71 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, NEWINGTON, CT SEPTEMBER 14, 1984 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

FCC HAS PROPOSED TO REALLOCATE HALF OF THE 160 METER BAND, FROM 1900 to 2000 KHZ, TO NONGOVERNMENT RADIOLOCATION BECAUSE OF AN ANTICIPATED EXPANSION OF THE AM BROADCAST BAND THAT WOULD FORCE CERTAIN RADIOLOCATION STATIONS TO MOVE. ALTHOUGH THE TIMING OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 RELEASE OF DOCKET 84-874 CAME AS A SURPRISE TO THE AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY, ARRL REACTED SWIFTLY. ARRL FILED A MOTION TO HOLD THIS NPRM IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE RESOLUTION OF AN ARRL PETITION FILED TO STUDY THE MF BAND NEEDS OF NONGOVERNMENT RADIOLOCATION STATIONS. DETAILS IN THE SEPTEMBER 13 ARRL LETTER. AR

HR ARRL BULLETIN NR 75 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, NEWINGTON, CT SEPTEMBER 14, 1984 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

ACCORDING TO FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THIRD PARTY AGREEMENT WITH ST. CHRISTOPHER, ALSO KNOWN AS ST. KITTS, AND NEVIS IN THE CARIBBEAN, DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, APPLY TO ANGUILLA, VP2E. ANGUILLA HAS APPARENTLY REVERTED TO COLONY STATUS. THUS, THE THIRD PARTY AGREEMENT DOES APPLY TO VP2K BUT NOT TO VP2E. AR

HR ARRL BULLETIN NR 74 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, NEWINGTON, CT SEPTEMBER 14, 1984 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

IN A SEPARATE ORDER, THE FCC DISMISSED TWO PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED IN THE POWER MEASUREMENT DOCKET, PR DOCKET 82-624, SEEKING PERMANENT EXEMPTION FROM THE NEW 1500 W PEP OUTPUT RULES FOR AM DSB USERS. IN THE SAME ACTION, FCC GRANTED A REQUEST FILED BY ARRL SEEKING A CLARIFICATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE FUTURE REVISION OF POWER LIMITS AND METHODS OF MEASUREMENT. THE FCC CLARIFIED THAT IT WOULD ISSUE PUBLIC NOTICES ANNOUNCING ANY CHANGES IN THE METHODS TO BE USED FOR MEASURING POWER, BUT THAT ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE POWER LIMITS THEMSELVES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC NOTICE/COMMENT RULEMAKING PROCEDURES. DETAILS IN NOVEMBER QST. AR

