



# The Bullsheet

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The next TDXS Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. over ZOOM. The sign in credentials are listed below.

The program will be presented by Madison Jones W5MJ, entitled:

## "On the Road Again - Getting your mobile ready for TQP"

With the Texas QSO Party only 2 months away on September 16-17, now is the time to start planning your rover operation and upgrade your installation. Having participated in several rover operations I can attest that they are great fun!

### Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

#### FIELD DAY 2023 FIELD DAY 2023 FIELD DAY 2023

Field Day was Great Again this year! (Even if I didn't make it due to a nasty cold which I didn't want to spread around!). Well, maybe I'll make it next year... See WX5KR's report in Doug's column on page 3.

See below the link for the TDXS meeting on Thursday night:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88448770324?pwd=b1BNTmlwbFlxb2FGdm9wU054YU9iZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 4877 0324

Passcode: 357237

Hope to see you there.

Sorry for the late BS, been super busy with work and family business. Hope to do better next month!

73/161, Allen N5XZ

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# The Prez Says by ??



# TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ

## TDXS June 2023 Meeting Minutes

### Field Day

Date: June 23-25, 2023

Location: Fort Bend County Fire Training Field, Richmond, TX

On April 23-25, 2023 TDXS once again joined with Brazos Valley ARC, Katy ARS and the University of Houston ARC for a Quad Club Field Day operation. Operating, fun and food were definitely on the agenda! Below is a wrap up of the event by Kori Rahman WX5KR, who was the KK5W Field Day Coordinator:

Field Day 2023 is a wrap!

I think I can comfortably say we had an amazing Field Day this year! Just like last year, our Field Day was a quad-club event with BVARC, KARS, TDXS, and the University of Houston ARC participating. Thanks to the combined efforts of many dedicated members and volunteers, our group delivered an event that was as fun as it was successful. Our stations hummed with activity throughout the weekend, operating ten Elecraft K3s for our 10A class stations, an ICOM 7300 for our 6m station, and a Yaesu 991a for our GOTA station. Our preliminary score is a solid 14,864 from raw QSOs, and with the estimated bonus points, GOTA Station contacts, and Satellite contacts, we expect our final score to rival or perhaps exceed last year's record-breaking score of 17,442 (BVARC's highest ever, and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the contest last year). Our antenna crew, led by Bill (W5VOM), did an impeccable job getting our antennas up. Safely and skillfully, they installed our three main antenna towers for CW, SSB, and digital modes, in addition to setting up a fourth mast for our 2m and 6m stations. Each tower was equipped with a tri-band Yagi and a 40m beam antenna, all performing remarkably well with minimal interference. Daphne (K5VQY) and her food crew once again outdid themselves, providing us with delicious meals throughout the event. Their culinary highlights included scrumptious breakfast tacos, the traditional cowboy breakfast, a wonderful spaghetti dinner Friday, and the crowd-favorite fajita dinner on Saturday night. Not to mention the various cakes and other deserts.

It was really great to witness the camaraderie and excited discussion of our hobby among nearly 200 attendees. Not only was it a weekend of intense radio operation but also one of learning and sharing. Saturday morning saw a captivating balloon launch by Walter (K5WH), which a couple dozen or so folks collected outside to watch. The balloon's journey has so far taken it from here in the Houston area, down an odd westward path over Baja California, and as of the writing of this article it is now somewhere over the eastern half of Colorado. We had a packed classroom throughout the morning on Saturday for our presentations on Contesting, DMR radio, and NTS Traffic. Into the afternoon the classrooms were still packed for our antenna build classes (where 30 antennas were built). At 1pm Saturday we began operating our stations, and the level of activity in the SSB/Digital room was incredible. We had a ton of satellite contacts thanks to Jeff (KC5TT) who put up a canopy outside to showcase for our guests and to operate his really cool satellite station. We had a Scout Troop come by and operate the GOTA station, despite their mic fright; we got a couple of them on the air. The 6m station was surprisingly active on FT8 (we ended with 74 6m contacts).



## **TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ**

After our wonderful fajita dinner, the momentum continued into the night with our stations operating non-stop and making over 4600 contacts by the end of the contest period.

In closing, our club's hugely successful Field Day 2023 could not have happened without the generosity and hard work of so many people who lent their time, equipment, and skills. I really appreciate each contribution, big or small, from radios, cables, and antennas, to folks just taking the time to be there and talk to newcomers about our hobby. Heartfelt thanks to all members and volunteers who have made this event such a massive success. As we look forward to next year, let's carry this momentum and enthusiasm to make Field Day 2024 even bigger and better!

-Kori (WX5KR)  
KK5W Field Day Coordinator



## **DX Chairman's Report—OPEN**

**Looking for a new DX Chairman, any volunteers?**

## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

### July

- 1 Canada Day
- 2 Marconi Memorial Contest
- 8 IARU HF World Championships
- 15 North America QSO Party-RTTY  
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest
- 22 YOTA Contest
- 29 Radio Society of Great Britain Islands on the Air Contest

### August

- 5 10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB  
North American QSO Party, CW
- 12 Worked All Europe DX Contest, CW  
Maryland-District of Columbia QSO Party
- 19 North American QSO Party, SSB
- 20 ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY
- 26 World-wide Digi Dx Contest  
W/VE Islands QSO Party  
Ohio QSO Party  
Hawaii QSO Party  
Kansas QSO Party



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

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

### ARRL Digital Contest 2023 Jun 3

SO1R-24 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club
WB5TUF		685		5,777	TDXS
AJ4F		207	11.25	2,702	TDXS
N5EKO		213	10	1,557	TDXS
N5DTT		85	12	483	TDXS

### ARRL June VHF Contest 2023 Jun 10

Single Op-All Modes HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		334	164	16	54,776	TDXS
N5EKO		318	156		49,920	TDXS
W5MF		201	96	15	19,488	TDXS

Single Op-All Modes LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WB5TUF	x	595	225		133,875	TDXS
AJ4F		460	163	18.5	74,980	TDXS
N5DTT		115	91	14	10,465	TDXS

### GACW WWSA CW DX Contest 2023 Jun 10

SOSB/15 HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		18	8	13	1:50	987	TDXS



# Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

## Stew Perry Topband Challenge 2023 Jun 17

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		10	2	38	TDXS

## All Asian DX Contest, CW 2023 Jun 17

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		113	90		10,080	TDXS

## West Virginia QSO Party 2023 Jun 17

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		13	0	0	10	3	290	TDXS
AF5J		6	0	0	3	3	136	TDXS

## ARRL Field Day 2023 Jun 24

1B LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Op Time	Score	Club
K5EC		187	101	2		1,208	TDXS

1D LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		73	0	0	3:37	292	TDXS

Have a good month, contesting as much as you have the time for.

Jim, N5DTT





## **K5GA Bill Bradford—TDXS #14 (1972) SK**

January 8, 1949 – June 18, 2023

Bill Bradford (K5GA) " Mr. Bill" passed June 18th, after a long fight he fought to the very end!

One of the true Radio-Sport pioneers, being a contester since I believe the age of 10 in the late 50's! Just a few of his accomplishments can be seen on his QRZ page.

He was a great friend and mentor, taking the time to help me when I got back into the hobby in the 90's.

He helped me decide on things to build my mini-contest station on an extreme budget. We had some great times doing multi-ops, Billy eating Fritos and bean dip, joking, ringing the mult bell and sometimes we would do well against the big boys .. his favorite saying was "the little station that could" when we would score well against the Pros!

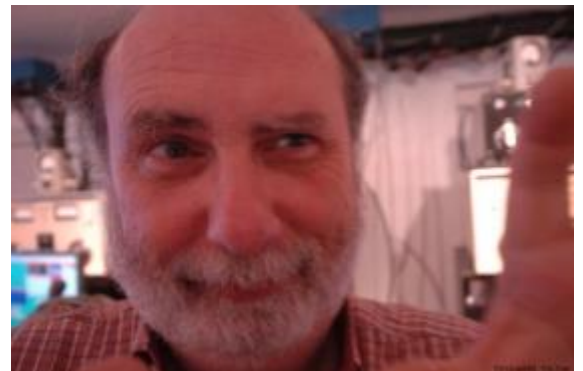
Amazing to me was how much he loved it, you could see how excited he was to find that VU2 LP on 40m, just like I'm sure he was at 10 working his first JA!

I know he really enjoyed his last multi-ops out with George at NR5M..

Billy will really be missed..my weekly phone chats about stocks, radio, life....

Rest well Mr. Bill, hope LP is open wherever you are!

Mike K5NZ



## **K5GA Bill Bradford—TDXS #14 (1972) SK**

Thank you for kicking this off, Mike. It was too emotional for me last week.

As does Mike, I have a slew of memories with our Mr. Bill, K5GA, some together with Mike and some of my own. Good memories of a salty guy who loved ham radio.

So many events in TDXS history and related groups had Bill in the mix, if not at the center of the shenanigans. The K5RC/K5GA superstation, the K5LZO multiops, the Funny Boys, the VP2MDE project that the volcano swallowed, the NR5M challenges to East Coast superiority, the 3A K5DX Field Day efforts. A key ingredient was his unique voice telling a joke, cursing the lids, asking you a question that got to the very heart of the issue. He really LTHRS\* and sometimes that meant that passion got in the way of relationships, but he remained true to his colors.

He fought well, once he had the diagnosis, and his faithful XYL was with him all the way.

And the best part is that I know from recent conversations that he does, indeed, rest in peace.

I have not yet heard of a memorial service or other arrangements. I hope it is soon, so we can be there!

73, Billy!

Dave K5GN

I'm very sorry to hear that we have lost Billy! He was one of several (K2TNO, K5GN, W5ASP, etc.) who invited and welcomed me into TDXS back when I first moved to Houston in 1989. We all know that he was one of the very best operators. I learned a lot from him, and I'm proud to have known him. I was fortunate to be part of a couple contest DXpeditions with Billy at ZF and V31 .... This 1993 video of our V31KF multi single is OLD ... and LONG ... and AMATEURISH .... but it has a fair amount of footage of Billy in action ... so it might be worthwhile to scan through it. Five of us (three now silent keys!) ...

<https://vimeo.com/332606084?share=copy>

R.I.P. Billy!

73 de N5LZ (ex K13L/5)

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## **K5GN WINS SINGLE OP-HIGH POWER in ARRL CW DX Contest**

6,498,144 points for first place US!

He beat K5ZD who had 6,349,854

...see August QST, page 75

Way to go, Dave!

Tuna

K2TNO



Dave looks a bit different today, but you get the drift!

Congrats Dave!!! (N5XZ)



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**Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TexasDXSociety/>**

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

**Please notify the Editor if I have missed any-  
one or of any updates:**

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