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MEETING NOTICE: You missed the June meeting, if you were waiting for the Bullsheet before the meeting. To give you plenty of advanced warning, the July meeting will be in Beaumont, Friday, July 6, the night before the Texas-Louisiana Hamfest. The Hamfest is at the Red Carpet Inn on I-10. Your host will be the loveable K5GA. Precise instructions on the meeting location will be available in the Lobby of the Red Carpet on Friday evening between 7 and 7:30 P. M. You know the difference between a smart-ass and a jackass is the Sabine River, so see y'all in Beaumont.

SPEAKING OF CONVENTIONS: The National is in Baton Rouge, July 22-23-24. If you haven't sent off the preregistration form from the last Bullsheet yet, you might get left out in the cold. The big mailing is due out any day now and the rooms go fast. There will be a motorcade out of Houston on Friday and, gas permitting, some of us are planning to go on to Disneyworld after the convention. If you're interested in joining the Florida leg of the trip, contact K5RC.

WHERE TO MEET? Those of you who have been to the last few meetings have seen and heard that we have just about outgrown every facility that we have been using for meetings. The Club membership is at 59 and the average meeting attendance is 30 to 40. That eliminates the Bonanza-type places, the Brisket House and pretty well scraps the plan of moving the meetings around the city. We are on a hunt to find a place that can accomodate 30 to 50, is somewhere on the Loop (counterflow to rush-hour traffic), has a private room where we can hear each other and show slides, etc., and will let us order from a menu. Impossible, you say?? Well, perhaps, but we're still trying to find a suitable location. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Contact AA5Y at 482-0540.

THE GREAT TDXS COMPETITION is getting heated and intense as we wind down the second half and those QSL cards become as important as working them. You will notice the enclosed status sheet now lists them in order of confirmed, rather than worked. We've also enclosed another copy of the rules, cuz it's time to get serious.

TOM'S SHORTS: If you haven't returned your ballot for the constitutional revision, please do so immediately. We are just a few short of having the 75% majority required. I know some of you are not happy with not having more to say about the constitution, but, if we had waited to get everyone's detailed comments, it would take another 2 years to get everyone to agree on that. The point is that the committee did a good job of drafting a new constitution, the executive board hashed it out and unanimously recommends it, and once it's passed, changes will be significantly easier to make. Please vote. The 96/36 repeater has been moved to the Transco Tower in the Galleria for test and evaluation. The building management has agreed to let us use the antenna space and has given us a corner of an equipment room for the machine. If we can overcome the technical problems and if our transmitter doesn't interfere with any of the cash paying customers, we will make the move permanent and the repeater range should increase dramatically in the west part of the county, while the south and east should not suffer any degradation in performance. The autopatch has been disabled. It is not paying for itself, and it is seldom used. Unless the members have some violent objection coupled with an idea of how the patch can pay for itself, it will be terminated. WB5IGX has offered a Century transceiver to the club to be disposed of to raise funds to replace our 25 year old repeater equipment. The executive board will meet shortly to work out the details with Glenn.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: W5UN has seldom been heard on the voice portion of the amateur bands, but recently, Dave discovered the "list" operation and has enriched his vocabulary with some new phrases which he will share with us; "please give only the last letter of your call..." ; "hi Paul..." ; "We're checking net members only..." ; "Green stamp..." ; "Raul..." ; "Africana Group..." ; "Papa 29 Juliet Sierra..." ; "Family Hour..." ; "Shut your _____ mouth and listen..." ; "Stand by, stand by, stand by,..." ; "Put me on the list..." ; "John Paul..." ; "Saleem?..." ; "Tango Hotel Eight..." ; "Calling the Arabian Knights..." ; "The CW station please QSY..." ; "QSL the 2 by 1, you are one two three, one two three..." ; "The Eights come now..." ; "Father Dave..." ; "No breakers, please..." ; "Magid..." ; "Eights only, we have the fives already..." ; "Great QSO, solid copy, what's his call?..." ; "Checking in members only whose numbers are between 100 and 200..." ; "Mary Ann..." ; "The frequency is in use..." ; "Negative copy, give him his report again..." ; "No QSO--Next!" ; "Please, no tuning on this frequency..." ; and last, but not least, "To hell with them, the ARRL can't tell the DX how to operate..." Sound familiar???

K5KG and W5SJS are off th Grenada from the 17th of June to July 1. They are J3ABP and J3ABQ and will be active on all bands, including 6, as the XYL's permit. K5LZO took a lightning hit, as did K5DX, in the last month. Both Chuck and Sharp sustained quite a bit of equipment damage. There is a brochure floating around on protecting your station from lightning. You might ask K5VWW for a copy if you think you might be next. WD5CBA is moving to LA. Anyone need a home with a Rohn 55 tower and KLM yagis for 40 through 10?

PARTING SHOTS: K5EJO emcees the TDXS DX Net every Tuesday evening on 147.96/36 (also listening for checkins on 28.555). The participation has been great, so reserve 8 PM to catch up on all the goodies. The remainder of this issue is devoted to Field Day. There's a message from your FD chairman and a map to the site. Bring your friends, and come on out. If you're not there, you won't get

a chance to operate with the best damn Field Day crew in the Country! We need two volunteers to represent the TDXS in the Southeast Texas Amateur Radio Council (SETARC). If you feel that you have some time to devote, please contact K5DX.

73 and DX,

Tom

Tom, K5RC

A LIST OF LISTS by W5D0Z

Arabian Knights	14250	0500Z	Friday
Pacific DX Net	14265	0530Z	Tue & Fri
Island DX Net	14278	0500Z	Fri
W7PHO Family Hour	21320	2300Z	
P29JS	14220	0600Z	
ZL1ADI	14285	0530Z	
N2KW	14248	0500Z	Thursday
SEANET	14214	0800Z	
Africana Net	21355	1800Z	
N. Cal DX			
Bulletin-W6TI	14002	1800Z	Sunday
		0200Z	Monday

The Annual TDXS DX Competition

Dates: The Competition will start each year at the beginning of the CQWW phone contest and end at 2359 prior to the next CQWW phone.

Catagories: There are three catagories of competition: CW, phone and mixed. All club members may enter all three. To participate, a member must be a full member by June 1 of the contest year.

Contacts: 2 way CW, 2 way phone or cross mode. All contacts must be confirmed (QSL in hand) to count. Cross mode contacts will count only for the mixed catagory. All QSO's must be made by a club member using his own call. QSO's made from any multi-op location while a multi-operation is in progress will not count. For the purposes of this competition, the use of the 2 meter repeater does not constitute a multi-op. Out of the four major contest weekends (ARRL phone, ARRL CW, CQ phone and CQ CW), you may submit QSL's from only two of these four contest weekends. Any other contest QSL's will count. Current ARRL DXCC countries lists (OP AID 7) will be used.

Reporting: TDXS DX reporting forms or copies must be used. Final completed forms must be submitted no later than the November TDXS business meeting, or mailed to the club secretary. If mailed, entry must be post marked no later than the date of the meeting and received within seven days of the meeting. QSL's must be made available to the DX Competition Committee upon request to be eligible for an award.

The Bull Sheet will publish periodically an on-going "standings chart" and the standings will be announced at the TDXS meetings.

Awards: The awards will be presented at the December TDXS banquet. These awards and this competition will be administrated by the TDXS DX Competition Committee. All decisions made by this committee are final.

DX Repeater: It is not the intent that this competition should take away from the DX repeater activity. All competitors are expected to continue sharing DX information on the r eater.

	Mixed	CW	SSB	Date
K5NU	236/150	-/83	-/114	5/29/79
K5VWV	219/86	121/26	173/66	5/29/79
K5NA	239/72	168/37	209/49	5/31/79
W5HNS	140/39	27/8	138/32	5/2/79
K5YCP	222/28	8/0	217/28	5/13/79
K5MA	189/28	152/11	140/21	3/30/79
N5WW	131/13	—	—	5/10/79
K5WA	152/11	59/3	132/10	4/2/79
K5ZD	70/11	60/10	30/3	1/20/79
K5FP	126/8	120/2	7/4	1/31/79
W5DOZ	108/5	61/0	73/5	1/31/79
N5DU	48/2	45/2	10/1	12/1/78
K5RC	21/2	—	—	1/31/79
K5GN	6/2	4/2	4/0	12/1/78
K5BZU	125/1	—	—	1/31/79
N5AF	10/1	1/1	10/1	1/28/79
K5GA	2/1	3/1	2/1	1/31/79
W5UN	236/0	192/0	—	5/22/79
W5JWV	64/0	0/0	64/0	1/31/79
K5TU	55/0	40/0	30/0	3/31/79
K5LEO	73/0	—	—	1/10/79
N5RO	17/0	16/0	2/0	1/31/79
N5ZR	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/7/79

Notes: Lots of you guys need to send in more current info.
 W5UN is just getting started and is still learning the proper
 list vocabulary. N5ZR's record is 50/30 for YLs (so he claims)

1979 FIELD DAY
(June 23 and 24)

Well gang, it's that time again. I hope that the subject of Field Day is already on everyone's mind. This year we will be returning to the Demney site near New Waverly, Texas. Some of the old timers may remember this site because it is the same one we used 1968 through 1974. The site has already been inspected and appears to be in excellent shape. The grass is low and some of the fence obstructions have been removed, giving us more flexibility. The old barn has pretty well worn down and we cannot use it as an operating location anymore. However, as of this writing, we have two motor homes available and hopefully a couple of more will surface before Field Day, otherwise, we will house the other stations in tents. There is a small spring-fed lake available so bring your swimming trunks (there will be no swimming without bathing suits).

This year we will be in the three transmitter class and will have full Novice and VHF capabilities. The operating location is fairly high on a hilltop and has always proven to be an effective, quiet location.

I would now like to introduce the Field Day "team". These are the guys that are doing the behind-the-scenes work and co-ordination that is needed to have a successful Field Day. They are:

K5NA	Field Day Chairman
KA5CHW & K5JS	Station "ONE"
K5TU & K5MA	Station "TWO"
K5WA & THE PHANTOM	Station "THREE"
WA5UHT & K5FP	Generators
N5DU & N5ZR	Antennas & erections
K5GB & K5LZO	Novice & VHF
N5WW	Operating co-ordination

These guys are going to need help and support from the general club membership. If you would like to help in any area let one of them or myself (K5NA) know.

This year we will not be putting up the monster towers (25G) as we have done the last couple of years. We will be using the crank-up towers that go up quickly and easily. We will use inverted vees and verticals on 80, two element yagis on 40 and tribanders on 10 thru 20. Station "ONE" will split time between cw and ssb, station "TWO" will be cw only and station "THREE" will be ssb only. Once again, operating time and position will be by the luck of the draw. You should start thinking now whether you want to operate cw, ssb or both modes.

The Saturday (June 16) before Field Day, we need to take the antennas and towers up to the Field Day site. At this time we will select the operating positions of the stations and assemble and test the antennas. Anyone who would like to come along will be welcome. This always saves us a bunch of work during the actual Field Day setup plus lets us know, ahead of time, if we are going to have antenna problems. We still need some small crank-up (light weight) towers and telescoping masts. Also, we are looking for some 3 element tribanders. In addition we need generators, KWM-2's, Drake lines, memory keyers, rotators and cable, etc. Also, we need to bring as many large cans of gasoline as possible. We probably will have trouble finding and buying gas so we need to bring it all, if possible. Keep your receipts and you will be re-embursed by the club treasurer. We also need lots of little things like connectors, key paddles, short pieces of coax, etc. Be sure that you label everything that you bring with your call. Make a list of what you have and give it to me (K5NA) at the Field Day site. That way we will know if we have available something that we need, when we need it, and we won't find out after Field Day is over, that something that we needed was there hiding in someones trunk.

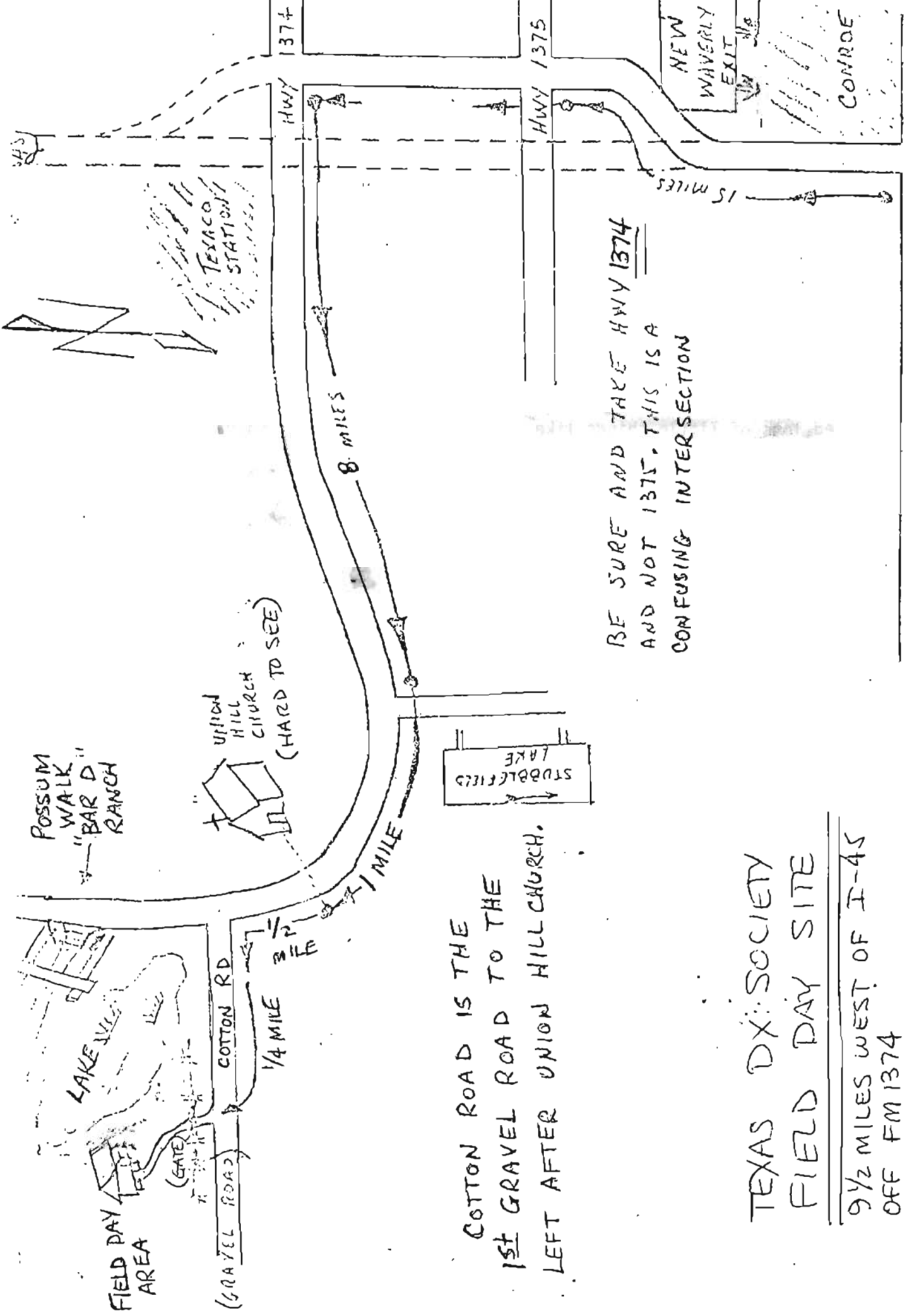
In closing I would like to remind you that we are guests on the property and should take care of it accordingly. Last year there were quite a few drink cans thrown into the lake that had to be fished out before we left. This sort of thing is unacceptable and is really unlike our group. In the past we have left out operating locations cleaner than when we started. DON'T LITTER!!!!

Well gang, I think it's going to be a pretty good Field Day. I think we are going to be extremely competitive without killing ourselves on the setup. This is a special time for me and the club. We generally have more club members together at Field Day than any other time of the year. It's a time to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. It's also a time to get away from the rush and the fast-pace of day-to-day life. See you there!!!!!!

73, Richard

Richard L. King K5NA
Field Day Chairman

RLK/rjc



BE SURE AND TAKE HWY 1374
AND NOT 1375. THIS IS A
CONFUSING INTERSECTION

COTTON ROAD IS THE
1ST GRAVEL ROAD TO THE
LEFT AFTER UNION HILL CHURCH.

TEXAS DX SOCIETY
FIELD DAY SITE

9 1/2 MILES WEST OF I-45
OFF FM 1374

HWY 105