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MEETING NOTICE: The November TDXS Meeting will be Friday, the 9th, at 7:30 P.M., at the Chimney Rock Medical Plaza, located at 6550 Mapleridge, which is near Bellaire General Hospital.

TDXS XE2 CONTEST EXPEDITIONS OR TDXS TACO TROTS '84

Whichever you call it - don't miss it gang. If you missed the last TDXS meeting, you're probably not aware that your fellow TDXS members have organized two huge multi-multi contest efforts for the 1984 ARRL DX tests. Yep - thats both modes we are talking about! So all the troops should have a place in one or both of these fun weekends regardless if you do it with your fingers or with your lips!

We'll be running six transmitters nearly around the clock, 160 thru 10, so that means all hands on site will get all the operating they can stomach. Have you ever dreamed of being at the other end of the piles? Well, now is the time to do so under about as ideal conditions as one could desire. This is not an event for only our big time seasoned op's. These trips are for all TDXS members. There will be operating slots available for all levels of experience, so come on along. Don't be afraid, this may be your once in a lifetime shot at such an experience.

The weekends of the two trips are February 18 and 19 and March 3 and 4. Of course, there will be work to do - and plenty of it - a few days before and after the weekends for set-up and tear-down. We need all the troops we can get on-site for as long as they can give us. What can you do for your club?

Tell us by completing the attached questionnaire. All participants for either weekend must complete the questionnaire. If you aren't firmly sure of all the answers, take your best shot, but give us something to start planning on. We need these ASAP so send them to me at Rt. 1, Box 697B, Richmond, Texas 77469, or hand carry them to the December meeting and give them to K5RC, Tom.

These two weekends will require a tremendous amount of detail work as well as the always present seventy hands-on labor we are all used to. But, the rewards are also big time - like how many multi-multi efforts can you think of that have had a shot at both mode plaques! Only a club like the TDXS can do it and even then we will have to work as a group harder than we ever have before. I can just picture the words QST will have to say about our club now! It certainly will be a wonderful way to kick off whats going to go down in club history as the most active year we have ever had.

REBROADCASTS

QST DE W1AW
HR ARRL BULLETIN NR 103 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON, CT OCTOBER 26, 1983

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

THE FCC released on October 26 the following public notice regarding rebroadcastings of amateur radio transmissions.

Radio and television stations need not obtain prior authorization from the Federal Communications Commission before retransmitting amateur, ham, radio transmissions. Broadcasters are free to air the amateur radio transmissions which they have monitored. They may broadcast such amateur radio transmissions on a live or delayed basis, with or without the approval of the amateur operators involved. Broadcasters are cautioned, however, that in covering amateur radio activity, they must not become actively involved in the amateur transmissions. That is to say, the broadcaster may not employ an amateur station as it would use a reporter or a translator in order to convey, directly or indirectly, questions or subject matter which the broadcast station desires to be addressed. Broadcast stations are asked to advise the secretary, Federal Communications Commission of the fact that retransmissions of amateur radio transmissions have occurred, indicating only the date and nature of the transmission which was covered.

For further information contact Charles Kelly at (202) 632-6968 or William A. Russell, Jr., at (202) 254-7674 AR

SUNRISE/SUNSET TABLES

This month's issue of the "Bullsheat" contains a table of selected DXCC countries with sunrise and sunset times calculated by computer for every Saturday in December. The 60 locations were hastily selected and may not include a particular location of DX interest, such as a DX pedition. I am building a file of coordinates that will contain all DXCC countries, so those times will be available soon. If you know of a country of particular interest that is not on the list, just let me know and I'll make a special run for you, then include it in the next month's "Bullsheat". (SASE please)

The computer program has a few rough edges yet, but the times should be accurate within + 1 minute. I'll have this running for the next issue.

For those who don't know how to use these tables to your advantage, I'll try to explain that in an article for next month's 'sheet.

73 & DX de K5TU

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I have received a lot of articles for the Sheet which have been exact copies, in whole or in part, from articles published elsewhere (other club organizations, ARRL, etc.). Other articles have been diplomatically paraphrased. In any event, in the future, if a member wishes me to publish an article which has been published elsewhere, it will be necessary for such member to certify that approval has been granted from such other publication. If you cannot provide me with this, then you must call me personally to discuss the matter before I will publish the article. I hope the reason for all this is obvious; I don't want the Club to get in hot water, even though we have limited readership.

Also, remember that the TDXS action line number is (713) 975-6600 (my home number is 493-6298).

In response to Richard's, K5NA, request, my address is:

Al Vacek
7880 San Felipe, Suite 123
Houston, Texas 77063

Please don't forget to have articles in my hands by the 25th of the month, for publication the following month.

73's, *al*

Al - K5NA

BUSTED CALL GUIDE

(Ed Note: The following is a very helpful listing provided by Richard, K5NA.

This was originally published by the Yankee Clipper Contest Club
to which all credit is given for this super list)

XE2 TRIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete and return to K25M or K5RC.

NAME: _____ HOME TELEPHONE: _____ WORK TELEPHONE: _____

1. Which weekend or weekends will you participate?

CW- Feb. 18/19 _____ Phone - Mar. 3/4 _____

2. Will you drive _____ or fly _____?

3. Can you arrive on site early and/or stay late for set-up and teardown? Please explain your anticipated schedule.

4. Do you have a transceiver(s) you would be willing to have used?

CW _____ Phone _____ Prime _____ Back-up only _____.
List unit available and filters installed.

5. What type keys do you use? _____ Is it available? _____. Paddle used? _____ Is it available? _____.

6. Do you have an AMP available (110 vac only). Phone _____ CW _____ Prime _____ Back up only _____. List unit available.

7. Other equipment available:

_____ wattmeter _____ type _____ misc. _____ type
_____ power strip _____ outlets _____ tuner _____ type

8. List any antennas, towers, rotors with controls, feedlines, screw anchors, rotor cable and rope you can loan the effort.

9. List power generating equipment you can loan, or help arrange for discussions between our team and the owner.

10. Have your mommy, wife, mistress, babysitter, guardian or physiologist sign here that its okay for you, as a good boy, to go along on this trip. _____