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The Prez Sez – de Chuck, KE5FI

With the bottom of the solar cycle at hand this year interest in ham radio has waned a bit. However, it seems to me that, for the bottom of a cycle, interest may be higher than for previous low solar periods. There are a lot of techs and novices who have not even experienced a high period of solar activity. These guys are active on Ten Meters during contests and may be the key to the future of contesting. When the conditions improve a bit, Ten will be the meters of choice in phone contests. Maybe we should reach out to these guys a little more at the convention?

Sorry this column is short, but it is late too. With my move I don't have the internet at home and there is so little time at the office... Hopefully this will be rectified soon with the end of remodelling at the Dietz household. See you at Antonio's Flying Pizza on Thursday Evening.

Announcements

Meeting – The Texas DX Society meets the second Friday of each month, except when the date is changed by the Board of Directors. The September meeting will be on **Thursday, September 11, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at Antonio's Flying Pizza at 2920 Hillcroft**, south of Westheimer on the west side of Hillcroft. It has a really big sign out front.

How to Reach Us

On the World Wide Web:

<http://wb5fnd.tech.uh.edu:80/~tdxs/>

On 2 Meters:

147.96/36 MHz

On Packet:

K5WA on 144.950MHz

or

Connect to TDXS95 (144.950MHz) and then connect to K5WA

TQP 97 PLANNING – de Henry, W5HNS

With TQP 96 history and finalized it is not too early to be thinking ahead for next year. TQP 96 showed considerable growth from the 95 run. More of everything in fact! More participation from each category, more counties activated, etc. With this in mind I would think that TDXS wishes to continue sponsoring the TQP.

Before going any further let me make the membership aware of a few things. First, to sponsor TQP costs money if we are to do it right. TQP 96 cost approximately \$425. However, next year's event should run only half that amount (there were significant left over prizes). Second, TDXS needs to have more commitment to participate in TQP's organization as well as operating in the event itself. TDXS did not have the largest club participation but did provide most of the mobile activity. AND mobile activity is the most important category to make the contest successful. So I propose that TDXS discuss this at the next meeting and vote again to continue sponsorship.

The TDXS Bullsheets

At least five TDXS members need to make up the organizing committee. Only one member is currently willing to participate on the committee for next year. That being is yours truly. So who will volunteer??? Rules changes are in order, a weekend void of other contests needs to be selected, and implementing numerous incentives to attract heavy mobile participation.

Think of these things and bring your ideas to the next meeting. Hopefully I will see you there.

INTERNET Goodies

Rohn Towers:

<http://www.rohnnet.com>

CQ CONTEST MAGAZINE'S WEB has moved to:

<http://www.affcom.com/cqcontest>

FAA Tower Regulations:

<http://www.faa.gov/avr/AFS/FARS/far.idx>

LA9HW Main Page:

<http://home.sn.no/~janalme/hammain.html>

August Contests:

<http://home.sn.no/~janalme/august.html>

TOEC Contest Rules:

<http://home.sn.no/~janalme/rules/toecgrid.txt>

TOEC Home Page:

<http://www.itz.se/jonit/toec/>

Latest smoothed sunspot number predictions:

<http://www.hamradio-online.com>

DX4WIN website:

<http://www.erols.com/pvander>

Propagation Forcasts:

<http://www.4w.com/deemer/proplynx.htm>

RULES STEW PERRY TOPBAND DISTANCE CHALLENGE

1. Contest period: 1500Z December 28th to 1500Z December 29th, 1996. Operate for a maximum of 14 hours. Off time is intended to be taken during your daylight hours. Only one break may be taken between your first QSO and your last one, and must be at least 30 minutes minimum.
2. Bands and mode: 160 meters CW only.
3. Categories: Single operator or multi-operator. Only one signal shall be transmitted at a time. Remote spotting shall not be used (W1BB didn't use packet). Transmitting and receiving antennas shall be located at the same QTH.
4. Exchange: Four character grid square (ie: CN85). RST is optional, but if given, shall be an accurate report. If you work a station who doesn't know their grid, you may count the QSO for one point.

5. QSO Points: The number of QSO points for each contact depends on the distance between the two stations. This is computed by taking the distance between the centers of the two grid squares. Count a minimum of one point per QSO and an additional point for every 500 kilometers distance. For example, a QSO with a station 1750 kilometers away will count for 4 QSO points. No additional distance for long path is allowed.
6. Score: Final score equals the total number of QSO points. There is no multiplier for different grids worked. Stations running 5 to 100 watts output may multiply their score by 2. Stations running less than 5 watts multiply their score by 4. Separate score listing for single ops and multi-single. Please NO PACKET or other remote spotting assistance. Finding DX stations is part of the contest and helps keep stations from constantly CQing.
7. Awards: TBD. We are working on tee shirts and other awards.
8. Reporting: You log can be sent via the internet to TBDC@CONTESTING.COM or via diskette to KM9P. Logs shall be in ASCII format. Logs will be checked using computer techniques to detect busted call signs exchanges and not-in-log QSOs. CT (?), NA and TR software will support this contest complete with QSO point calculation. Busted QSOs will be removed from both logs. Unique percentages will be reported in the results. Paper logs can be accepted but will not be checked and so indicated in the results.

FOR SALE

Joe Staples, W5ASP

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K5WA PacketCluster BBS

1. ICOM IC-211 All Mode (SSB, FM, CW) 2 Meter Transceiver. IC-RM2 Remote Controller. Hand mike. Manual. **\$325**
2. Janel Labs QSA-5 2 M Preamp **\$25**
3. Microwave Modules MMC 432/28-S 432 MHz Converter **\$65**
4. Janel Labs 30PB 10 M Preamp **\$25**
5. Zenith Data Systems Z-19 "Dumb" Terminal **\$10**
6. Commodore VIC-20 Computer (2@), Commodore C2N Cassette Recorder/Player, CW Keyboard Software, manual **\$10**
7. XT Computer, 30 M HD, Dual 360, Mouse, Amber Monitor **\$90**

The TDXS Bullshead

- 8. AMDEK 710 14" EGA Monitor, NEW, w/ video card
\$20
- 9. Heath HD-1410 Electronic Keyer (built-in paddles)
\$10

Mike Davidson and Margie were there, were about the only Texans, as near as I could figure out. Estimated that there were about 125 people in attendance.

It was quite a weekend, and left no time at all to browse the Quarter.

XE2KB ARRL DX CW Results - de Earl, KZ8E

In spite of N5RP's help we still placed: First Place Multi-Single Mexico, 5th Place World

Congrats to AB5TV, KG5U, N5RP, WB5N, and KZ8E.

**The New Orleans DX Convention
de Jim, N5DC**

Over this past Labor Day weekend Evie and I attended the New Orleans DX Convention, and really had a great time! We stayed at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, in the heart of the French Quarter, and the accommodations were outstanding! I thought the Hotel prices were a bit "pricey" (a glass of the house wine at the bar was \$6.00!), but the rooms and service were outstanding. I will try to summarize some of the presentations:

Bill Kenamer:

Since 1992, when the ARRL began to computerize the DXCC program, they had to manually enter into the computer 750,000 DX awards. Since '92 they have issued 3.5 million country credits!

DXCC in the year 2000:

The Committee formed to study and recommend changes to the DX program have outlined the following objectives:

1. Encourage broader participation
2. Make the program more equitable
3. Create better understood criteria
4. Improve the add/delete countries process
5. An increase in the Administrative Staff

In closing Bill fielded questions and among others, defended his decision to add P5 to the Countries list. Bill sated the 4 of the "upstairs" people were aware of his decision, before it was made public, and none of them questioned his decision.

There were numerous presentations made, on such subjects as grounding your station, by Wes Attaway, N5WA, and another very good presentation by Don Boudreau W5FKX (I brought back papers, on both, which I can copy if anyone want one).

There were no less than 8 different Dxpeditons presentations made, almost to the point of boredom!

NAQP 96 SSB Compiled by WA4ZXA

CALL SCORE QSO'S MULTI

SINGLE OPERATOR

N4ZZ	244,404	1116	219
NM5M	194,135	947	205
K0EJ	184,625	875	211
AA8AV	184,080	885	208
KF3P	159,964	812	197
AC10	150,002	838	179
WX0B	145,530	770	189
NA5Q	143,592	772	186
AA0SQ	125,388	774	162
KA4RRU	123,714	711	174

W5ASP 71,736 488 147

MULIT-OP

NC0P	421,022	1769	238
WB5VZL	331,559	1423	233
W5NN	308,958	1326	233
WA5DWX	166,921	943	177
KC4ZV	140,097	697	201
AC4ZO	54,740	391	140
W5EHM	47,151	403	117

TEAM SCORES

SCCC#1	425,226
Big Blue Team	183,306

OPERATORS IN MULIT-OP

NC0P NC0P, WD0GVY, WA0ETC, WA0FLS, WO0V
W5EHM N1PVB, SQ9DDZ, KA5WSS
AC4ZO AC4ZO, AD4ZE, KE4DRJ, KE4OQO, KF4EAH,
KF4BKM, N4YTO, KT4OC
WB5VZL AA5RB, WB5VZL
W5NN K5GA, N5RP, KB5YVT
WA5DWX WA5DWX, KJ5IP, K5ZTY, KK5LO, KK5LD,
K8CSG, KB5ZXO, KB5SGV, KK5AO, N5KEU, WA5MLT,
KC5IKN