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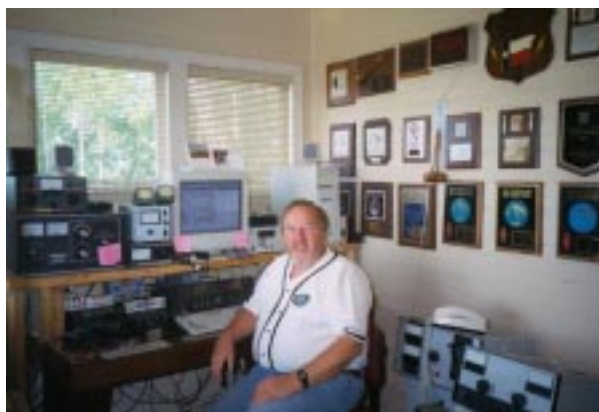
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## Richard King - K5NA- The Beginnings of TDXS

Thursday April 8th - 7:00 to 9:00 PM Tracey Gee Center



Richard King, K5NA (ex. K5PFL) has been an amateur radio operator for 46 years. He was originally licensed in 1958 as a result of his interest in electronics and joining the Jasper High School Amateur Radio Club. This was an era when many Jasper High School students were becoming hams. During his 46 years of activity Richard has achieved many honors in DXing and Contesting. One of his proudest achievements was the founding of the Texas DX Society

The Texas DX Society was born from a group of Richard's friends that came from Houston, Jasper, and Cleveland, TX. This group of friends had a particular fondness for doing Field Day together and this activity was the early core of the TDXS. At the meeting of April 8, 2004, Richard will relate the stories of those early TDXS beginnings and how the club got started.

### The Prez Sez - de Mike, N5MV

He's awfully quiet this month ... ed.

### TDXS Calendar

Upcoming events of interest to TDXSer's

**April 8th TDXS Meeting (See Announcement)**

**May 13th TDXS Meeting V31AD Belize 2004 presented by Don Daze N5DD**

**June 18-19 Ham Com - Arlington  
June 26-27 Field Day (See article)**

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TDXS Reflector: To subscribe to the TDXS reflector, go to  
<http://moonbounce.n5iq.org/mailman/listinfo/tdxx-list>

## Dinner before the meeting

TDXS members will meet for eats before the meeting, please join us!

Date: Thursday, April 8

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Guests and Visitors Welcome!!

Location: Le Madeline

Address: 10001 Westheimer, at Briar Park In the Carillion Center.

## Directions to the Tracey Gee Center

3599 Westcenter Drive, One block east of Beltway 8, between Richmond and Westpark

## K5LBU and crew in Swaziland March 2004



Paul 3DA0AX, Don 3DA0DM, Chuck 3DA0CG, Frosty 3DA0CF.

Had a good time and Chuck 3DA0CG did the lions share of operating and making contacts. He was the best operator hands down.

## **Field Day 2004 -- Surfside -- Be there!**

It's that time again! I trust everyone who participated last year is ready to go again! Plus a bunch more please.

FD is the weekend of June 26,27. Plans are to use the Surfside beach house and the RV as before. Last year we placed 4th in a field of 185+, class 2-A (although ARRL put our results in some class "C" where we were first place in a field of 14 or so). I will correct that with ARRL this week. Last year we lost 3 hours with antenna rigging, so I will plan an "antenna party" complete with food, whiskey and dancing girls a few weeks prior to get the antennas serviced and ready to go up without hitches.

Congratulations to Glenn for the great job with the satellite station!

We would really like to see a few more guys come down and operate. It was a lot of fun and the families enjoyed the relaxation of the beach with kids. A big feed will be on Saturday night, if we can find enough road kill.

This would be a great chance for "nonresident" TDXSers to hang with friends they haven't seen in a while. ALL ARE WELCOME!

More to come on the antenna party. ANY AND ALL SUGGESTIONS ARE APPRECIATED AND WELCOMED!

Dave,

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## **DX Report by Ken – AB5A**

Hello TDXS'ers. Happy days are here again. DX is loud and thick. It is a target rich environment. Many enterprising operators have been traveling to and fro to bring us, "the deserving" plenty of round the clock DXing.

**TU, Ivory Coast** The ARIA club station in Abidjan has been on 40M several times in Feb/Mar. QSLing this one might be a challenge as there is no manager only QSL direct.

**4U1, ITU Head Quarters** This Station has been active on all the bands including 80M. It also made a showing in a recent RTTY contest. QSL direct.

**4U1U, UN Head Quarters** This Station is on from time to time. Not often on the low bands but has been worked on 40M in Mar. One notable change about this station is the QSL route. The new manager for this entity is HB9BOU.

**FP, St. Pierre & Miquelon** Jean-Marc, FP5BZ was active for several days on St Pierre. QSL via F5TJP.

**V8, Brunei** V8JIM was active on the WARC bands in Mar. QSL via G3SWH.

**R1FJ, Franz Josef Land** A group of intrepid members of the Moscow Radio Club made the icy trip to this Arctic entity. They did a yeoman's effort getting on as many bands as possible. The propagation made it very difficult on the low bands. Also the fast Auroral fading made decoding RTTY a big challenge. Very few contacts were made on 10M and 12M. Their log closed with 22,000 QSO's. The weather was a factor on the return flight. The departure was delayed 1 day because of snow storms. Many contacts were made in the extra operating time. QSL via DL6ZFG

**3B9, Rodriguez Island** The Five Star DXers Association are putting this entity on the air in a big way. While not rare, it is seldom heard on the low bands or RTTY. This operation is joined by a local operator Robert, 3B9FR. QSL via Five Star DXers Association (FSDXA), P.O. Box 73, Church Stretton, SY6 6WF UNITED KINGDOM

**TJ, Cameroon** 2 teams are active from this entity. Not often heard on CW or the low bands. The team of Englishmen hailed as TJ3G. They were very active on 80M & 160M. QSL TJ3G via G3TXF.

**YA, Afghanistan** Johnny, LA5IIA is working for UNICEF in Kabul. He has been trying to work NA on RTTY with some success. QSL via LA4YW.

**T33, Banaba Island** An international team including some well known DX-peditioners is active at T33C. Signals to NA are good. They will be operating around the clock with several stations operating simultaneously. This is one of the biggest operations planned for 2004. They will be on all bands including 6M and all modes. QSL via F5CWU or OQRS (online QLS request system) for quick buro cards.

**IOTA NA-049 Providencia Island** Gerd has been very active from IOTA on all bands and mostly on CW. QSL via DL7VOG.

**A Hundred others, DX** These are the one that I failed to mention for lack of omniscience. You can help me with these. I most likely to mention stuff I'm chasing so keep me posted of what you're chasing and I'll be certain to share it. DX is out there!!! Go get it, wrangle it and tell me about it.