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May Meeting Notice, Thursday May 13th, 7:00PM



**The May TDXS meeting will feature Don Daze, N5DD, presenting "V31AD Belize 2004"**

This operation from Belize combined amateur radio operations with sightseeing in an exotic location. The talk will include planning of such a trip, radio operations, as well as, photography of the plants, animals, and people of southern Belize.

Don, N5DD, was first licensed as a novice in 1970. He has had the opportunity to operate from several DX entities including Montserrat, Grenada, Turks and Caicos, and Belize. (Details on page 2)

## The Prez Sez - de Mike, N5MV

Dear fellow members,

I am deeply saddened by the lost of Butch Barber, K5GB: all will miss him. During the last meeting, at the end of Richard's presentation while reminiscing about past members I felt the full weight of those who have passed.

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## TDXS Calendar

Upcoming events of interest to TDXSer's

**TDXS June Meeting --Thu June 10--  
"Antennas for the Solar Cycle Trough"  
Rick Hiller W5RH**

**June 18-20 Ham Comm, Arlington  
June 26-27 Field Day 2004**

**TDXS July Meeting --Wed July 7--  
"Satellites" Bruce Paige KK5DO**

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

## May meeting details:

Mark your calendar to attend this interesting presentation!

Date: Thursday, May 13 Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Tracey Gee Community Center

Address: 3599 Westcenter Drive

Directions: One block east of Beltway 8, between Richmond and Westpark.

Dinner before the meeting

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

Date: Thursday, May 13 Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Los Tios, 9527 Westheimer

Directions: On the South side of Westheimer, one block east of Gessner--Behind the Firestone Tire place.

**Guests and visitors welcome!!**

## A Word of Thanks

All the op's at the W5NN multi-2 would like to thank the TDXS for their generous sponsorship of the Aug 2003 NAQP CW M2 plaque! We sincerely appreciate your efforts to better participation in radio sporting!

**Mike, K5NZ, and W5NN crew.....**

## New Member Corner

At the Annual Winter Dinner our latest member, Arthur Alvarez, N5KTN, was introduced. Here is a brief autobiography from Arthur:

I was born and reared in Houston, TX. I have four children, none of which understand CW or have an interest in ham radio. I am retired from commercial banking and am presently active in Real Estate Inspection work and ad valorem tax protests for the past 15 years. Interest in electronics since a Cub Scout and BSA. Recipient of the Pedro Award in scouting for DX interests. I am an Eagle scout and former Scoutmaster. Honorable discharge from United States Army Security Agency (USASA). I am an Active VE and member of ARRL.

73,

Arthur Alvarez  
N5KTN

## The Prez Sez (from page 1)

Not only were they great operators but they also possessed the gentlemanly qualities to be admired. I did not expect to experience another loss of a fellow member in the near future. It was a shock to hear of Butch's passing, my immediate thought was for his family and James whom we all know. I will always remember him and I expect you feel the same. We are truly a Band of Brothers.

I was able to have Richard's presentation mastered on DVD. I have asked Jim Lane to research pricing on having copies duplicated. Jim has a DVD burner and can handle a small number of copies. We will take a list on Thursday night for those interested in a DVD. Jim is providing pricing based on his cost for reproduction of this historical moment. I also have possession, thanks to K5NA, of the early club archives. This includes the original charter and constitution. We will be transferring these to the Club Historian for safe keeping. Looking forward to the next meeting on May 13th., Field Day and Ham Com.

May God Bless the Barber Family.

The Pres,  
**Mike N5MV**

## **DX Report by Ken – AB5A**

Hello TDXS'ers. We certainly have had our share of good DX to chase this year so far. There is promise of more to come. The apparent lull in this report is only in contrast to the smorgasbord we have enjoyed the rest of the year. Also, lots of domestic DXing on 6M with the opening of the Es season.

**HS, Thailand** Thai amateur operators normally do not have privileges on the WARC bands but to commemorate the Queen's 72 Ann they are able to operate until the end of the year. Look for the callsign, HS72B. I sure hope NA can work them on 12M but the odds are against us. QSL via E20NTS

**IOTA OC-228 Baudin rocks** A couple blokes from down under activated a special callsign, VI5BR commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Ann of the death of Captain Nicolas Baudin. Their operation took place on the rocks named after Baudin. QSL via VK3QI

**IOTA OC-071 Long Island** Another group of blokes activated Long island off the west coast of Australia for about 36 hours starting on 28April 2004. QSL via VK4AAR

**7Q, Malawi** A group of English operators put on an operation from this entity. I think they were plagued with power availability problems. They had stated plans of a 24 hour a day operation but were rarely heard on the low bands at night. They also worked RTTY but for very short and sporadic periods. QSL via G3LQP

**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.

73, Ken Eckel, AB5A