



The Bullsheet

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The Texas DX Society
An ARRL Affiliated Club

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TDXS Monthly Meeting via Zoom: Thursday September 17, 2020 7PM
Check the TDXS Reflector for an announcement

Texas QSO Party 1400Z, Sep 12 to 0200Z, Sep 13 & 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 13

K5DX/50 0000Z Sept 14 to 2359Z Oct 13

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

K5DX/50!

YES! It's almost here! All TDXS member in the United States, with active or inactive status are invited to make history by activating and operating K5DX/50 during a period of 30 days starting just hours after the Texas QSO Party ends!!

As mentioned last month, this year is **TDXS's 50th Anniversary**. We want all TDXS members to activate and operate as **K5DX/50** to commemorate the event. Please refer to Robie's article later in this issue for rules and a link to the website Scott has set up for this event. As Robie states, I have set up a virtual sign-up sheet for TDXS members to select their chosen time slots. There are plenty

of slots available for any and everyone to get many chances to operate: 216 every day, a total of 6,480 slots! As a result, everyone will be able to take many, multiple slots. As a matter of fact, **K5DX/50** can be activated with any number of stations operating simultaneously on different bands and modes. BTW, you do not have to reserve a slot in advance (although you are more than welcome to do so). Any day during the operating period, if you feel like activating **K5DX/50**, simply go to the online signup sheet, select an open band/mode and start operating! It's as simple as that!

Everyone loves to work special event stations, so if we can spread the word well enough, we

hopefully will have the opportunity to be on the other end of a pileup! I can tell you from experience that is a lot of fun! It will be excellent contesting experience also!

Of course don't forget to first operate in the **Texas QSO Party**. Go to <http://www.txqp.net/> for rules and more information. Several TDXS members will be activating a number of counties, so be sure to look for them. As a matter of fact, I believe K5DX will also be activated for TQP, so keep your eyes and ears open! I'll be on as much as possible handing out Fort Bend County.

73, Allen N5XZ

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We are now holding my Thursday "EX-ZED SPRED" lunches on Zoom and it is every week! If you would like to be invited, send me at note at n5xz@arrl.net

The Prez Sez by Robie, AJ4F

The Prez Sez

September 2020

The Texas QSO Party is upon us! Last year the TDXS finished 3rd in the Aggregate Club race. We want to improve this year and every QSO makes a difference, so I want to encourage you to operate, even if you can only spend an hour or two you will help the TDXS effort.

TDXS 50th Anniversary activity starts just a few hours after the TQP ends, September 14, 2020 00:00 UTC and ends October 13, 2020 23:59 UTC. Here's the link to the activity webpage: <https://k5dx-50.tdxs.net>. I encourage you to register and sign up for time slots on your favorite mode. We also need to share how each of us plan to do logging for this event. Since we will be using K5DX/50 we will need to keep a separate log. I plan on using N1MM+ setup as a general DX log and interoperate with WSJT-X. This should allow all my activity QSOs (CW, SSB and Digital) to be in one log. I've not fully tested this approach. but I believe it will work. What are you planning to use? Please share your ideas on the reflector so everyone can benefit. This approach will also minimize the number of logs submitted to Orville K5VWW for uploading into LoTW.

I recently started spending time listening to the K5DX repeaters (2 meter and 440 MHz.) and was not surprised to find almost no one uses them. Most of the stations I've worked were not TDXS members and located outside of Houston. We have a resource that is underutilized. I've seen that most other clubs in our area use repeaters to conduct various nets during the week. Some are formal nets targeted toward emergency communications while others are much more informal and are more like discussion groups. I am wondering what we can do to get more benefit from our repeaters and am looking ideas.

Nine TDXS members participate in the DX Opportunity group text system. We use this system to share real time information about DX stations we are hearing/working. DX Opportunity used the GroupMe platform since it was created about 2 years ago. I recently transferred this group to Slack. Slack is a much more capable system and is still free. The most significant advantages of slack are communications channels and file storage. Communications channels provide a way to segregate topics which allows for better organization and file sharing provides the potential to share large amounts of data. I feel that Slack may be of general interest to TDXS to supplement the reflector. Slack can be installed on your PC, Android or Apple device. Participation in DX Opportunity is a good way to learn about Slack. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

TDXS officers will elected on November 19th for 2021. We need candidates/volunteers for several offices. The TDXS desperately needs "new blood" to keep the organization alive. It's time for you to "give back" by volunteering!

Robie – AJ4F



TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS August 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: August 20, 2020

Location: ZOOM Virtual Conference

Attendance: Robie AJ4F, Doug WB5TKI, Kim K5TU, Larry KB5WWW, Mike N5MT, Jim N5DTT, Orville K5VWW, Allen N5XZ, Scott K5DD, John K5EC, Keith NM5G, Ron K5LLL, Ben NE5B, David KE5ZZO, Mark K5GQ, Norm N9MM, Richard K5NA, Bill W5SG, Chuck W5PR, Curt WG5H, Dan KS5V, Hal K5HEM, Jeff KC5TT, Dale KG5U, Marty W5MF

The August TDXS Meeting was held, as usual, via ZOOM Video conferencing. The agenda was:

Officers Report – 230 total members

Texas QSO Party - last minute info, actions required, etc. Rules and info at <http://www.txqp.net/>.

Texas DX Society 50th Anniversary Operating Event

Overview

Timing

Duration

Eligibility

Operating Plan/Signup

Logging

LoTW/QSL

Questions

50th Anniversary Event will run from September 14 to October 13, 2020. Details are available at <https://k5dx-50.tdxs.net/>.

The full meeting video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/I9pHDstwb8U>.

73,

Submitted September 2, 2020

Doug Seyler W9LCQ (ex - WB5TKI)

TDXS Secretary



DX Chairman's Report by Orville Burg K5VWW

DX Report by Orville Burg, K5VWW

The TDXS website, WWW.TDXS.NET, reports lots of activity on the front page:

Six Meters finally died. Lots of good activity was had this summer season.

Travel restrictions attributable to the Corona Virus, are being relaxed to a degree. The few planned operations are mostly single ops from:

Ghana - 9G5GS is being activated until September 15th By IZ4YGS. HF on FT8 and SSB; QSL via IZ4YGS direct

South Sudan – Z81D will be on until September 30th. YI1DZ operating from Ju-ba on 80-10m; SSB & digital w/ focus on FT8. QSL via OM3JW

Iceland – TF/DJ7JC will operate spare time until October 18th. 160-10m on CW, FT8 & RTTY with 90w to a vertical.

Greenland – OX3LX. OZ1DJJ will be at Aasiaat I. (Try to pronounce that one while eating Fritos.) until Sept. 20th followed by Uummanaq and Upernavik I. 40M to 6M + 70 MHz.

Monaco - 3A/IW1RBI will be interfering with the Texas QSO Party on September 11th-13th. 80-6m; SSB, RTTY, & FT8.

Faroe Islands - OY/DL2AQI and OY/DL4APJ. Sept. 15th to 23rd. 80-10m Only SSB & digital.

Svalbard - By LB1QI as JW/LB1QI from IOTA-EU 026. 160-6m. CW & SSB from Sept 24th to 27th.

Please continue to monitor the main page of the TDXS Web Site, www.TDXS.net, for updates to activity on the bands.

Good DX,
Orville, K5VWW



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Hello again. As usual, we will start with a summary of major contests coming up in the next two months.

September

- 5 Colorado QSO Party
- 6 Tennessee QSO Party
- 12 Texas QSO Party
- Alabama QSO Party
- ARRL September VHF Contest
- 13 North American Sprint - CW
- 19 Iowa QSO Party
- Wisconsin QSO Party
- New Jersey QSO Party
- New Hampshire QSO Party
- 26 CQ Worldwide RTTY Contest
- Maine QSO Party

October

- 3 Oceana DX Contest-Phone
- Russian WW Digital Contest
- California QSO Party
- 4 RSGB DX Contest
- 10 Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Arizona QSO Parties
- Oceana DX Contest-CW
- 17 10-10 Fall Contest-CW
- New York QSO Party
- Stew Perry Top Band Challenge
- 18 Illinois QSO Party
- 24 CQ Worldwide DX Contest-SSB
- 31 Russian WW Multimode Contest
- UK/EI DX Contest-SSB



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

In my haste to get the July Contest Chairman Report out last month, I inadvertently left out a major July contest with great TDXS Member participation. I am sorry for my mistake. So, I have included that contest in this month's report. Participant scores from the July IARU Contest and TDXS member scores from the August contests, as reported on the 3830scores.com website, are provided below:

IARU HF World Championship 2020 Jul 11

SOABCW HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score
K5GN(@W5KU)		x	2562	0	122	121		24			2,109,240
KØNM	x	x	1181	0	68	46		23			451,326
K5TU			617	0	57	68		10.4			253,625
N5XZ			667	0	57	40		8:22			193,127
K5IZO			404	0	61	10		12			82,644

SOABCW LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score
KG5U			697	0	70	54		17:08			255,316
AJ4F			313	0	35	35		8:30			63,490
K5HEM			201	0	26	10		14:35			20,340
K5GQ			56	0	19	15		4			6,664
NM5G			50	0	13	1		1.5			2,128

SOABSSB LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score
N5DTT			0	131	47	19		12			18,847
K5GZR			0	9	3	4					105

North American QSO Party, CW 2020 August 1

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K5TU			1071	188	10.0	201,348	TDXS
KØNM	x	x	800	154	10	123,200	TDXS
N5XZ			585	135	5:08	78,975	TDXS
KE8G			677	101	10	68,377	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

North American QSO Party, CW 2020 August 1(cont.)

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
KG5U			299	95	5:45	28,405	TDXS
WB5TKI			200	84		16,800	TDXS
W2OZB			208	78	5.5	16,224	TDXS1
K5GQ			200	73	6	14,600	TDXS
K5IZO			158	71	6	11,218	TDXS1
NM5G			144	70	8	10,080	TDXS1
K5HEM			117	69	9:57	8,073	TDXS
N5DTT			48	25	6	1,200	TDXS1
AJ4F			51	21	1.5	1,071	TDXS1

North American QSO Party, SSB 2020 August 15

M/2 LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
NU5A(@W5KU)			403	134	4.5	54,002	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
N5DTT			207	89	8.2	18,423	TDXS*
NE5B			132	63	10	8,316	TDXS
WB5TKI				100	59	5,900	TDXS*
KØNM	x	x	105	32	2.5	3,360	TDXS*

Ohio QSO Party 2020 Aug 22

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score
KØNM	x	x	49	0	26	0	1:30	2,496

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score
N5DTT			9	7	9	6	3	375
K5GQ			9	0	7	0	.75	126



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Hawaii QSO Party 2020 Aug 22

SOAB LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX			11	9	0	7	5	357	TDXS
K5GQ			3	0	0	2	.5	6	TDXS

World Wide Digi DX Contest 2020 Aug 29

SOAB LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KG5U			103	51	5.75	8,058	TDXS

SOSB10 HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PR			70	13		2,028	TDXS

Kansas QSO Party 2020 Aug 29

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ			30	0	0	19	1.5	1,910	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KE8G			75	0	0	37		8,525	TDXS
W9LCQ			28	2	0	21		1,948	TDXS
N5DTT			16	6	0	16	3	1,060	TDXS

The Texas DX Society did well in the ARRL International DX Phone Contest. In the Affiliated Club Competition, we scored #23 out of the 49 clubs filing a score in the Medium category. We had 11 participants in the contest with a cumulative score of 2,131,746. Not bad.

In the same contest, one of our members scored in first place in the Single Operator, 10 Meter category. W5PR persisted on Ten meters and had a final score of 1404. That is a lot of CQing time but the pay-off was there – First Place in his category.

Stay well and stay safe.

Jim, N5DTT



Where in the World is? ... Ron Litt, K5HM

What happens when two peoples can't get along? Pretty much, places like Cyprus happen. Owing to its strategic location Cyprus is one of the most conquered places in the Mediterranean Sea. It has been conquered by Alexander the Great, Egypt, Venice, by Richard I during the Third Crusade, followed by the Ottoman Turks in 1570.

After the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878, a war lasting 10 months, 1 week and 2 days, the Ottoman Empire lost control of many of its Balkan possessions, owing to the rise of nationalism and the fact that the Turkish government was basically broke. As a result, Britain simply helped itself to Cyprus in 1878 making the island a British protectorate. With the outbreak of WW 1 and the Turks becoming formal allies of Germany, Great Britain annexed the island as part of the British Empire. Finally, in 1925, Cyprus formally became a British Crown Colony.



Although the island is of overwhelming Greek extraction, Greek and Turkish Cypriots do not always get along. This has led to several uprisings, invasions, and guerilla conflicts down through the centuries. Even though the island is closer to Turkey, geographically, its Greek Cypriot majority about 90%, make it attractive to Greece for economic and strategic reasons.

The island is divided along ethnic lines between Greek Cypriots in the Republic of Cyprus in the southern half of the island and Turkish Cypriots in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The Northern government is recognized only by Turkey.

In 1960 Cyprus became an independent nation under the agreement between the UK, Greece, and Turkey. But wait, there is more. Under this agreement the British retain two Sovereign Base Areas (SBA) See map. The SBA's are more than military bases. Several civilian villages are part of the base areas. It covers a total of 98 square miles and a populace of 15,000. Both Britain and Cyprus are part of the EU, which has Brexit issues. And yes, in the SBA's and throughout Cyprus, they drive on the left had side of the road.



Where in the World is? ... Ron Litt, K5HM

The ZC4 prefix was added to the DXCC list in March 1985, According to QRZ.com, there are 96 existing ZC4 call signs issued to hams. Many of them may be inactive if they were attached to British military personnel or temporary operations. The most recent DX-pedition was that of a team from the Cambridge Wireless Society who operated under the call sign, ZC4UW. They were active from January 2 – 7, 2020. The UK Sovereign Base Areas currently rank number 141 on Club Log's Most wanted list.

Reporting from the Dark Side

Ron Litt, K5HM



TDXS 50th Anniversary Operating Event

K5DX/50

2020 is the Texas DX Society's 50th Anniversary and we are planning an on the air operating event to celebrate! Each TDXS member will have the opportunity to operate using the club call sign K5DX with the /50 suffix. *[It doesn't matter when you got your number or if you are an active or inactive member, once a TDXS member, always a TDXS member. (Now this is a great opportunity to renew an expired membership) - N5XZ Editor]*. The operating period begins on September 14, 2020 at 00:00 UTC and ends on October 13, 2020 at 23:59 UTC. We want K5DX/50 on all bands and modes during this period and will have a special QSL for any station who works K5DX/50 and requests a card. Operation will be on all bands 160 M – VHF/UHF using CW, Phone and Digital modes. We have a system that divides the operating period into 4 hour time slots/band/mode for each day to coordinate operation using the K5DX/50 call sign by our members located in various parts of the country. When the event is over each member who operated must submit his log along with station location data to K5VWW for QSLing and uploading into ARRL's Logbook of the World. For more information see "rules", operating guidelines and TDXS member operating slot signup see: <https://k5dx-50.tdxs.net/>.

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On 2 Meters: 147.96/36 MHz (100 Hz) On 70cm: 447.00/442.00 MHz (103.5 Hz)

DX Cluster—On Packet: Connect to **K5DX** on 145.71 MHz or telnet via IP address 75.148.198.113

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TexasDXSociety/> (new)

TDXS says “HAPPY BIRTHDAY” to these members with birthdays in September:

Please notify the Editor if I have missed anyone or of any updates:

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