



The Bullsheet

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**The next TDXS meeting will be held Thursday, August 19th at 7pm via Zoom. The program will be:
The Future of Logbook of the World
by John Stratton N5AUS
ARRL West Gulf Director**

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

Once again, I apologize for the tardiness of the Bullsheet. I have a boatload of excuses, but I am sure that none of them will satisfy the club membership, but I promise to do better in the future.

I really don't have a lot to report this month, my insurance claim is moving along slowly, but the adjuster and claims technology company seem to be mostly in agreement with my assessments of loss and the 50+ item spreadsheet that I sent them. So hopefully it will turn out ok.

I would like to thank Pat KJ5Y for the loan of a K3 for me to get back on the air. I have hooked it up and determined that there was no damage to my SteppIR DB32 Hybrid antenna or to my rotator/control box. I have not hooked up all the peripherals yet (some are smoked anyway) so it's just a basic hookup. I'm even having to manually adjust the SteppIR for the moment, but that's ok. I have been overwhelmed at work (at home of course) so not much time for radio anyway.

A few things I can report:

1. There will be a presentation: "DXing with DXLab" at 11 am on 2021-09-11 (not sure if it is Eastern time or not) [https://hamxposition.org/forums-and-](https://hamxposition.org/forums-and-classes/forum-schedule)

[classes/forum-schedule](https://hamxposition.org/forums-and-classes/forum-schedule) that you might want to see.

2. There is a good book on antennas: "Practical Antenna Book by Joe Carr". A great book for general antenna knowledge with about 630 some pages. https://www.ealuro.com/pdf/practical_antenna_handbook_4.pdf
3. The 3Y0J DXpedition is looking for donations. The TDXS BOD is considering making one, but since it is not until next year, that is likely when we will make that donation.
4. However there is another DXpedition (3Y0I) scheduled for December 2021, so we will see what happens with that one.
5. Check out this link (provided by N8SS) comparing sunspot cycles, added and deleted entities as well as other info on the program. [dx-entity-history.pdf \(ebarc.org\)](https://dx-entity-history.pdf(ebarc.org))

Please plan to attend the TDXS meeting Thursday night. John Stratton N5AUS will tell us about LoTW. It is in dire straits and needs our attention.

73, Allen N5XZ

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We're still looking for a new president for TDXS. Who? When? Why not YOU?

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 ????????

We are still looking for someone to step of to be TDXS president...how about you?



TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS July 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15, 2021

Location: ZOOM Virtual Meeting

The July TDXS Meeting was held, as usual, via ZOOM Video conferencing. There were 10 participants. They were: Doug W9LCQ, Allen N5XZ, Jimmy NA5D, Jim N5DTT, Paul W5PF, Kim K5TU, Dave KE5ZZO, Scott K5DD, Mark K5GQ, Mike KG5SXG.

The program was a video of the July 2007 TDXS DXpedition to Tortola, British Virgin Islands. It was for the IARU and FISTS Sprint contests. Team members were Bill K5WAF, Cal WF5W (SK), Nancy WZ8C (SK), Bob WB5IUU, and Paul W5PF. Nancy was head of the North American Branch of the International Morse Preservation Society (FISTS) and an honorary TDXS member.

A complete meeting recording is available from the TDXS.net website under [News > YouTube Channel](#).

Submitted August 6, 2021

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary



DX Chairman's Report by Jim Blanca KE8G

DX Report July 2021 by Jim Blanca – KE8G

Well, summer is almost over, and the kids/grandkids are heading back to school. Old Sol seems to be getting more active and is a little more active than earlier predicted!

Cypress SBA: ZC4CBK – M7CBK –will be active from Akrotiri. He is using FT8 & FT4, QSL via EB7DX.

Azores: CT8/W6PQL – W6PQL will be active until Sept 4th. FT8 on all bands, 20 meter SSB.

Peru: OA7/DD5ZZ – DD5ZZ will be active from the Cuzco region until Sept 17th. HF: SSB & FT8 & FT4, maybe some CW.

Dominican Republic: HI9/HB9TUZ – HB9TUZ will be active until Aug 30th. 40-10 meters SSB

French Polynesia: FO/F1SMB – F1SMB will be active from Tahiti, Moorea, Tahaa, Bora Bora, Tikehau, Rangiroa, & Fakarava until Aug 23rd. 40 & 20 meters SSB & FT8

Morocco: CN2BBV – IW5BBV will be active in 20-40 meters SSB until Aug 30th.

Corsica: TK/DJ0TP – DJ0TP will be active until Sept 14th, QSL direct.

South Cook Is.: E61AAO – ZL1AAO will be active from Atiu Is (Aug 6-9) and Rarotonga Is (Aug 10-19) on 40 & 20 meters SSB, 100 watts & part time operations.

Tanzania: 5I3B (EA3WL) and 5I3W (EA3BT) will be active from Zanzibar Is on 10-40 meters SSB, CW, & FT8. QSL direct EA3BT w/\$3.00.

Market Reef: OJ0WS – OH3WS will be active until Aug 28th. HF CW.

Aland Is.: OH0KRF – SP1EG, SP1F, SP1IVL, SP3VAX, SP1Z, and SQ1WO will be active until Aug 29th. 80-10 meters CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 & RTTY.



DX Chairman's Report by Jim Blanca KE8G

HF Propagation: Provided by Space Weather Prediction Center (NOAA)

#	UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary <u>A</u> Index	Largest Kp Index
2021 Aug 09		74	8	3
2021 Aug 10		74	8	3
2021 Aug 11		73	5	2
2021 Aug 12		73	5	2
2021 Aug 13		73	5	2
2021 Aug 14		73	5	2
2021 Aug 15		72	5	2
2021 Aug 16		72	10	3
2021 Aug 17		72	8	3
2021 Aug 18		72	8	3
2021 Aug 19		72	5	2
2021 Aug 20		73	5	2
2021 Aug 21		74	5	2
2021 Aug 22		74	5	2
2021 Aug 23		74	8	3
2021 Aug 24		74	12	4
2021 Aug 25		74	8	3
2021 Aug 26		74	5	2
2021 Aug 27		74	5	2
2021 Aug 28		74	5	2
2021 Aug 29		74	5	2
2021 Aug 30		74	5	2
2021 Aug 31		74	5	2
2021 Sep 01		74	5	2
2021 Sep 02		73	8	3
2021 Sep 03		72	12	4
2021 Sep 04		72	8	3

If anyone should happen to hear of some upcoming DX or DXpeditions, please contact me, ke8g.jim@gmail.com.

I will be happy to include the information in this report.

73 de Jim – KE8G



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.

August

- 7 10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB
North American QSO Party, CW
- 14 WAE DX Contest, CW
Maryland-DC QSO Party
- 21 CVA DX Contest, CW
North American QSO Party, SSB
Ohio QSO Party
- 28 WW Digi DX Contest
CVA DX Contest, SSB
Hawaii QSO Party
Kansas QSO Party

September

- 4 CW Ops CW Open
All Asia DX Contest, SSB
Russian RTTY WW Contest
Colorado QSO Party
- 5 Tennessee QSO Party
- 11 ARRL September VHF Contest
WAE DX Contest, SSB
Alabama QSO Party
- 18 **Texas QSO Party**
Iowa QSO Party
Washington State Salmon Run (QSO Party)
New Jersey QSO Party
New Hampshire QSO Party
- 25 CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY
Maine QSO Party



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

TDXS members participated in a number of contests in July. Here is their score information as reported in the 3830scores.com website.

RAC Canada Day Contest 2021 Jul 1

SOAB HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score
W5GCX			82	60	19	19		61,560
NM5G			83	0	0	0	2.5	4,700

SOSB/20 LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score
N5DTT			2	8	1	4	1	550

IARU HF World Championship 2021 Jul 10

SOABCW HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TU			164	0	26	33	3	27,848	TDXS

SOABMixed HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KØNM	x		184	22	41	40	6:53	49,896	TDXS

SOABMixed LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT			4	61	16	16	7	5,024	TDXS

SOABSSB LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5JEF			0	83	20	1		7,922	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

CQ Worldwide VHF Contest 2021 Jul 17

SOSB/6 HP

Call	SO2R	Remote QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PR		191	124		23,684	TDXS
K5TIA		38	25	10	950	TDXS

SOSB/6 LP

Call	SO2R	Remote QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT			13	8 7.5	104	TDXS

North American QSO Party, RTTY 2021 July 17

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
WB5TUF		221	100		22,100	TDXS
KC5TT		203	73	7	14,819	TDXS
AJ4F		107	46	3	4,922	TDXS
KG5U		88	49	2.17	4,312	TDXS
KB4KBS		92	44	3:15	4,048	TDXS

Missouri QSO Party 2021 Jul 31

SO Fixed HP

Call	SO2R	Remote CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		45	0	0	30	12	2,700	TDXS

SO Fixed LP

Call	SO2R	Remote CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		39	0	0	21	3	1,639	TDXS
N5DTT		10	10	0	15	3.5	450	TDXS

While looking through the August QST, I see that David McCarty, K5GN, has scored in the Top Ten for the Single Operator, High Power category in the 2021 ARRL International DX CW Contest.

Congratulations Dave on another great achievement.

Jim, N5DTT



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

Nothing received.



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



Direct QSLs Affected by Covid Pandemic by Kim K5TU

I had a direct QSL to Reunion Island returned by the USPS labeled "Mail Service Suspended". A quick search led me to this web page with information about countries not currently receiving mail from the USA.

<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm>

International service disruptions International Mail Service Suspensions

Updated: Aug. 6, 2021

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

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

**Please notify the Editor if I have missed any-
one or of any updates:**

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