



The Bullsheet

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The last TDXS Meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, October 20, 2022. The next meeting will also be via Zoom however we are planning an in-person December meeting. Location to be announced.

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

Yeah, I know, late again. Day late, dollar(s) short. What can I say? My business and personal activities have kept me way too busy lately and my radio duties (and activity) have declined. But what I can tell you is that the sunspot numbers are up again and the bands have been **HOT!** 🌶️ 10, 12, 15 meters have been really hopping with a lot of great DX, fantastic contesting and great fun! I hope you guys have been able to take advantage of the upswing in solar activity and here's hoping the increase does not stop for a long time! I am especially jazzed about operating the 10 meter contest this year, I really hope I am able to do so. That is absolutely my favorite contest of the year for CW (favorites for SSB being the 10-10 contests, which I have now won worldwide 20 times).

On a business trip recently to Baton Rouge, I met with Mike Davidson N5MT and his wife Margie. I hadn't seen them since they left after Hurricane Harvey after getting their house flooded. Mike has a very nice house on a nice property, several antennas up and more in the works. He has been seen occasionally at TDXS Zoom meetings and almost always on my weekly EX-ZED SPRED also son Zoom. I am hoping soon we will go back to some occasional eyeball lunches as the Covid threat continues to diminish.

Thanks to everyone for putting up with my late newsletters, and if someone would like to take over the newsletters from me, it wouldn't hurt my feelings. I've only been doing it for 10 years now and probably some of you are tired of hearing from me.

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

TDXS Elected Officer Nomination Period Has Begun

Fellow TDXS members,

The nomination period for the 2023 elected officers opened with the September meeting. The TDXS elected officer positions are: President, VP-Meetings, VP-Membership and Secretary/Treasurer. This opportunity is open to all 51 Active TDXS members. To date we have only 1 nomination for VP Membership, 1 nomination for Secretary/Treasurer and zero nominations for President or VP-Meetings. As per our club Constitution, the nomination period ends with the October meeting, which is on October 20. At that time nominations can be made from the floor, after which active members can vote by private email before the November meeting. Any positions having only one nominee shall be considered to have been elected by acclamation.

The TDXS club has gone for the past 2 years without a President or VP-Meetings. This is frankly inexcusable. I am willing to run again for President (I was President from 2011-2013) if someone will step forward and volunteer to be the Secretary/Treasurer. Any takers?

73,

Doug W9LCQ
TDXS Secretary/Treasurer



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

Date: September 10, 2022

Location: Red River BBQ & Grill, 1711 S. Mason Rd, Katy, TX

The September TDXS Meeting was held in person, at the Red River BBQ & Grill in Katy. There were 9 participants: Doug W9LCQ, Allen N5XZ, Orville K5VWW, Dale KG5U, Robie AJ4F, Scott K5DD, Keith NM5G, Kim K5TU, Rick K5TIA. This was primarily a social luncheon, with good food and lively conversation. We did, however, discuss 2 issues.

Agenda:

DXpedition Support - Unanimously approved a club donation of \$500 to the upcoming 3Y0J Bouvet Island DXpedition, scheduled for January 2023.

Transfer of Trustee for the K5DX Club Station - Unanimously approved the transfer of the K5DX Club Station Trustee from Orville Burg K5VWW to Robie Elms AJ4F.

Submitted September 25, 2022

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary/Treasurer



DX Chairman's Report—OPEN

Looking for a new DX Chairman, any volunteers?

Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

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

October

- 1 Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest
Oceania DX Contest, SSB
California QSO Party
Russian World Wide Digital Contest
- 8 Oceania DX Contest, CW
Nevada QSO Party
Arizona QSO Party
Pennsylvania QSO Party
South Dakota QSO Party
- 15 10-10 International Fall CW Contest
New York QSO Party
Worked ALL Germany Contest
- 22 UK/EI DX Contest, SSB
- 29 CQ WW DX Contest, SSB

November

- 5 ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
- 12 WAE DX Contest RTTY
10-10 International Fall Digital Contest
JIDX Phone Contest
OK/OM DX Contests, CW
- 19 ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB
- 26 CQ WW DX Contest, CW



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

TDXS members participated in several contests in September. Here is their score information as reported in the 3830scores.com website.

Colorado QSO Party 2022 Sep 3

SOCW HP

Call	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Dig Mults	Score	Club
K5TIA	23	0	0	11	0	0	506	TDXS
AF5J	9	0	0	8	0	0	144	TDXS

Tennessee QSO Party 2022 Sep 4

SO Fixed CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		79	0	0		1	3509	TDXS
AF5J		63	0	0	53	6	10,317	TDXS

SO Fixed CW LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		33	0	0	26	1:30	2,674	TDXS

Alabama QSO Party 2022 Sep 10

SOCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		47	0	22	0	5:38	2,068	TDXS
K5TIA		20	0	11	0	6	440	TDXS

WAE DX Contest, SSB 2022 Sep 10

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	QTCs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		29	0	30		870	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

ARRL September VHF Contest 2022 Sep 10

Single Op-All Modes HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		14	9	3	126	TDXS

Single Op-All Modes LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		50	20		1,120	TDXS
AJ4F		16	11		176	TDXS
N5DTT		10	5	10.5	50	TDXS

Texas QSO Party 2022 Sep 17

Multi-Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5Y(@W5FMH)x		538	437	27	103		258,028	TDXS

SO CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KØNM		510	0	0	111	12:44	169,830	TDXS
AF5J		416	0	0	101	14:31	126,048	TDXS
K5TIA		346	0	0	98	12	101,724	TDXS
N5XZ		315	0	0	90	4:5	85,050	TDXS
NM5G		205	0	0	61	3	37,515	TDXS

SO CW LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5DX(AJ4F)		547	0	0	115	12:45	188,715	TDXS
K5GQ		404	0	0	101	12.5	122,412	TDXS
K5TU		29	0	0	21	1.0	1,827	TDXS

SO Mixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		49	76	125	51		15,147	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Texas QSO Party 2022 Sep 17 (cont.)

SO Mixed LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5MF		347	45	0	116	16	133,196	TDXS
KC5TT		0	166	176	52	12	44,720	TDXS
N5DTT		64	62	0	67	12	22,672	TDXS

SO Mobile LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5EC		294	161	0	104	15	125,216	TDXS

SO SSB HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club	
K5IZO		0	192	0	80	10	31,220	TDXS	
AD5WB		0	1	24	0	76	6.15	18,848	TDXS

SO SSB LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
NE5B		0	224	0	112	12	50,176	TDXS

New Hampshire QSO Party 2022 Sep 17

Single Xmtr HP

Call	Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		2	0	2	2	8	TDXS

Single Xmtr Assisted HP

Call	Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		2	0	2	:30	8	TDXS

Washington State Salmon Run 2022 Sep 17

SOCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		53	0	22	12	3,498	TDXS
AF5J		10	0	9	1	770	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Iowa QSO Party 2022 Sep 17

Out of State HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		5	0	0	5	:30	50	TDXS

SO Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		17	0	0	14	12	476	TDXS

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY 2022 Sep 24

SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	DX	Zones	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F		514	122	95	57	17:11	237,284	TDXS
KG5U		119	46	38	26	5	23,980	TDXS

Maine QSO Party 2022 Sep 24

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		34	0	21	0	7	1,161	TDXS

It was another good month of contesting. We had a tremendous turn out of members for the Texas QSO Party. While we cannot match the scores turned in by the DFW Contest Group and the Central Texas DX and Contest we did very well. We have a dependable group of consistent contesters and the addition of the additional member participants for the TQP demonstrated that TDXS can still be a force in contesting.

Several members have been working the State QSO Party Challenge and their scores in the TQP really moved them up in the Challenge standings. The California QSO Party will further enhance their scores and standings.

Jim, N5DTT



Where in the World—By Ron Litt K5HM

Where in the World is Fogo Island . . .

(VE1, VA1, VO1, VY1)

CQ Zone 5 ITU Zone 9

IOTA NA-198



Fogo is the largest of the offshore Canada islands of Newfoundland and Labrador. Fogo island encompasses the Town of Fogo encompasses the communities of Joe Batt's Arm, Seldom, Little Seldom and eight others, oddly named communities. The island had a population of 2,244 in the [2016 census](#).

The Flat Earth Society of Canada named Fogo one of the four corners of the Earth. It is an island attached to an island attached to the mainland. The closest commercial airport is Gander, Newfoundland, which is even further north. From Gander it is a three-hour drive to the Fogo car ferry. Stepping off the ferry onto the island is like stepping into another dimension.

Fogo Island is not so much a place as a state of mind. With a long maritime history, it's a world of bright-colored houses, sea-cliff footpaths, lush forest, and warm hospitality. The is-

land's 11 settlements are located along the rocky coast. The annual Great Fogo Island Punt Race to There and Back takes place in July and August.

The ferry runs seven days a week but is occasionally canceled for maintenance. Never fear, there is no lack of places to visit. You can start at Stag Harbor, drive to Seldom, and from the center of the island you can visit the village of Joe Batt's Arm.

Punts have been a fulcrum of life since Europeans chasing cod settled on the island, which had previously been used in summer months by the indigenous Beothuk people. Without roads or motorized vehicles, the punt was key to transportation. Locals used the utilitarian vessels to get to church or appointments, to collect mail and groceries, to pick up their dates, and, most critically, to hunt and fish.

In 1911, a Marconi Company radio station was once operational atop a hill near the town of Fogo; operating with a spark-gap transmitter to establish maritime communications. The station was forced to close around the time that radio became common for household use as the spark-gap design generated unacceptable levels of radio interference. Efforts to rebuild this station as a [historic site](#) commenced in 2002. It opened in 2007 as a museum.

The most recent DXpedition was conducted in 2014 when K4KGG/VO! Operated for four days in August. No record of their possible participation in the annual Punt Race to There and Back.



Where in the World—By Ron Litt K5HM

Where in the World is Sovereign Military Order of Malta (1A) CQ Zone 15 ITU Zone 28



This DXCC entity is unique in that it occupies only two buildings in the city of Rome, Italy. Its headquarters are recognized by the Italian government as sovereign territory. The Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) is a sovereign subject of international law, with its own constitution, passports, stamps, and public institutions. The 79th Grand Master, Fra' Matthew Festing was elected Head of the Order for life on March 11th, 2008. The Order has diplomatic relations with 104 countries – many of which are non-Catholic –and missions to major European countries, as well as to European and international organizations. The Order of Malta is neutral, impartial, and nonpolitical.

While the International Telecommunication Union has granted radio identification prefixes to similar quasi-sovereign jurisdictions like the United Nations and the Palestinian Authority, SMOM has never received one. For awards purposes, amateur radio operators consider SMOM to be a separate "entity." Stations transmitting from there use an entirely unofficial call sign, starting with the prefix "1A".

SMOM is the modern continuation of the original medieval order of Saint John of Jerusalem and later as the Knights Hospitaller. The group was founded in Jerusalem around the year 1050 as a hospital to provide care for poor and sick pilgrims to the Holy Land. After the loss of Christian held territories of the Holy Land, the order operated from the island of Rhodes (1310–1523), and later from Malta (1530 –1798). Though this state came to an end with the ejection of the order from Malta by Napoleon Bonaparte, it retains its claims of sovereignty over Malta under international law and has been granted permanent observer status at the United Nations.



According to Club Log, 1A0 is the 93rd most wanted DX entity. Most amateur radio activity in 1A comes from DXpedition in conjunction with the Order's charitable activities. The last planned Activity was from a team in July 2019

Reporting from the Dark Side
Ron Litt K5HM



Texas DX Society DX & Contesting Roundtable

The Texas DX Society is focused promoting working DX and Contesting. We aspire to promote these activities in many ways. One primary way is to distribute information about at what time and frequency are DX stations active and the scheduled dates and times of upcoming contests. This information is distributed via our K5DX DX Cluster, through the BullSheet and our email list (Reflector). We've recently added a new "channel" the TDXS DX & Contesting Roundtable. This is a traditional VHF FM net held using our K5DX 147.360/960 repeater. The Roundtable is open to all hams, and you don't need to be a TDXS member to participate. The Roundtable is held on Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM local time. The format is simple. The net control station will call for check ins and record those stations. After the list is complete, he will begin asking the stations who checked in what is happening for them. This is your chance to discuss what DX you are hearing/working, your contest plans or to ask questions regarding these topics. Technical questions or request for assistance are also welcome. Each station will get a turn and comments or feedback from other participants is welcome. Just remember this is a controlled net and the net control station will coordinate the activity.

This is an experiment to encourage activity by members and to put our club in front of the broader ham population in the Houston area. We need net control station volunteers as well. This an easy way to support the TDXS! This is a suggested preamble for the net control station to follow.

Your feedback is needed. What's working, what's not working, improvement ideas, etc. Please post your feedback on the TDXS email list (reflector).

Preamble

Wednesday Nights – 8:00 PM local time

K5DX repeater

147.360/960 tone 100 Hz

QST QST QST this is <your call sign> net control for the weekly Texas DX Society DX/Contesting Roundtable.

This Roundtable is open to everyone, you DO NOT need to be a TDXS member to participate

We will yield to anyone needing to use the repeater for emergency purposes, please identify yourself and state that you have an emergency

I'll call for check ins and when the list of check ins is complete, I'll proceed with stations in the order of check in.



Rare DX?



QSL VIA KK5DO



Allen N5XZ, Mike N5MT, Margie Davidson in Denham Springs, LA.



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

TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to these members with birthdays in October:

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

