



The Bullsheet

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Looks like the March TDXS meeting is going to be an eyeball meeting...the Live Oak Grill is being discussed. So watch the TDXS Reflector for a meeting notice soon!

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

Welcome to the March 2024 Bullsheet!

I don't have much to report, this month. Conditions continue to be good, contests are actively participated by TDXS members, including some especially great scores from Dave K5GN (congrats, Dave!!). Unfortunately, I have not been able to participate much, but hoping that will change in the near future.

DX worked from here in February included: ZD7, OD, 5W, A7, CE0, JT, 5Z, and H40 (Temotu). Nothing too exotic, but not too shabby.

It's warming up outside, so there should be some antenna projects working. I think Chuck W5PR has something going soon, and I am sure some others. Let's try to get them done before it gets too hot out there!

As always, I am looking for some interesting articles to put in the BS, so keeps those cards and letters coming!

Finally, we have once again started my Ex Zed Spread lunches which we'll do perhaps every 3 or 4 weeks somewhere at a restaurant of my choosing, and never the same one twice (unless it is particularly good or for a special occasion. Anyone interested? Let me know.

73/161, Allen N5XZ

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TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ

Date: February 15, 2024

Location: Tracy Gee Community Center, West Houston

The February TDXS meeting was held in person and over ZOOM. There were 10 participants:

In Person: Doug W9LCQ, Robie AJ4F, Dale KG5U, George NR5M, John K5IZO, Matt Flukinger KM5VI (guest)

Remote: Bill K2TNO, Leslie AD5WB, Scott K5DD, Orville K5VWW

Agenda:

Currently 37 Active members

Encouragement to participate in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW and SSB contests

Reminder of the upcoming Greater Houston Hamfest

The program was “Setting Up and Operating a Remote Station Using the Remote Ham Radio Network”, presented by Robie Elms AJ4F. He covered cost of “membership”, ease of installation, modes of operation, as well as shortcomings. It can be operated from a web browser. Robie attempted to do a live demo, but was thwarted by bandwidth problems at the Tracy Gee Center. He has since re-recorded the presentation which will be available shortly on the TDXS YouTube channel.

Submitted March 13, 2024

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary/Treasurer



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

March

- 2 ARRL International DX Contest, SSB
- 9 Stew Perry Top Band Challenge
 - Oklahoma QSO Party
 - Idaho QSO Party
 - North America Sprint, RTTY
- 10 Wisconsin QSO Party
- 16 Russian DX Contest
- 30 CQ Worldwide WPX Contest

April

- 6 Missouri QSO Party
 - Louisiana QSO Party
 - Mississippi QSO Party
- 13 New Mexico QSO Party
 - Georgia QSO Party
 - Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest
- 19 Holy Land DX Contest
- 20 Michigan QSO Party
 - North Dakota QSO Party
 - Ontario QSO Party
- 21 Quebec QSO Party
- 22 North America Sprint, SSB
- 27 10-10 International Spring Digital Contest
 - Florida QSO Party



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

TDXS members participated in several contests in February. Here is their score information as it was found in the 3830scores.com website:

10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB 2024 Feb 3

NA Sprint CW Contest 2024 Feb 3

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
KG5U		243	45	4	10,935	TDXS

Vermont QSO Party 2024 Feb 3

Single Op HP

Call	CW Qs Score	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Dig Mults	Op Time
AF5J	13 0	0	6	0	0	1	156
N5EKO	4 7	0	4	2	0		90
K5TIA	3 0	0	3	0	0	2	18

Minnesota QSO Party 2024 Feb 3

Single OpCW HP

Call	e Remote	CW-RTTY Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		107	0	63	7:05	13,482	TDXS
K5TIA		25	0	18	5	900	TDXS

Single OpMixed HP

Call	Remote	CW-RTTY Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		56	30	61		10,492	TDXS

British Columbia QSO Party 2024 Feb 3

Single OpCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		49	0	35	0	5:06	6,920	TDXS
K5TIA		27	0	20	0	6	2,160	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

CQ WPX RTTY Contest 2024 Feb 10

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
W5MF		287	504	8	87,696	TDXS
K5TIA		10	10	1	30	TDXS

SOAB TB-Wires HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
W5MF		287	504	8	87,696	TDXS
K5TIA		10	10	1	30	TDXS

SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
KC5TT		594	310	20	327,360	TDXS
N5EKO		332	211		122,802	TDXS
AJ4F		308	224	7:00	122,752	TDXS

SOSB/10 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TU		48	46	2.0	3,818	TDXS

SOSB/10 Classic LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TU		48	46	2.0	3,818	TDXS

North American QSO Party, RTTY 2024 February

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
N5EKO		52	34		1,768	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

ARRL DX Contest, CW 2024 Feb 17

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GN(2BSIQ)		5659	487	47	8,256,111	TDXS
K5TU		1726	320	23.7	1,655,040	TDXS
K5TIA		1000	402	15	1,206,000	TDXS
W9LCQ		429	202		259,974	TDXS
W5GCX		253	155		117,645	TDXS
KJ5Y	x	136	405	4	34,020	TDXS

SOAB Limited-Ant HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		307	156	18	142,740	TDXS
K5IZO		204	128	8	78,336	TDXS
K5GQ		112	234	4.5	26,208	TDXS

SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F		1034	260	25	806,520	TDXS
KG5U		52	31	1.75	4,836	TDXS

SOSB10 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		42	28	3	3,528	TDXS

SOUAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		400	196	17:57	235,200	TDXS

REF Contest, SSB 2024 Feb 24

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		42	40		4,960	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

South Carolina QSO Party 2024 Feb 24

Single Op Fixed CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Dig Mults	Score
AF5J		43	0	0	31	0	0	4,366
K5TIA		26	0	0	23	0	0	1,196

Single Op FixedMixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Dig Mults	Score
N5EKO		8	6	0	8	6	0	392

North American QSO Party, RTTY 2024 February 24

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
N5EKO		52	34		1,768	TDXS

North Carolina QSO Party 2024 Feb 25

SO CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		75	0	0	46	6:36	10,450	TDXS
K5TIA		51	0	0	31	6	4,743	TDXS

Have a good month, contesting as much as you have the time for.

Jim, N5DTT



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

The Solomon Islands, a nation of hundreds of islands in the South Pacific, has many WWII era sites. Guadalcanal, a province and one of the archipelago's largest islands, honors fallen Allied soldiers at its U.S. War Memorial. Guadalcanal is also home to the nation's capital, Honiara, whose bustling Central Market show cases the islands' produce and traditional handicrafts.



Consisting of six major islands and over 900 smaller islands to the northeast of Australia. It is directly adjacent to Papua New Guinea. It has a total population exceeding 734,000. Though the islands had been populated for many thousands of years, the Spanish navigator Alvaro de Mendana was the first European to discover the Solomons. Relations with native islanders but they often soured over time. Beginning in the 1840's, islanders began to be recruited (or often kidnapped) as laborers for the colonies in Australia, Fiji and Samoa in a process known as "black birding" Conditions for workers were often poor and exploitative, and local islanders often attacked any Europeans who appeared on their island.



From 1942 until the end of 1943, the Solomon Islands were the scene of several major land, sea, and air battles between the Allies and the Japanese Empire's armed forces. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, war was declared between Japan and the Allied Powers. Japan, seeking to protect their southern flank, invaded South-East Asia and New Guinea. In May 1942 they invaded most of the western Solomon Islands, including Guadalcanal where they began work on an airstrip. Most of the European population had been evacuated to Australia. The Marines counter-invaded Guadalcanal in August 1942, followed by the Army under Gen. MacArthur's New Georgia campaign in 1943, both of which were turning

points in the Pacific War, stopping, then countering the Japanese advance.

Solomon Islands achieved internal self-government in 1976 and became independent in July 1978. The country's system of Government is a Parliamentary Democracy with a unicameral legislature. The British monarch as Head of State is represented locally by the Governor-General. Legislative power is vested in a unicameral National Parliament of 47 members, elected for a four-year term. Executive authority is exercised by the Cabinet. English is the official language, but Solomon Islands pijin is the lingua franca. There are over 80 different local languages plus dialects. English is the official language, but Solomon Islands pijin is the lingua franca. There are over 80 different local languages plus dialects.



The Solomon Islands are 91st on the Club Log most wanted list. There are 132 callsigns listed in QRZ. Several are duplicated. H40A is the Solomon Islands Amateur Radio Club (SIARC). Please contact them or the ARRL for more details about operating there.

Reporting from the Dark Side, Ron Litt, K5HM



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

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