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MEETING NOTICE: The next real-live meeting of the TDXS will be at the Brisket House, 1217 Pierce, Downtown Houston, Friday the 13th (spooky, huh?) at 1900. Those in attendace will find out what KA5CHW really means.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Three fine gentlemen have joined the TDXS ranks. They are; Ken, K5YCP; Lee, W5DOZ; and Henry, W5HNS. All three of the new members are very active on the repeater spreading the DX word. What about some of you old stalwart TDXSers??? The repeater could use some more ears to the radio reporting on the rare and semi-rare activities on the band. Speaking of activity, although we are having fine turnouts at the meetings, our number has grown to the point where it is difficult to get a quorum to conduct club business. Lock your desk at 5pm and head out to the Brisket House. Come meet some of the new members!

THE BOARD MET in September to consider a couple of matters that needed attention. The first was the report of the subcommittee on the TDXS Annual DX Competition. The draft of the rules is enclosed. There was much enthusiasm among the Board members about the competition, matter of fact, there are already side bets going, challenges being issued, and honor, apple pie and country on the line. There will be more discussion and a general business vote at the meeting to get the competition going.

The other agenda item at the Board meeting was to discuss the probable involvement of the TDXS in the formation of a council of Amateur Radio Clubs in the Houston/Galvestion area. K5MA and K5RC are helping to spearhead the effort to coordinate as many of our fellow radio clubs in the area to meet and discuss our common goals and problems, i.e. TVI, deed restrictions, conventions, etc. There have been meetings with the Echo Board of Directors and with other interested individuals to get a charter on paper to present to the clubs. At press time, the draft charter is being polished and an organization should take form in the next few months. More details will be forthcoming at the meeting. Don't miss it!

TOMS SHORTS: Our warmest thanks to Sharp and Irma for hosting the last TDXS meeting. They are most gracious hosts. Remeber troops, October is nomination month for 1979 Officers. If you want a say in your leadership for next year, get a nomination form from K5JS, or make one up yourself. K5BZU is taking QSL orders again. Contact big Al if youre running short.

The National Contest Journal is back in business and running strong. If your subscription has run out, or you're just a deadbeat, get your five bucks off to NCJ, Box 3762, Glendale, Ca 91201. The ARRL DX Contest results are in the October QST. TDXS got the number 11 spot with a fine showing. The CQ 160 results are in the October CQ with K5MA taking the W5 single op certificate and K5RC/K5WA taking the W5 multiop paperwork.

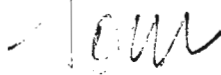
CONVENTIONS, CONVENTIONS: If you missed the Texas VHF-FM Society Convention in August, you missed a dandy. The TDXS participation was the hit of the show. There were almost 600 in attendance. Richards primer on DX operating drew about 100 while the Clipperton show drew 140 (we had to turn them away). All the expense to get the St. Peter/Paul film was well worth while. We had to show it at least 4 times! The TDXS hospitality suite was certainly the hit of Friday night. Wait 'till next year!

K5RC put the St. Peter/Paul show in his brief case and found a way to get to the ARRL National Convention in San Diego, where he was the speaker at the DX breakfast on Sunday morning. The show was put on for a crowd of 250 where it was extremely well received. The Convention drew over 6000 and was one of the better events in many years. Former TDXSer K6SE (W5RTQ) passed his regards to the club. Earl was one of many DX and contest types in attendance who kept the conversation interesting.

THE BANQUET: For those of you who have never lived through a TDXS winter banquet, you haven't lived yet. This year the bash is scheduled for Friday December 15, and it promises to be the biggest and best yet. The TDXS has reserved the entire Club at the Greenwood Forrest Country Club. There will be a dinner catered by Lennox barbeque, an open bar, billiards, music for dancing (or whatever) and lots of funn for all. You will be receiving full details in the mail shortly. You will have to register and pay in advance. There will also be form letters available for you to invite guests.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: You can tell contest season is approaching and TH6DXX sales are soaring. K5KG, K5CNN and K5RC/GA all have new TH6's in the air. Not to be outdone, WB5USV hasacquired some Telerex monobanders while AA5Y has a new Telerex tribander to go with is new Kirk 2 element 40. W5WMU is starting all over with Telerex and N5DU is bringing up the rear with a Quad to join the multi-tower ranks. New call signs are still turning up among the members. WD5AEQ is now AD5W, while Dennis has added KA5CHW to his endless list of rotten call signs. An interesting side note to those of you who are interested in getting into multi-op station activity in contests. The K5RC/K5GA station has made over 17,000 QSO's in the last year. What is the final courtesy of a QSO? A QSL, right? Wrong!:(at least not when they come in 600 a month and you get hate mail from the postman). We have sent over 8000 QSL's since last fall, and if it weren't for a computer and the ARRL outgoing QSL bureau, we'd be hocking the gear to buy cards and postage!

73 and DX,

  
Tom, K5RC

## The Annual TDXS DX Competition

Dates: The Competition will start each year at the beginning of the CQWW phone contest and end at 2359 prior to the next CQWW phone.

Catagories: There are three catagories of competition: CW, phone and mixed. All club members may enter all three. To participate, a member must be a full member by June 1 of the contest year.

Contacts: 2 way CW, 2 way phone or cross mode. All contacts must be confirmed (QSL in hand) to count. Cross mode contacts will count only for the mixed catagory. All QSO's must be made by a club member using his own call. QSO's made from any multi-op location while a multi-operation is in progress will not count. For the purposes of this competition, the use of the 2 meter repeater does not constitute a multi-op. Out of the four major contest weekends (ARRL phone, ARRL CW, CQ phone and CQ CW), you may submit QSL's from only two of these four contest weekends. Any other contest QSL's will count. Current ARRL DXCC countries lists (OP AID 7) will be used.

Reporting: TDXS DX reporting forms or copies must be used. Final completed forms must be submitted no later than the November TDXS business meeting, or mailed to the club secretary. If mailed, entry must be post-marked no later than the date of the meeting and received within seven days of the meeting. QSL's must be made available to the DX Competition Committee upon request to be eligible for an award.

The Bull Sheet will publish periodically an on-going "standings chart" and the standings will be announced at the TDXS meetings.

Awards: The awards will be presented at the December TDXS banquet. These awards and this competition will be administrated by the TDXS DX Competition Committee. All decisions made by this committee are final.

DX Repeater: It is not the intent that this competition should take away from the DX repeater activity. All competitors are expected to continue sharing DX information on the repeater.