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MEETING NOTICE: The next semi-official meeting of the TDXS will officially be on Friday, April 11, 7 PM, at the Red Carpet Inn, Katy Fwy (I-10) at the Silber Exit. There is a buffet at 7:30 downstairs in the restaurant, followed by a meeting at 8:30, somewhere else. Check the marquis in the lobby, we are trying to obtain a quieter meeting room with better ventilation. I know you're not expecting the program to be much after the excitement of last months program, but we do have an encore. KA5CHW is going to stand up front in his semi-expensive suit and talk about something to do with contests. This is something you won't want to miss, so get there early for a good seat. .

ABOUT THE MEETING: K5BZU is out searching again for a meeting spot. There is a lot of sentiment about the meeting having lost some of its continuity, having to run around to several locations for the meal, bar and meeting. Also, the meeting room immediately over a disco band makes for some poor cocentration in the back of the room. Last month, there was a real problem for the non-smokers, resulting in a mandate to ban smoking, except at periodic intermissions. We recognize the shortcomings and the Board is working on the problem. Have patience.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: "1980 Will go down in history as a year of considerable change in the world, some for good and some not so hot. Just as the world around us is changing, so is our Club. We have been in the throes of these changes for several years, but as we grew and our interests diversify, it is more apparent than ever. During the past month, the Executive Committee decided that we need more input from Club members as to their feelings about Club activities. The survey form included is the result of that decision. This is your chance to express your opinion about the Texas DX Society. We want and need your comments so we can guide the Club in the right direction. It is vitally important that you fill out and return the survey. You do not have to identify yourself, but if you do, complete confidentiality can be expected. Remeber, this is your chance to let it all hang out...../s/ Wes Whiddon, N5WW"

AND FROM NET CONTROL, Lee will have copies of his computerized TDXS "Need" list at the April meeting for those concerned. If you would like to be included in the need list, please indicate that on the "DX Questionnaire" enclosed, and then get the info to W5DOZ. Incidentally, Lee says that the TDXS Top 10 most needed are: VU/Laccadives, XU, BY, VS9K, TN, VKØ/Heard, VU/Andaman, ZA, 4W, 7O.

DX DELICACIES: From Sir Orville of Braes, there is yet another questionnaire included in this month's Bullsheet requesting information on your country total, DXCC Status, Club Zone contest totals, and a place for comments on the Tuesday night net or on the DX presentation at the monthly meeting. Once again, the info is crucial to shaping the direction of the club. Also, we plan to include monthly listings of upcoming DXpeditions, as follows: SMØAGD is now in Africa signing J5AG from Guinea-Bissau. He will be operating both SSB and CW from 6W8, 9Q5, ZS and A22 with possible activity from 7P8, 3D6, S8, H5, T4, 9X5, S9 and TN8. Keep an ear on the repeater for Eric's current whereabouts. Glorioso Several DL types are planning an operation for 10 days starting April 20 and then they will go to FH8. McQuarie- P29JS is running a list at 1400Z, Fridays. Also watch 14220 at 0630Z. 9M6 will be activated by N2OO and others starting 20 April. TZ4, ON6BC should be active from Mali by the time you read this. XZØONU-HS4AMI for two months starting April 15. Mt.Athos-SV1JG starting mid-April. FK8-April 10-21. 8Q7-KP2A from April 1-13. Okino Torishima-A two-day operation starting April 30 for 48 hours, 10 and 15 SSB, only.

The TDXS Tuesday night DX Net (8PM -147.96/36), run by W5DOZ, is loaded with DX info from many sources, as well as QSL info. Participation is waning, and you should be involved. If you are chasing DX, that's the place to get the latest and greatest. If you have them all, your experience will help the others. The net is open to anyone, so pass the word.....de K5VWW

TECHNOLOGY REPORT. On April 1, the latest advance in microelectronics will be unveiled by Texas A&M, working under a grant from Texas Instruments. It is a write-only-memory (WOM) chip, on an advanced cornubium substrate. The LSI chip is in a 24 pin DIP package, has 6969 8-bit-byte capacity, and will accept ASCII, Baudot, RS232, async, bi-sync or tri-sync inputs. A&M has also received a grant to begin development of an advanced decoding scheme for the new WOM I.C. The compliment buffer chip, an FIFI (first-in, first-in) will also be available. It offers a more structured programming scheme than most conventional first-in, first-out (FIFO) buffers.

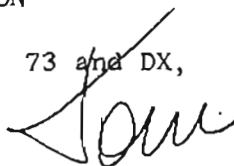
WANTED: 12 Volt, 10Amp regulated supply, Dennis, KA5CHW, 977-7494

TOM'S SHORTS: Com-vention '80 is really shaping up. The Marriot-Brookhollow has been selected as the site (Loop 610 at 290, across from Northwest Mall and Pepperment Park). The hotel is brand-new, room rates will run only \$30/night and the flea market will be under cover. K5VWW will coordinate the all-day DX/contest forum for the TDXS, but he will need lotsa help. Thanks, gang, your hon.ed. is finally running out of page before running out of inputs from the membership. Keep up the good work, it's your bulletin.

TDXS APRIL CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- 1,8,15,22,29-TDXS DX NET, 8PM, 96/36
- 2 -ARRL DX TEST LOGS DUE!
- 5 -OPEN CD CW Party, 1800Z-0000Z
- 11 -TDXS MONTHLY MEETING, 7PM
- 12 -OPEN CD PHONE Party, 1800Z-0000Z
- 19 -ARRL MORNING SPECIAL CONTEST, 75SSB, 0800-1000Z
- 19 -FRESNO DX CONVENTION
- 26 -DAYTON HAMVENTION

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Tom, K5RC