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Sure was good to see so many club members, both past and present at the Gulf Coast Ham Convention. The WX was perfect and crowds were good. The October meeting held at the Hyatt Regency was also a big success. Thanks go out to all who helped and especially to Dave Topp for the super hors d'oeuvres. Dave has already volunteered to host the hospitality suite next year so it looks like we're going to have one. Though I think we will look at some other locations. The Hyatt was a nice set up, even if the wet paint was kind of a bummer.

I'd like to thank all who participated at the convention... The forums, the flea market, and the DX luncheon and of course, the TDXS raffle ticket sales. Congratulations to Lon, K5JV who had the lucky winning ticket for the Icom 756. Chuck, KZ5MM, did a super job again of handling the raffle. Thank you Chuck. Thanks also go out to our out of town members who made it. Dennis, K7BV who had an excellent presentation of his CY9AA DXpedition. Others from out of town included Tom, K5RC, Bob K5PFE, and even Sammy N5AF. I was surprised that some of the regulars didn't show, Richard and Susan and Wes and Joann. Come to think of it, Richard and Susan were not at the Bash either. Humm, must be working on towers, getting ready for WW.

We all had a great time.

Had a fine lunch while enjoying the Scarborough Reef presentation by Wayne Mills, N7NG which was attended by 86. I think that was one of the best bargains of the weekend. Not only did you get a place to sit down after a hard morning of shopping/visiting, but the food was great as were the speakers. And all for \$10.00.

Lon, K5JV and his lovely wife Martha have graciously volunteered to host the TDXS December meeting/Christmas Party. It will be on Friday eve the 19th. Stay tuned for the details, but I think Lon might even do some cooking. Will there be presents exchanged? Lon will have all details plus a map for the December Bull Sheet so be sure to pencil in the date. Linda and I won't be able to make it as that weekend we'll be in Dallas but that

Announcements

Meeting – The Texas DX Society Meets the second Friday of each month, except when the date is changed by the Board of Directors. The November meeting will be Thursday November 13, 1997 at the Brisket House in the 7500 block of the Southwest Freeway. The Brisket House (Pappas' Bar B Q) is on the inbound feeder road between Hilcroft and Fondren. If you are outbound on the freeway, take the Fondren, Bellaire exit, make a U turn, and it is on the right a couple of blocks down.

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The Prez Sez – de Bob, N5ET

The TDXS Bullsheat

happens in December. Its a busy month for all. But do try to make it, and see how the new Icom looks at home in Forest Cove.

At the last meeting, the election (sic) for '98 officers was held. It should make it easy for our web master and B.S. editor. There will be no change as the current staff was asked to remain for another term. Hey, it cuts down on the postage for an election. I do thank all for your support in '97, It has been a good year.. On that note, Congratulations to the TDXS on winning 2A for Field Day! Thanks Dale for all your work as Field Day Chairman.

This months meeting will be at Pappas' Bar B Q on the SW Freeway. CU there, the food is great.

73 Bob, N5ET

Contest Corner – de Joe, W5ASP

October kicked off with the California QSO Party. Apparently I was the only TDXS participant. Bill, K5GA was at the starting line when he was called away and had to QRT. The CQP is without question the premier state QSO party, and provides a full weekend of both phone and code activity. Anyone interested in getting a good taste of contesting should consider this one when it comes around next year.

The "biggest one of 'em all", CQ World Wide Phone came and went with only a ripple of interest amongst TDXSers. However, thanks to Sharp, K5DX and Don, N5LZ who put on all-band efforts and Chuck, KZ5MM with a great 10 M performance, we did manage to show the flag. Conditions were really quite good with both 10 and 15 very nearly up to their old standards. Lots of good DX all weekend. Shame we had such a lack luster showing.

This past weekend however, hosted a major turn out by both local members and many of our out-of-town TDXSers. CW Sweepstakes is possibly the major gathering of the clan each year. Kind of a who's who of days gone bye. Locals included K5GN, K5GA, N5DU, KG5U, K5DX, N5LZ, K5NZ, N5TU, and N5RP. Among the nonresidents were K5NA, K5MA, K5RC, KN5H, K5KG, K5ZD, and K5KO. Quite an illustrious group.

Phone Sweepstakes is right around the corner... 3rd full weekend of the month. Now that we're off to a good start towards a respectable club score this year, it would be nice to see a good follow up effort. As I pointed out last month, it doesn't take a whole lot of effort to build up a nice score. Just work through the bands a few times over the weekend and you'll be helping out in a big way. Remember, you became a TDXSer because you were thought to be a cut above the average. Why not make a effort to help our TDXS score.

Thanks to N5LZ I've got some additional TDXS contest results. First off we have his solid SO/AB performance (745 Qs x 209 Mlts) in ARRL DX CW. A quick change into his dentist's costume and he picks up a 5th place Midwest

Region finish as K5DDS in ARRL DX Phone. Not willing to rest on his laurels he then pilots NN5ZZ to a 377K score in CQ WPX CW. Yep... you guessed it. We're talking about Don, ex KI3L/5 who's back on the air and on a roll. Aren't vanity call signs wonderful?

Claimed Scores

CQ WW SSB

NN5ZZ (N5LZ)	1135Q x 110 Zn x 309 Cty = 1,176,971
K5DX	844 Q x 112 Zn x 307 Cty = 1,068,450
KZ5MM (SO/10M)	#1 USA
W5ASP (SO/15M)	473 Q x 29Z x 110 Cty = 183,202

SS CW

K5GN	1410 Q x 79 Sec = 222,780
K5GA	1405 Q x 79 Sec = 220,726
N5DU	1165 Q x 79 Sec = 184,070
W5ASP	1160 Q x 78 Sec = 183,280
NJ1V	1023 Q x 77 Sec = 157,542
N5TU	1009 Q x 76 Sec = 15,368 (LP)
N5LZ	850 Q x 79 Sec = 134,00
KN5H(@K7UP)	1383 x 79 = 218,514
K5ZD	1334 x 79 = 210,772
K5NA	1256 x 79 = 198,448

(No scores yet from: K5DX, N5RP, K5MA, K5RC)

K5DDS finishing 5th Midwest Region in ARRL DX Phone. (That's Don in his dentist's costume.) A quick change and it's N5LZ churning

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