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Announcements

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The Prez Sez- de Buzz N5UR

Wanted: DX Chairman
Must be able to read and write
Code speed: At least 5wpm.
IQ: Must be above 50
Sex: Yes
DXCC Certificate Number: 1/2
P5: Worked, Not Confirmed
Contester: Why Not?
Countries worked: 150 Deleted: 151
Rig: QRP
Antenna(s): Trapped Vertical
Tower Height: 15'

2001 EDITION OF THE TDXS ANNUAL BANQUET NEXT SATURDAY!

de Madison W5MJ

The annual rendition of the TDXS Banquet will be held Saturday night, January 20, 2001, at Brennan's of Houston, 3300 Smith Street (on the right hand side as you go south on Smith) at Courtlandt Square, [Key Map 493T] and NOT AT THE WARWICK as incorrectly reported to you earlier. For those with long memories, you may recall that last year we had promised Brennan's to you. To that end, Melanie Bradford made arrangements, but for reasons which were never clear to me, when we reconfirmed in December, the price was about 50% higher than promised. After some sharp negotiating by Melanie, we are back in the ballpark price-wise, and you will get one of the finest dinners in town.

There will be a cash bar opening at 6 pm or so. The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person. Please bring a check if you have not already mailed it. The best way to get there for most of us is to go to downtown Houston, then head south on Smith Street until you get there.

There will lots of your friends there. Can I count on you, too? Please give me a call at (713)621-6688 days, (281)350-4330 evenings and weekends if you have not done so already.

ESCAPEES MAY HAVE STOLEN RADIOS; HAMS ASKED TO MONITOR

According to news reports, the seven Texas prison escapees still at large and now wanted in connection with the murder of Irving, Texas, police officer Aubrey Hawkins, KC5USI, also may have stolen radios from a Houston Radio Shack store. The radios are said to include Amateur Radio 2-meter H-Ts as well as Business Radio Service (programmed for 156.400 MHz) and Family Radio Service (462.5625-467.7125 MHz) radios.

Hams have been asked to monitor these bands and report any suspicious activity any hour of the day to the Huntsville Command Center, 936-437-6735, and to their local law enforcement agency. Police advise that anyone spotting these suspects not try to approach them but contact local authorities immediately.

More information on the escapees is at
<http://people.txucom.net/tdcj-iad/>
.—Jerry Karlovich, KD5OM

DX Report by Buzz, N5UR

The big news was the surprise operation from Bouvet by astronaut N4BQW Chuck as 3Y0C. He will be there until March and is working mostly SSB on 20 and 10. He has been worked in Texas on 80 and 40 as well, unfortunately not by me! Check out his web site at <http://www.qsl.net/zr1dq/3y0c.htm>

In other news, P5 did not show January 7th as promised, but numerous Slims signing P5 kept the pileups in practice.

Bhutan continues active as A52GJ, A52MJ, A52VJ, A52YL working 160-10. They will be active into February. They were Q5 on 30 this morning for over an hour and never worked one US thru the JA wall.

In early February San Felix will be back on the air as CE0XT. Check them out on <http://www.qsl.net/ce0xt/>

The Comoros will be heavily infested with hams as D68BT & D68WL are currently active all bands thru January to be followed by a huge effort by D68C from February 8-28. I am perplexed why two or any major efforts would go here with as much activity as there has been in recent years.

Syria will hit the bands Feb3-12 as YK9A makes a multi multi splash including WARC topband and RTTY. www.qsl.net/k7ar will post daily logs.

Likewise several groups are off to uninhabited Conway reef. First will be 19/02-27/02 by YT1AD and friends 05/04-24/04 by SM6CAS, SM7PKK and others I cannot find out who the third group is, but after these two there should be zero demand for this one.

A brand new IOTA showed today, VU2HFR on Saber Island, no number yet. So far North Americans have not been able to break the Italian curtain. XQ8RI will be on from Jan 15-18 from a new Chilean Island, Riesco followed by VK6BSI on Breaksea Island January 18-23.

Last but not least, Antarctica has had a bunch of new calls, mostly from older bases. R1ANM is operating from the South Pole and R1ANB has taken over for R1ANZ at Mirny. R1ANC will be on thru February, but has worked few North Americans so far. KK6KO, KE6ZYK, and AB0KG have shown up portable KC4 while R1ANF has been operating from CE BY and the VU bases portable. Keep a watch in the evenings around 14243 and 14260 for most of the South Polar action.

The low bands continue to provide action for those willing to work them. I heard AD5A work three new Europeans on 160 the other night and I got a new one on 40 the other morning, VU for number 302 on that band without a beam. Especially listen from 1230-1300 on 30-160 for Asia.

I have one volunteer to split the DX editors work as I assume the role of President this month. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to split these duties or take it on full time providing this once a month column. It will keep you informed scanning the net and bands for data. This should be a super year so please help. I look forward to seeing you all at Brennans.

XA5T UPDATE

de Madison W5MJ

Plans are being finalized for the annual push to XA5T for the ARRL DX contests. So far, there are 7 signed up for CW, 4 for SSB. The CW weekend is February 16-18, and SSB is two weeks later, on March 2-4. Departures will be mid week prior to the start of the contest on Friday evening.

This year we will avoid the electrical difficulties we experienced last year and a time or two before that, because we will be bringing our own power. W5MJ has a 6.5 KW generator dedicated to the project, and N5DC has a 5 KW generator as a backup. We have made arrangements with a customs broker in Nuevo Laredo to get them across, so we expect to have bright lights inside the amplifiers for sure.

Here is an opportunity to be on the receiving end of a pileup without having to take a boat across stormy seas or a Piper Cub into a dirt strip. If you haven't experienced Mexico contesting before, or if it's been awhile, why not put this one on your calendar? To reserve a spot, call Madison Jones W5MJ. When we have had adequate electrical power, our guys have been able to finish in the top 5 world-wide in the last several years. The only reason we didn't win it all was because YOU weren't there. Some of the funniest stories around have come out of our trips to Mexico. Live one of your own in '01!

FEBRUARY TDXS MEETING DATE, LOCATION AND PROGRAM SET!

de Madison W5MJ

If you decided to skip the monthly meetings in the past because they weren't interesting, consider what's in store for 2001: we have already scheduled meetings at 5 different locations for the coming year, have set up programs for 2 of the meetings already, and have offers from presenters for more programs than we have meetings available. Most of the programs are of general interest, not necessarily confined to amateur radio, and should be enough of a draw to appeal to every member and guest.

The February meeting will be on the 8th at Frankie Mandola's, 5333 Kirby, about a half mile south of the Southwest Freeway on the east side of the street. There is valet parking for the less-adventurous. This place has dinners of what is known as "traditional fare" and ranging in price from \$4.95 for hamburgers to \$16.95 for steaks. In keeping with TDXS history, your Fearless Restaurant Reviewers have eaten there a time or two in the recent past, and enjoyed it.

February's program will be a talk about Texas geology. The Program Selection Committee has gone to great lengths to put interesting items in a program for every meeting,

For those who like to plan ahead, we have tentatively scheduled a joint meeting with NARS on Friday, April 20, 2001, with Jay Terleski WX0B, who will be making a presentation on antenna arrays. For a preview, see his website, <http://www.arraysolutions.com/>

This one will be held at the Spring Branch School District offices, courtesy of W5SB. Put it on your calendar for FRIDAY, not the usual Thursday meeting night.

If you have a program you would like to see, give Madison a call to discuss it.