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The Prez Sez - de Madison, W5MJ

The activities of the Texas DX Society are coming faster than I can recount [almost]. We started the month of February with a superb Winter Dinner, planned by Melanie Bradford and held at the Greenspoint Wyndham Hotel. It was an excellent affair, and too bad if you decided it wasn't worth your time. The crowd was a little smaller than the last one – about 25 in attendance – but the conversation was lively, the food outstanding, and the company the best. Plan on it next year! (Pictures of this years' event by K5LBU are in this issue. - ed.)

One of the best benefits of TDXS membership is the ability to send your outgoing QSL cards fer free! I have about 250 going out for W5MJ, NN5P, KR5DX, W5NN, and XA5T myself. Where are yours?

Our annual CDXpedition [that's for "close Dxpedition"] to Mexico is at hand. We anticipate a good turnout for both the CW and SSB runnings of the ARRL DX contest as 6D2YFM again. Please work us on all 6 bands.

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TDXS Calendar

Upcoming events of interest to TDXSer's

February 15-16 TDXS ARRL DX CW Contest DXpedition to 6D2YFM

March 1-2 TDXS ARRL DX Phone Contest DXpedition to 6D2YFM

Thursday March 13, 2003 TDXS Monthly meeting with a speaker from the Houston BBB

Monthly Meeting Announcement

Because of the Winter Dinner on February 1, there will be no monthly meeting in February. Work 6D2YFM in the ARRL Contests.

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The Prez Sez (contd.)

There is the usual concern about whether we will be able to have access to the Radio Ranch, heightened this year by a communications breakdown, and some personal problems on the far side of the fence. There has been an alternative plan developed for the short term, and we are looking into the possibility of moving to another site a little farther into Mexico. That, of course, means lots of time spent in moving towers, with the attendant expense and red tape at the border, but it may come down to that. No doubt the jungle telegraph will have more details to you within a couple of weeks.

Frosty is putting together a FDXpedition [that's for Far Dxpedition] to Lesotho in mid July for 10 days. The world situation is such that I, for one, am hedging on whether I will put my money down now or wait and see. The last one of these I was on was the trip W5BAK and I planned to FP for September 15, 2001. Our bags were already packed for that one. Various and sundry of the TDXS membership have other trips planned, so keep in touch to find out who is going where: there may be an operating position or two open.

Finally, and perhaps more importantly on the local scene, Glenn WB5TUF, our new repeater chairman, has not only breathed life back into 147.36 [with more better to come], but also will soon have 442.00 back up with Igor on the output side instead of the input side so those of you who would rather talk than listen will have yourselves heard! It is likely that both of these repeaters will be located at a new site outside the Galleria that will give better coverage throughout the metropolitan area.

73 es gud DX,

**Madison
W5MJ**

“DX Report by Ken – AB5A”

Hello TDXS'ers. Your DX editor has been just out of sync with the Bullsheet deadlines and I have missed a couple issues. The solar cycle is in full retreat. Openings are getting noticeably shorter and weaker. That does not mean that DXing is over. It means you will have to work for it.

IOTA NA-167 Isla Pelicano A group of Mexican operators have activated this rare IOTA. They are scheduled to operate from 6Feb to 9Feb using the callsign XFIK. They will operate from Isla Pelicano, which is part of the Sonora State North group NA-167. This operation is being sponsored by IREF, Island Radio Expedition Foundation. They have a website at <http://www.islandradio.org/xf1k.htm> QSL via N6AWD.

HH, Haiti & IOTA NA-149 Ile a Veche A group of German DXpeditioners will be activating this entity. While not rare, Haiti is not often heard on the low bands or RTTY. This group has been very active on 160M working especially hard to get the Europeans in their logs. Also look for operations during the WPX RTTY contest. The callsigns to look for are: HH6/DL7CM & HH6/DM2AYO. They will be operating from IOTA NA-149 Ile a Veche. QSL via HC

HF70 & SN70, Poland Special event stations across Poland have been operating with the special HF70 & SN70 prefixes commemorating the 70th anniversary of the cracking of the German secret enigma machine code. The suffixes of these stations are the letters of the word ENIGMA. Look for HF70E through HF70A and SN70E through SN70A. The ENIGMA Award is issued by the SP DX Club for working 3 different stations. There a website with information at: <http://www.sp5zcc.waw.pl/en/index.php?k=enigma> QSL information is given for each station on this website. The awards manager is SP7DQR.

KH9, Wake Island Charles “Chuck” Brady, N4BQW was active from Wake Island for several days in late January. Chuck is the astronaut who was on Bouvet 3Y-B Island last year. QSL via KB6NAN.

K, United States A Special event station, KM1CC was active for the week of 11-19 Jan 2003 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic radio transition by Marconi. While this is not a DX station by today's standards, it certainly paid homage to the very first true DXing. Webpage at: http://www.qsl.net/w1aa/w1aa_1001.htm QSL via KB1GSO.

A Hundred others, DX These are the one that I failed to mention for lack of omniscience. You can help me with these. I most likely to mention stuff I'm chasing so keep me posted of what your chasing and I'll be certain to share it. DX is out there!!! Go get it, wrangle it and tell me about it.

73,
Ken Eckel, AB5A

Adios Amigos -- de Jim Lane, N5DC

Here is an update on Evie and I. Evie has been retired, since a year ago October, and I am contemplating doing the same thing shortly. I have been using a Caterpillar D-8 Dozer, to clear out my garage, and the end is in sight. We will shortly put our home on the Market.(Anybody need Rohn 45 or some antennas?). When we get the house sold, Evie wants to move to the Rio Grande Valley area, and hang up our spurs. I must admit the thought of being able to do some fishing on Laguna Madre doesn't hurt my feelings. We are certainly going to miss the TDXS gang, and particularly at Field Day. As soon as we get setup in the Valley, we will be back on the TDXS Reflector, and can keep up with you all. From Evie and I, heartfelt thanks for all the good times we have had. TDXS is a class act, so keep it going!

Jim, N5DC & Evie W5XYL



Dave, Madison and Buzz trying to give away door prizes.



Margie and Mike