



# The Bullsheet

The Official News Bulletin of  
The Texas DX Society  
An ARRL Affiliated Club

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**The TDXS Meeting this month will be on  
Thursday August 11th at the  
Tracy Gee Center**

**Program by Kim Carr—K5TU  
“Building my Dream Station After  
35 Years of Deed Restrictions”**

**Pre-meeting Dinner 5:30pm**

**Pappa’s BBQ  
9797 Westheimer Houston, TX 77042**



**Editor’s Note** by Allen N5XZ

Very sorry that this news-  
letter is late. Between  
working overtime, and  
operating two contests last  
week (10-10 Summer  
Phone Contest and the  
NAQP CW) and, well,  
everything else, I just did-  
n't have time to do it when  
I needed to.

Speaking of contests, I had  
a lot of fun over the week-  
end working those con-  
tests, and I’m pretty sure I  
will win the 10-10 contest  
again. I would like to see  
more local participation,  
though and contacts from  
fellow TDXS members. I  
always try to give TDXS  
members contacts when  
they are doing a contest. I  
think all of us TDXS  
member should support  
each other this way.

You will notice a press  
release on page 8 of this  
newsletter. I asked Ron  
Litt K5HM to write it up  
for me (he’s good at that  
kind of thing). Well, as it  
says, TDXS has changed  
its constitution to relax the  
membership requirements.  
No more having to be  
nominated, attending a  
minimum number of meet-  
ings, etc. Just like other  
successful DX and Contest  
clubs in the area, we are  
now open to everyone  
who has an interest in  
those things. So please, if  
you know of anyone who  
fits the bill, ask them if  
they would like to become  
members. I (and most of  
us) want to see more, fresh  
membership in the club  
and with that more team  
contesting and DXing

activities. It’s up to YOU.  
DX in the ‘XZ log for July  
included 9A1TESLA,  
SV8/PAOPMD, A45XR,  
5W0COW, S79V, J75KG  
(K5KG), 3V8SS, Z60A,  
ZW0HQ, A31MM,  
T30AR, T2COW, V51YJ,  
FK8CE, and YJ0GA. Not  
super great, but at least the  
bands aren't completely  
dead yet.

There has been some talk  
on some reflectors regard-  
ing [RM-11708](#) which will  
unregulate the bandwidth  
of data signals the lower  
HF portion of the spec-  
trum. It is a bad deal for  
CW and narrow signal  
operators. No room now  
but more on that later.

For now...  
73, Allen N5XZ

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BE SURE TO WISH ORVILLE K5VWW A  
BIG GET WELL SOON! HE HAS DIRECT  
PHONE ACCESS AT 281-329-4469 AND IS  
AT THE CARE FACILITY IN SUGAR LAND.

# The Prez Sez by Bob, W5UQ

Prez Sez for August 2016:

Hi guys and gals,

Our meeting this month will be at Tracy Gee Center at 7pm. Remember that many of us meet at Papa's BBQ, which is "set back" in the southwest corner of Gesner and Westheimer. Come join us there at about 5:30pm "ish".

Next month we will start the election process for the 2017 officers. Below is a copy of the TDXS Constitution that is posted on the TDXS.ORG and TDXS.NET website.

## ARTICLE SIX Election of Officers

### Section One

Nominations: Written nominations for each of the four (or 5) elected officers shall be made to the club Secretary before the regular September meeting. The nomination period shall begin with the regular September meeting and end with the regular October meeting. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor during the regular October meeting.

### Section Two

Election: Election of officers shall be by simple majority of secret email ballot received prior to the meeting unless there is only one candidate for

any position. Election of that candidate shall be by acclamation at the November meeting. Otherwise, the results of the balloting shall be announced at the November meeting and the new officers' slate proclaimed.

### Section Three

Runoff: A runoff election shall be held between the top two candidates for any office in which no candidate receives a majority vote.

### Section Four

Office: The elected officers shall be introduced at the regular December meeting and shall officially take office on January 1. End of copied section from TDXS Constitution.

So we should be thinking about who we want to nominate for President, Secretary and the Treasurer, plus the VP of Programming and VP of Membership.

The September meeting will be a dinner out meeting so send your nominations to Doug Seyler before the September meeting.

I have been president for three years now and someone else needs to be elected for 2017.

As for the appointed offices, those suggestions and such should be made to the new 2017 president before the end

of 2016 so that he.... Or she.... Can be making plans for the new board of directors.

Thank you for your support of Texas DX Society.

Now we have two new members. I sent emails welcoming them to TDXS and invited them to be at our next meeting. Please welcome them as new members on your own. We will announce them at the August meeting. And if they are there, congratulate them for becoming new members.

They are:

Member #190 is: Jim Burrough, N5DTT

And

Member #191 is Jim Blanca, KE8G.

We hope to see them and all of you at our Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>, TDXS meeting and dinner before the meeting....

And... for nonmembers, you are also invited to come and have fun with us.

Have a good week.

73,

Bob Hardie W5UQ

TDXS Prez for 2016



# TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

## TDXS July 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 13, 2016

**Location:** Empire Cafe, Houston, TX

**Attendance: Members:** Scott K5DD, Bob W5UQ, Mike K5UO, Gerald K9GEM, Allen N5XZ, Ron K5HM, Lance WD5X, Nizar K0NM, Mike N5MT.

**Guests:** Verna Patout (XYL of Scott K5DD), Janice Muller (XYL of Gerald K9GEM), Elva Hardie (XYL of Pres. Bob).

This was a dinner meeting, held at the Empire Café on Westheimer in Houston. I was on vacation in South Dakota, so did not attend, but heard very good reports on the food and fellowship.

We have 2 new members of TDXS:

# 190 is Jim Burrough N5DTT from Bellaire, TX.

# 191 is Jim Blanca KE8G from Parma, OH.

Welcome to the club!

73,

Submitted August 9, 2016

Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS Secretary



## **DX Report by Orville Burg K5VWW**

Orville is currently in the hospital but expects to be out within 2 weeks, so we don't have a DX report this month.

Wish Orville well.

**GET WELL  
SOON!**



# Contest Chairman's Report—by Glenn Anderson WB5TUF

Nothing received.



## Where in the World is... Macao (XX9) by Ron Litt K5HM

Macao, also spelled Macao is a small peninsula in mainland China, across the Pearl River Delta from Hong Kong.



A Portuguese overseas territory until 1999, it reflects a mix of Portuguese and Chinese influences. Its giant casinos and extravagant malls have earned it the nickname, the "Las Vegas of Asia." In 1999, it became the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. It has an estimated population of about 650,000 crowded into a 12 square mile area.

The Portuguese arrived in 1513 and established trading rights with the Chinese. As commerce grew, they began to exert more influence over the local inhabitants. By 1564, Portugal commanded western trade with India, Japan, and China.

In 1576, Pope Gregory XIII established the Roman Catholic Diocese of Macau. The Portuguese in Macau were eventually permitted to form a Senate to handle various issues concerning their social and economic affairs under strict supervision of the Chinese authority, but there was no transfer of sovereignty.

By the 1840's, they established their own self administration. Macau prospered as a port but it was the target of repeated failed attempts by the Dutch to conquer it in the 17th century. On June 24, 1622, the Dutch attacked Macau with the hope of turning it into a Dutch possession. The Portuguese repulsed their attack and the Dutch never tried to conquer Macau again.



During WW II, Portugal's neutrality was mostly respected by the Japanese except for some minor incidents. After the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949, the Beijing government declared the Sino-Portuguese Treaty invalid as an "unequal treaty" imposed by foreigners on China.



## Where in the World is... Macao (XX9) by Ron Litt K5HM

Sovereignty over Macau was transferred to China in December 1999. The treaty stipulates that Macau operate with a high degree of autonomy until at least 2049, fifty years after the transfer.

Macao is among the world's richest regions, and as of 2015 its GDP per capita by purchasing power parity is higher than that of any country in the world, according to the World Bank. It became the world's largest gambling center in 2006, with the economy heavily dependent on gambling and tourism.

QRZ.com reports 114 licensed radio amateurs in Macau.

Visiting hams to Macau report, it is difficult to find a suitable spot for operation in Macau surrounded by mountains, except in southern direction. On top of that there can also be heavy local QRN due to the high degree of development.

Macao's special status with the Peoples' Republic of China ends in 2049. After that, no more XX9 prefix.

Reporting from the Dark Side,  
Ron, K5HM



## **TDXS Press Release—New Membership Campaign**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: Texas DX Society

To: All Media Outlets and Interested Parties.

### **Texas DX Society Launches Membership Campaign; Relaxes Membership Requirements.**

Houston, TX, August 1, 2016 – The Texas DX Society announced today that it is launching a major effort to attract new members; especially new hams who are interested in working DX and participating in contests.

TDXS members recently approved significant changes to its club constitution to eliminate any restrictive barriers to membership. According to Club president Bob Hardie, W5UQ, “TDXS has a wealth of experience we can share with the ham radio community at large. We want to encourage new hams to discover the tools and techniques that are a part of the greatest hobby in the world.”

“Many of our members, are multiple DX Century Club (DXCC) award holders and almost 50 are on the DXCC Honor Roll”, said Allen Brier, N5XZ, and TDXS Communication Chairman. “Their experience is a valuable resource of communications skill, said Brier further. .

Most TDXS members are avid testers. “Participating in contests is one of the fastest ways to work new countries and earn the coveted DXCC award. It is also one of the best ways to improve operating skills, according to Contest Chairman, Glenn Anderson, WB5TUF. “The pace and competition of a contest is one of the best ways to prepare for a real emergency”, Anderson stated.

Even if you have little contest experience, we are interested in forming contest teams with new hams and experienced members. It’s the best way to learn how it is done.

The Texas DX Society is a nonprofit organization founded in 1970. We invite Houston area amateurs to get to know us. Visit our web site at [www.tdxx.net](http://www.tdxx.net) or by attending our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Tracy Gee Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr, Houston, TX 77042.

For more information, contact Allen Brier, N5XZ, Communications Manager at [n5xz@earthlink.net](mailto:n5xz@earthlink.net).

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## Texas DX Society Board members

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On 2 Meters: 147.96/36 MHz (100 Hz)      On 70cm: 447.00/442.00 MHz (103.5 Hz)

DX Cluster—On Packet: Connect to **K5DX** on 145.71 MHz or telnet via IP address 75.148.198.113

## TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to these members with birthdays in August

Please notify the Editor if I have missed anyone

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 Frank Wyatt - KC5M  
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 George Wagner - K5KG  
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 Kirk Kridner - KV5Q  
 Randy Thompson - K5ZD  
 Brent Levitt - NT5D  
 Eric Silverthorn - NM5M  
 Trey Garlough - N5KO

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