



# The Bullsheet

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## **TDXS Monthly Meeting via Zoom: Thursday March 18th, 7PM CST Program:**

### **"The Smith Chart an Overview" by AJ4F"**

#### **Editor's Note** by Allen Brier N5XZ

### **What is TDXS worth to YOU?**

I have been asking the membership for someone to belly up to the bar and to volunteer for the offices of President, DX Chairman, VP of Programs and even Field Day Chairman (of course I have no idea if the traditional Field Day will happen this year, it might just be like last year.) But so far no one has done so. I know, I know, many of you have already volunteered for an office in the past, maybe you're busy, maybe just too damned tired. But if TDXS is worth anything at all, you should want to give back to the club, at least for one year, to provide some leadership and support. What will happen to TDXS if you don't? Well, I can tell you I am not going to do this job forever, and neither is Doug, Jim, Jerry, Larry, Glen or Scott. I don't know how long they have been in their positions, (I could look it up but why should I?) but I have been doing this now since August of 2013! Isn't anyone tired of me yet??? Wouldn't YOU like to have your say every month (of course, I don't know if anyone reads my notes anyway.)

*If you're not going to pitch in, what are you going to do to support TDXS?*

73, Allen N5XZ

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We are now holding my Thursday "EX-ZED SPRED" lunches on Zoom and it is every week! If you would like to be invited, send me at note at n5xz@arrl.net

# The Prez Sez by ????????



## **TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI**

**Date:** February 25, 2021

**Location:** ZOOM Virtual Meeting

**Attendance:** Doug W9LCQ (Sec.), Larry KB5WWW (Treas.), Orville K5VWW, Allen N5XZ, David KE5ZZO, Don N5DD, John K5EC, Mike N5MT, Steve W9DX, Michael K5WRN, Neil N4FN, Sid K5XI

The February TDXS Meeting was held, as usual, via ZOOM Video conferencing. The agenda was:

Discussion of open officers positions, including President and VP Programs

Officers Report –

Treasurer Larry KB5WWW reported that we currently have 43 active (dues paid) members

The program featured a video documenting the remarkable 2007 DXpedition to BS7H, Scarborough Reef in the South China Sea. It gives a history of prior activations, and the challenges, both logistical and political, encountered. Running just under 1 hour in length, the video presents a fascinating look at this remarkable activation.

The highlight of the March 18 TDXS Meeting will be “The Smith Chart – an Overview” by Robie AJ4F.

**A full recording of the meeting is at [TDXS Monthly Meeting February 25, 2021 - YouTube](#), or you can follow the link on the TDXS webpage.**

Submitted March 14, 2021

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary



# **DX Chairman's Report by ??**



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Hello again. As usual, we will start with a summary of major contests coming up in the next two months.

### March

- 7 ARRL International DX Contest – SSB
- 13 South America 10-Meter Contest  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge  
Oklahoma and Idaho QSO Parties  
North America Sprint - RTTY
- 14 Wisconsin QSO Party
- 20 Russian DX Contest  
Virginia QSO Party
- 27 CQ WW WPX – SSB Contest

### April

- 3 Mississippi and Louisiana QSO Parties  
EA RTTY Contest  
North America Sprint
- 10 FTn DX Contest  
OK/OM DX Contest  
Nebraska, New Mexico, Georgia and North Dakota QSO Parties  
Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest
- 17 Michigan and Ontario QSO Parties  
ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB
- 24 10-10 International Digital Contest  
Florida QSO Party



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

TDXS members participated in a number of contests in January. Here is their score information as reported in the 3830scores.com website.

### NA Sprint CW Contest 2021 February 6

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K5GN(@W5KU)	x		315	49	3:58	15,435	TDXS
KØNM	x	x	177	39	4	6,903	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K5GQ			73	32	4	2,336	TDXS
KG5U			67	32	1.08	2,144	TDXS

### Minnesota QSO Party 2021 Feb 6

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW-RTTY Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA			47	0	27 10	2,538	TDXS	

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW-RTTY Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KD5FBA			0	7	7 1	98	TDXS	
N5DTT			0	4	4 1	32	TDXS	

### CQ WPX RTTY Contest 2021 Feb 13

SOAB LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
KC5TT			413	221	19	169,949	TDXS

### ARRL DX Contest, CW 2021 Feb 20

SO Unlimited HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5HEM			140	90	10:40	37,800	TDXS



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

### ARRL DX Contest, CW 2021 Feb 20 (cont.)

#### SO Unlimited LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KE8G			271	78	4	63,414	TDXS

#### SOAB HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GN(@W5KU)	x		2678	329	38	2,643,186	TDXS
N5XZ			1142	245	15:35	832,755	TDXS
KØNM		x		640	176 22	337,920	TDXS
K5TIA			324	143	23	138,966	TDXS
K5GQ			204	99	6.25	60,588	TDXS
W9LCQ			197	87		51,417	TDXS

#### SOAB LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F			122	74	6	26,826	TDXS
K5TU			34	28	2.0	2,856	TDXS

### North American QSO Party, RTTY 2021 February

#### Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
KG5U			411	112	9.17	46,032	TDXS
KC5TT				247	63	15,561	TDXS
AJ4F			59	24	1	1,416	TDXS

Jim, N5DTT



## Where in the World is... Ron Litt, K5HM

What happens when two peoples can't get along? Pretty much, places like Cyprus happen. Owing to its strategic location Cyprus is one of the most conquered places in the Mediterranean Sea. It has been conquered by Alexander the Great, Egypt, Venice, by Richard I during the Third Crusade, followed by the Ottoman Turks in 1570.

After the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878, a war lasting 10 months, 1 week and 2 days, the Ottoman Empire lost control of many of its Balkan possessions, owing to the rise of nationalism and the fact that the Turkish government was basically broke. As a result, Britain simply helped itself to Cyprus in 1878 making the island a British protectorate. With the outbreak of WW 1 and the Turks becoming formal allies of Germany, Great Britain annexed the island as part of the British Empire. Finally, in 1925, Cyprus formally became a British Crown Colony.



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Although the island is of overwhelming Greek extraction, Greek and Turkish Cypriots do not always get along. This has led to several uprisings, invasions, and guerilla conflicts down through the centuries. Even though the island is closer to Turkey, geographically, its Greek Cypriot majority about 90%, make it attractive to Greece for economic and strategic reasons.

The island is divided along ethnic lines between Greek Cypriots in the Republic of Cyprus in the southern half of the island and Turkish Cypriots in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The Northern government is recognized only by Turkey.

In 1960 Cyprus became an independent nation under the agreement between the UK, Greece, and Turkey. But wait, there is more. Under this agreement the British retain two Sovereign Base Areas (SBA) See map. The SBA's are more than military bases. Several civilian villages are part of the base areas. It covers a total of 98 square miles and a populace of 15,000. Both Britain and Cyprus are part of the EU, which has Brexit issues. And yes, in the SBA's and throughout Cyprus, they drive on the left had side of the road.





## Where in the World is... Ron Litt, K5HM

The Green Line that divides the island resulted from a Greek coup d'état to unite the island with Greece in 1974. Five days later the Turkish Army invaded Cyprus. After order was restored, the dispute was eventually resolved by under the auspices of the U.N. A demilitarized zone (Green Line) was established to keep the two sides apart.

The ZC4 prefix was added to the DXCC list in March 1985, According to QRZ.com, there are 96 existing ZC4 call signs issued to hams. Many of them may be inactive if they were attached to British military personnel or temporary operations. The most recent DX-pedition was that of a team from the Cambridge Wireless Society who operated under the call sign, ZC4UW. They were active from January 2 – 7, 2020. The UK Sovereign Base Areas currently rank number 141 on Club Log's Most wanted list.

Reporting from the Dark Side

Ron Litt, K5HM



## Texas DX Society Board members

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### How to reach US

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

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TexasDXSociety/> (new)

**TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"** to these members with birthdays in March:

**Please notify the Editor if I have missed anyone or of any updates:**

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