



The Bullsheet

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The next TDXS meeting will be

Aug 18, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88972632827?pwd=TIVpK05XQ0VYRzc5K2dNZkc2dWFOQT09>

Allen Brier N5XZ will talk about his travels in Russia, Chad and other countries and encounters with local hams. There's no telling what else he might find on his laptop to talk about, so come and enjoy the ramble. Audience participation is encouraged!

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

I have been really busy this month so I'm very sorry for getting this out so late.

I did manage some time to operate a few contests and with improving band conditions, participation in contests is also increasing. Hope you had some time to represent Texas DX Society in a few. Jim always does a good job in reporting TDXS member numbers.

DX entities worked at N5XZ in the month of July: BY, YB, VK0M, 3D2(F), 7Q, A6, OD, lots of EU, JA's, etc. I even worked on GM on 10 SSB during the 10-10 SSB Contest in early August!

As you can see, I will be doing a program on some of my travels throughout the world and some of the hams I have met and some of the operating I have done. I have to admit I didn't do a very good job taking pictures or even remembering callsigns and names, but I have some of it. I may have some actual photographs in boxes somewhere that were never digitized and some files that were lost, so I will just have to go by my memory.

I didn't get a whole lot of response from my question last month on member participation in the club itself, or for taking over positions held in some cases for a decade by current board members and contributors. Well, are you listening? How many of you out there have served on the Board of Directors, or contributed on a regular basis to the Bullsheet? Some of us are getting long in the tooth and need someone fresh to take over. I was hoping that some of you may have caught that in my hint last month. Even if you have served before, please consider serving again...

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 ????????

We are still looking for someone to step of to be TDXS president...how about you?



TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS July 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: July 21, 2022

Location: ZOOM Virtual Meeting

The July TDXS Meeting was held, as usual, via ZOOM Video conferencing. There were 13 participants: Doug W9LCQ, Allen N5XZ, Jim N5DTT, Larry KB5PNU, Mike N5MT, Nizar K0NM, Keith NM5G, Chris KG5BBF, Gerald K9GEM, Don N5LZ, Mark K5GQ, Orville K5VWW, Rick K5GZR.

Agenda:

New TDXS Members in June/July

#246 - Jerry Davis N5EKO, Klein, TX

#247 – Juan Carlos Munoz TG9AJR, The Woodlands, TX

Active member count – 48 members are current on 2022 dues.

Field Day Results – A preliminary FD report is in the July 2022 Bullsheet

Quad club effort – TDXS, BVARC, KARS, UHARC

Class 10A plus 6m and GOTA

4298 contacts; prelim score 15,290 + bonus

Final should be close to 17,000 points

August 18, 2022 at Tracy Gee?

Scheduled in-person meeting – August, October, December. Would you attend?

We need to survey membership to determine feasibility.

Program – The program, presented by Bill Schmidt K9HZ, was entitled “Rebuilding SteppIR antennas... why they work and why they fail.” Bill is in the middle of an antenna rebuilding project and this was an in-depth look at the strength and weaknesses of these unique antennas. It included lots of tips for troubleshooting SteppIR problems.

The video is available on YouTube at [“Rebuilding SteppIR antennas... why they work and why they fail”](#).

Submitted August 12, 2022

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary/Treasurer



DX Chairman's Report—OPEN

Looking for a new DX Chairman, any volunteers?



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

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

August

- 6 10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB
North American QSO Party, CW
- 13 Worked All Europe DX Contest, CW
Maryland-District of Columbia QSO Party
- 21 North American QSO Party, SSB
ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY
- 28 World-wide Digi Dx Contest
W/VE Islands QSO Party
Hawaii QSO Party
Kansas QSO Party

September

- 3 Colorado QSO Party
Tennessee QSO Party
- 10 WAE DX Contest, SSB
ARRL September VHF Contest
Alabama QSO Party
- 17 Iowa QSO Party
Texas QSO Party
Washington State Salmon Run (QSO Party)
New Jersey QSO Party
New Hampshire QSO Party
- 24 Maine QSO Party



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

TDXS members participated in several contests in July. Here is their score information as reported in the 3830scores.com website.

IARU HF World Championship 2022 Jul 9

SOABCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		469	0	67		78	12	220,545	TDXS
K5IZO		299	0	0		87	8	75,777	TDXS
K5TU		311	0	44		36		75,440	TDXS
N5XZ		229	0	23		25	2:22	39,888	TDXS

SOABCW LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KG5U		158	0	29	14		5:08	19,178	TDXS

SOABSSB HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		0		78	26	22		12,960	TDXS

SOABSSB LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		0	80	60	20		9	9,840	TDXS

CQ Worldwide VHF Contest 2022 Jul 16

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PR	SO2R	329	147		51,744	TDXS

SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		190	88		16,720	TDXS
WB5TUF		125	74		9,250	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

CQ Worldwide VHF Contest 2022 Jul 16 (cont.)

SOSB/6 HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		140	100	12	14,600	TDXS

SOSB/6 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F		138	80	8	11,040	TDXS
N5DTT		62	43	14.5	2,666	TDXS

North American QSO Party, RTTY 2022 July 16

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
AJ4F		175	65	4	11,375	TDXS

IOTA Contest 2022 Jul 30

SO12CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	CW Mults	Ph Qs	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		99	39	0	0	12	31,551	TDXS

SO12SSB LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	CW Mults	Ph Qs	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		0	0	8	5	2	405	TDXS

It was another good month of contesting though the number of big contests was lower than other times of the year. We have a fair-sized group of consistent contesters, and they seem to really enjoy their participation. There is always room for more, contesters and contests. August will have the remaining North American QSO Parties and TDXS will field teams. It is a perfect time to join the fun. By the way, the Texas QSO Party is coming up in September. It is not too early to start to make some plans for that weekend.

Jim, N5DTT



Where in the World—By Ron Litt K5HM

Where in the world is . . .

Turkmenistan (EZ)

CQ 17 ITU 30

It stands 17th on Club Log's World's Most Wanted DXCC list. Turkmenistan is a country in Central Asia of almost 6 million inhabitants. Mostly desert, its western boundary meets the Caspian Sea. Most of the country is covered by the Karakum (Black Sand) desert, beneath which are some of the largest natural gas reserves in the world.

The country's shape follows the famous Silk Road of medieval times, eastward through Central Asia. Along the great caravan route, stood cities like Merv, one of the great cities of the Islamic world and an important stop on the trade route to ancient China.

Annexed by the Russian Empire in 1881, Turkmenistan became a republic of the Soviet Union and independent upon the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. Today, it remains one of the most autocratic regimes in the world, with its population impoverished.



Countries like Turkmenistan always seem to have leaders with unpronounceable names. For example, the current president, Kurbanguly Berdimukhamedov has ruled Turkmenistan since 2007 when he succeeded life-long president Saparmyrat Niyazov. Following in his predecessor's footsteps, Berdimukhamedov has built a personality cult. Officially titled the "Arkadag" (The Patron), he is also prime minister and commander-in-chief of the country's armed forces.

The traditional life of the Turkmen is that of nomadic shepherds, though some have been settled in towns for centuries. The country is known for its fine carpets (one is even featured in its flag) and horses.

Turkmenistan is one of just two Stalinist countries in existence (the other being North Korea) and the government is in firm control of nearly everything, although, surprisingly, tourism is welcomed as long as you don't discuss politics or the omnipresent police or military.

QRZ.com lists less than 150 hams in the country *[however, ham radio is currently banned in EZ since 2006. Quite often you will see a spot for EZ7DX or someone else but that is usually a busted call for E77—Ed]*

Reporting from the Dark Side, Ron, K5HM

Ron didn't submit an article this month because Linda Litt sprained her ankle so I used an old one from 2017—Ed



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

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

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

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