



# The Bullsheet

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## TDXS MAY MEETING

May 18th at 7:00PM CDT

ZOOM Meeting (join Zoom [HERE](#))

Program: "How to be Successful on 6m with Various Types of Propagation"

by Robie—AJ4F

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

## Bill Eckenrode W5SG—SK

### TDXS Member #72 FOC #1863

I am sorry to announce that another TDXS member has passed, Bill W5SG. I mostly worked Bill in FOC activities and QSO parties. He was an excellent operator and he will be sorely missed on the CW bands. I have 34 QSOs with Bill in my log mostly on CW of course but also a few on 10 SSB. I don't have much more information on Bill, but if anyone has pictures please send them to me so that I can post in the next BS, .

### FIELD DAY 2023    FIELD DAY 2023    FIELD DAY 2023

Field day is coming up again next month! While I haven't spoken to BVARC yet, I am sure we will be joining them again, this time back at the Richmond Fire Training Facility in Richmond. Details to follow. As always I will be looking for CW & SSB operators, Antenna installation/tear-down support, computer support, Elmers and radios. We hope to outfit the station as much as possible with K3's again (but of course if you want to bring your K4, that would be great, too!). Details to follow on the TDXS Reflector and next month's BS (which I promise to get out early because of Field Day!).

73/161, Allen N5XZ

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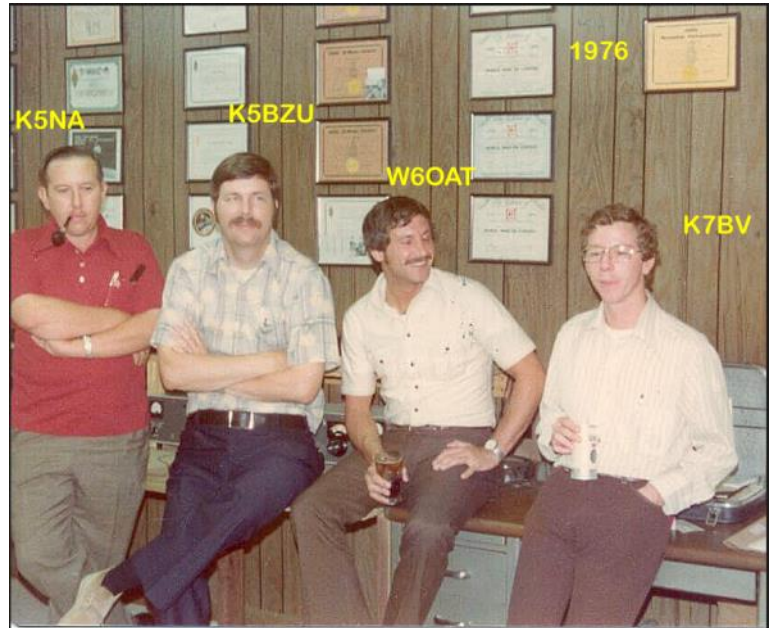
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# Richard King TDXS #1—SK



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## Bill Eckenrode W5SG TDXS #72—SK



**Bill Eckenrode W5SG, TDXS member #72 (1980)**

**November 8, 1945 – May 12, 2023**

I don't have much information on Bill, but he was a great CW operator and was really into customizing cars, as you can see in his website: <https://sites.google.com/site/w5sgbill/home>

If anyone has additional information or pictures, please forward to me for the next BS issue.

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# TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ

Date: April 20, 2023

Location: Tracy Gee Community Center, Houston, TX

The April 2023 TDXS Meeting was live at the Tracy Gee Community Center and on ZOOM. There were 14 participants: Doug W9LCQ, Orville K5VWW, Dale KG5U, Robie AJ4F, Scott K5DD, Rick W5RH, Rick K5TIA, Mark K5GQ, Kim K5TU, Jim N5DTT, Dave K5GN, Allen N5XZ, Robert WB5KJE, Tom K5RC.

### Agenda:

New TDXS Members in March/April

#251 - Robert Gillespie WB5KJE, Celeste, TX

#252 - Alfred Wasielewski WA2VJL, San Benito, TX

Active member count – 49 members are current on 2023 dues.

Richard King K5NA – SK in tragic antenna accident

First TDXS President (member #1)

We will discuss how we can recognize his contributions to TDXS and ham radio in general at the May 18 ZOOM meeting.

Program by Dave McCarty K5GN on “Upcoming World Radiosport Team Championship”. The competition will be held in July in Bologna, Italy. This quadrennial event is the Olympics of Ham Radio Contesting. Dave has previously served as a referee at the event and has qualified to be a team leader, so he is very knowledgeable about it.

The video from this meeting is available on the TDXS YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J89Q-mily64&t=80s>.

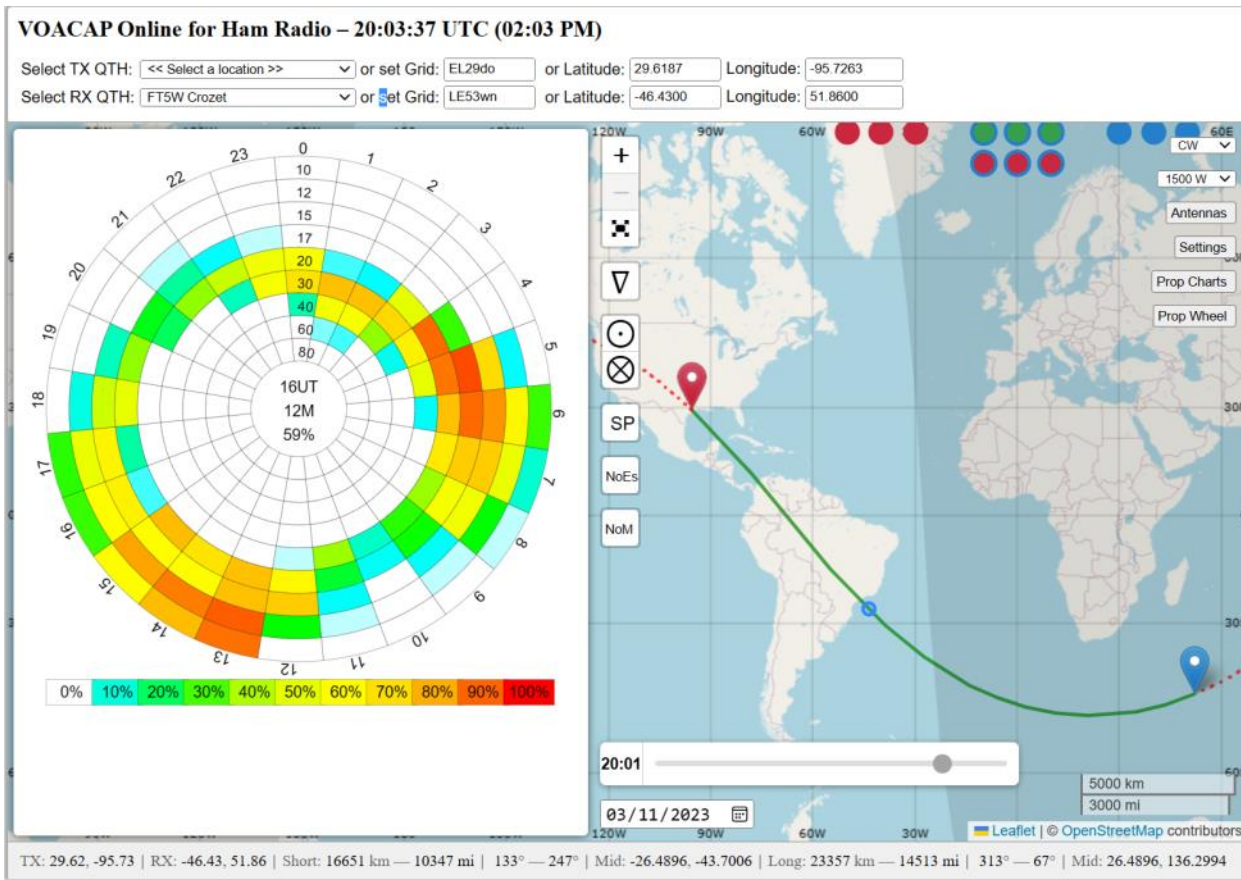
Submitted May 12, 2023

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary



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## **DX Chairman's Report—OPEN**

**Looking for a new DX Chairman, any volunteers?**



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

### May

- 6 10-10 International Spring Contest, CW
  - ARI International DX Contest
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Call Area QSO Party
  - Indiana QSO Party
  - Delaware QSO Party
  - New England QSO Party
- 13 CQ-M International DX Contest
  - Canadian Prairies QSO Party
- 20 His Majesty King of Spain CW Contest
  - Arkansas QSO Party
- 27 CQ WW WPX Contest, CW

### June

- 2 10-10 International Open Season PSK Contest
- 3 Kentucky QSO Party
  - ARRL International Digital Contest
- 10 VK Shires Contest
  - ARRL June VHF Contest
- 17 All Asia DX Contest, CW
  - West Virginia QSO Party
- 24 His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB
  - ARRL Field Day



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

TDXS members participated in several contests in April. Here is their score information as it was found in the 3830scores.com website:

### Missouri QSO Party 2023 Apr 1

SO Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		68	0	0	31	12	4,212	TDXS
AF5J		45	0	0	26	4:19	2,340	TDXS

### Louisiana QSO Party 2023 Apr 1

Fixed CW/Dig HP

Call	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	CW-Dig	Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J	5	0	5	0	1	100		TDXS
K5TIA	3	0	3	0	6	36		TDXS

### SP DX Contest 2023 Apr 1

SOABMixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		62	42	104		8,424	TDXS

### Mississippi QSO Party 2023 Apr 1

Single Op HP

Call	CW Qs	Ph Qs	RTTY Qs	FTn Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J	13	0	0	0	9	2:24	234	TDXS
K5TIA	10	0	0	0	8	6	160	TDXS

### Georgia QSO Party 2023 Apr 8

Single OpCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		105	0	66	0	13:16	13,860	TDXS
K5TIA		70	0	33	0	8	4,620	TDXS



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

### **New Mexico QSO Party 2023 Apr 8**

Multi-Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		8	0	0	8	1	128	TDXS

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		7	0	0	6	6	84	TDXS

### **Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest 2023 Apr 8**

SOSB/15 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		8	0		128	TDXS

### **CQMM DX Contest 2023 Apr 15**

SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		78	6	39		15,075	TDXS

### **Nebraska QSO Party 2023 Apr 15**

Out of State HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	FT8 Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		9	0	0	0	7	1	126	TDXS
K5TIA		2	0	0	0	2	2	8	TDXS

### **Michigan QSO Party 2023 Apr 15**

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		30	0	21	0	5	1,260	TDXS
AF5J		30	0	17	0	2:36	1,020	TDXS



# Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

## North Dakota QSO Party 2023 Apr 15

Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		1	0	0	1	2	1	TDXS

## Ontario QSO Party 2023 Apr 15

SO CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		24	0	21	2	1,680	TDXS
AF5J		1 4	0	14	:46	616	TDXS

## Florida QSO Party 2023 Apr 29

SOABCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		182	0	54	0		19,656	TDXS
K5TIA		1 57	0	56	0	12	17,584	TDXS
AF5J		165	0	52	0	12:08	17,160	TDXS

SOABMixed LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		48	23	31	19	8	5,950	TDXS

Have a good month, contesting as much as you have the time for.

Jim, N5DTT



## Where in the World? - By Ron 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.



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.]



## Where in the World? - By Ron K5HM

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



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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

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

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

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

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