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MEETING NOTICE: The next meeting of the Texas DX Society will be the great big gala Christmas banquet, Saturday, December 15 at the Greenwood Forrest Club. Happy Hour begins at 7PM, followed by a Barbeque dinner and Club meeting. After the meeting, there will be dancing, pool, libation and socializing until the wee hours. Reservations are required in advance. There is a reservation form and map enclosed. Please return the form by December 10. Guests are welcome, but please register them before the deadline. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

THE CONVENTION WRAPUP: Those of you who missed the '79 ARRL West Gulf Division Convention missed the best get-together in this area in many years. With over 1200 in attendance, there was standing room, only, for many of the activities, including the TDXS hospitality suite. Special thanks go to WDSCHY, Chief Barkeep and his assistant, KSYCP and to K5VWW for assembling the QSL display. Once again, the DX and contest activities were some of the highlights of the show.

The Convention was a financial success, also. Each Club that donated seed money will receive three times their investment back. With that \$150 and the \$1000 the TDXS made on the raffle, it was a great success for the Club, also. Next years convention, Com-Vention '80, has already been scheduled for October 4-6. This time, the Committee will be asking clubs to participate in various aspects of running the Convention, so look for an even bigger and better one in 1980.

THE 1980 ARRL DX CONTEST format has been changed to allow DX to work DX. Under the new rules, DX will get 3 points for working W's and 2 points for other DX stations. A copy of the new rules is enclosed. They make interesting reading. The ARRL is also going to award plaques in 50 categories to be sponsored by various clubs. The TDXS has been discussing this type of thing for many years, and this may be the opportunity to get on the band wagon and sponsor one of the major plaques.

TOM'S SHORTS: By the time you read this, the first half of the contest season will be over. SS was a disaster for the West Gulf Division, with the unusually high sunspot activity killing the short skip. The team captains will have a report at the Banquet on how the Wise Acres, Dirty Underwears and The Wimps came out. At the last meeting, the Club voted to buy a new Spectrum repeater. It has been placed on order and should be on the air in January. The 1980 TDXS Officers were elected at the November meeting. They are: President, NSWW.

Vice President: K5BZU. Secretary, KA5CHW. Treasurer, K5NA. Board vacancies will be filled in January.

THE ANNUAL TDXS COMPETITION gets under way December 1. Complete rules are enclosed, but this time, we are chasing Zones instead of countries and QSL's are not required. This one sounds like great fun. Enclosed is a complete list of countries and the Zones to assist you in your hunting. Hopefully UØY in Zone 23 will stay active for another month or so, but there are going to be some other toughies, especially on the low bands.

GO SOUTH, YOUN MEN: The unofficial DX-pedition of the TDXS to XE2FU last March (#1 in the World, Multi-single CW) was so successful that there has been discussion about an official TDXS trip for the ARRL Phone next year. This type of effort is well within the expertise of the Field Day Champs and should be lots of fun. K5GA has volunteered to be the Expedition leader and he has come up with an outline of what it will involve.

When: ARRL Phone Contest, March 1 & 2, 1980

Leave Houston Wednesday, February 27, Return Monday March 3.

Where: Location outside of Nuevo Laredo, T.B.D.

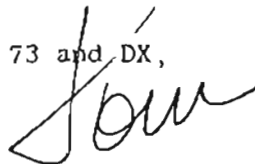
What: Five station full-blown multi-multi.

An exploratory trip will be made after Christmas to see our friends at the Radio Club and pick a site. In the meantime, we have to plan on bringing all of our own supplies, living quarters, operating positions, antennas, supports, power, water and fuel to be self sufficient for a week. While we might have a building and power, we need to plan as if we will be isolated on a big Field Day. In the event we return to XE2FU's ranch, we will be four miles from the highway on roads that become impassable in wet weather.

We will need volunteers to be Facilities Chairman(food, water, shelter), Power Chairman(generators & Fuel), and five band captains; 160/80, 40, 20, 15, 10 (rigs, antennas, supports). It will take 15 to 20 people to bring this effort off, but it represents a challenge well within the capabilities of the TDXS. Bring your comments and suggestions to the Banquet where we will hear the formal proposal.

THE NCJ: One of our own TDXSers has assumed the Editorship of the National Contest Journal. K5ZD will take over with the December issue. Look forward to it being out on a regular basis, with lots more news. A board of directors has been formed (W2GD, K5RC, N6SF and KØTO) to oversee the operation of the NCJ and keep it on an even keel.

73 and DX,



Tom, K5RC

The Annual TDXS Competition

Type of Competition: Worked all zones (WAZ)

Dates: December 1, 1979 thru November 30, 1980 GMT

Catagories: There are two catagories of competition: Single band and five band WAZ. Single band is defined as separate competitions on each band 10 thru 80 meters. Five band is defined as a combined competition on 10 thru 80 meters. All competition is defined as mixed mode.

Contacts: Any mode of transmission is acceptable including cross mode contacts. The TDXS Competition Committee will disallow contacts from any obviously illegal or unauthorized operation. All contacts must be made by a club member using his own call. QSO's made from any multi-op location while a multi-operation is in progress will not count. For the purposes of this competition, the use of the 2 meter repeater does not constitute a multi-op. Current CQ zone map will be used.

Reporting: TDXS WAZ reporting forms or copies must be used. Final completed forms must be received by the Club Secretary one week prior to the December meeting. Queries regarding the validity of an operation should be addressed to the Competition Committee as soon as possible to avoid having a zone credit disallowed at a later date.

Awards: The awards will be presented at the December TDXS banquet. These awards and this competition will be administrated by the TDXS Competition Committee. All decisions made by this committee are final.

DX Repeater: It is not the intent that this competition should take away from the DX repeater acitivity. All competitors are expected to continue sharing DX information on the repeater.

The Texas DX Society invites you to participate in our annual banquet to be held on Saturday evening, 15 December, 1979. This affair is the club's major social event of the year, and it is our practice to invite guests to share the festivities with us. Our banquet this year should be a most enjoyable event.

-Location: Greenwood Forest Club - finest private facility in Champions, FM 1960 area.

-Dinner: Catered by Lenox Barbeque - Houston's best.

-Open Bar

-Dancing

-Pool Table

-Interesting Program

-Door Prizes

-Completely Private

-No Time Limit

If you would like to join the fun, you must purchase your tickets early so that we can give our caterer an accurate count. Ticket price is \$15.00 per person, \$30.00 per couple which includes dinner, unlimited drinks and door prizes. Please make your checks payable to: Texas DX Society, Inc. and mail to John Stevens, K5JS at the following address: 12011 Mulholland Drive, Stafford, Texas, 77477.

We look forward to having you with us in December.

73,

C. Sharp
President
Texas DX Society

