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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November Meeting, Thursday Nov. 14th,
7:00PM at the Tracy Gee Center - Page 2
Pre-meeting Dinner - Pending**

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The Prez Sez - de Buzz, N5UR

Elections for 2003 are upon us. Nominations so far are:

President	Madison Jones W5MJ
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We still need input regarding date for our annual dinner tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in February. One possibility is Brennans. Another issue is price. It is impossible to get a really nice dinner for \$25 without the club subsidizing another \$15 per person. A price rise to \$35 seems long overdue.

Please bring your bureau QSLs as I will be doing the last 2002 mailing the week after this meeting.

I am in Dallas and then New Orleans, but plan to be back for Thursday.

See you all then. Save me some DX

73 Buzz N5UR

November Program - How Those Cell Phones Work

This program was originally scheduled for August .

This month's program takes a little turn away from Ham Radio. Mike Wheat will join us and discuss an industry that is known to most of us, cellular telephones.

Mike, NA5F, got his early education in electronics at a ripe old age of 17. He worked as an assistant engineer at KQTI AM in Edna, Texas. In the US Navy he was a Fire Control Technician for Missile Systems aboard the USS Carl Vinson. Mike dabbled in the two way radio business for a while and eventually went to work as an RF engineer for a cellular system in Tyler and Longview Texas. In 1988 he came to Houston and currently is the Director of RF Engineering for Cingular Wireless. He is responsible for RF Design, Performance and Growth Management for several markets in Texas.

Come and listen to Mike talk about the current state of Cellular phones. He was also have some show and tell items from his end of the business. He will also talk to us about how Ham Radio antennas and the cellular systems can interface.

See you there,

Bill W5SB

The Tracy Gee Center is on the east side of Westcenter St., which runs south from Richmond and is the first street inside Beltway 8 at Richmond. -- Ed.

CQ WorldWide CW Contest DXpedition -

ZF, Cayman Islands – K6AM, K9LA, K9MK, KG5U, N4GI, N9XX, and W5ASP will be QRV in CQ WW CW (November 22-24) as ZF1A. QSL to W5ASP (CBA only).

Dale KG5U

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

Hello TDXS'ers. Both 6M & 160M have been very good at the beginning of November. The QRN on 160M has been tame and the F2 season for 6M is in full swing. Both extremes are in play. VHF can also be very active during cold front passage. This is a common time for Troposphere Ducting. Dxing is more than what you might think sometimes.

ZL7, Chatham Island An international team hailing as ZL7C activated this one on all modes and bands in late October. ZL7 is not a rare entity to hear on the air, but RTTY operations are less common. IOTA: OC-038. QSL via ZL4HU

CE0Z, Juan Fernandez Eliazar, CE0ZIS has been heard operating from Robinson Crusoe Island on several bands including 6M. A little late for a Trans Equatorial opening for Texas. QSL via CE2RKD.

TY, Benin A group of Italian operators activated this one, hailing as TY3M. Operations on PHONE and all bands including 6M. QSL via I8ACB.

IOTA: OC-045 & OC-077 An international group of operators using 2 special calls: K8O & K8T activated KH8, American Samoa. They also activated a couple IOTA's. These include: Ofu Island OC-077 and Tutuila Island OC-045. K8T QSL via GW0ANA. K8O QSL via AH6HY.

CE9, Antarctica HL8KSJ, the Korean Antarctic base on the South Shetland Islands IOTA:AN-010 was activated. The WABA or, "Worked All Antarctic Bases" index for this station is HL01. For more information on WABA go to: <http://www.ddxc.net/waba.asp>. QSL via RK1PWA.

IOTA: OC-253 & OC-254 A group of Italian operators activated this entity and a couple new IOTA's. V63RE and V63WN were the callsigns used. Nomwin Island IOTA:OC-253 and Ta Island IOTA:OC254 were both new activations. Nomwin operations were cut short by local problems. QSL via IT9YRE.

IOTA: AS-081 6K5REL/5 was active on Han-San Island, IOTA: AS-081 QSL via 6K5REL

IOTA: AS-166 Kish Island, a new IOTA was activated during an International airshow in Iran. Callsign was EP6KI. Several TDXS'ers worked this one but the polar path signal was very watery. QSL via G4WFZ direct or via RSGB buro.

IOTA: OC-200 Mike, KM9D activated Swains Island, a rare IOTA. QSL via OM2SA.

IOTA: OC-255 & OC-187 Woody Wallis Island, an new IOTA and Turtle Head Island were activated by Johan, PA3EXX. QSL via PA3EXX.

ZK1-S, South Cook Islands A group of operators activated both North and South Cook Islands. The really notable thing about this operation was ZK1AKX on 6M. He was heard and worked in both North America and South America Oceania and Asia. Several operators in EL-29 worked him. QSL via VE7XF

J3, Grenada Jim, W6JKV/J3 was heard and worked on 6M in EL29 on 3Nov2002. Jim has reported very good conditions on 6M to Worldwide with openings to EU, NA, SA, Africa Oceania and Asia. They were also going to attempt some 6M EME operations. Now that's Dxing!!! QSL via HC.

A Hundred others, DX These are the one that I failed to mention for lack of omniscience. You can help me with these. I most likely to mention stuff I'm chasing so keep me posted of what your chasing and I'll be certain to share it. DX is out there!!! Go get it, wrangle it and tell me about it.