



The Bullsheet

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An ARRL Affiliated Club

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Hello fellow TDXSers!

This month we will not have a TDXS meeting. We have no programs or meeting agenda. Therefore we will regroup in the new year and create a path forward.

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

Kind of a short BS this month. I do want to thank Rick W5RH for his article on Field Day 2024. We did a great job, ranking #2 in the country (after consolidating a composite score based on the score at site plus other members operating separately). Pretty darn good if you ask me. And thanks to the TDXS operators who showed up to generate a lot of QSOs! I'm already looking forward to next year!

I am writing this the day after the 10 meter contest. By all accounts, I heard it was a good one. I did not operate due to my current station status. Not been a great year at N5XZ, first the rotator, now my SDA 100 SteppIR controller has crapped out again. Need to find the issues that contributed to that, so I'm borrowing a megger from Bill K9HZ to verify the wiring integrity. I also think a bad power plug which caused some arcing may be part of the problem. I am looking for 2025 to be a better year hardware wise! Wish me luck!

Here's hoping everyone has a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year and we all get new radio toys to play with!

I hope to see many of you in the WWA Special Event in January. See my article starting Page 10.

73/161, Allen N5XZ

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STILL LOOKING for *more* input from TDXS members...how about sending me something I can put in the BS?? Anything at all, stories, bios, pics, etc. Nobody wants to just hear me drone on and on and on about stuff!

[How about it TDXSers??](#)

TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ

Date: November 30, 2024

Location: Mia's Table, Upper Kirby, Houston, TX

The November 2024 TDXS Meeting was held in person at Mia's Table, 3131 Argonne Street, Houston, TX . It was a social lunch meeting and there were 9 participants: Doug W9LCQ , Dale KG5U, Allen N5XZ, Glenn WB5TUF, Robie AJ4F, Chris KG5BBF, Bob N5ET and guest, and Orville K5VWW.

Submitted December 16, 2024

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary/Treasurer



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

December

- 6 ARRL 160-Meter Contest
- 7 FT Roundup
- 14 ARRL 10-Meter Contest
- 22 ARRL Rookie Roundup
- 28 RAC Winter Contest
- 30 YOTA Contest

January

- 1 Straight Key Night
- 4 ARRL RTTY Roundup
Kids Day
- 11 North American QSO Party, CW
- 18 ARRL January VHF
North American QSO Party, SSB
NA Collegiate Championship, SSB
- 24 CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW
- 25 Winter Field Day

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

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2024 Nov 2

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Sections	Op Time	Score	Club
K5IZO		122	52	5	12,688	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Sections	Op Time	Score	Club
KG5U		578	84	18:52	97,104	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

LZ DX Contest 2024 Nov 16

O CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		59	0	27	4	3,996	TDXS

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 2024 Nov 23

SO(A)AB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
N5XZ		1489	137	460	25:52	2,484,714	TDXS
AF5J		400	80	201	16:27	305,447	TDXS
WT4DX		132	43	98	7:36	50,055	TDXS

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GN(@W5KU)		4517	161	459	44	7,866,560	TDXS
K5IZO		220	27	70	9.5	111,081	TDXS
K5GQ		154	43	95		61,686	TDXS

SOAB Classic HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TU		1070	103	231	17.3	1,023,042	TDXS

SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F		555	87	200	22.5	429,065	TDXS

SOAB Classic LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
NM5G		54	21	27	2	4,128	TDXS

SOSB10 HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		595	36	123	12	271,254	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 2024 Nov 23 (cont.)

SOSB10 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		117	21	49	12	23,030	TDXS

SOSB40 HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		240	30	94	8.5	84,568	TDXS

I hope everyone enjoyed the contests this month. .

Jim, N5DTT



Field Day 2024—We're # 2. We try harder - By Rick W5RH

Remember back in the late 60's and the TV ads for the Avis car rental company touting that they were #2 versus Hertz being # 1. Avis turned their being #2 into a positive marketing message with "We're number two. We try harder". Our joint, quad club BVARC, TDXS, KARS and U of H event at Duhacsek Park did just that: we tried harder. A very positive marketing and operational message to our club members and the Field Day participant community.

Field Day rules changed a few years ago. Final scores are now a composite of the major club or group score with the addition of home or other single op stations designating their score to be added to the club score for an aggregate total. Our Duhecsek Park 10A station's score, operating as **KK5W BVARC Club** was boosted by the addition of 12 member stations designating BVARC as their club. (Unfortunately, the ARRL score report did not provide a who'd who listing of those 12 stations) But, a big thank you to all 12 is due, as you will see below.

The QST December 2024 ARRL Club Category List scores had **10A BVARC as #5 at 20,604 points**. Not too shabby an effort at just that. Potomac Valley ARC had us beat at 36,542 points, along with the Florida Contest Group, Huntsville ARC and Arizona Outlaws Contest Group running 2,3 and 4 respectively. However, adding the additional home station scores for the aggregate brought **BVARC up to #2 with 28,442 points**. Potomac Valley's total score was 66,058, so they remained #1. But the others fell short with 25,602 being the #3 position. Our 12 home stations added 7,838 points, a 38% boost. A most excellent finish.

A very large **THANK YOU** goes out to the 130+ folks who did try harder and helped to plan, execute, participate, make, serve, erect, operate, eat, set-up, configure, clean-up, dismantle and submit our 2024 Field Day effort. It was, yet, another excellent Field Day all around for our quad club group. We will continue to try harder and again strive to be #2 (or #1) in 2025. So don't miss the opportunity to join in the fun next June.

By Rick

W5RH



The Future of the Texas QSO Party

This is from Robie AJ4F:

Keith NM5G & Chuck NO5W have announced that after publishing the results of the 2024 Texas QSO Party they are retiring. Gentlemen, thanks for a great job over many years!!!! It is important that the TQP survive and as the sponsoring club I feel we need to make that happen. I have 2 questions:

1. Who is willing to participate in running the TQP in the future? This would included: publicity, log management, log processing, and award management (certificates, plaques) etc.
2. Who is willing to take a leadership role in activity?

Once we know the level of commitment we can investigate how to make this happen!

Please respond!

Robie AJ4F



2025 CQ DX Hall of Fame by INDEXA



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2025 CQ DX HALL OF FAME

by INDEXA

by Bob Schenck, N200

Vice President [INDEXA](#)

Member CQ DX Hall of Fame

former DX Editor *CQ Magazine*



When Dick Ross K2MGA (Publisher of CQ Communications, INC) became a "Silent Key", in April 2024, many wondered about the numerous award programs that were run by *CQ Magazine*. One very important program was the CQ DX Hall of Fame.

Prior to his passing, Dick gave his blessing for the International DX Association ([INDEXA](#)) to carry on with this prestigious award, with my guidance, if the magazine ever ceased functioning. As such, I am pleased to announce that INDEXA will begin the stewardship of the Heritage CQ DX Hall of Fame starting with the 2025 inductees.

Established in 1967, the CQ DX Hall of Fame honors those amateurs who have made exemplary contributions to DXing and DXpeditioning; including both on-air and off-air activities and accomplishments.

The activities and accomplishments that qualify one for membership in this elite group called the CQ DX Hall of Fame involves considerable personal sacrifice and can usually be described by the phrase "above and beyond the call of duty."

It is not enough to just be a DXpedition team member a number of times. To be in the DX Hall of Fame you might need to have the foresight to organize DXpeditions to the very hard to reach entities around the globe or perhaps work on ways to open Amateur Radio in the countries where politics exclude it. Other accomplishments could also be to create or provide new and/or important techniques that support the DX chaser. Other important attributes to be considered include "integrity", "perseverance", "good will", "honesty" and "being noncontroversial".

Nominations will be open January 1, 2025 through March 1, 2025. Please send to Bob Schenck, N200 (n200@comcast.net) . Make sure to put "CQ DX HALL OF FAME" in the subject line.

Inductees will be announced at the SWODXA - Dayton DX Dinner.

Bob Schenck, N200

Chairman INDEXA CQ DX Hall of Fame Committee

County Hunter New OnLine December 2024

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Welcome to the On-Line County Hunter News, a monthly publication for those interested in ham radio county hunting, with an orientation toward CW operation. We also cover some park chasing activities these days.

Contributions of articles, stories, letters, and pictures to the editor are welcomed, and may be included in future issues at the editor's discretion. The County Hunter News will provide you with interesting, thought provoking articles, articles of county hunting history, or about county hunters or events, ham radio or electronics history, general ham radio interest, and provide news of upcoming operating events. We hope you will enjoy the County Hunter News.

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CW County Hunter Frequencies are 14.0565, 10.124.5, and 7056.5, with activity occasionally on 3556.5 KHz.

Also, there is SSB activity now occasionally on 7188 KHz. The CW folks are now pioneering 17M operation on 18.0915. (21.0565, 24.9155, and 28.0565). Look around 18136 or for occasional 17M SSB runs usually after the run on 20M SSB . (21.336 and 28.336)

You can see live spots of county hunter activity at ch.W6RK.com

For information on county hunting, check out the following resources:

The USACA award is Now the MARAC USA-CA Award. Rules and information are here:

<http://countyhunter.com/cq.htm>

For general information FAQ on County Hunting, check out: <http://countyhunter.com/whatis.htm>

MARAC sponsors an award program for many other county hunting awards. You can find information on these awards and the rules at: <http://marac.org/awards.pdf>

There is a lot more information at www.countyhunter.com . Please check it out.

Back issues of the County Hunter News are available at www.CHNewsonline.com



World Wide Award Special Event for January 2025



I have registered an "Activator" team for WWA 2025. <https://hamaward.cloud/wwa> The call will be N5W. I've already reserved the callsign for all of January. A sign-up sheet is not required because The Hamaward server will show who is where.

There are more instructions available that I will be happy to send any interested parties. I'll try to get a link together for access. I have specific instructions for N1MM, WSJT-X and JTDX.

I will sponsor the QRZ.com page (such that it is) and any QSLing (no paper QSLs unless I can find someone to sponsor the costs— maybe TDXS?).

All that's required is to:

REGISTER

- 1) Go to <https://hamaward.cloud> "Create New Account" using your own callsign (NOT SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGN) and email. Set a password with 10 characters minimum, and using at least two special characters (we recommend using !! and not ?? or , (comma) for example). You will receive a confirmation of registration on this email.
- 2) Login and on the left Menu you should go to "Hamconnect" and Download the Windows Hamconnect app. It will overwrite the old one if you had one before *[Ed: I did and it works quite nicely]*.

INSTALL HAMCONNECT

Leave default parameters and execute HamConnect at the end (there is a flag). After installation there will be no window opened! You will have the Hamconnect app executing in background.

- 3) Launch Logging Program (N1MM for example). CHECK UDP QSO BROADCAST on HamConnect web button

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4) You will have to check the UDP broadcast ports on both, Hamconnect and N1MM. It must be the same. So, on Hamaward web page click on HamConnect Menu option and slide down to "UDP QSO BROADCAST" and you will find three port settings. UDP receive port is the important one. This port number for N1MM must be "12060" for N1MM. "Blind address" must be 0.0.0.0 (as it is in default) and no matter about "Multicast group" , leave it as it is, it will not harm anything.

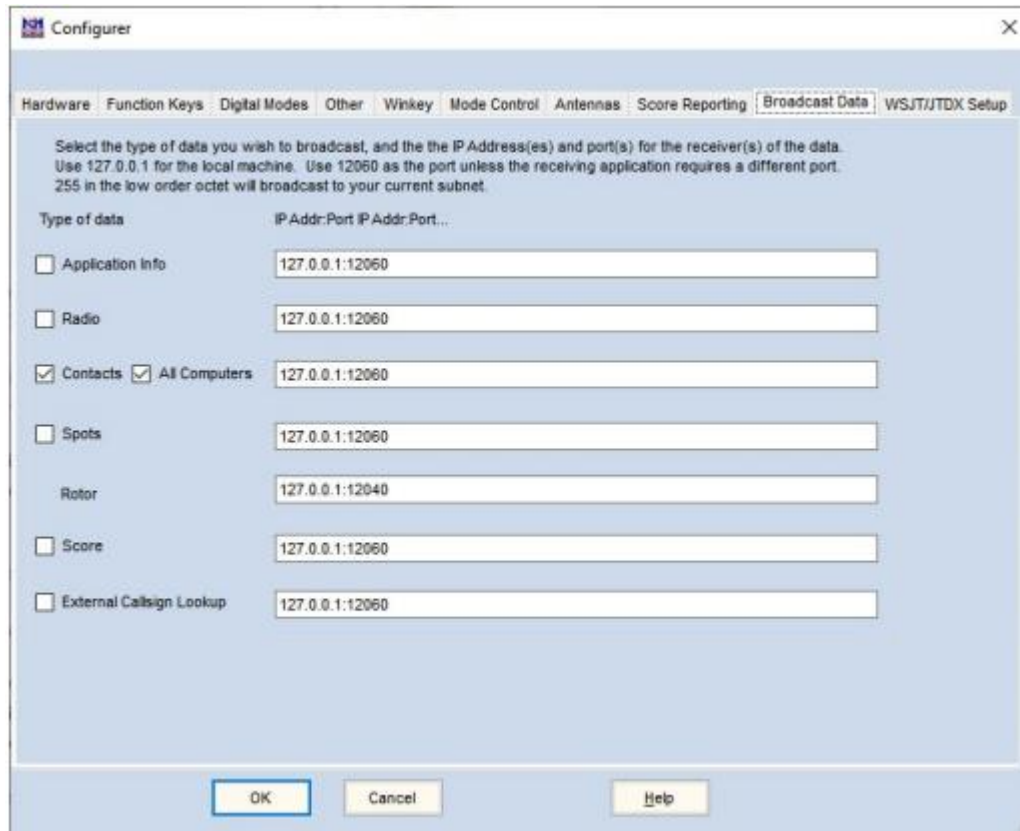


World Wide Award Special Event for January 2025

N1MM

5) Launch N1MM and create a new "Dxpedition" log with Special Event callsign (II1WWA, N1W etc.) Be careful! NOT YOUR OWN CALLSIGN.

6) In N1MM Config menu, "Config Ports,Modes, Control, Winkey etc." go on "Broadcast data" tab, and on "Contact" voice there must be 127.0.0.1:12060. Remember to FLAG and check the port number same as the HamConnect UDP QSO Broadcast (see point 11). Flag "Contacts" and "All Computers"



CONNECT TO HAMCONNECT

7) Go on web page Hamconnect and click on "CONNECT TO HAMCONNECT" green button and also "Start Udp broadcast" green button in the HamConnect menu.

8) On Hamconnect web page go on "Award List" -"Award Log"- "Your current Award"- "Award Log". You will find your callsign logged in with green dot.

TEST LOGGING ON HAMAWARD

9) In N1MM try to simulate a QSO with IK1HJS (es.) You can check on Hamconnect Award Log page in the upper part. You should find the qso with "SAVED IK1HJS ..." in green with time, band and mode correct. If there are some errors they should appear in red and help you to find a solution. It is just a DEMO, so you can log what you want how long you want until the day before the beginning of the Award.



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10) You can log directly SSB qso on the Award Log page without N1MM (or any other logging program), or from N1MM. We recommend to use logging software and log all qso from there.

11) If something goes wrong in logging, you can edit each qso on the right side of the qso line. (remember to "save" after corrections).

12) You will see that Hamaward Log will delete every /QRP or /M or /7 at the end of call: es. IK1HJS/7. But it will be logged normally a SP/IK1HJS or IK1HJS/SP or I7/IZ8JAI. This is done to facilitate the server scoring correctly.

13) After 5 minutes of inactivity you will return as "not active" operator

For FT8 on WSJT (Reports->udp server) and MSHV (Radio and Network Configuration) you must remember to enable the UDP qso broadcast setting directed to your pc IP (127.0.0.1 if on same pc) on port 12060 (if chosen).

LOGGING QSO ON AIR (not test) ON HAMAWARD

- 1) Launch Hamconnect (updated version) and check if Hamconnect icon on notification bar (right bottom of status bar) is there. There is also a pop up windows that appears when launched ("Ready in background").
- 2) Launch your logging program (N1MM, DXLOG etc.) with Ses callsign (not operator call).
- 3) Launch web browser, go on Hamaward.cloud , login and select the correct Award in Award list.
- 4) Check in Hamconnect web page if your logging program is correctly configured with a "test qso" . You should see it passing. Hamconnect should be connected (automatically) to this page in first line with a Red Button "Disconnect from Hamconnect": this means that Hamconnect is connected. If not click on green button "Connect to Hamconnect".
- 5) To go on air YOU MUST GO ON YOUR AWARD PAGE (Award list->World Wide Award 2024) and keep active this page.
- 6) On right up there is a green button " Start UDP" that must be pressed if you are using a logging program. No need if you are typing qso's directly on web page in SSB (which is suggested). If that button is red signing "Stop UDP" , that means that udp qso broadcast is already running and your are ok.
- 7) Now you are on air and can login in your logging program the first qso's, or on the web page directly. Please check on that page if your qso's are passing regularly. If not: stop and check again.
- 8) Remember to use the "SPOT" button to spot yourself especially in SSB mode. This will save time to you and hunters.
- 9) If you want to reserve your slot (es 17m cw) you can click on "Go on Air" button , this will prevent other operators with same Ses to use this slot for 5 minutes before you enter the first qso. But your qso will be logged regularly also if you are not selecting your slot (Go on Air). Platform will prevent you to use an already in use slot (es 17m CW).



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How to reach US

On the World Wide Web <http://www.tdxx.net> email address: k5dx@tdxx.net

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 December:

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

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