



# The Bullsheet

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## Hello fellow TDXSers!

**This Bullsheet is later than usual.** The August meeting of the Texas DX Society was held on August 21 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Our special guest speaker was Mark Pride K1RX, who introduced us to the World Radio Sport Team Championship (WRTC). This invitational competition is held every 4 years, in a different country each time, and pits about 50 top contesting teams utilizing identical antennas, location conditions, and power in a true head to head competition. The next WRTC will be held in July 2026 in the UK.

Mark has been involved with WRTC for many years, including as a director of the WRTC 2014 Boston event, and as a Referee for the 2018 Germany event. This was a truly fascinating look at the logistics involved on organizing such monumental event! I wasn't able to make it. Doug will provide us with a report next issue.

### Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

My sincerest apologies for this very late Bullsheet. I just underwent triple hernia surgery and, thanks to the excellent surgeon and care at the hospital, it all went very well and almost pain free. I never had to take any of the "good stuff" they prescribed to me. I'm feeling much better, will be working from home next week and returning to the office on Wednesday, September 3rd up in Greenspoint (yuck!).

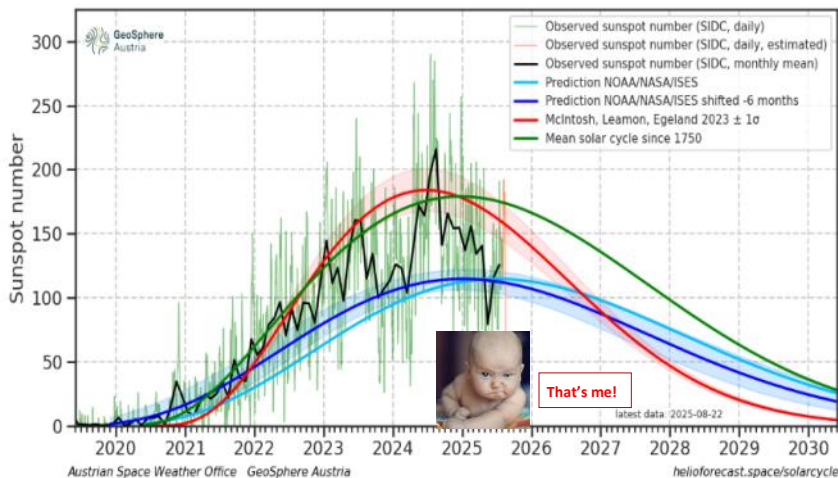
After spending about a week downstairs, I'm finally able to get to my upstairs shack and I'm back in business! I also would like to report that while I was convalescing, my 100th 6 meter DXCC credit came in so now I have 11BDXCC! How many years did it take to get that?? And why do we spend so much time and \$\$ pursuing these things? I guess it's like fishing, making those great catches and getting bragging rights! Anyway, we all really enjoy it (except when stuff breaks!) and I wouldn't trade it for any other hobby (even though most people look at us like we're crazy chasing DX and contesting) but who cares?

So I don't have a lot to report on DX, but will say the bands are not great and I am hoping Cycle 25 will surprise us with some great prop in the near future. If anyone wants to join me in a sunspot dance out here on my property, just let me know..

73/161, Allen N5XZ

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## **TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ**

**Date: July 26, 2025**

**Location: Luby's Cafeteria, 12121 Westheimer, Houston, TX**

**The July TDXS Meeting was held at Luby's Cafeteria, 12121 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX. There were 10 participants: Doug W9LCQ, Dale KG5U, Robie AJ4F, Jim N5DTT, Chuck W5PR, Ed W5GCX, Chris KB5BBF, Andy Willms KE7RTB, Yoshi JG7AMD, and Glenn WB5TUF. This was our bi-monthly social luncheon, this time at an old favorite, Luby's Cafeteria! I'm partial to the LuAnn Special Baked Fish and their jalapeno cornbread. As always, good food and lively conversation!**

**Submitted August 19, 2025**

**Doug Seyler W9LCQ**

**TDXS Secretary/Treasurer**



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

### August

- 3 10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB  
North American QSO Party, CW
- 10 Worked All Europe DX Contest, CW  
Maryland-District of Columbia QSO Party
- 17 North American QSO Party, SSB
- 18 ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY
- 24 World-wide Digi Dx Contest  
W/VE Islands QSO Party  
Ohio QSO Party  
Hawaii QSO Party  
Kansas QSO Party

### September

- 6 CW Ops CW Open  
All Asia DX Contest, SSB  
Russian RTTY WW Contest
- 7 Tennessee QSO Party
- 13 ARRL September VHF Contest  
WAE DX Contest, SSB
- 20 Texas QSO Party  
Iowa QSO Party  
Washington State Salmon Run (QSO Party)  
New Jersey QSO Party  
New Hampshire QSO Party
- 27 CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY  
Maine QSO Party



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

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

### **CQ Worldwide VHF SSB/CW Contest 2025 Jul 5**

#### SOSB/6 HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PR		125	71	8	8,875	TDXS
AJ4F		66	38		2,574	TDXS

#### SOSB/6 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		9	9	6 81		TDXS

### **IARU HF World Championship 2025 Jul 12**

#### SOAB(A)CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5XZ		316	0	22	27		4:13	50,078	TDXS

#### SOABCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		103	0	35	37			23,256	TDXS

#### SOABCW LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KG5U		94	0	22	15		3.5	10,064	TDXS
K5TU		39	0	13	5		1.4	1,854	TDXS

#### SOABSSB LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		0	27	11	5		2	1,200	TDXS



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

### CQ Worldwide VHF Digital Contest 2025 Jul 19

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PR	SO2R	90	56		5,824	TDXS

SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WB5TUF	x	89	53		4,876	TDXS

SOSB/6 HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F		89	50		4,450	TDXS
K5TIA		10	6	1	60	TDXS

SOSB/6 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5XZ		52	52		2,704	TDXS
N5DTT		27	17	6	459	TDXS

### LABRE DX Contest 2025 Jul 19

SOABMixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		17	29	27		3,726	TDXS

### Alabama QSO Party 2025 Jul 26

SOCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		26	0	17	0		884	TDXS
AF5J		26	0	15	0	1:49	780	TDXS

It was another excellent month for contests. I hope everyone enjoyed them.

Jim, N5DTT



# Joseph Arcure W3H NK—SK (submitted by Ed W5GCX)

**W3H NK SK**

**Obituary: Joseph L. Arcure, Jr. (W3H NK)**

## **Remembering the World’s Most Recognized QSL Manager**

With deep respect and gratitude, the amateur radio community commemorates the life of Joseph L. Arcure, Jr., known worldwide by his callsign, W3H NK. Born on Christmas Day, 1933 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Joe’s life was as vibrant and far-reaching as the radio waves he cherished. He leaves behind a legacy defined by devotion, generosity, and an unwavering spirit of service.

Joe’s fascination with radio began during a period of convalescence after a medical discharge from the National Guard. Encouraged by his father, Joe embarked on a path of radio repair, unwittingly setting the stage for a lifelong passion. Building a superheterodyne receiver, he was first introduced to the magic of amateur radio when he tuned in W3 Queen Victor Queen—sparking a journey that would connect him to countless voices and hearts around the globe.

Licensed in 1956 as WN3H NK, Joe’s first station operated on a modest 40-meter folded dipole. Driven by curiosity and tenacity, he soon upgraded his license in New York City—a process that became legendary in family lore thanks to a broken pencil and Esther, his steadfast wife and greatest supporter.

An avid DXer, Joe was struck by the “DX bug” in 1957, pursuing contacts with distant stations on CW, AM, and later SSB. His passion for connecting with the world reached a new milestone in August 1963, when a QSL confirmation request from Southern Rhodesia introduced him to the role of QSL manager. From that moment onward, Joe became the QSL manager for hundreds of DX stations, never turning anyone away and often funding QSL cards himself. His meticulous management, warm correspondence, and tireless commitment made him the most recognized QSL manager in the world.

Joe’s mailroom became a miniature United Nations, filled with letters, stamps, and QSL cards from every corner of the earth. He delighted in both the administrative and human sides of the hobby, fostering connections that transcended borders and languages. Inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1979, Joe’s reputation for integrity and friendship was as enduring as his presence on the airwaves.

Beyond managing QSLs, Joe explored the world as an operator, participating in DXpeditions to Sint Maarten, the British Virgin Islands, Anguilla, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. His love for CW, especially on 15 meters, reflected nostalgia for his early days as a novice and his reverence for the golden age of radio.

Joe confirmed 337 current DXCC countries (363 all-time), and while a few rare ones eluded him, his pursuit of excellence and community spirit never waned. He was also known for helping fellow collectors and for sharing his collection of stamps and stories with friends old and new.

Joe’s generosity extended far beyond QSL cards; he embodied the very best of amateur radio—selflessness, mentorship, and camaraderie. He made no profit from his service, reinvesting every donation into furthering the exchange of QSLs and the joy of the hobby.

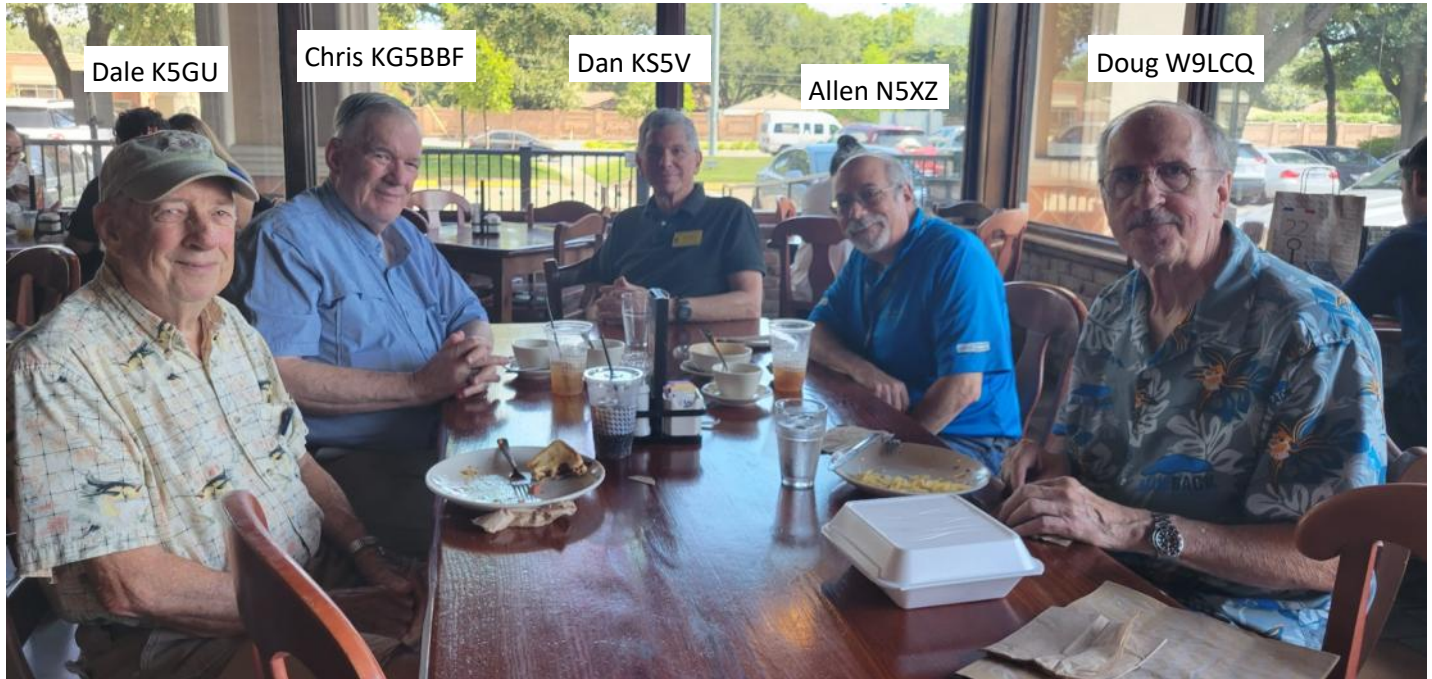
To all who knew him, whether through a cherished QSL card, a voice on the air, or a story told at a club meeting, Joe Arcure was more than “the ultimate QSL manager.” He was a beacon of kindness, a trusted friend, and a devoted steward of amateur radio’s highest ideals.

His legacy endures in every confirmation, every new contact, and every operator inspired by his example. The pileups will never be the same without him. 73, Joe—your signal remains strong in our hearts.



## EX-ZED SPRED July 24th—La Madeleine Restaurant on Westheimer

Thanks to those who showed up at the last EX-ZED SPRED held at La Madeleine on Westheimer on July 24th. We had a great time and food was excellent.



The next EX-ZED SPRED will be held on Thursday August 29th at 11:00 am. I've decided to have it at a very unique spot in Richmond, Texas. Sandy McGee's Restaurant located at 314 Morton Street in an historic downtown Richmond. This restaurant is a real gem and is in an old building built in 1900. It's been a garage, a pharmacy and an attorneys office. We'll meet at 11:00 am inside. The food is really excellent and the selection is great. You can find more information on this great restaurant at:



<https://www.sandymcgees.com/>

**Please don't forget to RSVP!!**



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### How to reach US

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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 August:

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

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