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February TDXS Meeting Announcement

Thursday February 19th, 7-9PM, Tracey Gee Center

Many DXers dream of activating an uninhabited island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

The February TDXS meeting will feature Buzz, N5UR, discussing the planning and execution of his August 2003 V73T operation.

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The Prez Sez - de Mike, N5MV

Fellow Dxers,

Well the ARRL and WPX is just around the corner. I am hoping for good band conditions. During the banquet I made a plea for considering a TDXS DXpedition in 2005. Most of us are not getting younger and may have only one good cycle left before travel will be a problem. With

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TDXS Calendar

Upcoming events of interest to TDXSer's

ARRL DX CW February 21-22

ARRL DX Phone March 6-7

Belize trip - March 13 - 20. N5DD, KC5DJI, AG5TX, and KD5YCG will be operating from Palcencia Lagoon, Belize. Keep an eye on <http://www.dxpileup.net> for late breaking developments.

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<http://moonbounce.n5iq.org/mailman/listinfo/tdxx-list>

How to get to The Tracey Gee Center

The Tracey Gee Community Center is located at 3599 Westcenter Drive. It is one block east of Beltway 8, between Richmond and Westpark.



From the Winners of the K5DX Plaque:

The members of the W5NN team would like to thank the membership of the TDXS for their sponsorship of the plaque we received for the 2003 Jan NAQP CW Contest.

Mike Hance K5NZ

February Meeting Announcement (Contd.)

Taongi Atoll in the Marshall Islands had never been on the air for amateurs, though some military operations may have taken place in the distant past. It is uninhabited, has no fresh water, and is hundreds of miles from the nearest inhabited island. Buzz likes challenges. He and his buddy had gotten wind some scuba divers were chartering a boat to visit Taongi, and succeeded in getting the last two berths. Now they had to get licenses, permission to stay on the island (the divers were going to stay on the ship anchored outside the atoll), and make all the plans.

For those of you who don't know Buzz, N5UR, has been a ham and DXer since the mid 60s, and an ardent IOTA chaser since the early 90s when he ran out of countries. Buzz has #1 Honor Roll mixed and phone (still needs 3 for CW), his DXCC Challenge total is just over 2600 and his IOTA total is 956.

Mark your calendar to attend this exciting presentation!

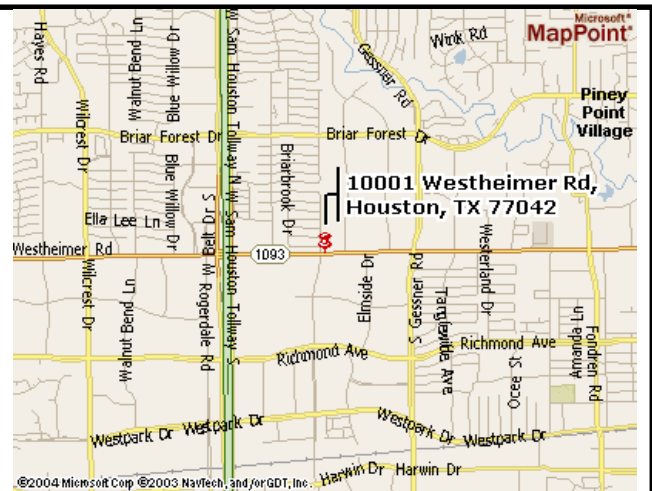
Thursday, February 19 Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

See map and directions on Page 2

See you there!! Don, N5DD

Meeting before the meeting.

TDXS members will meet for eats before the February 19 meeting, at 6:00 pm, at Le Madeline, in the Carillon center, 10001 Westheimer, at Briar Park. See map at right.



The Prez Sez (from Page 1)

enough time to select our target and plan we should be able to make this a reality in say 2005. After reading Yasme "The Danny Weil and Colvin Radio Expeditions" our adventure would be measured routine by the Colvins. Also the Colvins DXpeditioned well into their gray years.

The only question in my mind would 2006 be better due to the increase in propagation. Given long-range goals we can plan better travel, funds and equipment. Hopefully this would a contest effort with a high enough profile to get TDXS notiriaty. Selecting a location and setting goals will require planning in itself. I think we should have one of our meetings this year dedicated to doing just that. First I think we need a vote to see how many would be interested and then set a meeting for selecting a target location "where and when". We can dedicate a meeting this year to explore all the possibility but soon I need to know how many will be interested. Keep in mind if we pick an inhospitable atoll the wives will bailout. They will be much more agreeable to let you go if the location is of interest to them. I not opposed to a guys only Spartan location but be prepared to "fade the heat"! If you are interested the drop an email to n5mv@swbell.net. Let me know what you have in mind.

Please bring a ham friend who may be interest in Dxing and Contesting to the meeting.

Mike N5MV

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

Hello TDXS'ers. Sorry but I missed the January deadline for the Bullsheat. I took a short vacation that happened during that time. IOTA chasing seems to be the order of this reporting period. While not many exotic DXCC operations has commenced, there has been some very interesting IOTA activity. There have been some interesting 6M domestic openings with a few DX openings as well. Never count the magic band out.

IOTA SA-032 Wellington Is This operation was on for several days in January. QSL via N1IBM

IOTA OC-203 Stewart Is Chris activated this island for a day or so in mid January. QSL via N3SL

IOTA SA-047 Mel Is This operation to Mel Island was on the air for several days using the callsign: PY5/PU5HAS. QSL via PU5HAS

FO-A Austral Is Veijo "Joe" was active from Tubuai Island IOTA OC-152 using the callsign: FO/OH6KN for several weeks. He was especially active on the low bands for EU. QSL via OH9MDV

3B8 Mauritius Is Jackey who is a regular on the bands has been especially active on the low bands and has frequently been worked in NA and spotted on 80M. QSL direct.

J6 St. Lucia Scott, N9AG who is a well known contester made a showing during the WPX RTTY contest. While not a rare operation, it is seldom heard on RTTY. QSL via N9AG

9J2KC, Zambia Hisashi also made a showing during the WPX RTTY contest. This DX entity is also not rare but seldom heard on RTTY. QSL direct as follows: Hisashi Hayashi, 9J2KC, SBE Copperbelt University, P.O.Box 21692, Kitwe, ZAMBIA

IOTA SA-074 Chimus Is A group of operators have been active on Chimus island. The southern parts of the US enjoyed an opening on 6M to Chimus. Jack, N6XQ was the 6M operator during the opening. QSL via OA4DJW

IOTA NA-135 Carmen Is A group of French operators were making the rounds on several Mexican Islands. They used the callsign format: XF1/Homecall or XF1/Homecall/XF3 depending on which island they were operating. The other islands they activated are listed below. QSL via HC

IOTA NA-185 Marietta Activated by the French group.

IOTA NA-045 Holbox Is Activated by the French group.

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 you're chasing and I'll be certain to share it. DX is out there!!! Go get it, wrangle it and tell me about it.

73, Ken Eckel, AB5A