



The Bullsheet

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2009 Annual Banquet January 31 at 6:00 PM

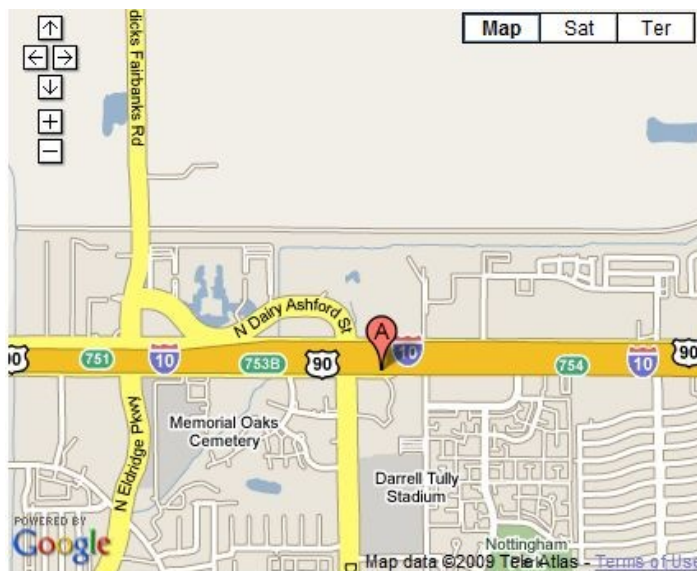
The Annual TDXS Banquet will be held on Saturday January 31st beginning at 6:30 PM. The location will be Texas Land & Cattle, 12313 Katy Freeway. This is at I-10 and Dairy Ashford, Houston 77079.

The cost will be \$25. There is a choice of salads, one of three entrees and family style vegetables. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are included as well as a scoop of ice cream for dessert. If you want a more powerful libation there will be a cash bar.

We will start gathering at 6:00PM with dinner about 7:00.

The entree choices are sirloin steak, grilled chicken or grilled trout. Please RSVP to me by Jan 28th with your entree choice so I can let the restaurant know how many will be attending.

Details and an interactive map of the location are available at <http://www.tdxs.net/Banquet09.html>.



Editor's Note de Doug WB5TKI

First of all, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's all hope that 2009 isn't quite as exciting as 2008 was.

For those who may not know me, I've been a ham since 1964 and have held several calls (WA8OKL, WA9ZMR, WB5TKI). In those 44 years I've chased DX, rag chewed, worked contests, operated in a

variety of digital modes, talked over a number of ham sats, built rigs and antennas, operated QRP and QRO, provided communications for races and air shows, occasionally annoyed the neighbors, and generally had a great time. This really is a life-long hobby.

There is one activity that

is still unchecked on my to-do list, however. I have not yet been on a DXpedition. I hope to remedy that in the near future.

I look forward to the challenge of editing the Bullsheet, for I have big shoes to fill. I ask for your support, patience and above all, your articles and news items for the Bullsheet.

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The Prez Sez de Paul W5PF

2008 is now history and most of us are glad to see it go. Hurricane Ike, the economic meltdown and NO SUNSPOTS are all events that we are glad to put behind us. Let's hope that the new cycle starts producing more sunspots soon. Oh, and it would be nice if the economy turns around also.

We recently had to say goodbye to one of our long time members when Linda Walworth KE5TF became a SK on December 30th. Linda was #1 DXCC Honor Roll. She was a fixture at TDXS events and Hamventions for many years. She always had a smile on her face. We will all miss this gracious lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and their family.

December also saw the annual TDXS Christmas Party hosted by Ruth and Chuck Dietz W5PR at their office in the Montrose area. We all enjoyed the fajitas and the opportunity to see some folks that we had not seen since last Christmas.

To start off the new year right our January meeting is the annual banquet. This year it will be at the Texas Land & Cattle restaurant at Dairy Ashford and The Katy Freeway. The date is Saturday January 31st. We will have a set menu with three entrees available. You have a choice of Sirloin Steak, Grilled Chicken or Grilled Trout. Salad, veggies, dessert and coffee, tea and soft drinks are included. The price will be \$25 per person which you can pay at the banquet. We will start to gather about 6:00PM and have dinner around 7:00. There will be a cash bar. Please RSVP to me with your choice of entree by January 28th. Directions and details can be found at www.tdxx.net.

Another upcoming local event is the

Greater Houston Hamfest scheduled for Saturday March 7, 2009. Allen Brier N5XZ is coordinating the programs for the event. I would like to see some TDXSers do a program at the Hamfest. If anyone has a program they would like to present please contact Allen at n5xz@earthlink.net. Details on the



In memory of Linda G. Walworth—KE5TF
July 3, 1946—December 30, 2008

<http://www.tdxx.net/SK/KE5TF.html>

'fest are available at <http://www.houstonhamfest.org/> Later this month Cal WF5W and Mike K5UO will join Rob HK3CW for a week of DXing and the CQWW 160M CW Contest from San Andres Island as 5K0CW. They will be there from January 21 to 28. See www.tdxx.net/5k0cw.html for details and be sure to work them in the contest.

In March six TDXS Members will go on a DXpedition to Mozambique, C91. Participants are Dale KG5U, Jim N4AL, Bill K5WAF, Madison W5MJ, Paul W5PF and Cal WF5W. We will be on the air from March 25th through April 5th. This is another trip set up by Frosty K5LBU and African DX Safaris. We will be on all bands 160-10M and all modes SSB, CW and RTTY. Call signs are currently pending but we will announce them as

soon as they are available. We will operate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest.

Our SKN aficionado Cal WF5W is featured in a very well done video on Straight Key Night by Steve NOTU. If you haven't seen it you should take the time to view it. It is about 9 minutes long and is located at <http://www.viddler.com/explore/GOATHiker/videos/10/>.

Speaking of media hits, several TDXSers are featured on the jacket of the WorldRadio 2007-2009 CD-ROM produced by WorldRadio. It can be seen at http://www.wr6wr.com/newSite/products/software_cd/wr2007_2009.html.

This is the time of year we all tend to review what has happened in the last year and make plans for the new year. Sunspots have been nearly non-existent so activity on the bands has been sparse. Conditions should start to improve soon so now is a good time to make plans to become more active on the air and possibly in TDXS. There are several good contests coming up in the next couple months so it will be easy to participate. There is also some good DX on tap so now is the time to brush up those operating skills and become more involved.

I hope to see many of you at the Banquet.

73 es DX, Paul W5PF

The Prez Sez (concluded)



TDXSers featured on the jacket of the WorldRadio 2007-2009 CD-ROM

Upcoming Contests and Operating Events:

Jan 10, 1800Z - Jan 11, 0600Z: [NAQP CW Contest](#)

Jan 17, 1800Z - Jan 18, 0600Z: [NAQP SSB Contest](#)

Jan 21 - 28th: [5K0CW San Andres DXpedition by WF5W, K5UO & HK3CW](#)

Jan 23, 2200Z - Jan 25, 2359Z: [COWW 160m CW Contest](#)

DX News

Here are some new and/or revised webpages for upcoming DXpeditions:

www.tdxs.net/5k0cw.html for the San Andres Is DXpedition by WF5W and K5UO.

www.tdxs.net/c91.html for the Mozambique DXpedition in March/April by WF5W, K5WAF, W5MJ, N4AL, W5PF, and KG5U.

Congratulations to Bob Mennell WB5IUU for working a new one: E44M on 20m phone!

2008 Christmas Party photos courtesy of W9DX and N5MT

The 2008 Christmas Party was held at the law office of Chuck W5PR in the Montrose area of Houston. Those who attended enjoyed great conversation, libation and fajitas.

Presented here are some pictures of the event (courtesy of Steve W9DX):



Ruth Dietz and Margie Davidson



Georgina Frantz, Bill K5WAF, Bob WB5IUU



Bob WB5IUU, Mike N5MT, Henry W5HNS



Paul W5PF and Chuck W5PR



Trish Frink and Sue Mennell



Keith NM5G and Jim N4AL



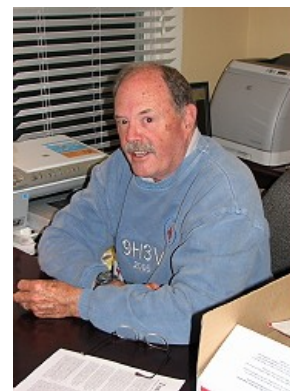
Winnie K5HNS and Margie Davidson



Mike K5UO, Don K5AAD, Doug WB5TKI



Laurent W0MM and Mike N5MV



Madison W5MJ



The Secretary/Treasurer's Report de Bill K5WAF

Club Dues – Now is the Time to Send In Your Check!

2009 is upon us and our 2009 TDXS dues should be paid by the end of January. You can mail them in to the Secretary/Treasurer, K5WAF, or bring it to the Annual Banquet on January 31st. K5WAF's address is: 10825 Lake Forest Drive, Conroe, TX 77384.

As of January 11, 2009 dues have been received from K5TU, K5DD, N5KTN, WB5TKI, N5MT, W0MM, W9DX, K5FK, K5UO, WB5IUU, N5DC and K5WAF.

2009 Field Day [Already!] de Bill K5WAF

2009 Field Day, June 27 & 28, 2009, is already in the planning stage by K5WAF, WB5IUU and NM5G. Of specific note, we do not have to worry about the site; the Spring Creek Park in Tomball that we used last year has been formally reserved. We feel really fortunate to have this site, not only because the Pavilion and grounds worked exceptional well for us last year, but because of the great support and response we have received from the Park manager and the Harris County Precinct 4 park administration.

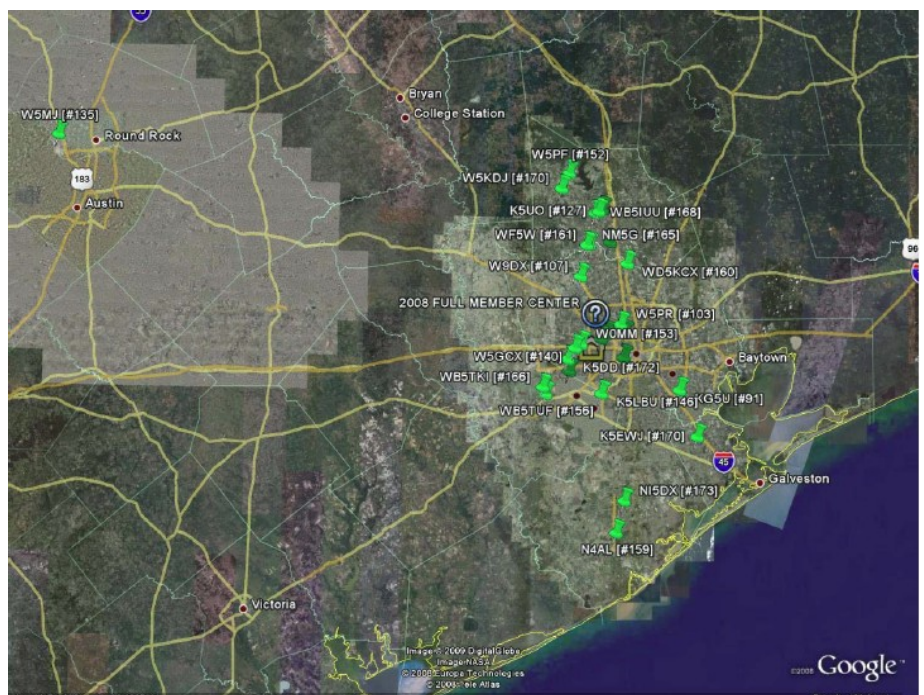
As an offer, any thoughts or suggestions on how to make this years Field Day even better are always welcome. And as a reminder, we will be working with Dave Topp, probably in April, to assemble and fully test the yagis that will be used on his RV.

Feature Article de Bill K5WAF

WHERE DO OUR MEMBERS LIVE? WHAT IS MOST CENTRAL?

Ever wonder where everyone lived geographically? Well with the help of Google Earth and the address's in our 2008 roster, here is what it looks like.

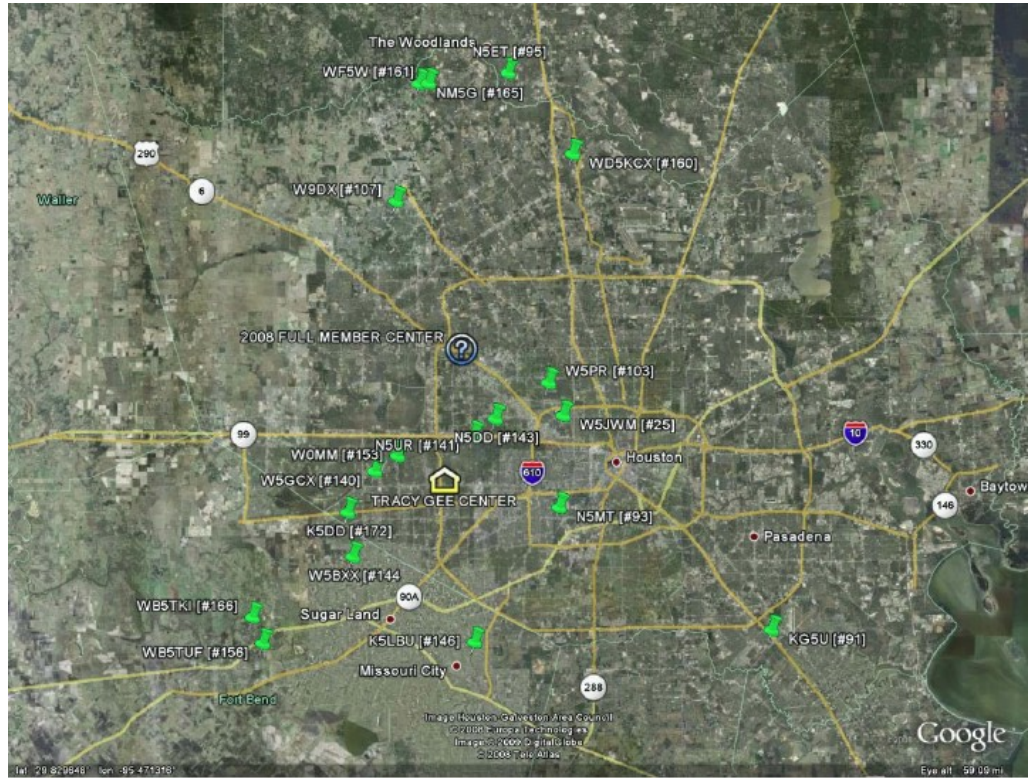
Full Members: With Madison's recent move to the Austin area along with several of us either quite far North or South of Houston proper, two maps are required. For reference I have also included the location of the Tracy Gee Center as well as the center point of our Full Members (excluding our illustrious retired legal eagle who is deserting the wonders of the Houston area, i.e. W5MJ – which I am sure will make for some interesting e-mail!)



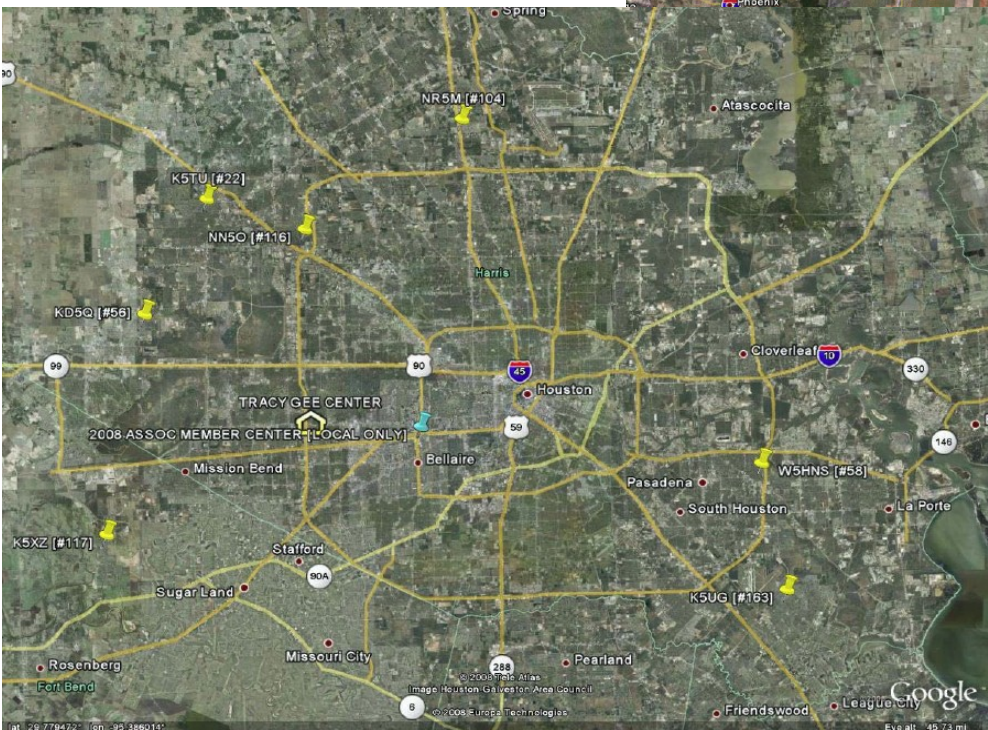
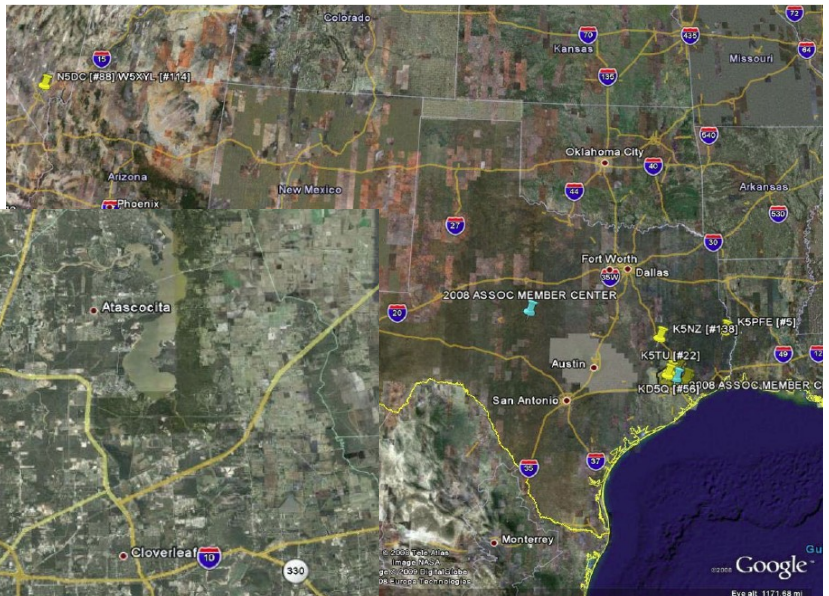
Feature Article de Bill K5WAF (concluded)

By the way, if you think your "pin" is in the wrong place, it may be time to update your address with the TDXS Secretary.

Next month, I am give it a try to locate all the inactive members – so far it has been very interesting to see the far corners many have moved to.



Associate Members: We have several Associate Members that we don't want to forget about. So what follows is a couple of maps that tries to show their location.



Texas DX Society Boardmembers

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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

TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to these members with birthdays in January

Barbara Coleman - WB5RUS

Lon Cottingham - K5JV

John Stevens - K5JS

Dale Martin - KG5U

Al Vasek - KN5A

Dennis Motschenbacher - K7BV

Bill Bradford - K5GA

John Duncan - WA5ZVE

Mike Hance - K5NZ

Allen Brier - N5XZ

Ben Worrell - NE5B

Ken Eckel Jr. - AB5A

Earl Morse - K8SS (ex-N5TU)

Doug Seyler - WB5TKI