

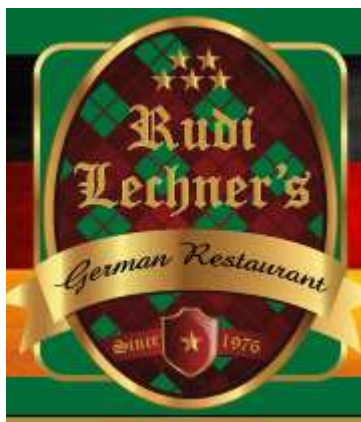


The Bullsheet

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**Monthly Dinner Meeting
Wednesday May 10 at
6:30 pm
Rudi Lechner's German
Restaurant
2503 South Gessner Road
Houston, TX 77063**



Editor's Note by Allen N5XZ

FIELD DAY! FIELD DAY! FIELD DAY!

Oh, did I mention Field Day is coming up? June 24-25, 2017. Don't forget to come to Field Day!

This is a general call out to all able bodied TDXS members! We need operators! Especially contest tested, experienced operators that TDXS can provide! As a contesting and DXing club, I expect that we have a lot of those. So if you are reading this, and can provide us with just some of your time (TDXS member or not) please let me know. I am going to be putting together a schedule as we did last year (I am also looking into doing an on-line schedule so everyone can pick their timeslots.)

We want to once again move back into the TOP TEN in Field Day scores.

As we have done for the last several years, we are joining forces with BVARC and Houston Echo Society. In addition, this year the KARS (Katy Amateur Radio Society) may be joining us as well. Look at this as a training event, too. We, as experienced contest operators, have the opportunity to mentor other, less experienced operators, and possibly ignite that SPARK that makes us all crazy about contesting. So what do you say? I have contacted some of you, but others have not answered the call (*and you know who you are*). BTW, we will probably be running 8A again this year with 3 CW, 3 SSB and 2 RTTY (and maybe PSK) positions. We will once again have manlifts for antenna

supports (thank you W5VOM), several NEW tribanders, 40 meter beam and 80 meter dipoles. It looks very good that we will have all K3's for radios (or close to it). We will again be operating at the Pecan Grove Volunteer Fire Station at 727 Pitts Road in Richmond, Texas, just south of Pecan Grove and north of Highway 90A. We have a nice air-conditioned room, great food, lots of fun. We will be using KK5W for the main call and K5DX for the GOTA station (using the TDXS SteppIR vertical). See the map on page 11.

Next month, I plan to pen a more exhaustive article on what we plan to do this year. Keep your eyes on the TDXS and BVARC reflectors for FD meeting notices.

For now 73 de N5XZ

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The Prez Sez by Robie, AJ4F

The Prez Sez

May 2017

Jim Burrough Jr, (N5DTT) has volunteered to fill the TDXS Contest Chairman role. Jim has significant contesting experience and will provide us with valuable insight and assistance to improve the TDXS contesting performance. His first article appears in this issue of the BullSheet.

The April edition of the Ten-Ten International News contains an excellent article by Mike Davidson (N5MT) analyzing the 10-10 SSB QSO Party from 1974 through the present. He discusses how scoring and participation have varied over the years and as you might expect participation is waning due to the aging Ham population. The analysis shows that the Houston SHOT Chapter has been a significant force over the years and has posted a total of 31 wins! On an individual basis, Al Brier (N5XZ) has posted 18 wins and Mike Davidson (N5MT) 4. The efforts of guys like Al and Mike keep the Ten-Ten International organization going. The next 10-10 QSO party is Spring CW event scheduled for May 6-7.

There has been an increase in traffic related to learning CW on our reflector. Personally, this excites me because I feel that CW is the best mode! TDXS has several members that are also CW Operator's Club (CW OPS) members. This organization promotes the use of CW and development of CW skills. The organization conducts the CW Academy to foster learning

the code and how to operate CW. It also sponsors weekly (each Wednesday) 1 hour contests to provide an opportunity to practice. *[TDXS also has members in FISTS and FOC—'XZ]* Speaking of CW contests the CQ WW WPX CW Contest is scheduled for May 27-28. This is a great chance to practice your CW. If your CW skills are a bit rusty it might be intimidating at first, but even the "big guns" will slow down to accommodate you on Sunday when QSOs are becoming less frequent.

Keith Dutson (NM5G/YN2MG) and Marty Fitzgerald (W5MF/YN2MF) made an excellent presentation on their recently completed DXpedition to Nicaragua at our April meeting. During the presentation, they discussed the need to troubleshoot and make changes to their setup due to the inevitable visit of Mr. Murphy! This demonstrates that as a Ham you develop significant technical and troubleshooting skills (both hardware and software) required to assemble and operate an effective station. This is good reason to encourage younger people to enter our hobby

The "grand daddy" of the fun activities is ARRL's Field Day (June 24-25). The location will be the Pecan Grove Volunteer Fire Station, which is the same location as last year. Mike Davidson (N5MT) is the Field Day Chairman. Al Brier (N5XZ) is working to schedule operators. Please contact Al and get on the schedule. Having operators to fill the entire operating period is ex-

tremely important in making a good score in the event. Our objective is to make the best possible showing (win)!

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017 (HR-555) Update – The bill remains in the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Given the current situation in Washington, it is unclear to me when this bill will be acted on by the committee. I check frequently to see when discussion will be scheduled but have not been able to get any information. Texas Senator Ted Cruz is a member of the committee and I recommend you contact his office and make your feelings about the bill known.

One item discussed at the TDXS Board Meeting (April 22) was changing TDXS meeting day/schedule to increase attendance at our meetings by eliminating conflicts with other club meetings & various activities. We need your input on this issue before any decision can be made. Please communicate with the BOD members and express your opinions.

73,

Robie – AJ4F



TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS April 2017 Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2017

Location: Tracy Gee Community Center, Houston, TX

Attendance: Members: Scott K5DD, Doug WB5TKI, Keith NM5G, Robie AJ5F, Lance WD5X, Ed W5GCX, Jerry K9GEM, Orville K5VWW, Mike N5MT, Marty W5MF, Randy KR5LM

The April meeting was held at the Tracy Gee Community Center in Houston. The highlights from the business meeting were:

- Orville K5VWW reported that the treasury stood at about \$16,000, with current dues collected at about \$1,100.
- There was a general discussion of the upcoming Field Day joint operation with BVARC and ECHO. We discussed food costs, new antennas, coax acquisitions, and triplexer needs. Scott K5DD discussed his efforts to modernize the TDXS website, including other forms of web presence, such as Facebook.

The program was presented by Keith NM5G. He recapped the recent TDXS DXpedition to Nicaragua for the CQ WPX SSB Contest. The team members were Keith Dutson YN2MG, Ken Mitchell YN2KW, Bill Fahle YN2WL and Marty Fitzgerald YN2MF. Keith went over the planning sessions, both in person and over Skype, as well as the equipment testing. The group operated with their own gear from the rend-a-shack of Octavio Miranda YN2N. It is an excellent accommodation, with great antennas and a good cook (Octavio's wife). The team amassed 2120 contacts in the contest, for 3,113,250 points, and should place well.

New members for March-April were:

- #205 Robert Feldtman W5RF, Buckholts, TX
- #206 Thanos Drimalas KG5QGM, Alvin, TX
- #207 Randy Merak KR5LM, Houston, TX

Welcome to all of our new members!

73,

Submitted May 3, 2017
Doug Seyler WB5TKI
TDXS Secretary



DX Report by Orville Burg K5VWW

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Some DX is really difficult to work due to its geographical location with respect to Houston. One of those entities is **VU7 - Lakshadweep Islands**. It is 9,500 miles at a bearing of 17° from Houston (short path.)

There will be a short operation on Bangaram Island by **VU7KP** from May 15th through 19th. The operators will be W4VKU/VU2VKU, Krish, and VU2PAI, Pai.

Bangaram Island is approximately 250 miles off the west coast of India and 1,250 miles southwest of Delhi.

Vlad, **UA4WHX**, one of our members, is currently operating as **4S7VBG/p** from Sri Lanka.

The operation by **E51DWC**, Milan, OK1DWC, from the **South Cook Islands** has been continuously active for several weeks, and he has made over 57,135 Qsos.

A new operation by **E51LYC** will commence on May 11th and go through May 23rd from Pukapuka atoll in the **North Cook Islands** by VE3LYC

A25UK from **Botswana** has been quite available on all bands for the past week. They will go QRT on May 6th. This is an operation by the team of G4FAL, G4BUO, G0VJG, M0TGV, G4LDL, G4FNL, G0UKN, M0TBS, G8KWD and M0MDR. All bands 160M through 10M have been active on CW, SSB and RTTY.

They have been uploading to ClubLog daily. QSL via MØOXO.

See www.a25uk.com for further information.

Palestine, will be active from May 16th through 30th. The call will be **E44WE** and will be operating on 17M, 10M, 6M and maybe 20M, SSB and RTTY.

A review of the proposal for TDXS financial support for the operation to activate **Bouvet Island, 3YØZ**, is proceeding and the Board of Directors will be submitting a recommendation to the membership for their approval.

Bouvet is ranked as the second most needed entity on the DXCC list preceded only by North Korea. A 20 member team will be active on all bands having propagation for 14 to 16 days, weather permitting.

Additional activities expected this month are:

Dates of Operation	DXCC Entity	Call	Notes
5/1 to 5/8	Lord Howe I.	VK9L	DL1YAF – all bands
5/2 to 5/10	Seychelles	S79J	LZZ1PJ – all bands
5/4 to 5/23	Kosovo	Z68BG	Not Valid for DXCC
5/9 to 6/2	Cape Verde I.	D44TWO	DF2WO
5/10 to 6/8	Guyana	8R1/KCØW	40M-6M
5/15 to 7/15	Minami Torishima	JG8NQJ/JD1	JG8NQJ

Good DXing,
Orville, K5VWW



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Hello. My name is Jim Burrough, N5DTT. I am the new TDXS Contest Chairman. I have been a ham since 1982 and a member of TDXS (#190) since the middle of 2016. I have DXCC (Mixed bands and modes) with a mixed total of 142. I live in Bellaire and have a grandfathered tower on the east side of my house with a CP6A multiband vertical at 28 feet. I had a triband beam up but my neighbor to the east passed away and her son sold the house and property. Her single-story house was replaced by an elevated two-story home, five feet closer to the property line, with the second story windows right in the line of fire of the beam. I did the RF exposure calculations for 28 MHz and found just enough of an exposure issue to warrant taking the beam down. I calculated the effect of the vertical and found I was well within safe limits. The vertical works pretty well on most contesting bands but is obviously not ideal. I occasionally put up a temporary 20 foot Universal tower in my garden and use a 10 M 3 el beam for my 10-10 SSB QSO Party work with the local Houston SHOT group. I also try to participate in the various VHF contests by replacing the 10 M beam with a 6 M beam on the temporary tower.

My first exposure to contesting was in 2002, right after I finished grad school. I had rewarded myself for achieving a Master of Science in Risk, Crisis and Disaster Management by getting my Extra ticket and purchasing an IC-746. One Saturday afternoon I was dialing through the 20 M band when suddenly the band just lit up with activity. I had stumbled onto the first minutes of the NAQP-SSB. I made a contact and inquired how to join in. The other operator explained the exchange and how to download some contesting software. I downloaded N3FJP's NAQP software and quickly got it running. I made about 100 contacts that afternoon and evening and turned in my log the next day. I have been hooked on contesting ever since.

In addition to NAQP, I participate in most international contests, November Sweepstakes and the Texas QSO Party. I have also been a guest operator with the Red Devils Contest Group (IOTA from Mustang Island). In 2007, I had the opportunity to set up a 50 foot tower with a 15 M monobander at my mother's place near La Grange. That made my favorite contest, the CQ WPX-SSB, a lot more fun and much more productive. With my mother's passing, I have had to relocate my tower a short distance up the road to a piece of property I maintain as a wildlife refuge. I recently completed erection of a 60 foot tower with a triband antenna. The next step will be getting a hamshack built and my 40 M vertical and some 40 M, 80 M and 160 M dipoles put in place. That should improve my contest scores and increase my DXCC numbers.

I was an early adopter of ARRL's *Logbook of the World* and upload my log immediately after every contest.

April is a slow contesting month, so it seems a great time for me to start this adventure. Like the previous Contest Chairman, I would like your input to help provide a good picture of the club members' contesting activity. When submitting results of your individual contest participation to the contest sponsor and to 3830.com, please remember to select TDXS or Texas DX Society as your affiliated club. For future articles, please send me a copy of your 3830 report or summary sheet. I will add them to this report. My email address is N5DTT@arrl.net.

Thanks and 73, Jim, N5DTT

Where is the world is... By Ron Litt K5HM

SS Selma
CQ 4 ITU 7
IOTA NA-143



She's not hard to find. The half-submerged wreck can easily be seen from the Bolivar Ferry or Sea-wolf Park in Galveston. She has been designated a Texas State Historical Site and as a State Archeological Landmark. The *SS Selma* is also the Official Flagship of the Texas "Army", and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. None of the honors in the past few years would have occurred had it not been for the tireless efforts of a former editor of the Galveston Daily News and retired copy editor of the Houston Chronicle, A. Pat Daniels, of Houston, who purchased the Selma in 1992.

The wreck of the *Selma* has been the object of failed plans to convert it for use as a fishing pier, pleasure resort, and an oyster farm. Long a source of curiosity and local legend, it remains important to scientists who continue to study aspects of its concrete construction.



Lying about a mile north of the island, the Selma was a bold experiment of World War I. Steel shortages during the war, forced President Woodrow Wilson to approve the construction of 24 ships built of concrete. By the war's end only 12 were completed. The ship was launched on June 28, 1919, the same day Germany signed the Treaty of Versailles, officially ending World War I. As a result, the 7,500-ton ship never served during the war, but instead was placed into service as an oil tanker in the Gulf of Mexico.



Where is the world is... By Ron Litt K5HM

In an early grave, a decaying eyesore seemingly wasting space, enterprising U.S. Customs Inspectors found a way for her to once more act in service during Prohibition. When Federal agents managed to seize the liquor cargoes, they used the hull of the retired ship to destroy the contraband. In just one bust, over 11,000 bottles of liquor with a street value of \$91,000 was taken to the wreck and busted up in the hold of the vessel. In all, nearly \$1,000,000 worth of booze was shattered in those concrete walls.

This year the *Selma* will be included in Museum Ships Weekend (June 3-4, 2017) for the first time. Operating with the call sign W5MSQ and representing the Houston QRP Club from Pelican Island. She will be part of the Texas Navy Certificate awarded by BVARC. The Texas Navy Certificate is awarded to participants in MSWE for contacting all the active Texas museum ships.

Reporting from the Dark Side
Ron Litt, K5HM



TDXW Biography—Doug Seyler WB5TKI

My Life in Ham Radio (so far) by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

I must confess, I was born at a very early age in 1951, in Cincinnati, OH. My father, W8JRB, was already a ham at the time of my birth, so I grew up with the sound of CW wafting through the house. Needless to say, learning CW was not a problem. By the time I was 13, I had gotten my Novice ticket as WN8OKL (Ohio's Kid Lid) and went on to General. The 1950's and 1960's were a great time for a ham radio tinkerer, as there was a huge amount of surplus military radio gear available cheap. You could even buy a Norden bombsight at a very reasonable price! Having been in the Navy during WW-2, Dad was partial to the navy ARC Command sets, TCS transmitters and ART-13 transmitters. He had converted a Navy TCS transmitter for the ham bands, running 75 watts to a pair of 1625s, and that was my first rig, along with a National NC-183D receiver. He had also built a plate modulator running another pair of 1625s, so we were on AM phone as well. Dad taught me how to solder, and to this day I still flick the excel solder off of the iron onto the floor, to the chagrin of my XYL. We had a vertical antenna for 40 and 15 meters, and also experimented with a homebrew G4ZU Birdcage beam for 10 meters. We also had a homebrew 2 meter rig running 25 w. into a 5 element beam at 25 feet and a converted ARC-3 command receiver. My first real DX contact was with VQ8AI on Mauritius Island in December 1965. I was quite active during 1965-68, but it's hard to chase DX with 75 watts to a vertical at the bottom of the sunspot cycle.

I got back into ham radio after college as WB5TKI (I've never come up with good phonetics for that call) at my new home in Oklahoma City. I built a Heathkit HW-101 and strung a long wire through the trees in the back of my townhouse apartment. During that time took the FCC exam and upgraded to Advanced. My activity, however, consisted mainly of a weekly early morning 40 m. sked with my father to save on long distance phone charges. I also got on 2 m. with an Icom IC-22A crystal controlled radio and a Larson mag-mount whip in the car.

In 1981 I was transferred to Midland, TX. There I was able to put up a half decent HF antenna, a Butternut HF-6 vertical. I sold my HW-101 (to my eternal regret) to a new ham and bought an Icom IC-730 solid state rig. No more loading and dipping the finals every time I changed bands! Be still my heart! I also got interested in Packet radio, so I set up a 2 meter packet station around an IBM-XT clone and AEA-PK-232 TNC. For a time I ran the first Packet BBS in Midland using TRS-80 Model 100 portable computer, maxed out with 32 Kb of ram.

The oil companies like to transfer people around, so in 1989 I found myself in Oklahoma City again. About this time I really got enthused about ham satellite operation. AO-13 had recently been launched, and the idea of communication through a satellite that was, at apogee, 40,000 km from Earth was intriguing. So I found a used Yaesu FT-726R all mode, full duplex transceiver, acquired Mirage VHF and UHF amps, and got a deluxe cross-yagi satellite antenna system with a Yaesu 5400B el/az rotor. The rotor was computer controlled via a Kansas City Tracker/Tuner board in the computer. That was some sweet system. I just fired up the tracking program, picked a satellite, and the computer did the rest. Once I discovered digital store and forward satellites, it was cool to watch the system come alive when the target bird rose above the horizon, tracking the satellite, while another program did the data upload/download.



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Unfortunately, I had only been in OKC for a few years when the Company once again sent me somewhere else. That somewhere was Houston. So down came the antennas and off we went to Richmond, TX. Then back up with the vertical, but I never got the satellite setup back in operation. The Deed Restrictions prohibited any antennas much taller than the peak of the roof. The satellite antenna system was used a few times by the Houston AMSAT group for Field Day. I was now travelling a lot and other priorities took precedent. In addition, I got interested in HF Packet, AMTOR and PACTOR. I replaced the IC-730 with an IC-756 which could be easily interfaced to the computer via the CI-V port, and dove into HF digital modes. My main HF phone operating was during the daily commute, using an FT-857D and ATAS-120 antenna. It was cool to be able to talk to, for example, the British base on Cypress while driving down the freeway using only 100 w. into an extended dummy load on my Honda Prelude. The Icom was my main shack rig until just a few years ago when the Flex 6300 SDR was released, and I plunged into the deep water of software defined radio.

I received an unexpected surprise one day in 2006. I was contacted by Buzz Jehle N5UR. He asked if I was the Doug Seyler who used to be WA8OKL in Cincinnati. That sure brought back memories. I knew Buzz back in Cincinnati when we were teenagers. In fact, he and I did an Ohio QSO Party road trip together in, I think, 1967. Soon after that we moved to Illinois and I lost touch. I hadn't seen or talked to Buzz in almost 40 years, so it sure was a pleasant surprise. He invited me to a meeting of the Texas DX Society as his guest, and I was soon a member. I retired the old Butternut vertical and replaced it with a SteppIR BigIR vertical for 40-6 meters, polished up the keyer, and jumped back into chasing DX. Being genetically unable to say no, it seems, I've served the club as Bullsheet Editor (2 yrs), President (3 yrs) and Secretary (3 yrs). TDXS was also the catalyst for my upgrading to Extra. I realized that, as an Advanced class, I was missing out on the best DX. TDXS facilitated my upgrade to Extra class, by giving me the gift at an Annual Banquet of a set of Gordon West's study CDs, which I listened to daily on my commute over the next two months. I then took the test at the Greater Houston Hamfest and passed easily.

As far as DX goes, I now have DXCC on 40m, 20m, 17m, 15m, and 10m, with an overall Mixed total of 256, with another 10 or so awaiting confirmation. I'll start working on 80m DXCC just as soon as I figure out how to fit an effective, unobtrusive antenna into my back yard. Not yet close to Honor Roll level, but still making forward progress, and hoping to stick around for the next solar maximum or two. There are still lots of ham adventures to be explored. TDXS is a great group of guys and I'm honored to be a part of the brotherhood.

I'll leave you with a blast from the past (CQ Magazine, October 1965 Novice Column):



TDXW Biography—Doug Seyler WB5TKI



A Navy TCS converted for amateur use and on NC-183-D used with a vertical antenna has snagged 42 states, Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, France, Columbia and Argentina for Doug Seyler, WN8OKL, 14, of 3286 Rinda Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio. Doug's favorite bands are 15 meter c.w. and 2 meter phone.

placing parts in a radio set must be done with care. Luckily no other parts were damaged by having these tubes in the wrong socket, but it could have caused some expensive parts replacements.

Letters

Doug Seyler, WN8OKL, 3286 Rinda Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio writes a newsy letter. "Dear Walt: Hi there. I don't have a subscription to *CQ* but my dad gets it all of the time so I thought I would write and tell you how much I enjoy your column. I have heard you on two meters and hope to talk to you sometime.

"I got my license last November and operated strictly 40 meters until January. Then my dad, WB3JRB, and I threw together a two meter rig. About three months ago I got on 15 meters and worked my first DX. We have two rigs, a converted surplus Navy TCS running 75 watts on 40 and 15 meters to a vertical and an NC-183-D receiver. This makes up the main rig. We also have a two meter station consisting of a homebrew rig running 20 watts to a 5 element beam 25 feet high with a converted ARC-3 receiver. I've worked about 42 states, Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Argentina, Columbia and France. I hope to get my General in August or November.

"I am enclosing a school picture. I am sorry I don't have any of me at my rig. I am 14 years old and in the 9th grade. My main bands are 15 meter c.w. and two meter fone.

"I think we should have more novice contests, otherwise I think the radio magazines are a great booster to ham radio. I hope it continues to be a very fascinating hobby and that more people becomes aware of its existence. By the way, I'm already helping a couple of prospective hams and my theory is that you have to get people interested in radio as a more than pastime hobby to make really good amateurs.

"Well, so long for now and I hope to see you on the air. Thanks and 73, Doug."

"Dear Walt: I have read your column with great interest since I obtained my novice license and find it very educational. I plan to obtain my general class license be-

fore the first of the year.

"I am 15 years old and have been on the air for about 4 months. I have worked 34 states with 31 confirmed. I haven't had much DX out of the United States and only one good DX contact with Parana, Brazil. The signal was 579 in Brazil. What I need is any station out of the U.S. on 15 meters. I usually work 15 meters between 2300 and 0300 GMT just about every night. My frequencies are 21,111, 21,162 and 21,180. I could use some sheds in 7 land, I have only worked into Washington State.

"My rig is a DX-40 running 75 watts to a dipole antenna. The receiver is a surplus Air Force SP-600 Hammarlund receiver. I will sked with anyone anytime and for any reason.

"I would appreciate your mentioning me in your column. I will also exchange letters with any foreign amateur station or s.w.l. 73 es best DX. Ray."

Ray may be contacted at: Ray Keyes, WN9OOE, 1126 Barksdale Avenue, Bunker Hill A.F. Base, Peru, Indiana 46971.

Your Chance To Do Your Boy Scout Deed For The Day

"Dear Walt: After some hesitation I am writing this letter to run a "Help Wanted" ad, so to speak in your column in response to your invitation in *CQ*.

"As you see from the signature I have obtained my novice ticket (last April).

"Now comes the problem: I am disabled to the extent that I am unable to handle any tools or wire my equipment or copy c.w. by pen or pencil. I use an electric typewriter for this purpose. I am teaching myself the code for my general or conditional license thru the use of the Instructograph.

"I have my receiver, A National NC-270 and transmitter a Knight T-150A booked up but after much CQ-ing on 40 meters I don't seem to be getting out.

"Walt, would it be possible to get someone to check my equipment over, could some local check the connections and find if I have every thing hooked up and working correctly by using a field strength meter of some other method? I would like very much to be able to use my equipment.

"I hope that this will be possible but at the same time I don't want to be putting any one out.

"I will appreciate anything that can be done in this regard. Kindest regards, Wes Harris, WN90VD, 1755 North Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60647. Telephone 235 6078."

Thanks for the letter Wes. I'll bet a plug nickel that you will get help to solve your problems and soon if I know my hams. I know of no better hobby for a person that has your problem than ham radio. I sure hope you pass your general license test and get on the air, this is the best therapy that I can think of: to be able to converse with other hams over the world. Most of the hams I know would be glad for the chance to help some one who is trying to help himself in such position as you find yourself. I hope that your condition improves to the point where you will be able to wire up your own equipment, we need more hams with that kind of spunk. Good luck.

Fellow hams, here is your chance to show ham radio up for its best. Thanks.

Help Wanted

If you need help with any of your radio studies or any other radio problems that you think some of our readers might be able to solve for you just put all of the information that you have down on paper and send to the help wanted part of our column. Someone will help if they can. I have received many letters from people who have been helped to ham radio operators by someone who has read about them in this column. Address mail to Walter G. Burdine, W8ZCV, R.F.D. #3, Waynesville, Ohio, 45068. DO NOT send mail to the New York office, it just slows down the mail and puts a heavy load on the already loaded [Hi! Ed.] office staff. I have had a few letters addressed to the office that have been mailed and arrived too late to make the column that I had just mailed. I know you can read better than that.

73, Walt, W8ZCV

FIELD DAY 2017 TDXS/BVARC/Echo Society (+ possibly KARS)



Here is a map to the Field Day site this year. It is about 2 miles north of 90A on Pitts Road. In the Google Earth picture below, the Pecan Grove Volunteer Fire Department building is in the lower right corner. We will have the same operating room as last year, and a “flop room”. Please come to FD this year! There will be discussions at upcoming BVARC meetings and at specified Field Day meetings (time/date/locations TBA).



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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 May

Please notify the Editor if I have missed anyone

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