



# The Bullsheet

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**The annual TDXS Old Codgers Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 PM at Rudy Lechner's Restaurant located at 2503 S. Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77063.**

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## Editor's Note by Allen N5XZ

Whew! I'm still getting over putting in 23 hours and 10 minutes in the November CW Sweepstakes! Contrary to popular belief, old men can still do it! Now, my back has not returned to normal and I found myself napping a few times at work, but alas, some things just have to suffer when there are bigger things to consider! In the end, I think I did ok, a *CLEAN SWEEP* and 900+ Q's for a pretty decent score. Thanks to the other TDXS members who gave me a call, I really do appreciate the contacts. Now for my mini-rant...no, more of a request from other TDXS members. PLEASE SPOT FELLOW TDXS MEMBERS...OFTEN! I see a lot of stations spotted very often, and it really helps with their scores, so I ask that if you hear

any other TDXS member in any contest, please spot them each and every time you run across them...it really helps.

Speaking of contests, TDXS is once again looking for a contest cheerleader. The last one turned out to be a pirate, who didn't have the call he claimed and didn't have operating privileges to operate from his country using CEPT. He will be dealt with accordingly, but as a result we really could use someone to help organize contest teams, send out contest reminders, kick us in the butt, etc. I apologize for the actions of the previous cheerleader, and really apologize for him getting inducted into TDXS, he fooled us all.

Congrats to fellow TDXS members for

great scores made by K5GN, K5WA, K5GA (@ NR5M), K0NM, KE8G and KI5LR. If there were other TDXS members on, thanks again. *(I realize some of you credited your scores to other clubs....what will it take to get you guys back into the fold?)*

On a final note, at the N5XZ Superstation, I (with the help of KS5V) installed a trap on the Hi-Tower to allow it to work as a 160 meter inverted-L. It's not yet tuned, so hopefully I will have that done before the 160 meter contest in December.

For now, 73 and hope to see you at the TDXS Old Codgers Dinner on the 15th.

73, Allen 'XZ  
(Ex-Zed)

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***I am STILL looking for autobiographies of TDXS members to add to every upcoming Bullsheet. If you would like to have your illustrious ham radio history plastered in this rag for all to see, please send them to me via email. (I can't wait to see my inbox fill up!).***

***What's it gonna take...do I need to pay you a writer's fee?***



# The Prez Sez by Robie, AJ4F

November 2017

I have received a lot of feedback from last month's Prez Sez article about the state of the TDXS. Most of the feedback has been positive. We need to take some actions to improve the situation. We need to become active and recruit more members. Each of us likely know a few hams living in the area who share our interests in DXing and contesting who are not members. Take a few minutes and invite these guys to a meeting. The upcoming "Old Codgers" dinner is an excellent opportunity. Go ahead and do it now, so we can get an accurate headcount. Not everyone asked will be interested but we (TDXS members) need to make the first move. At the "Old Codgers" dinner we will officially elect next year's officers, so we need a good turnout of current active members as well.

I apologize for cancelling the Board of Directors meeting back in October and will work to get it rescheduled later in November or early December. I will also publish a preliminary 2018 calendar shortly.

We have several ARRL contests in November and December and the TDXS is eligible for the ARRL Club Competition. Let's ramp up participation and put the TDXS back on the competition map! Make plans to operate in as many of these contests as you can:

ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW Nov 4-6, SSB Nov 18-20)

ARRL 160 Meter (Dec 1-3)

ARRL 10 Meter (Dec 9-11)

Please contact Jim – N5DTT as soon as possible so he can update the Members Eligible List. If you plan to operate in the CW Sweepstakes he needs you need to contact him by Friday morning, November 3rd!

I have been reading e-mail on several reflectors lately regarding operating practices and much of it relates to bad on the air behaviors. As individuals we become focused on our own activities and tend to forget about others. This focus is good from one perspective as it drives us to achieve i.e. more QSOs, higher scores, more countries, etc. When we forget about others we often trample on them creating hard feelings. Following the DX Code of Conduct will help improve the situation among DXers.

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## The Prez Sez by Robie, AJ4F

### DX Code of Conduct

- I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.
- I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.
- I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.
- I will not interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSY slot.
- I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.
- I will always send my full call sign
- I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.
- I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.
- I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.
- I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.
- When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.
- I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.
- I will respect my fellow hams and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.

Contesting creates a much more difficult situation as we typically “takeover” much of the band during contest periods. Be sure to listen and ask if the frequency is in use before attempting to start a run. We all have rights to use the bands, but we must exercise restraint at times. I read following from Mike – VA3MW and I feel it is a healthy perspective - “your radio has a BIG knob on it ... spin it and move on. (SDR guys, you can spin your mouse wheel). Everyone see things differently”!

The TDXS has a Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TexasDXSociety/?ref=bookmarks>

If you are not currently a member join us. I plan to use it more often and become more proficient. Facebook is a great tool for communications and we should take advantage of it. “Less experienced” individuals find it a very good tool and hopefully some of us “old codgers” can learn to like it too!

73,

Robie – AJ4F

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# TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

## TDXS October 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 12, 2017

**Location:** Tracy Gee Community Center, Houston, TX

**Attendance: Members:** Scott K5DD, Doug WB5TKI, Keith NM5G, Robie AJ5F, Lance WD5X, Jerry K9GEM, Orville K5VWW, Mike K5UO, Curt WG5H, Bob W5UQ, Mike N5MT

**Guests:** Bobby Sherman KE5OKQ, Jo BY1QH

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

- Discussion of upcoming Election of Officers. President Robie, VP Membership Keith, Treasurer Orville and Secretary Doug agreed to run again for office. However, the VP Programs position is open. Voting will take place at the next meeting in November. New badges have been distributed. Going forward, new members' badges will be ordered individually, rather than waiting for a bulk order.

The program featured a split bill. Part one was Bob W5UQ presenting a very comprehensive review of the "Dayton" Hamfest, held this year in Xenia, Ohio (about 15 miles southeast of Dayton). Although this was the first year at the new venue, the hamfest went surprisingly well. Food was a big upgrade from the Hara Arena fare. The main difficulty was traffic getting into the location from Dayton.

For part two of the program, Mike N5MT chronicles the removal of several beams from his 70 foot tower, in preparation for taking down the tower itself. Mike is moving to Louisiana as a result of damage to his home in Houston due to Hurricane Harvey. We will certainly miss him!

The next meeting will be on November 15. It is the annual Old Codgers Dinner and will be held at Rudi Lechner's German Restaurant in Houston.

73,

Submitted Nov. 3, 2017  
Doug Seyler WB5TKI  
TDXS Secretary



## DX Report by Orville Burg K5VWW

About the most activity on the bands has been caused by the DXpedition to 3CØ, Annobon Island, and 3C1, Equatorial Guinea, by Yuris/YL2GM and Kaspars/YL3AIW.

These two guys have made 32,447 qsos from Annobon, and 21,458 qso thus far from Malabo in spite of all types of logistical problems with power failures, fluctuations and rig crashes. They will shut down operations on November 12<sup>th</sup> to head for home.

**VR2/KCØW** is the call currently being used from **Hong Kong** by **Tom** and he will be active until November 15<sup>th</sup>. He is on all bands with a focus on 80, 40 and 30M. He will be on CW and FT8.

**VR2XYL, Pansy**, has also been quite active on FT8 and has been worked on 17 and 15M from Houston.

**3XY3D, Guinea**, will be activated by **F5OZC** on CW on all bands until December 1st.

**VK9MA, Mellish Reef** is active by 9 operators using 5 stations until November 16<sup>th</sup> on all bands on all modes. Loud signals into Houston.

**9U4M** from **Burundi** is currently being active by several international operators from Bujumbura with 5 stations. Activity will be through November 17th.

Several other operations are planned and/or scheduled as shown below with tentative dates and modes:

Entity	Call	Dates	Mode(s)
Uganda	<b>5X1O</b>	November 8th-November 20 <sup>th</sup>	SSB, CW, FT8
Tanzania	<b>5H3DX</b>	November 7th-December 4 <sup>th</sup>	SSB, RTTY, FT8
Guinea Bissau	<b>J5T</b>	November 13th-November 26 <sup>th</sup>	CW, SSB, RTTY
Rwanda	<b>9X2AW</b>	November 13th-November 30 <sup>th</sup>	SSB
Ghana	<b>9G5W</b>	November 20th-November 29th	SSB, CW, RTTY

Good DX,  
Orville, K5VWW



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Hello again. The house is coming along with its post-flood repairs so I may have a place to begin setting up a new operating position about the time the Fall contest season comes to an end. The knee has healed nicely and the physical therapy has done a good job of getting me ready for resuming somewhat normal activities. I don't see the orthopedist until October 30 so I won't get a clearance to drive until after the CQ WW SSB contest is finished. I was hoping to be able to work along with some others to do a multi-single or multi-multi for the contest but sometimes things just don't work out the way you want.

There has been some TDXS participation in October contests. Those that reported on the 3830scores website are listed below:

### JARTS WW RTTY Contest

#### Single Op HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PF			263	79	7	48,506	TDXS
N5XZ			151	439	2:29	21,950	TDXS

#### Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WB5TUF		x	164	80		31,440	TDXS

The big contest coming up is the CQ WW DX SSB. While I am unable to participate, I hope other TDXS members will be very active in this great contest. In November there will be numerous opportunities for contesting with ARRL Sweepstakes CW November 4-6, ARRL Sweepstakes SSB November 18-20 and CQ WW DX CW November 25-26. Be sure to report all of your scores on the 3830scores website.

Until next month,

Jim, N5DTT



## 2017 Old Codgers Dinner of the Texas DX Society

The annual TDXS Old Codgers Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM at Rudy Lechner's Restaurant located at 2503 S. Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77063.

This location is just north of the intersection of Westheimer Rd and South Gessner, and parking is provided in front facing Gessner.

The German cuisine dinner will be your choice of either the buffet, priced at \$16.95, or you may order separately from the menu should you desire individual items.

Please RSVP to [treasurer@tdxs.net](mailto:treasurer@tdxs.net) as soon as possible, indicating number of attendees and/or guests.

We will look for you there on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

73,



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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/> (new)

**TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"** to these members with birthdays in November:

Please notify the Editor if I have missed anyone

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