



The Bullsheet

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As is tradition, there will be no TDXS Meeting this month, due to Field Day. Here's hoping that we will be resuming face-to-face TDXS meetings soon!

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

WOW! Time flies when you...well you know what I mean. Very sorry for being late with the BS (again) this month. I don't know where my head was, other than actually on the radio rather than writing about it. I promise I will try not to be late again. Of course, I'm sure that you really weren't losing any sleep waiting for my monthly pearls of wisdom and wit...or were you? All I can say is...if you were, well then...I just better not say it... 😊

Well, that being said, for those of you actually on the air, I can only repeat what was said last month, the bands are steadily improving day by day. The SSN reached 77 a few days ago, and long forgotten DX is all over the place. I just worked a UN7 and during the All Asia CW contest which just ended, I worked three VU's in one evening which was quite satisfying. I have also been working a lot of EU, and some AF and JA's on 6 meters (yeah, it was FT8, I know, but it still counts). Well, they were new 6 meter countries for me, so I am happy! And I just finished my 6 meter WAS with the last state being RI, so now I have 11BWAS (which includes 60 meters as well)! Who says ham radio isn't still exciting for some of us?? It is nice to be working at home again (well, I've been doing it for 2 years now) so that I

can spin around to work needs on the radio when they come up.

The big news, of course are the two major contests (for me anyway) coming up. The first is **Field Day**, which is June 26th & 27th. Please see Doug's article later in this rag for more information on the BVARC Field Day at Duhacsek Park in Sugar Land. TDXS members as always are invited to join in the fun with them. This won't be the big 10A effort we've been doing in the past, but hopefully we'll be back in that mode next year. In Anyway, it ought to be lots of fun and there will be good food served, as always.

The 2nd contest coming up is the **IARU HF World Championship** on July 10th & 11th. Rules for IARU can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship>. In this contest, you can operate CW, SSB or both.

Finally, I want to welcome new members Rich Roby KB5EDR from Lufkin (#237) and Robert Novak K0OK from Georgetown (# 238). Hopefully, Rich and Robert will send me autobiographies that I can publish in the BS. **Welcome to the club, guys!**

73, Allen N5XZ

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We're still looking for a new president for TDXS. Who? When? Why not YOU?

We are now holding my Thursday "EX-ZED SPRED" lunches on Zoom and it is every week! If you would like to be invited, send me at note at n5xz@arrl.net

The Prez Sez by ????????



TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS May 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: May 20, 2021

Location: ZOOM Virtual Meeting

The May TDXS Meeting was held, as usual, via ZOOM Video conferencing. There were 15 participants. They were: Doug W9LCQ, Robie AJ4F, Leslie AD5WB, Rich KB5EDR, Allen N5XZ, Chuck W5PR, Glen WB4KTF, Gus K5GMB, Jeff W5JEF, Keith NM5G, Jimmy NA5D, Michael K5WRN, Mike KI5MIK, Rick K5TIA, Wes N5WW.

The agenda was:

Introduce the newest TDXS member, Rich Roby KB5EDR from Lufkin (#237)

Announced the New DX Chairman – Jim Blanca KE8G

The program was "The End Fed, Half Wave Antenna" presented by Robie Elms AJ4F. He covered:

What is it

How is it constructed

Radiation patterns for various configurations

Pros and Cons

Extensive discussion of the all-important UNUN matching toroid

A complete meeting recording is available from the TDXS.net website under News > YouTube Channel or directly at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ac-BumfaB9E&t=157s>.

Submitted June 12, 2021

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary



DX Chairman's Report by Jim Blanca KE8G

DX Report June 2021 by Jim Blanca – KE8G

Happy June to everyone! Summer will officially be here soon and we have some DXpeditions slated for this month. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, there is not much to report on for the month of June 2021. As travel restrictions are lifted around the world and increasing solar activity, I am anticipating an upsurge of DXpeditions and DX to report on. Keep your fingers crossed!

Martinique: TO3F FM/OQ3R – Marius will activate Martinique Island (NA-107) from 23 May to 5 June. QSL via ON4RU

Ogasawara Islands: JD1BLY – JI5RPT will use call sign JD1BLY to activate Chichi Jima Island (AS-031) on 10-12 June. QSL via JI5RPT

Minami Tori Shima Islands: JG8NQJ/JD1 – JG1NQI will activate Marcus Island (OC-073) until 10 June. QSL via JA8CJY

British Virgin Islands: VP2V/NC3Z – NC3Z will activate BVI (NA-023) from 3 June until 14 June. QSL via LoTW.

Somalia: 6O1OO – EP3CQ will be active until 25 June. QSL direct via EP3CQ

McMurdo Station Ross Island: KC4USV – A team of 3 ops; W5MED, W4BZB, & KF0BHU will be active from Ross Island (AN-011) until 31 October. QSL via K7MT & LoTW

Somalia: T5/IT9HRK – IT9HRK will be active from Mogadishu through the end of June. QSL via IT9HRK.

Tongatapu Island: A35JP – JA0RQV will be operating from Tongatapu Island (OC-049) through October 2021. QSL direct via JA0RQV.

Christmas Island: VK9XX – VK6SJ will be on Christmas Island (OC-024) until 11 June. QSL via EB7DX.

HF Propagation:

Quiet on June 9-10, 12-13

Quiet to Unsettled on June 1-8

Quiet to Active on June 11, 14

Unsettled to Active on June 15

Active to Disturbed - none

If anyone should happen to hear of some upcoming DX or DXpeditions, please contact me, ke8g.jim@gmail.com. I will be happy to include the information in this report.

73 de Jim – KE8G



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Hello again. As usual, we will start with a summary of major contests coming up in the next two months.

June

- 5 10-10 International Open Season PSK Contest
 - VK Shires Contest
 - Kentucky QSO Party
- 12 SMIRK Contest
 - ARRL VHF/UHF Contest
- 19 All-Asian DX Contest, CW
 - Ukrainian DX Classic, RTTY
 - Stew Perry Top Band Challenge
 - WV QSO Party
- 26 His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB
 - ARRL Field Day

July

- 1 RAC Canada Day Contest
- 3 Marconi Memorial HF Contest
- 10 IARU HF World Championship
- 17 Russian Radio Team Championship
 - YOTA Contest
 - North American QSO Party, RTTY
 - CQWW VHF Contest
- 24 RSGB IOTA Contest
- 31 Russia World Wide Multimode Contest
 - Missouri QSO Party



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

TDXS members participated in a number of contests in May. Here is their score information as reported in the 3830scores.com website.

7th Call Area QSO Party 2021 May 1

SO(A)CW HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		101 0	0	56 14		16,968		TDXS

SOCW LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		80 0	0	48 7		11,520		TDXS

SOMixed LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		9	42	0 41	6	4,551		TDXS

Indiana QSO Party 2021 May 1

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score
AF5J		11 0	9	0	14	198	

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score
N5DTT		2	6	2	6	1	80

Delaware QSO Party 2021 May 1

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		1 0	0	1		20		TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		0	2	0 2	1	4		TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

New England QSO Party 2021 May 1

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		90	0	33	14.5	5,940	TDXS
K5TIA		30	0	15	4	900	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		33	0	18	7	1,188	TDXS
N5DTT		3	7	9	1	117	TDXS

50 MHz Spring Sprint 2021 May 8

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
NN5DX(K5LLL)		47	32	4	1,504	TDXS

Arkansas QSO Party 2021 May 8

SOCW HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		31	0	23	4		1,426	TDXS

SOCW LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		8	0	8	0.25	64		TDXS

SOMixed LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		1	4	0	5	1	30	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

CQWW WPX Contest, CW 2021 May 29

SOAB HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ			236	173	15.25	86,327	TDXS
AF5J			267	196	25:15	84,476	TDXS

SOAB LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F			66	60	2	7,620	TDXS

SOAB Classic LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TU			150	121	4.3	35,916	TDXS

SOSB20 HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
NU5A(K5GN)				2257 1152	36	5,484,515	TDXS

SOSB20 Classic HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
NM5G			104	97	3.5	20,273	TDXS

It looks like there was a lot of TDXS member participation in the May contests. It really helps to have a big contest like the CQ WPX CW contest in the mix to really make us hit the radio room chairs.

The big contest in early June is the ARRL June VHF Contest on June 12. With the advent of FT8, the complexion of this venerable contest has changed dramatically. I resisted getting into FT8 for a long time but, with the purchase of my IC-7300, it was too easy to get on FT8 and I finally gave in. Recently, Scott N3FJB, upgraded his ALog software and his VHF Contest software to make FT8 contact entry very easy. I am greatly looking forward to the VHF Contest now.

Of course, Field Day is at the end of the month (June 26). Again, this year, the rules have been relaxed so that Group D stations can work other Group D stations. While we may not actually be able to get together “in the Field” we can participate in this great “not a contest”. Be sure to have **Texas DX Society** in as your Club Affiliation as there will be scoring based on Club Affiliation as well as individually.

Jim, N5DTT



Where in the World is... Ron Litt, K5HM

Nothing received this month.



Field Day! By Doug Seyler W9LCQ

FIELD DAY!

Just the thought gets me excited. I remember as a teenager working Field Day on a hill in the woods in south-eastern Indiana. Working the overnight shift and trying to copy CW through the whine in the headphones from the 400 cycle generator.

Field Day has always been a major event for TDXS. When I joined TDXS in 2006 we were operating from Tom-ball Park. Since then, we have been at Fire Stations, fire training facilities, and even from the end of the Texas City Dike. Since 2013 until last year TDXS joined with BVARC, KARS and ECHO for a combined event, pooling our experience and labor to produce a high score. In 2018 & 2019 we did FD from the Duhacsek Park at Old Richmond Road and Voss in Sugar Land. COVID closed the park last year, but in early June of this year the park was reopened. Since this was just a few weeks before Field Day there was not sufficient time for the planning and equipment procurement for a major effort. Accordingly, BVARC is instead planning a relaxed, "Field Day Lite" event. It will have perhaps 3-4 rigs and will focus on training and fun, rather than on competition. They will, however, have a 40+ foot man- lift with a tribander and a Shorty 40 on top. And the operating takes place from an air conditioned house! Check out the FD announcement on the BVARC website, bvarc.org.

If your competitive juices need feeding, the ARRL has extended the waiver for home-based operations for this year. Home Stations on commercial power (class D0 and on emergency power (Class E) can work anyone that they hear, regardless of class. They did add a 150w power limit. Also they extended the aggregation of club members' individual scores into a club score. I plan to spend part of my time with BVARC and then operate from home in Class E for the TDXS composite score.

There are several other Houston-area clubs holding in-person operations. For example, NARS will be at Klein Fire Dept. #3 in Spring. Tidelands will be at Highland Bayou Park in La Marque. Check out the ARRL Field Day locator for other announced operations.

However and wherever, please plan to operate in the 2021 ARRL Field Day event, and have fun!

73,

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

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

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