



The Bullsheet

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The next TDXS meeting will be held Thursday, July 15th at 7pm via Zoom.

W9LCQ run a video of the July 2007 TDXS DXpedition to Tortola, British Virgin Islands. It was for the IARU and FISTS Sprint contests. Team members were Bill K5WAF, Cal WF5W (SK), Nancy WZ8C (SK), Bob WB5IUU, and Paul W5PF. Nancy was head of the North American Branch of the International Morse Preservation Society (FISTS) and an honorary TDXS member.

Watch the TDXS Reflector for log-in instructions.

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

Don't let it happen to you!

I got **ZAPPED**

by a direct lightning strike about 6:30 am on Monday, June 28th, 2021. All I heard was "SNAPS", the two lights went out and the alarm system went off. After I cleared the alarm system and calmed my wife, I went back to the radio room to assess the damage. I won't go into details at the moment and not until things are settled with the insurance company, but I can tell you it is no fun. As a result, N5XZ will be off the air for a while. But I shall return!

However, prior to D-DAY, I did pretty well in Field Day! I hope you did as well. While I was not able to go to the joint BVARC/TDXS/KARS Field Day event, I heard it was a lot of fun. I did manage to work Nizar K0NM on CW, which was my only contact with KK5W, however. I do plan to join in the event next year. I hope we can pick up where we left off two years ago. I miss Field Day and getting together

will everyone. Looking forward to Field Day 2022!!

So... prior to even Field Day the bands were steadily improving and the SFI had increased again to 91 or 92. It will be wonderful when it is consistently 100 or more! I and others worked a lot of new countries and grids on 6 meters, and I finally completed my 6 meter WAS, which now I have 11BWAS!

I am also looking forward to face-to-face club meetings with TDXS which I hope can resume soon. With this new Delta variant of COVID I am not sure when that will be. It has just been to bloody long.

Well, as I said, I will be back on the air, hopefully in a few months and I am looking forward to working every one soon along with DX and more contesting!

Hey guys, how about some more article submissions from the membership? I'm sure you're getting bored listening my me monthly dribble.

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

No meeting due to Field Day.

Hoping to get a Field Day report...



DX Chairman's Report by Jim Blanca KE8G

DX Report July 2021 by Jim Blanca – KE8G

Happy July 4th to everyone! We are another month into summer and Cycle 25. It appears that sunspots are on the rise and propagation is beginning to pick up, especially at the beginning of the month.

Greenland: OX3LX – OZ1DJJ – Bo will be active on Greenland until July 10th. QSL via LoTW, via OZ0J and ClubLog OQRS.

St. Helena: ZD7GB – G3WIP will be active through September 2021. QSL has not been determined yet.

Guadeloupe: TO11A - F6GWV & F6HMQ will be there until July 5th. They will focus on 6 meter and operate holiday style. Please QSL via F6HMQ

Burkina Faso: XT2AW - DF2WO will be active until July 5th. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

Djibouti: J20EE – F8FKJ will be active until July 31st. QSL via eQSL, no paper QSL cards.

Turks & Caicos: VP5 – W3QP will be active as VP5/W3QP until July 2nd. QSL via eQSL.

Market Reef: OJ0 – OJ0JR (OH3JR) & OJ0MR (OG2M) will be active on 6 meters. QSL OJ0MR via LoTW & OJ0JR via OH3JR.

Alaska: KL7RRC – N7QT, W8HC, NL8F, and N3QQ will be active until July 3rd. QSL via N7RO

Liechtenstein: HB0 – HB9HBY will be active as HB0/HB9HBY until July 4th. QSL via EB7DX



DX Chairman's Report by Jim Blanca KE8G

HF Propagation: Provided by Space Weather Prediction Center (NOAA)

27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
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#	UTC	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2021 Jun 28		88	5	2
2021 Jun 29		90	5	2
2021 Jun 30		90	10	3
2021 Jul 01		90	5	2
2021 Jul 02		92	5	2
2021 Jul 03		92	5	2
2021 Jul 04		92	12	4
2021 Jul 05		92	5	2
2021 Jul 06		90	5	2
2021 Jul 07		85	5	2
2021 Jul 08		85	5	2
2021 Jul 09		85	8	3
2021 Jul 10		85	8	3
2021 Jul 11		85	5	2
2021 Jul 12		82	15	4
2021 Jul 13		82	12	4
2021 Jul 14		82	5	2
2021 Jul 15		80	5	2
2021 Jul 16		80	5	2
2021 Jul 17		80	5	2
2021 Jul 18		80	5	2
2021 Jul 19		82	5	2
2021 Jul 20		85	5	2
2021 Jul 21		85	5	2
2021 Jul 22		85	5	2
2021 Jul 23		85	5	2
2021 Jul 24		85	5	2

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.

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

August

- 7 10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB
- North American QSO Party, CW
- 14 WAE DX Contest, CW
- Maryland-DC QSO Party
- 21 CVA DX Contest, CW
- North American QSO Party, SSB
- Ohio QSO Party
- 28 WW Digi DX Contest
- CVA DX Contest, SSB
- Hawaii QSO Party
- Kansas QSO Party



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

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

Kentucky QSO Party 2021 Jun 5

SO Fixed HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		25	0	0	14	10	700	TDXS

SO Fixed LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		0	4	0	4	1.5	232	TDXS

ARRL June VHF Contest 2021 Jun 12

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PRx		344	145		49,880	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WB5TUF		178	105		18,690	TDXS
AJ4F		138	82	11	11,316	TDXS
K5TIA		106	69	10	7,314	TDXS
N5DTT		54	30	12	1,620	TDXS

Stew Perry Topband Challenge 2021 June 19

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		5	0.25	8	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

ARRL Field Day 2021 Jun 26

1D HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		135 0	103	12	476		TDXS

1D LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Op Time	Score	Club
N5XZ		1652	0	0	14:09	6,608	TDXS
K5IZO		105	0	0	4	470	TDXS
AF5J		117	0	0	7:53	468	TDXS
N5WW			0	0	114 4.5	456	TDXS
N5DTT			0	0	58	166	TDXS

As you recall, the TDXS Contest Chairman takes care of updating the ARRL Eligibility List so that our scores are appropriately counted in ARRL Club Competitions. There are nine contests that have Club Competitions. This month, QST reported the results of the 10 Meter Contest and the January VHF Contest. Both had Club Competitions. I thought you would like to know how we did.

In the 2020 ARRL 10-meter Contest, TDXS scored 17th out of 50 Medium clubs submitting scores. We had a total of 531,376 points with 10 member entries. In the 2021 ARRL January VHF Contest, TDXS scored 26th out of 41 Medium clubs. We had 10,596 points with 6 member entries.

Jim, N5DTT



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

The official prefix for this entity is FK/C denoting it is part of New Caledonia, a French territory comprising hundreds of islands in the South Pacific. If you listen carefully, you can probably hear the strains of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Bali Hai* from the musical, *South Pacific*.

"Ah yes, "Most people live on a lonely island, in the middle of a foggy sea. " but I digress.



The Chesterfields are an archipelago of New Caledonia located in the Coral Sea, 340 miles northwest of the main island of New Caledonia.

You might remember the Coral Sea as the place, where the US Navy stopped the Japanese advance on Australia in WW II. The battle is unique as the first naval battle where opposing ships never came in sight of each other.



Far from the tropical island we seek in Polynesia the Chesterfields are uninhabited island sand mostly just a few feet above sea level and sometimes referred to as the Chesterfield Reefs, They are the most important of a number of uninhabited coral sand cays. Some are awash and liable to shift with the wind while others are stabilized by the growth of grass, creepers and low trees. The Chesterfield Reefs are now part of the territory of New Caledonia.

Tiny in size but aggressively pursued by many hams for its standing on the list of most wanted, there have been several DX-peditions in recent years.

In 2009, two amateurs, George Walter, AA7JV and Tomi Pekarik, HA7RY mounted a small but successful venture as TX3A. The two operators managed over 36,000 QSOS in 28 days. Using two Elecraft K-3's and a series of antennas for HF operation.



Perhaps the most organized group, the Perseverance DX Group mounted a major effort in 2015. The group assembled a team of 12 operators, 7 Elecraft K-Line stations and two Expert Linear 1.3K FA's. The equipment Along with all the usual stuff - Keyers, computers, antennas, food, medical supplies, generators, and gasoline was loaded aboard the Expedition vessel, Evohe. The team set out for a brisk ocean cruise to an uninhabited island. The team arrived on 1 Oct and went QRT on 11 Oct about 1700 UTC.



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



According to Club log's list of most wanted DX entities, Chesterfield ranks 25th on the list. Congratulations to all whose signal made the trip.

A trip to Chesterfield in 2020 was planned by Greg Marco, W6IZT and Hal Turley, W8HC in March 2020 was postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19, global travel restrictions and safety concerns,

Reporting from the Dark Side,
Ron, K5HM



NU1AW/5 IARU HF World Championship Results

IARU HF World Championship - 2021

Call: NU1AW/5

Operator(s): AD5XD K5CD K5DU K5GN K5NA K5PI K5RT K5WA KG5U KG5VK KI5MM N5AUS N5OT N5TIT
NT5V W0UO W5PR WA5FWC WA5RR

Station: NU1AW/5

Class: Headquarters HP

QTH: ARRL West Gulf

Operating Time (hrs): 24

Summary:

Band	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ Mults	
160:	71	3	6	0	
80:	402	79	21	17	
40:	1168	582	38	49	
20:	1666	1622	44	51	
15:	765	459	26	33	
10:	646	563	19	22	

Total:	4718	3308	154	172	Total Score = 7,933,536

Comments:

Thanks to all 19 Operators of The ARRL West Gulf NU1AW/5 Team
We had 13 Stations from within Oklahoma and Texas with guest Ops at several of the stations. Top Three High QSO Ops were K5PI, K5GN and K5RT with 1528, 1167, and 966 respectively. Low Band Kings were N5OT with 10 Q's on 160m, 222 Q's on 80m and K5WA with 23 Q's on 160m and 81 on 80m It should be noted Texas and Oklahoma were blanketed with lots of Lightning activity during most of the nighttime.

Note even with the Top Q scorers large numbers those only represent some 3,361 Q's So every operator on the team helped us break the Eight Thousand QSO barrier

Many of our stations had a visit from Murphy both during the contest and a few days prior....

N5OT went out in the pasture in the middle of a rain storm and rare quite point in the Lightning strikes to reconfigure failed switching relays on his newly installed K9AY Loops and I had some antenna issues.

A great deal of thanks to many others One of which is David Sumner K1ZZ for allowing our team to carry the IARU Flag with the callsign NU1AW/5
Cheers!
Steve KG5VK

Posted using 3830 Score Submittal Forms at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Congrats to all who participated in NU1AW/5!! Wish I could have been there!



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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TexasDXSociety/> (new)

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

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

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