



The Bullsheet

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The September TDXS meeting will be on a special date – Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 pm over ZOOM. The reason for the special date is that the Texas QSO Party is only 9 days later on Sept. 16-17. Robie AJ4F will present some ideas and lead a discussion on ways to increase TDXS participation in the event, either as a rover or from your home station. After all, TDXS is the sponsor of the TQP!

Hope to see you online!

Time: Sep 7, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

I just realized I've been a member of Texas DX Society for 35 years, since 1988—geez that's a long time. Now I know some of y'all have been members even longer, and I salute you for that. This club has been around since 1971. Now, it's not as strong or active as it used to be, but I'm still proud to be a member. For the next issue, I would like to get some comments from members about how long you've been and any interesting stories or information other members might like to hear. I know some of you may actually read this, so I am expecting my inbox to fill up in a hurry, right?

As mentioned several places in this rag, the Texas QSO Party is coming up in a few weeks. I hope to be able to spend some time in it, not sure how much due to my work/travel schedule, but we'll see. Sure would be grand to win another plaque...(it sure looks nice on the wall).

Band conditions continue to be up and down, I'm still waiting for 10m and 6m to really open. Despite that I have managed to work: FR8, FK8, 3W, 8Q, VR2, OJ0, OD, Z6, JT, EL, 4S7, VU, 9Q, E51 (N. Cook), A7, C21 and 5W so not too bad.

We got some rain today! A couple of good downpours....so times are a changin'!

73/161, Allen N5XZ

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TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ

The August TDXS meeting was held at Tracy Gee Community Center and over ZOOM. There were 14 participants: Doug W9LCQ, Robie AJ4F and Kim K5TU were at Tracy Gee. Don N5LZ, Rick K5GZR, Chris KG5BBF, Mike N5MT, Jim N5DTT, David W5CV, Scott K5DD, Rick W5RH, Bill K2TNO, Jerry K9GEM, and Nizar K0NM were attending over ZOOM..

Agenda:

- **DXpedition support – Robie discussed the draft donation selection tool that was developed a few years ago to try to select the best places to donate.**
- **Texas QSO Party – September 16-17.**
- **The September TDXS meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 7. The topic for discussion is increasing TDXS participation in the event.**

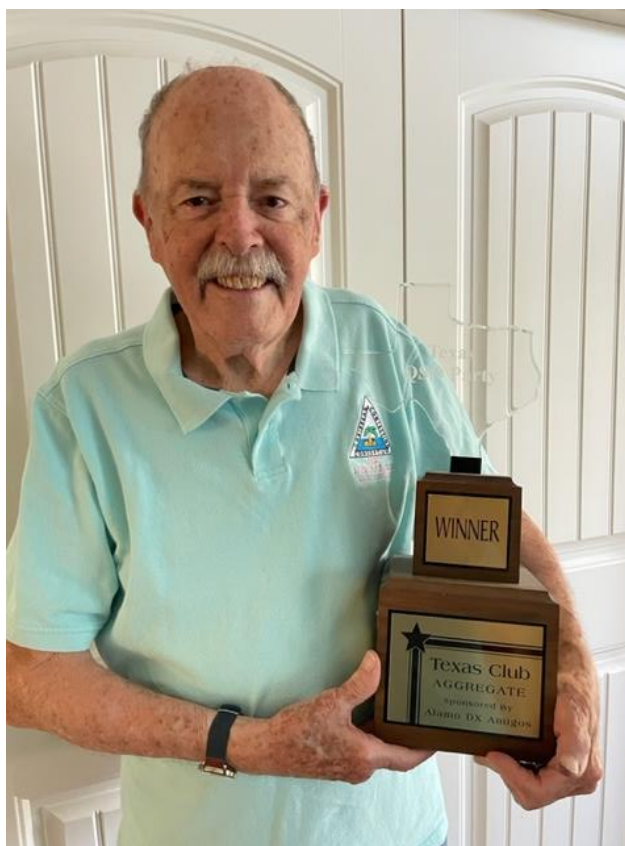
Program – Robie AJ4F is a DXCC Card Checker. His presentation is “Obtaining ARRL Awards with QSL Cards.” Robie has spent some time delving into the process by which both paper QSL confirmations and LOTW confirmations are entered into a DXCC Award Record.

The video from this meeting is available on the TDXS YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/f0G931AcgNI>)

Submitted September 4, 2023

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

September

- 2 CW Ops CW Open
All Asia DX Contest, SSB
Russian RTTY WW Contest
Colorado QSO Party
- 3 Tennessee QSO Party
- 9 ARRL September VHF Contest
WAE DX Contest, SSB
Alabama QSO Party
- 16 Texas QSO Party
Iowa QSO Party
Washington State Salmon Run (QSO Party)
New Jersey QSO Party
New Hampshire QSO Party
- 23 CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY
Maine QSO Party
- 30 Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest
UK/EI DX Contest, SSB

October

- 7 Oceania DX Contest, SSB
California QSO Party
Russian World Wide Digital Contest
- 14 Oceania DX Contest, CW
Nevada QSO Party
Arizona QSO Party
Pennsylvania QSO Party
South Dakota QSO Party
- 21 10-10 International Fall CW Contest
New York QSO Party
Worked ALL Germany Contest
- 22 Illinois QSO Party
- 28 CQ WW DX Contest, SSB



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

TDXS members participated in several contests in August. Here is their score information as it was found in the 3830scores.com website:

North American QSO Party, CW 2023 August 5

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K5TIA		245	107	8	26,215	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K5TU		1024	185	10	189,440	TDXS
KG5U		625	142	9.933	88,750	TDXS2
K5GQ		147	55	3.25	8,085	TDXS
AJ4F		33	25	0.5	825	TDXS
N5DTT		35	20	2.5	700	TDXS2
K5IZO		30	23	2	690	TDXS

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
AF5J		256	106	10:25	27,136	TDXS

Maryland/DC QSO Party 2023 Aug 12

Amplified HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		4	0	0	2	2	24	TDXS
AF5J		2	0	0	2	13	12	TDXS



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WAE DX Contest, CW 2023 Aug 12

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	QTCs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		76	73	85	8:29	12,665	TDXS

North American QSO Party, SSB 2023 August

M/2 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
NU5A		1031	158	11	162,898	TDXS

World Wide Digi DX Contest 2023 Aug 26

SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		55	28	11.5	2,072	TDXS

SOSB10 HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PR		269	61	17	50,752	TDXS

Hawaii QSO Party 2023 Aug 26

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		13	0	0	10	1:30	390	TDXS
K5TIA		5	0	0	5	3	75	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Kansas QSO Party 2023 Aug 26

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		92	110	0	84		41,664	TDXS
AF5J		116	0	0	72	10:25	25,156	TDXS
K5TIA		94	0	0	55	8	15,510	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		50		14	0	40	7,220	TDXS

Ohio QSO Party 2023 Aug 26

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		49	0	24	0	3:21	2,352	TDXS
K5TIA		20	0	14	0	6	560	TDXS

Have a good month, contesting as much as you have the time for. Don't forget, the Texas QSO Party is September 16. Remember, any amount of time you can spend in the TQP will add points to the TDXS Cumulative Score.

Jim, N5DTT

2023 10-10 Summer Phone QSO Party				
August 5—6				
CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
3 N5XZ	4530	77	99	253
8 N5MT	24949	24	8	56



Ode to Our Antenna Work (during a Houston Summer)

(sung to the tune of the 1966 Lovin' Spoonful anthem)

**Hot town, summer in the city
Antenna work nixed, it's hot and it's gritty.
Antennas are down, isn't it a pity
And signals ain't travel'n far to reach this city.
Daytime propagation's sound'n half-dead
Ain't climb'n up my tower, cause it's hotter than a match head.**

**But at night it's a different world
Sit down and give Morse Code a whirl
Come on, come on and talk all night
Despite the heat, DX is out of sight.
And OM, don't you know it's a pity
The days, can't be like the nights
In the summer, in the city
In the summer, in the city**

**Cool down, amp is working F-T
QSK's fine and sound'n so pret-ty
Cool Op, work'n all that Rit-Tee
Gonna talk to every ham in Mississippi
'Til the bands, generate some good prop
I'll be runnin up the stairs, to put a Yagi on the rooftop.**

Original words by John Sebastian

Modified words by W5RH



Texas QSO Party 2023



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2023 CONTEST DATES

Saturday September 16: 9AM to 9PM CDT

Sunday September 17: 9AM to 3PM CDT

Saturday September 16: 1400Z to SEP 17 0200Z and

Sunday September 17: 1400Z to 2000Z

For more information, visit the [Rules](#) page.

TEXAS QSO PARTY 2022 Results are in! See the results [here](#)

Thanks to all who took the time to participate in the 2022 Texas QSO Party. We hope you had fun and will be able to participate again in 2023. Be sure to stay tuned for any possible changes for next year.

73/Chuck/NO5W

More information available at <https://www.txqp.net/>

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Texas QSO Party 2023—by Robie AJ4F

We are the sponsor of the Texas QSO Party and want to make an extra effort to do well in the Texas Club Aggregate competition in 2023. The TQP dates are September 16 & 17, just over two weeks away. In the 2022 TQP we finished 3rd and had 17 members participate. To do well in the competition we need more members to participate. The purpose of this email is to reach out to those members who want to participate but feel they can't for some reason. Some examples might be:

1. antenna problems or only having a marginal/poor antenna
2. difficulty setting up your computer to operate, i.e. software setup issues
3. feel your operating skills are not adequate
4. perception that you can't make a good showing compared to other members
5. other issues???

Please contact me either on the TDXS email list or directly (ruler55@gmail.com) and let's have a discussion. It may be possible that another TDXS member can assist you and put you into a position to participate. I would also like to know if you are willing to assist other members and what type of assistance you are willing to provide.

I am making a plea for your participation. *Every single QSO counts and the more we have the better we do!* There is a natural inertia against getting started and we hope to help you overcome it. You build proficiency through participation and you will be surprised how much and how quickly you learn.

We don't have a lot of time, so I would appreciate a rapid response.

Thanks in advance,

Robie AJ4F

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More information available at <https://www.txqp.net/>



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

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

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

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