



# The Bullsheet

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**Hello fellow TDXSers!**

**The October TDXS Monthly meeting will be held on October 17 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Robie Elms AJ4F will give a presentation entitled “Everything you need to know about Peak Envelope Power”.**

**We hope to see you on Thursday. The ZOOM link information is:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82314686127?pwd=vFWdrWNzaJZ7LQPIMBGWj1B9bdzL28.1>

## **Editor’s Note by Allen Brier N5XZ**

October is here, it’s cooling off outside so maybe more antenna work can be done. I’m planning to take the SteppIR down for some refurb soon so some of you may get invites to join the antenna party.

Lot’s of good activity in the Texas QSO Party...looks like we have edged out CTDXCC in overall raw scores (most do not include bonus points I’ve been told) so a big CONGRATULATIONS to TDXS and those members who joined in this year!

You can see there was a lot of contesting by TDXS looking at Jim’s article this month. I hope we can keep up the momentum!

It’s Monday night as I write this. There’s been a few good DXpeditions running lately with some new band countries for those who chose to partake.

Hope to see everyone at the Zoom meeting Thursday night! And if anyone has any good ideas for programs, guest speakers, etc. please let us know. We need to “Kick Things Up a Notch”!

Thanks to Tuna for the short article on his “PortaMobile” antenna!

73/161, Allen N5XZ

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**I still need some more input from TDXS members...how about sending me something I can put in the BS?? Anything at all, stories, bios, pics, etc. Nobody wants to just hear me drone on and on and on about stuff!**

**How about it TDXSers??**

## **TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ**

**Date:** September 19, 2024

**Location:** ZOOM Virtual Meeting

The September TDXS meeting was held over ZOOM. There were 14 participants: Doug W9LCQ, Bill K2TNO, Brian KT3X, Robie AJ4F, Jim N5DTT, Chris KG5BBF, Keith NM5G, Kim K5TU, Allen N5XZ, Dave K5GN, Rick W5RH, Ron Jr. NN5DX, Scott K5DD, and Scott KB4KBS.

Program – Robie AJ4F led a lively discussion of planning, strategies, and goals for the upcoming Texas QSO Party on Sept. 21-22.

The video from this meeting is available on the TDXS YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGUBizhSUrI&t=429s>

**Submitted October 14, 2024**

**Doug Seyler W9LCQ**

**TDXS Secretary/Treasurer**



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

### October

- 5 California QSO Party
  - Worked All Provinces of China
  - Oceania DX Contest, SSB
- 12 Nevada QSO Party
  - Oceania DX Contest, CW
  - Arizona QSO Party
  - Pennsylvania QSO Party
  - South Dakota QSO Party
- 19 10-10 International Fall CW Contest
  - New York QSO Party
  - Worked ALL Germany Contest
- 20 Illinois QSO Party
- 26 CQ WW DX Contest, SSB

### November

- 2 ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
- 9 WAE DX Contest RTTY
  - 10-10 International Fall Digital Contest
  - JIDX Phone Contest
  - OK/OM DX Contests, CW
- 16 ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB
- 23 CQ WW DX Contest, CW



# Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

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

## Tennessee QSO Party 2024 Sep 1

SO FixedCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		92	0	0	74	7:43	20,724	TDXS

## All Asian DX Contest, SSB 2024 Sep 7

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GN(@W5KU)		1499	473	38	807,411	TDXS
W5GCX		31	31		1,240	TDXS

## CWops CW Open 2024 0000Z-0359Z

No TDXS Participants

## CWops CW Open 2024 1200Z-1559Z

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5XZ		67	67	00:20	4,489	TDXS

## CWops CW Open 2024 2000Z-2359Z

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		92	82	3:44	7,544	TDXS



# Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

## ARRL September VHF Contest 2024 Sep 14

### Single Op-All Modes LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		66	27		1,809	TDXS
WB5TUF		47	25		1,175	TDXS
AJ4F		32	15		480	TDXS
N5DTT		18	7	12	126	TDXS

### SO3Band-All Modes HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PRSO2R		100	45	13	4,500	TDXS

## Washington State Salmon Run 2024 Sep 21

### SOCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		46	0	20	6	2,740	TDXS
AF5J		34	0	17	2:30	2,234	TDXS

### SOMixed LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		11	1	10		350	TDXS

## Iowa QSO Party 2024 Sep 21

### Out of State LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		13	2	0	13		390	TDXS

### SO Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		29	0	0	25	1:53	1,450	TDXS
K5TIA		24	0	0	21	6	1,008	TDXS



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

### New Jersey QSO Party 2024 Sep 21

#### Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		17	0	0	34	1:26	306	TDXS
K5TIA		16	0	0	6		192	TDXS

#### Single Op LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		5	0	0	5		50	TDXS

### Texas QSO Party 2024 Sep 21

#### Multi-Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5Y(@KJ5Y)		579	1502	0	85	10	127,670	TDXS
W5KU		284	120	0	94	4.5	102,648	TDXS

#### Multi-Op Mobile LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5DX(@NM5G)		578	25	0	74	24	159,720	TDXS

#### SO CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5XZ		697	0	0	117	12:10	244,647	TDXS
AF5J		392	0	0	88	12:01	103,988	TDXS
K5TIA		242	0	0	86	12	62,436	TDXS
N5LZ		99	0	0	44	4	13,068	TDXS

#### SO CW LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F		450	0	0	107	13.5	144,450	TDXS
KG5U		305	0	0	95	7.817	86,925	TDXS
W9LCQ		55	0	0	38		7,270	TDXS
K5TU		54	0	0	28	1.0	4,452	TDXS



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

### Texas QSO Party 2024 Sep 21 (cont.)

#### SO CW QRP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KT3X		155	0	0	76		35,340	TDXS

#### SO Mixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5MF		215	13	51	103	14	85,872	TDXS
W5GCX		25	285	0	92		59,340	TDXS

#### SO Mixed LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		128	22	0	86		36,808	TDXS
N5DTT		57	48	0	67	12	18,889	TDXS
KG5BBF		0	0	88	62	15	16,368	TDXS

#### SO Mobile LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5EC		673	328	0	113	13	311,950	TDXS

#### SO SSB HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AD5WB		0	35	70	30	1.1	2,100	TDXS

### CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY 2024 Sep 28a

#### SO(A)AB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	DX	Zones	Op Time	Score	Club
WT4DX		220	37	107	52	13:20	105,448	TDXS

#### SOAB LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	DX	Zones	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F		614	151	115	59	20:42	345,800	TDXS
N5EKO		264	87	68	36		85,950	TDXS



# Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

## Maine QSO Party 2024 Sep 28

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		12	0	11	0	1	154	TDXS

I hope everyone enjoyed the contests this month. Our unified support of the Texas QSO Party demonstrated that we, as a group, can all pull together to show the world that we still exist and that we will return TDXS to status of one of the premier DX and Contesting organizations.

Jim, N5DTT





# John Guida K5XA TDXS #139—SK

John Guida, Jr, 85, died on July 31, 2024, in Austin, Texas. He was born on May 10, 1939, in Tampa, Florida, the son of John and Mary Guida, and grandson of Sicilian immigrants Guiseppe and Rosa Guida and Luigi and Felicia Dolcimascolo. John was a lifelong storyteller and entertained family and friends with stories of childhood and adolescence growing up in Ybor City and Tampa, as a student at Hillsborough High School and accounts of his adult life in the Air Force in Anchorage, Alaska. His business life in data processing included various companies in cities from Tampa to Anchorage, Houston, Arkansas, and Massachusetts. After retirement he moved to the Hill Country in Kerrville, Texas and later to Leander, Texas. In his home life he was a beloved and loving son, husband, father, and grandfather. In his business life he was a hard worker and a respected co-worker and boss. In all his stories, which were always relevant and always had a point, it was clear that he highly valued all of those family, friends, and co-workers he spoke of. He never met a stranger and took a real interest in people. He treated everyone he came across, whether he knew them or not, as if they had something worthwhile to share with him even if that was just their favorite sports team or whether or not they were enjoying their meal. He threw himself wholeheartedly into all of his hobbies and the things he enjoyed whether that was baseball and his beloved Yankees, coaching his son’s Little League team, ham radio and the many ham-radio friends he made around the world, or the traditional meals he loved. He was so proud of his family and we were proud of him. We will miss him. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jacqueline Guida; children, Suzanne (Russell) Kosarek, Debbie Guida, Michael (Roxy) Guida; stepson Steven (Mary) Hamm, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Private interment service will take place on October 5, 2024 at Remembrance Gardens in Austin, Texas. In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to the Alzheimer’s Association.



# Harris County Citizen Corp 18th Annual CERT Rodeo—by Dale KG5U



You are invited to the

## *Harris County Citizen Corps 18<sup>th</sup> Annual CERT Rodeo*

Saturday, February 15, 2025

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

(Team Set-up at 6:30 am)

**The CERT Rodeo will take place RAIN OR SHINE at:**

The Harris County Fire and Sheriff's Training Academy

2318 Atascocita Rd., Humble, TX 77396

(off Ygnacio Road – next to Lindsay Lyons Park)

Practice and reinforce the skills you learned  
in the 8-week CERT Training...

- ❖ cribbing
- ❖ fire suppression
- ❖ incident command
- ❖ medical operations
- ❖ search and rescue
- ❖ scene size-up

**Registration is now open to all local and statewide teams and individuals who have graduated from an approved CERT Training.**

**For CERT Rodeo contacts, registration forms and all other information visit:**

<http://www.harriscountycitizencorps.com/About/Partner-Organizations/CERT-Rodeo>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Harris County Fire and Sheriff's Training Academy requires *ALL* people on the premises – e.g. CERT participants, Evaluators, Exhibitors, Volunteers, Amateur Radio Operators, Visitors, and Spectators – to complete a Registration and Liability Release Form found at the link above or from your local CERT Team Coordinator.



# Harris County Citizen Corp 18th Annual CERT Rodeo—by Dale KG5U

PLEASE DIRECT ANY COMMUNICATIONS QUESTIONS DIRECTLY TO Keith Klimple, CERT Questions to Lionel Bryant

## Save the date for the 2025 CERT Rodeo

We would like over 40 Volunteers for the 2025 CERT Rodeo

### Q: What is the CERT Rodeo?

A: The CERT Rodeo is an annual CERT training event that draws CERT teams from Houston, Harris County, and the region for a day of skill practice, team building and fun!

### Q: When is this event?

A: February 15, 2025

### Q: Where is the CERT Rodeo?

A: Harris County Fire Marshal Office 2318 Atascocita Rd., Humble, TX 77396

### Q: What is amateur radio’s role in this event?

A: AUXCOMM (Auxiliary Communications) will establish a directed net and provide radio operators to communicate between each of the event stations, the registration area, exhibitor room, parking lots, the various CERT leaders, chiefs, and incident command (IC).

AUXCOMM will provide operators for all functions and positions designated in the ICS plan. All field operators will use their own hand-held radio.

### Q: What are the hours of operation?

A: Generally speaking, arrive by 07:00 – 14:00 (depending on attendance)

### Q: How do I get involved?

A: It’s real easy using 2 steps:

1) Add your name to the radio operator roster via this form:  
The registration link is <https://forms.gle/Co9dnoNprC7Ut8Vx6>  
This year's form will email back your selections, if things change before the CERT Rodeo you can edit your registration.

2) Fill out and bring with you the HCFMO Liability Release Form from the Links on the Left of Page at <https://www.harriscountycitizen corps.com/About/Partner-Organizations/CERT-Rodeo>

You do not need to fill out the CERT registration form (information is in Sign up) as in prior years.

Communications packets will be sent to all registered Communicators.

Communications Video Conferencing Meetings will be scheduled later this year following up to February 15, 2025

You are encouraged to share with your local clubs and CERT teams.

Thanks for your help

Keith "K5DKK" Klimple

2025 CERT Rodeo Communications Chairman

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(832) 309-5816 Cell





## The "PortaMobile" Antenna by "Tuna" K2TNO

Here's a photo of the antenna I made. It's a 108" piece of hard drawn copper tubing 1/2" OD. It's threaded atop a Wolf River loading coil. The whole shebang is attached to a big 7" dia. mag-mount. I modified the mount by adding four 8-32 machine screws up from inside, and each has a wing nut. One lug runs a wide tinned braid down to a bolt in the car door so that the mag mount is electrically connected to the car frame. (Otherwise mag-mounts have a thin rubber mat on the bottom to protect the car paint. They even tell you how many picofarads the base represents as its capacitive coupling to the roof.)

I have two sets of 4 nine-foot radials. These are splayed out around the perimeter of the SUV roof, and drape down. Each radial ends in a 1/2 oz. lead torpedo sinker to keep them from flying around in a breeze.

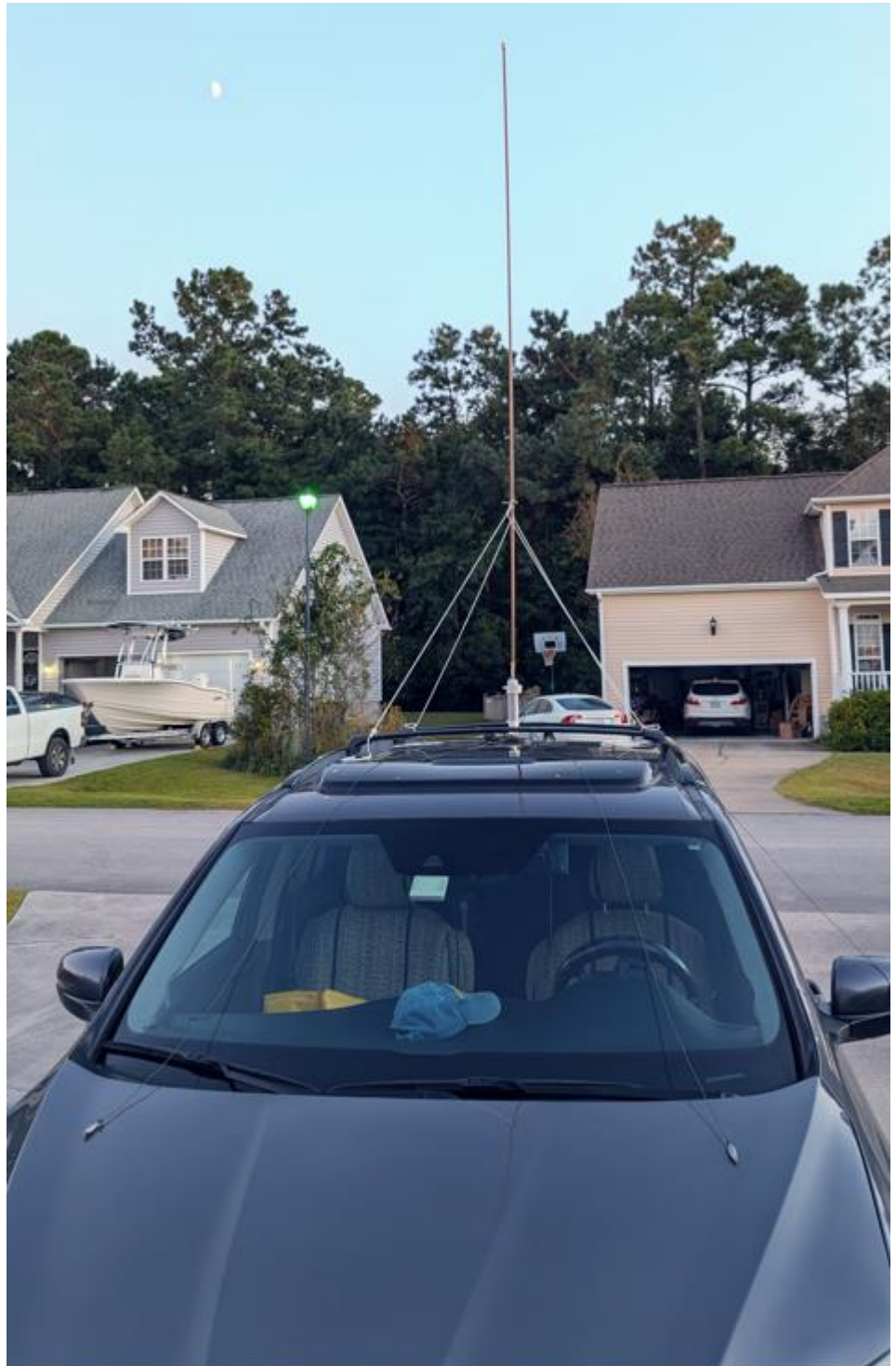
The copper tube is heavier and wider than a standard mobile whip, so I tie this one down to the roof rack with nylon cords.

I tune it with aid of my VNA to have minimum SWR at about 14050 pictured here, and that coil will work down to 40 and up to 17. With the coil removed, I cut the tubing to resonate at 28100.

Technically, this setup is "mobile" since the antenna, rig and LiFePO battery are contained in or on the car. But, obviously, this antenna could never be used while moving! (That's OK, since I only want it for POTA or the NC QSO party.)

Thus the name "PortaMobile" seems appropriate. I'm going to write an article on this antenna and submit it to the QST antenna competition.

73, Tuna, K2TNO



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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

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

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

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

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