



The Bullsheet

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An ARRL Affiliated Club

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The next TDXS meeting will be held Thursday, November 18th at 7pm via Zoom.

Please watch the TDXS Reflector for log-in instructions.

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

Personally I don't really have much to report this month. A little progress has been made on my lightning insurance claim, but again, mostly it is me not having time to attend to it. As a result, I have not been on the air much, but I am hoping to change that soon. Unfortunately, another problem has reared its ugly head: One of the cables on my Tel-ex HyGain HG70HD was found to be frayed. Something I did not see before the lightning strike. I think there is a possibility that there was a physical jolt that damaged it, and as such I have done some research on getting new cables made up and replacing all three of them. Seems that in 2021 if it isn't one thing it is six more here. Well, 2022 cannot come soon enough!



This coming Thursday we will hold another TDXS meeting on Zoom. Last month we had a live meeting at Tracey Gee, but only two members showed up

(I have to admit I couldn't make it). Something is wrong here. I want to repeat something that Doug W9LCQ wrote in a recent email:

TDXS cannot continue as a viable club without a President and a Treasurer. I'd like to have a discussion of a way forward for TDXS. In preparation for that discussion I ask that you consider the following questions:

- *Why did you join TDXS?*
- *What do you expect from the club? Is that expectation being fulfilled?*

In light of the current situation, what do you see as the future of TDXS? (ZOOM-based, in person, hybrid, withering away, ??)

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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 ????????

We are still looking for someone to step of to be TDXS president...how about you?



TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

When: Thursday, October 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599Westcenter Dr., Houston, TX 77042

Program:

Renew Friendships interrupted by COVID 19 – we haven't met in person in over 18 months. It's about time to look your brother TDXSers in the eye and tell them you've missed them. ZOOM is a poor substitute.

- 2. Show Off your portable setup – The sun is waking up and blessing us with steadily improving propagation. Whether it's for a fun day in the park, POTA, EMCPM, or a rare grid square activation, we'd like to see it in the meeting room or in your vehicle. Extra credit for quirky, home or kit built gear. Transceivers, amps, antenna, whatever.**

Also, it will be floor nomination night for Elected TDXS Officers for 2022. They are President, VP Membership, VP Programs, Treasurer and Secretary. Please consider volunteering for one of these roles.

It has been a tradition to get together before the meeting at Pappas BBQ on Gessner at Westheimer for a meal or a snack starting at 5:30 p.m. I plan to be there to have my customary sliced turkey sandwich and a suds. I hope you can join us on Thursday!

73,

**Doug W9LCQ
TDXS Secretary**



DX Chairman's Report by Jim Blanca KE8G

DX Report October 2021 by Jim Blanca – KE8G

The month of November is upon us and with that, it is some of the best contesting and DXing for the year. Sweepstakes, both CW & SSB and then the CQ WW DX CW contest, in my opinion the best of the year! Old Sol is really kicking up, including an X-ray burst that hit us over the last weekend of October. So, I am hoping that the bands will be quite alive for the month of November.

Gambia: F5NVF as C5C will be active on HF using CW & SSB until November 19th. QSL via LoTW.

Gambia: F5RAV as CC6C will be active on 40-10m using CW & SSB until November 19th. No QSL information is available at this time.

Bahamas: NN2T as C6AHB will be active on HF using SSB and digital until November 6th. QSL via NN2T or Club Log OQRS.

Galapagos: EA5RM, EA1SA, EA5EL, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7R, EA7X, F5CWU, F5NKX, F8ATS, HC5VF, HK6F, IK5RUN, & IN3ZNR as HD8R will be active on 160-6m using CW, SSB, FT8 & RTTY until November 7th. QSL via EA5RM.

Central African Republic: TL7M by LA7GIA will be active until approximately November 15th. QSL via ClubLog OQRS or direct to LA7GIA.

Maldives: 8Q7RM by HB9SHD will be active from Kandolhu Island on 40-6m with a possibility of 80m until November 30th. Main focus is FT8, some SSB and some slow CW. This is a spare time operation. QSL via HB8SHD.

St. Kitts & Nevis: V47JA by W5JON will be active from Calypso Bay on 160-6m, also including 60m using SSB & FT8 from November 10th until November 24th. QSL v LoTW and W5JON direct.

Mali: TZ1CE by DK1CE will be active from Bamako on 160-10m using CW, SSB & FT8 from November 18th until December 8th. QSL DK1CE via bureau or direct.

St. Barthelemy: KP4DO as FJ/KP4DO will be active on 40-10m from November 19th until November 24th. QSL KP4DO direct.

Mauritius: KX7M and M0SDV as 3B8/KX7M will be active on HF from November 22nd to December 1st. QSDL via F5CWU OQRS.

Rwanda: 9X4X by 4Z4KX, 4X6YA, 4Z5LA, 4Z1DZ, and 4X1VF will be active on 160-10m using CW, SSB, RTTY & FT8 from November 24th until December 1st. QSL via 4Z5FI.



DX Chairman's Report by Jim Blanca KE8G

(NOAA)

27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

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#	UTC	Radio Flux	Planetary	Largest
#	Date	10.7 cm	<u>A</u> Index	Kp Index
2021	Nov 01	103	16	4
2021	Nov 02	102	8	3
2021	Nov 03	100	5	2
2021	Nov 04	98	8	3
2021	Nov 05	96	8	3
2021	Nov 06	96	5	2
2021	Nov 07	96	5	2
2021	Nov 08	92	5	2
2021	Nov 09	90	5	2
2021	Nov 10	88	5	2
2021	Nov 11	88	5	2
2021	Nov 12	88	5	2
2021	Nov 13	88	5	2
2021	Nov 14	88	5	2
2021	Nov 15	89	10	3
2021	Nov 16	92	8	3
2021	Nov 17	92	5	2
2021	Nov 18	92	5	2
2021	Nov 19	92	5	2
2021	Nov 20	93	5	2
2021	Nov 21	95	5	2
2021	Nov 22	95	5	2
2021	Nov 23	95	5	2
2021	Nov 24	95	5	2
2021	Nov 25	95	5	2
2021	Nov 26	95	5	2
2021	Nov 27	95	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.

November

- 6 ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
- 13 10-10 International Fall Digital Contest
JIDX Phone Contest
- 20 ARRL Sweepstakes, Phone
- 27 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

December

- 3 ARRL 160-Meter Contest
- 11 ARRL 10-Meter Contest
- 17 Russian 160-Meter Contest
- 18 RAC Winter Contest

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

California QSO Party 2021 Oct 2

SO HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA			298 0	50	12		44,700	TDXS

SO LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX			118 61	45			21,420	TDXS
K5GQ			126 0	38	4.5		14,364	TDXS
N5DTT			2	80	34	9	5,644	TDXS

Arizona QSO Party 2021 Oct 9

SOCW HP

Call	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Dig Mults	Op Time
AF5J	35 0	0	21	0	0	7:44	1,570
K5TIA	34 0	0	22	0	0	8	1,496



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Arizona QSO Party 2021 Oct 9 (cont.)

SOSSB LP

Call	CW Qs Score	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Dig Mults	Op Time
N5DTT	0	21	0	0	12	0	2.5

Pennsylvania QSO Party 2021 Oct 9

SOCW HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		75	0	31	12	4,650	TDXS

SOSSB LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		0	11	10	1	110	TDXS

South Dakota QSO Party 2021 Oct 9

SO FixedCW HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		23	0	0	20	2	1,020	TDXS
K5TIA		10	0	0	9	12	180	TDXS

SO Fixed SSB LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		0	9	0	9	1	181	TDXS

Nevada QSO Party 2021 Oct 9

SOCW HP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		3	0	0	3	10	27	TDXS
AF5J		3	0	0	3	1	27	TDXS

SOSSB LP

Call	SO2R Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		0	4	0	4	1	32	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

New York QSO Party 2021 Oct 16

SOCW HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA			47	0	0	23	4	2,116	TDXS

SOSSB LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT			0	7	0	7	1	49	TDXS

Illinois QSO Party 2021 Oct 17

Fixed LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club	
N5DTT			0		12	10	2	120	TDXS
K5TIA			92		0	40	6	7,360	TDXS
AF5J			68	0	43	7:25		5,848	TDXS

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 2021 Oct 30

SO(A)AB HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K5EC			138	41	74		42,550	TDXS

SOAB HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GN(@W5KU)	x		2776	139	362	39	3,284,556	TDXS
W9LCQ			106	35	51		25,112	TDXS
W5GCX			79	22	44		14,454	TDXS

SOAB LP

SOAB Classic LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT			127	44	65	9.5	37,278	
								TDXS

Jim, N5DTT



Where in the World—By Ron Litt K5HM

Georgia? Georgia, the state? No, Georgia the country. It's a mountainous country, sandwiched between Russia on the north and Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan on the south. Georgia was formerly a province of the USSR. It broke away with the dissolution of the Communist state.

The Kingdom of Georgia reached its Golden Age during the reign of King David the Builder and Queen Tamar the Great in the 12th and early 13th centuries. In 1783, one of the Georgian kingdoms entered an alliance with the Russian Empire, which proceeded to annex the territory of modern Georgia in a piecemeal fashion throughout the 19th century.



Following World War I, Georgia was forcibly annexed by the Soviet Union in 1922, becoming one of its fifteen constituent republics. By the 1980s, an independence movement emerged, leading to Georgia's secession from the Soviet Union in April 1991. Georgia strongly pursued a pro-Western foreign policy; it introduced a series of democratic and economic reforms aimed at integration into the European Union and NATO. Economic reforms since independence have led to high levels of economic freedom and ease of doing business

Georgia is also notable as the birthplace of Joseph Stalin, the infamous soviet dictator. During the quarter of a century preceding his death, Stalin probably exercised greater political power than any other figure in history. Stalin industrialized the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, forcibly collectivized its agriculture, consolidated his position by intensive police terror, helped to defeat Germany in 1941–45, and extended Soviet controls to include a belt of eastern European states. Chief architect of Soviet totalitarianism and a skilled but phenomenally ruthless organizer, he destroyed the remnants of individual freedom and failed to promote individual prosperity, yet he created a mighty military-industrial complex and led the Soviet Union into the nuclear age.



In 1928, the first group of radio amateurs received their licenses. There were nine, all located in the capital, Tbilisi. QRZ lists a total of 484 hams in the country, including some club stations. Georgia ranks 252nd on the Club Log Most wanted list.



Oh, by the way, it is one of the first countries in the world to legalize cannabis and the only former-communist state in the world to do it. So, inhale and relax. . . AHHHHhhhhhhh..



Where in the World—By Ron Litt K5HM



Moldova, officially The Republic of Moldova sounds like the title of a B-grade horror movie. Something like the *Zombies of Moldova* or *Godzilla Versus Moldova*. Nope, an Eastern European country and former Soviet republic, has varied terrain including forests, rocky hills, and vineyards. Its wine regions known for reds, and the Codrug region, home to some of the world's largest cellars.

The capital Chisinau has Soviet-style architecture and the National Museum of History, exhibiting art collections that reflect cultural links with neighboring Romania. Still makes me think about those old black and white movies, *Vampire of Moldova*.

Moldova was originally a part of the Ottoman Empire. In 1852, It was ceded to the Russian Empire and became known as Bessarabia. Three years later Southern Bessarabia was merged into Romania, Things got messy in the 20th century with political boundaries changing and wars, invasions and a revolution thrown in for good measure. So try and hold on



Russian rule was restored over the whole of the region in 1878. During the 1917 Russian Revolution, Bessarabia briefly became an autonomous state within the Russian Republic, known as the Moldavian Democratic Republic. In February of the same year, the Moldavian Democratic Republic declared independence and then integrated into Romania later that year. The Russians didn't like that decision which in 1924 established, within the Ukrainian SSR, a Moldavian autonomous republic Then in 1940, Romania was compelled to cede Bessarabia to the Soviet Union, leading to the creation of the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic. In August 1991, as the dissolution of the Soviet Union was underway, the Moldavian SSR declared independence and took the name Moldova. The constitution of Moldova was adopted in 1994. Whew! That was a lot of stuff. Hope you could all follow along.

Moldova has a climate which is moderately continental; its proximity to the Black Sea leads to the climate being mildly cold in the autumn and winter and relatively cool in the spring and summer. The summers are long, and the winters are relatively mild and dry. The main means of transportation in Moldova are railways. The sole international air gateway of Moldova is the Chisinau International Airport.



According to QRZ, there are over 600 licensed hams in Moldova. Moldova ranks 287th on the Club Log Most Wanted DX list.

Reporting from the Dark Side,

Ron Litt. K5HM

TDXW Dues for 2022 due soon—by Larry Daze KB5WWW



The annual Texas DX Society dues for 2022 will be due soon.

The yearly dues is \$25.00 for local members and \$12.50 for members in excess of 75 miles from grid square EL29hs.

Payment is best made with PayPal.

The PayPal account is: treasurer@tdxs.net

Please select the “payment to friends and family” option in order to avoid payment transfer fees.

73,

Larry Daze, KB5WWW
TDXS Treasurer



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

TDXS says “HAPPY BIRTHDAY” to these members with birthdays in November:

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one or of any updates:**

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