



The Bullsheet

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Hello fellow TDXSers!

The April TDXS Monthly meeting will be held on Zoom Thursday April 17th at 7:00 pm CDT. It will feature Carl Lutzexchwab K9LA discussing Solid State Power Amplifiers. Hope to see you there!

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

FIELD DAY 2025! FIELD DAY 2025! FIELD DAY!

Field Day 2025 is coming up in June! I would like to invite all TDXS members to get involved and come out to the Field Day site to operate, install and eat! Not 100% sure where it's gonna be this year, but most likely the Richmond Fire Training Center here in Richmond, TX. Details are being worked out and meetings are being held. Once again, I will be working on the signup sheet and collecting K3's for the event. If you have a K3 you can spare for the weekend, please let me know...we are either going to operate 8A or 10A so we will need at least that many K3's and a spare or two (not that we've ever had a problem before, but just in case). We especially need great phone ops as we usually have CW covered (FT8 is pretty easy). Please! I know we have some great phone ops in TDXS and we could use your help!

I want to thank Kim K5TU for the excellent article on DXpedition QSLing with LoTW starting on page 7. I could use one extra article each month like this. Thanks again, Kim!!

Thursday is the April TDXS meeting. Carl Lutzexchwab K9LA will be giving a talk about Solid State Power Amplifiers. That would be a great meeting to attend. Don't miss it!

See you on the bands soon! 73/161, Allen N5XZ

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STILL LOOKING for 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: March 22, 2025

Location: Watson's House of Ales, 24656 Grisby Road, Houston, TX

The March TDXS Meeting was held in person, at Watson's House of Ales in Houston. There were 8 participants: Doug W9LCQ, Dale KG5U, Robie AJ4F, Kim K5TU, Jim N5DTT, Chuck W5PR, Chris KB5BBF and Glenn WB5TUF. This was a social luncheon, with good food and lively conversation. The weather cooperated, so we sat on the deck outside.

Submitted April 13, 2025

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary/Treasurer



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

April

- 5 Missouri QSO Party
- Louisiana QSO Party
- Mississippi QSO Party
- 12 New Mexico QSO Party
- Georgia QSO Party
- Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest
- 18 Holy Land DX Contest
- 19 Michigan QSO Party
- North Dakota QSO Party
- Ontario QSO Party
- Quebec QSO Party
- 26 10-10 International Spring Digital Contest
- Florida QSO Party

May

- 3 10-10 International Spring Contest, CW
- ARI International DX Contest
- 7th Call Area QSO Party
- Indiana QSO Party
- Delaware QSO Party
- New England QSO Party
- 10 Canadian Prairies QSO Party
- 17 His Majesty King of Spain CW Contest
- Arkansas QSO Party
- 24 CQ WW WPX Contest, CW



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

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

ARRL DX Contest, SSB 2025 Mar 1

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GN(@W5KU)		1867	311	20	1,740,978	TDXS
W5GCX		351	201		211,653	TDXS

SOSB10 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		60	37	5	6,660	TDXS

SOUAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		215	106	7	68,370	TDXS

Idaho QSO Party 2025 Mar 8

SOABCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		29	0	16	0	2:57	1,428	TDXS

Oklahoma QSO Party 2025 Mar 8

SOABCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		71	0	0	40	5:59	8,520	TDXS

South America 10-Meter Contest 2025 Mar 8

SO Mixed HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Zones	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		60	54	15		14,076	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Wisconsin QSO Party 2025 Mar 9

SO Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		50	0	33	4:27	3,400	TDXS

Russian DX Contest 2025 Mar 15

SO CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Countries	Oblasts	Op Time	Score
K5GN(@W5KU)		1003	0	194	169	22	2,235,717
K5TIA		32	0	19	3	1	3,256

Stew Perry Topband Challenge 2025 Spring

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		22	:41	85	TDXS

Virginia QSO Party 2025 Mar 15

SOAB/CWFixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		85	0	0	43	8:51	7,310	TDXS

NA Sprint SSB Contest 2025 March

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K5GN(@W5KU)		54	32	1	1,728	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

CQWW WPX Contest, SSB 2025 Mar 29

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		395	324		322,704	TDXS
W5GCX		206	173		107087	TDXS
K5IZO		120	104	8	20,488	TDXS

SOAB Unassisted HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
NU5A(K5GN)		3927	1262	36	11,654,570	TDXS
K5IZO		120	104	8	20,488	TDXS

SOAB Unassisted LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		200	165	12	65,175	TDXS

SOSB15 HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
KM5VI		1592	832	28	2,459,392	TDXS

It was another great month for contests. I hope everyone enjoyed them.

Jim, N5DTT



Dxpedition QSLing with LoTW—By Kim Carr K5TU

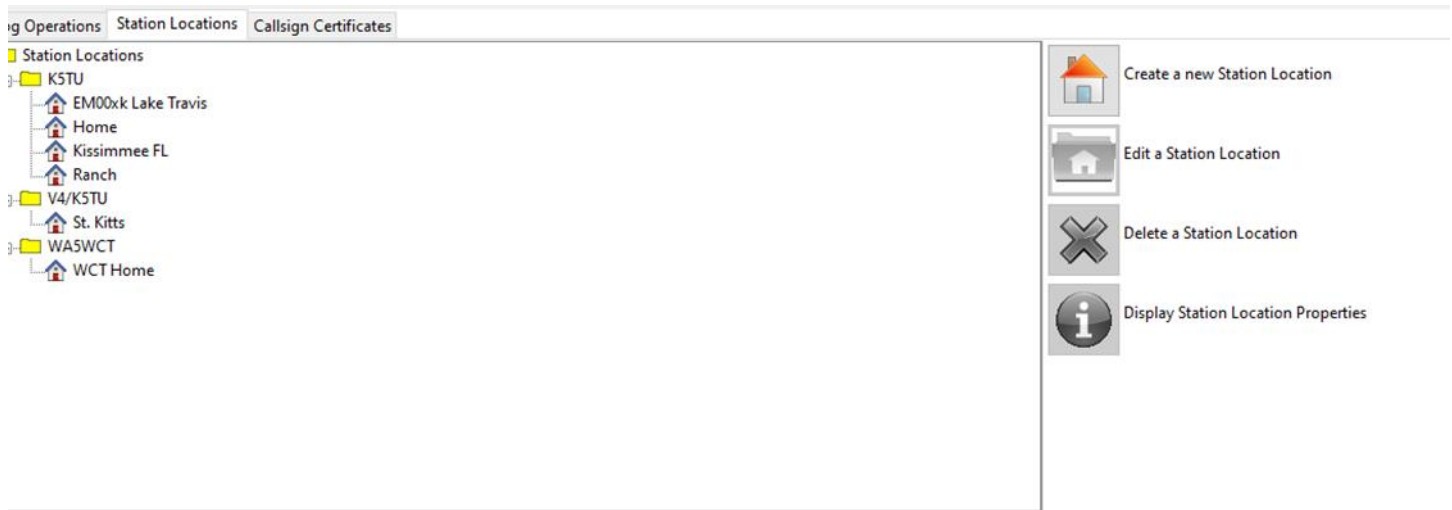
While I've operated from several vacation places in the USA, I had not used LoTW for a callsign outside of the USA. I use DXLAB to manage my logs, award tracking, QSL label printing, etc. As it turns out, it's logical and not really difficult, but you need to follow all the steps. I'll not go over the DXLAB part because not everyone uses DXLAB. However, I highly recommend it. I have over 80K QSOs in my DXLAB databases and all are uploaded and updated from LoTW.

Mary and I travelled to St. Kitts and Nevis as V4/K5TU from Jan 7-14, 2025. I made 650 Qs on HF and only 2 on 6M. (all CW or FT8). I did not see a lot of value in offering paper cards nor did I want the expense, so I planned all along to upload the entire V4 log up to LoTW as soon after my return as feasible. If someone insists on a paper card, I'll work out something.

There are a few steps to getting LoTW to accept your QSOs with a DXpedition callsign. This article assumes you already have an established LoTW account and login.

If you do not have an LoTW account, you will need to set up the account before proceeding. <https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/getting-started/>

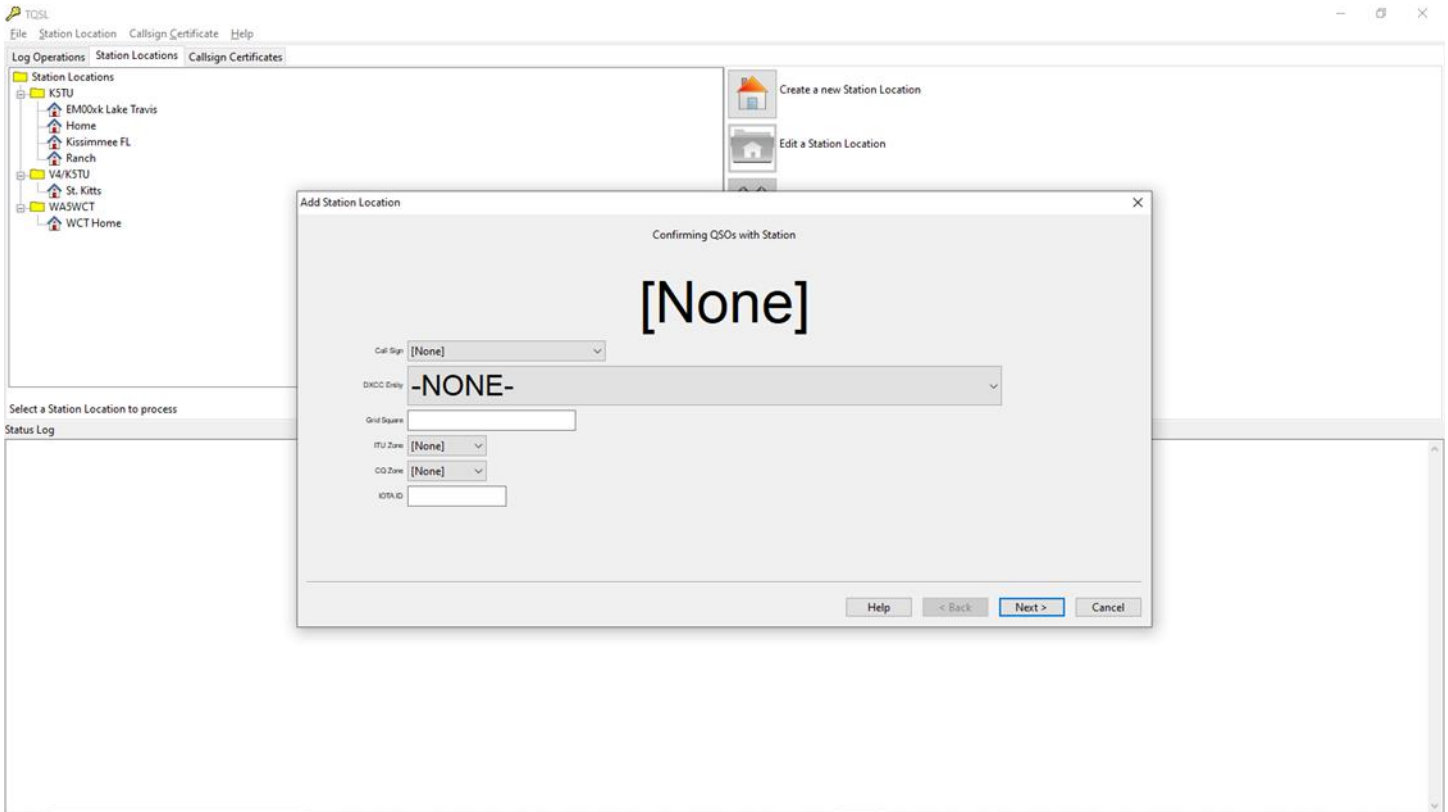
1. Verify you have the current version of TQSL installed, along with the current configuration file. Run TQSL, Select Help then click Check for Updates. Download and install any updates.
2. In TQSL, create a new station for your dxpedition QTH. Click on the STATION LOCATIONS tab, then click the button to the right labeled CREATE A NEW STATION LICENSE.



TQSL gives you a simple form to fill out for your DX location.



Dxpedition QSLing with LoTW—By Kim Carr K5TU



The DX Entity is a drop down box so select your location from the list. Enter the 6 digit grid square. Select the correct ITU and CQ Zone and hit NEXT. Give your location a descriptive name and save the location. You should see it appear in the tree to the left.

3. Request a new LoTW certificate for your DXpedition. On the TQSL Menu bar, click on CALLSIGN CERTIFICATE then select REQUEST NEW CALLSIGN CERTIFICATE... Complete the popup form. Note the date range(s). This information should match your license to operate in the DX country. The "DATE OF THE LAST QSO" field may be left blank if you expect to return to that DX country in the future. Complete the form and submit.



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Request a new Callsign Certificate

Call sign:

DXCC entity:

Date of the first QSO you made or will make using this callsign:
Y M D

Date of the last QSO you made or will make using this callsign:
(Leave this date blank if this is still your valid callsign.)
Y M D

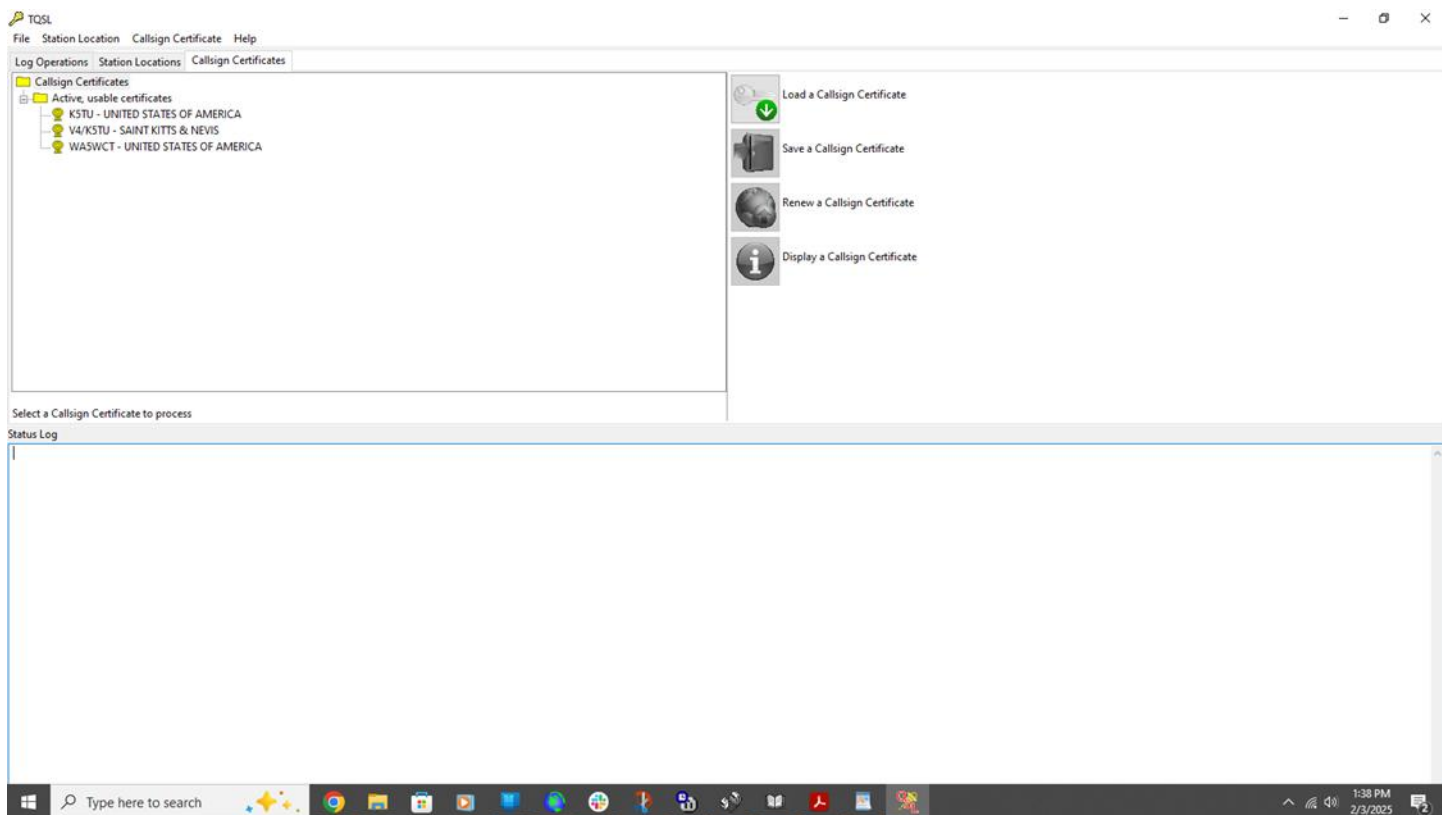
You must enter a valid call sign.

The ARRL DXCC desk informed me that I should notify them via reply email as soon as the callsign certificate arrived via email. A copy of my authorization to operate in V4 was requested, which I attached to the reply email. Within an hour, everything was completed and I was instructed to install the certificate in TQSL.

To install the certificate, simply go to TQSL and select the Callsign Certificates tab. Select "Load a Callsign Certificate" and follow the prompts to upload the certificate.



Dxpedition QSLing with LoTW—By Kim Carr K5TU



About using LoTW with multiple callsigns

The LoTW database will contain QSOs from all your authorized (approved certificate) callsigns. In my case, my QSOs and QSLs for K5TU, WA5WCT and for V4/K5TU are all in the same database. Fortunately, it's easy to view data for just a single callsign. In the query form, select the callsign you wish to see in your data query. (Only one callsign may be chosen.)

Find the box for "Your Call Sign" and the dropdown list will show you all callsigns that are authorized in your LoTW database. Select a callsign to restrict the output to only those QSOs and QSLs. If the entry is left to -ANY-, your query will return all QSOs or QSLs that match the criteria defined. (all callsigns)



Dxpedition QSLing with LoTW—By Kim Carr K5TU

Select QSOs to List	
Call sign worked:	<input type="text"/> May use wildcards (? and *)
Your call sign:	<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>
Starting Date:	<input type="text"/> Time: <input type="text"/>
	YYYY-MM-DD HHMM
Ending Date:	<input type="text"/> Time: <input type="text"/>
	YYYY-MM-DD HHMM
Mode:	<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>
Band:	<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Show confirmed QSOs only	
DXCC Entity:	
<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>	
Sort by	<input type="text" value="QSO Date"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Descending
<input type="button" value="Clear Form"/>	
Award Account	
<input type="text" value="- None -"/>	

Submit Query Form

Common Queries



TDXS Meeting: Carl Lutzelschwab, K9LA Solid State Power Amplifiers

Noted engineer, author, and radio amateur Carl Lutzelschwab, K9LA will be discussing Solid State Power Amplifiers. Carl's insights into these devices will be of great interest to anyone who uses or is contemplating purchase of one of these devices.

1. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM CDT on April 17th.
2. The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes with time for questions after the presentation has concluded.
3. The meeting will be a virtual one using ZOOM.
4. A link to the ZOOM meeting is at the end of this email.
5. You do not have to be a TDXS member to attend.
6. Please forward this invitation to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending.
7. Robie AJ4F will be hosting the meeting and will open the meeting at approximately 6:45 CDT, with the presentation beginning at 7:00 PM
8. If you have questions prior to the meeting please contact me @ ruler55@gmail.com

Robie AJ4F

Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, began shortwave listening in the late 1950s. He was registered with Popular Electronics as Short-Wave Monitor WPE9BQH. He received his Novice license (WN9AVT) in October 1961, and selected K9LA in 1977.

Carl is an electrical engineering graduate of Purdue University and was an RF design engineer for Motorola and Magnavox/Raytheon until his retirement in 2013. Carl enjoys propagation research, DXing (he's at the Top of the Honor Roll), contesting (he was Editor of the ARRL's National Contest Journal {NCJ} from 2002-2007), playing with antennas and restoring/using vintage equipment.

He and his wife Vicky AE9YL (she was first licensed as KB5EAM when they lived in the DFW area) also enjoy traveling, which has included DXpeditions to Syria (YK9A in February 2001), to Market Reef (OJ0/AE9YL and OJ0/K9LA in July 2002) and numerous trips to ZF (Vicky is ZF2YL and Carl is ZF2LA).

Carl has written monthly propagation columns for WorldRadio, NCJ and CQ Plus, and has written solar and propagation articles for many other Amateur Radio publications (and for his website at <https://k9la.us>). He is a contributing author to several propagation books.

Carl was the ARRL Vice Director of the Central Division from 2017 through 2020. He then moved into the Director position, and served from 2021 through 2024.



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DX Cluster—On Packet: Connect to **K5DX** on 145.71 MHz or telnet via IP address 75.148.198.113

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

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

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