



The Bullsheet

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Hello fellow TDXSers!

The next TDXS program will be via Zoom

John Bonica K5EC will discuss how to use AI (artificial intelligence) to enhance your ham radio experience. This presentation will be February 19 at 1900 Local time (7:00 PM) via ZOOM.

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

I don't know if you've noticed, but the meetings are getting smaller while the waistlines are getting bigger. The same is true for the officer list. Currently, Doug W9LCQ is the only TDXS officer on the list on the last page of this newsletter. **As members, what do YOU want to do with TDXS?** I (we) would really like to know. There are a few of us who are still fairly active, but we need more. As you can see, we haven't had a President, Vice-President, VP-Programs or DX Chairman for a while. I know it doesn't pay much, but think of the prestige! Those who are left working for the organization have been doing it for a long time (all over a decade, I think). How about some more stepping up? **HOW 'BOUT IT?**

Last month at the N5XZ mini-super station, the following good and real good DX was logged: LZ0 (S. Sandwich Is.), VR2, 7Q, XT, TJ, EX, 3D2, 6W, 3G9 (CE9), 3B9, TT and of course KP5 (still going strong). How many of you out there have worked the KP5 for a new band or ATNO? Let us know on the TDXS reflector! How many slots so far...(I believe AJ4F is in the lead at present!)

Did anyone participate in the World Wide Award (WWA) in January? Let us know how you did.

The link for the TDXS meeting will be provided on the reflector... Any ideas for future meetings besides those shown on page 6?

See you soon! 73/161, Allen N5XZ

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And...don't forget. All TDXS members are invited to our EX-ZED SPRED lunches, at a different restaurant every time. We'll be meeting mostly in the Richmond / Katy / Sugarland areas. Announcements will be made on the TDXS reflector the week of the lunch (and sometimes in the BS!). Hope to see you there!! (And please R.S.V.P!)

TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ

Date: January 31, 2026

Location: Luby's Cafeteria, 10575 W. Airport Blvd, Stafford, TX

The January TDXS Meeting was held at Luby's Cafeteria, 10575 Westheimer Blvd, Stafford, TX. There were 5 participants: Doug W9LCQ, Dale KG5U, Robie AJ4F, Allen N5XZ, and Chris KG5BBF.

This was a bi-monthly social luncheon, with some discussion of TDXS participation at the upcoming Greater Houston Hamfest.

Submitted February 16, 2026

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary/Treasurer



Next time I'll make sure the picture is taken from the opposite direction so the window isn't behind us.



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

February

- 7 10-10 Winter Contest – SSB
- European Union DX Contest
- Vermont QSO Party
- Minnesota QSO Party
- British Columbia QSO Party
- 14 CQ WPX RTTY Contest
- 21 ARRL International DX Contest – CW
- South Carolina QSO Party
- REF Contest – SSB
- 27 CQ 160-meter Contest – SSB
- 28 North American QSO Party – RTTY
- North American Collegiate Championship (sub-contest to NAQP-RTTY)

March

- 1 North Carolina QSO Party
- 7 ARRL International DX Contest, SSB
- 14 Stew Perry Top Band Challenge
- Oklahoma QSO Party
- Idaho QSO Party
- 15 North America Sprint, RTTY
- Wisconsin QSO Party
- 21 Russian DX Contest
- 28 Africa All-mode International DX Contest
- CQ Worldwide WPX Contest



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

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

North American QSO Party, CW 2026 January 10

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K5GN(@W5KU)		1745	284	10:00	495,580	TDXS
N5XZ		1123	220	9:18	247,060	TDXS
AJ4F		350	108	4.25	37,800	TDXS
K5TU		83	47	1/9	3,901	TDXS

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
AF5J		316	153	8:02	48,348	TDXS

ARRL January VHF Contest 2026 Jan 17

Single Op-All Modes HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PRSO2R		120	55	9	6,545	TDXS
AJ4F		59	32	6:13	1,888	TDXS
K5TIA		13	8	3	104	TDXS

Single Op-All Modes LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		48	18	13	864	TDXS

CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 2026 Jan 23

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GN(@W5KU)		546	50	17	12	83,616	TDXS
AJ4F		251	40	6	6.3	24,438	TDXS
K5TIA		167	37	8	6	17,055	TDXS

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
KT3X	x	104	28	5	5.5	7,524	TDXS



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Winter Field Day 2026 Jan 24

1H HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5XZ		119	0	0	2	1:10	238	TDXS

1I LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KT3X	SO2R x	112	0	0	3	3	672	TDXS

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

Jim, N5DTT



Future TDXS Programs—Robie AJ4F

2026-01-25		Future Texas DX Society Programs		
Name	Call	Program	Date	Status
Rick	K5GZR	LoTW/TQSL Using Multiple Station Locations - demonstrate how to setup TQSL to handle a callsign that is used in multiple locations and upload correct location data to LoTW.	2026	Need to determine if there is sufficient interest in this topic to warrant a presentation
Bill	K9HZ	SDTs (Software Defined Transceivers - How they work and what you can build easily and cheaply	2026	
Bill	K9HZ	Modeling Vertical Antennas - Demonstrate how to model vertical antennas using EZNEC and interpret EZNEC's outputs.	2026	Need to determine a suitable date for this presentation.
		DX Cluster setup and QSO Filtering - TDXS's K5DX cluster uses AR 6.0 software. Demonstrate how to set up it's filter to ensure provide spots for stations the use wants to see.	2026	Need to determine if there is sufficient interest in this topic to warrant a presentation
		ARRL Management - How can we change it?	2026	
Bill	K9HZ	J68HZ Youth on The Air	2026	
Patrick Wiles		Eliminating Power Line Noise - Discuss how to engage Center Point resources to identify and eliminate RF noise sources	2026	N5XZ to coordinate
Dave	K5GN	Making the Most of Field Day	2026	
Robie	AJ4F	Future of the Texas DX Society - The TDXS is at a critical point with almost no participation from members. Discuss what should be done to revitalize the organization.	2026	2nd Quarter
Robie	AJ4F	Gull Wing Vertical Antennas - describe the antenna, use EZENC models to demonstrate performance and discuss actual operating experience.	2026	
		3D Printing - Obsolete Parts - describe how to use 3d CAD models to design replacement parts that are no longer available and use 3d printers to fabricate them. How to select materials for various applications.	2026	
		ClubLog - What is it and how to use it to maximize your DXCC/WAZ/VUCC award performance.	2026	
		ADIF Files - describe the file format and how it is used in amateur radio.	2026	
		ARRL Online Publications - The ARRL has a vast library of technical, operating, and historical documents stored digitally. Demonstrate what is available, where to find it, and how locate documents on a particular topic.	2026	
		Digital Mobile Radio - What is DMR and how is it used in ham radio.	2026	
Mark	K5GQ	Vband - Virtual CW Band - Describe what Vband is, and how it can be used to improve CW skills	2026	
Bob	K5WA	How to use N1MM's Text to Speech function (TTS) to generate speech from text in contest exchanges.	2026	
John	K5EC	How to use AI (artificial intelligence) to enhance Ham Radio	2026	Scheduled for February 19, 1900 Local Time

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Greater Houston HamFest and Texas State Convention

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds 4310 TX- 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471
2026 will be February 20 Noon to 6pm and February 21st 8am till 3pm

Please note **CHANGE OF DATE**

The Greater Houston HamFest Presents The ARRL Texas State Convention

Note Date Change for 2026 - 2-20 & 2-21



Tickets:

On-line - \$10
 At the Door - \$15
 Children 12 and under
 Scouts, Military,
 & First Responders
 In Uniform - FREE
 Tables - \$25
 Tailgate - \$5

When

Friday February 20th, 2026
 12 PM to 6 PM
 Saturday February 21st, 2026
 8AM to 3PM

Sponsors/Vendors

- * Ham Radio Outlet
- * The SignMan of Baton Rouge
- * ABR Industries
- * EPO

Door Prizes Every half hour starting at 9:00 am!!

Where:

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds
 4310 TX- 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471
 29°31'12" N 95°48'38" W

Raffle Prizes

Single Ticket - \$5
 Five Tickets - \$20

Grand Prize

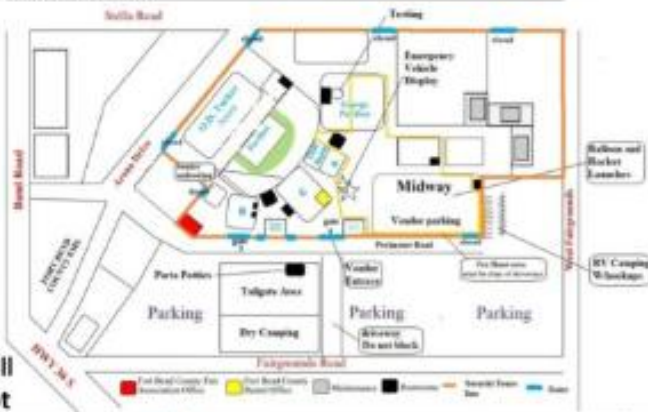
Yaesu FTX-1 Field

Second Prize Third Prize
 FTM-310DM FT-70DR

Guest Speaker

John Stratton, N5US
 ARRL West Gulf Division Director

Radio Programming Classes
 Testing & Balloon Launches
 Overnight camping available - Must Call
 Free Shuttles to your car to parking lot



Contact:

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How to reach US

On the World Wide Web <http://www.tdxx.net> email address: k5dx@tdxx.net

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 February:

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

Dave Blaschke - W5UN
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