



The Bullsheet

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The September Zoom meeting will be about the upcoming Texas QSO Party. Please watch the reflector for time/date and log-in link.

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

It's September and the heat is lessening a bit, only 95 degrees today as I write this (well, better than 102, right?). But at least it was in the 70's this morning so things are getting better, right?. The other good thing is that we're almost out of the summer doldrums, so band conditions should be improving. The SFI has been staying above 200 (and close to 300 sometimes!) also. We are getting hit with some solar storms... (today's A index is 67).

It was brought to my attention that the call sign of Richard King K5NA TDXS #1 will be up for grabs on April 13, 2025. Some TDXS member may wish to grab this call in honor of Richard. Just an FYI...

As you might know, my T2X crapped out on me a while back. I have (hopefully) successfully rebuilt my spare. Also purchased another brand new T2X from Jim N4AL TDXS #159 down in Lake Jackson (thank you Jim!). The plan was to install one or the other on the tower this weekend so I can turn the beam again. However, the old one wouldn't come out without raising the mast out of the way. The beam and the mast weighs well over 100 pounds so I couldn't figure out a way to raise it safely and had to abort. I haven't got it all 100% back together but looks like good weather for a while so not too concerned. It just got to darn hot and humid today to continue! The plan now is to bring the whole antenna, mast and rotator down for some maintenance maybe in October/November. The mast is the same one I used when I lived on Tanglewilde in Houston in the '80's so it's probably 40+ years old and I bought it used!! ...and there's rust coming out of it! I think it needs to be replaced it, too. I'll need a small crew.... 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

TDXS August 2024 Meeting Minutes

Date: August 24, 2024

Location: Jason's Deli, Memorial and Dairy Ashford, Houston, TX

The August 2024 TDXS Meeting was held in person at Jason's Deli at 14604 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX . It was a social lunch meeting and there were 9 participants: Doug W9LCQ , Dale KG5U, Allen N5XZ, Jay KJ5HMX, Matt KM5VI, Mike N5MV, Glenn WB5TUF, Chuck W5PR, and Bill W5VOM.

Submitted September 13, 2024

Doug Seyler W9LCQ

TDXS Secretary/Treasurer



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

September

- 1 Tennessee QSO Party
- 7 CW Ops CW Open
All Asia DX Contest, SSB
- 14 ARRL September VHF Contest
WAE DX Contest, SSB
Alabama QSO Party
- 21 **Texas QSO Party**
Iowa QSO Party
Washington State Salmon Run (QSO Party)
New Jersey QSO Party
New Hampshire QSO Party
- 28 CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY
Maine QSO Party

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



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 2024 August 3

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K5GN(@W5KU)		1439	253	10:00	364,067	TDXS
N5XZ		935	161	10	150,374	TDXS
KG5U		596	158	9.85	94,168	TDXS
K5TIA		185	102	4	18,870	TDXS
AJ4F		43	18	0:50	774	TDXS
K5TU		25	15	0.6	375	TDXS
K5IZO		18	19	2	234	TDXS

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
AF5J		303	110	7:47	33,330	TDXS

Maryland/DC QSO Party 2024 Aug 10

Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		2	0	0	2	:30	62	TDXS

WAE DX Contest, CW 2024 Aug 10

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	QTCs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		103	102	124	9:26	25,420	TDXS
W5GCX		37	0	46		1,702	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

50 MHz Fall Sprint 2024 Aug 10

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PR		17	7	4	119	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		2	2		4	TDXS

North American QSO Party, SSB 2024 August 17

No TDXS participants

Hawaii QSO Party 2024 Aug 24

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		8	0	0	8	:35	192	TDXS
K5TIA		5	0	0	5	1	75	TDXS

World Wide Digi DX Contest 2024 Aug 24

SOSB10 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		17	12	6	468	TDXS

Kansas QSO Party 2024 Aug 24

SO CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		141	0	0	75	13:03	31,825	TDXS
K5TIA		81	0	0	47	6	11,421	TDXS

SO Mixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5GCX		98	51	0	71		28,074	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Ohio QSO Party 2024 Aug 24

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		53	0	28	0	4:25	2,968	TDXS
K5TIA		46	0	31	0	4	2,760	TDXS

Colorado QSO Party 2024 Aug 31

M/SCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		42	0	11	0	5:20	924	TDXS

SOCW HP

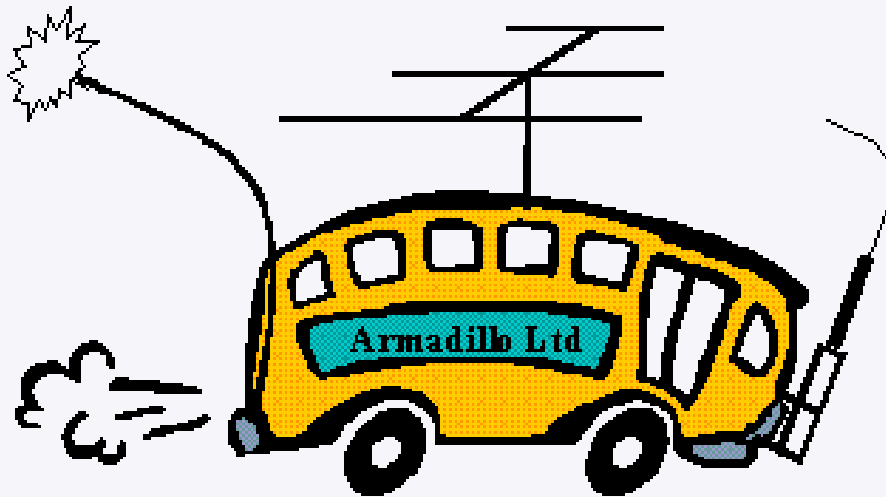
Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		19	0	8	0	3	1,304	TDXS

I hope everyone enjoyed the contests this month. The Texas QSO Party is coming up on September 21. TDXS had great participation in 2023 with some members taking First Place in a category. Let's make 2024 even better.

Jim, N5DTT



Texas QSO Party - Saturday Sept 21 / Sunday Sept 22



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MOBILE AND FIXED STATIONS: For the benefit of all participants, announce your planned activity now. Please send your operating plan to [NO5W](#) so that he can post your planned activity to the [ROUTES](#) webpage. See below for detail.

Here is an opportunity for code practice for the upcoming Texas QSO Party using MorseRunner and RufzXP.

2024 CONTEST DATES

Saturday September 21: 9AM to 9PM CDT
Sunday September 22: 9AM to 3PM CDT

Saturday September 21: 1400Z to SEP 18 0200Z and
Sunday September 22: 1400Z to 2000Z

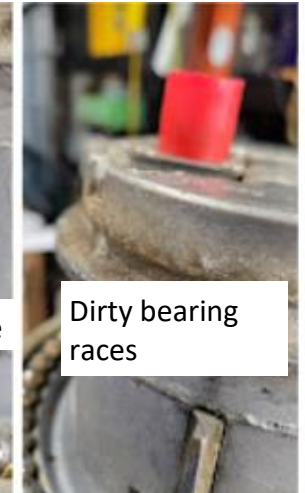
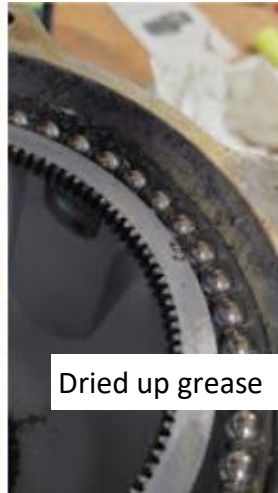
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A few T2X photos—by Allen N5XZ

This is what I found when I opened the spare rotator I had in the garage. It took a lot of penetrant and elbow grease to get the old bolts out of the body!



A few T2X photos—by Allen N5XZ



Above is the pre-rebuild of the T2X. This rotator was originally in the Hy-Gain HG70HD tower I bought from WQ5Y about 20 years ago. The tower was laying horizontal on the ground for about 10 years prior to that. I sent the rotator to either Norm or C.A.T.S. who asked me how long it has been sitting because the insides were packed full of gunk. He sent me a photo but no way to find it now. However, after about 10 years, the pot got dirty so I replaced it with a spare T2X I purchased which is now the broken one currently in the tower. The motor runs but it will not turn. The ring gear probably has broken teeth...

To the right is the rebuilt T2X (front) and the new N4AL rotator in the background. It has absolutely no weathering on it. You can tell it has never been in the air.

I rebuilt the black one using a YouTube video I found thanks to Rick Hiller's (W5RH) suggestion. I'm still trying to decide which one I should install. I'll definitely test both of them when I do the installation.. As you can see, N4AL's has the connector on a pigtail while the rebuild have it built into the bottom of the body.



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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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