# LSDXA News
# June 2014

# HAM-COM

**June 13 - 14, 2014**

**Plano Centre**

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# MEETING

**June 14, 2014**

**12:00 Noon**

**Hillhaven Room - Plano Centre**

**Election of Officers**

# The President's Letter

# de N5KM

LSDXA programs for HamCom have been finalized and the DX dinner on Friday evening is filling up. See the program details in the body of this newsletter. Hopefully, everyone who wants a dinner ticket has been successful. If not, check with the Rick, N0RB, at the LSDXA booth early Friday to see if there are any tickets remaining.

Our June general membership meeting will take place at HamCom, as is the custom. As you know we elect new officers at this meeting so it is important that you attend to cast your vote. The slate of officer candidates is as follows:

President: Joel Rubenstein, N5JR
Secretary/Treasurer: John Barber, N5JB
Activities Director: Rick Barnett, N0RB
Information Director: Bill Engel, K5DHY

Per the club By-Laws, I will stay on as President Emeritus to provide continuity.

I wish to thank Ken, N5TY, for his many years of service to the club as Secretary/Treasurer. His meeting minutes and treasurer reports were both accurate and timely. He bailed me out many times with his knowledge of club procedures.

I also wish to thank Dave, W0VX, as President Emeritus for the past two years. He had a way of nudging me along with timely, sage advice on club matters.

We have an opening for webmaster for our website www.lsdxa.org. If you have HTML and Javascript experience and you would like to help the club keep our website up to date please contact the current webmaster, Bob, W5KNE, or any of the club officers officers.

I hope to see you at HamCom.

73,

Kris, N5KM

# LSDXA Ham-Com Activities

## DXCC Certificate Frame Auction

Tim Pearson K5AC is donating one of his famous DXCC Certificate frames to be auctioned off at Hom-Com on Friday. Bids will be taken at the LSDXA table during the day and at the W5DXCC dinner Friday eventing.

Here's an explanation from Tim about the process:

I wanted to give you a little background on making the frame. First, I have about $150 in the project and that's not including the stamps nor labor to lay it out. As you know the stamps come from members who have donated form their QSL cards. I have to soak them in warm water to remove them from the backing, let them dry on wax paper and then press them flat. I then sort them by continent. I try to use stamps from AT LEAST 100 countries but usually many more. I arrange the stamps by continent (EU top right, AF on right, etc). The entire process takes about 2 weeks. All proceeds from the DXCC stamp frame will go the the LSDXA to sponsor future dxpeditions.

I wrote an article for ARRL a few years back that describes the process to create the frame (go to ARRL and search DXCC stamp frame).

## Card Checking

LSDXA has arranged for a minimum of eight volunteer ARRL awards checkers to support our booth at HamCom this year.

Applications for ARRL awards, including DXCC should check the ARRL web site for applications, procedures, forms, and any presubmission requirements (online payment etc). Cards to be checked should be sorted to match the application. Volunteer awards checkers will be available on Friday to check awards starting around 0800 through about 1600 local. Checking will be on a first come first served basis. Make sure you sign in and get a receipt from the receptionist. Checking on Saturday will be limited, based on the individual availability of checkers who are not off enjoying the convention or the programs.

73 Mike K9MK

## W5DXCC Dinner

The W5DXCC Dinner will be Friday in the Windhaven Room with the doors opening at 6:00 pm for the cash bar "Happy Hour." The dinner begins at 6:30 followed by the guest speaker, Bob Allphin, K4UEE, on the recent FT5ZM Dxpedition.

Please pick up your previously purchased ticket from the LSDXA table on Friday. If you need to purchase a ticket please check with Rick N0RB to see if there are any available.

## Saturday Morning Programs

8:00 am.  Northbrook 1, 2 and 3
**How to do DXpeditions - Big or Little Trips**
Panel Discussion with NA5U, N5JC, W5UQ, WB0TEV, K4UEE and Others

9:00 am.  Northbrook 1, 2 and 3
**3DA0ET DXpedition to Swaziland**
Victor Paul WB0TEV

10:00 am. Northbrook 1, 2 and 3
**FT5ZM DXpedition to Amsterdam Island**
Bob Allphin K4UEE

## LSDXA Business Meeting

12 Noon Hillhaven Room (near LSDXA table)

The regular quarterly meeting of the LSDXA membership will be held Saturday Noon.

In addition to any other business which may come before the membership, elections will be held for Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.  The following have graciously agreed to have their names submitted for officer positions:

President - Joel Rubenstein N5JR
Secretary/Treasurer - John Barber N5JB
Activiities Director - Rick Barnett N0RB
Information Director - Bill Engel K5DHY

## 2014 "W5" Contest Forum

## Sponsored by DFW Contest Group

## Plus Contest Luncheon with Guest Ward Silver, N0AX

The DFW Contest Group announces the 2014 "W5" Contest Forum to be held on Friday, June 13th in conjunction with Ham Com at the Plano Center in Plano, Texas. The "W5" Contest Forum kicks off with a light luncheon and special guest speaker Ward Silver, N0AX, followed by eight hours of presentations on contesting. Presentations during the Contest Forum will cover topics from the beginner to advanced contest topics;

11:00 - 1:00:Luncheon with Ward Silver, N0AX - Contesting in the 21st Century
Price includes a light boxed lunch

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| 1:00 - 2:00: Propagation - K9LA | Contest Strategies - K5OT/W0UO |
| 2:00 - 3:00: Station Automation - W5OV | 160 Meter Contesting - W0UO |
| 3:00 - 4:00: SO2R - W8FN | RTTY Contesting - N3BUO/AB5K |
| 4:00 - 5:00: N1MM - AB5K | VHF Contesting - K5QE |

The cost for the Luncheon is $20 and includes admission to the first hour presentation with special guest Ward Silver, N0AX as well as a Deli Sandwich with condiments, potato salad, deli chips, cookie, soft drink and mint. Admission price also gives you a chance to win one of our several door prizes. Seating is limited to 200. Tickets must be purchased in advance using the information below. There is no charge for the remaining 8 hours of presentations and all are welcome to attend.

Please visit the DFW Contest Group website for more details and to purchase tickets online at:
http://www.dfwcontest.com/w5-contest-forum.html

DFW
Contest Group

# Minutes of the LSDXA April 12, 2014 Meeting

# At Spring Creek BBQ, Irving, TX

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Chief Director and President Kris Mraz, N5KM

There were 31 members and guests in attendance:

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| AB5C | Herb Skidmore | N5KD | Pete Hicks |
| AD5MN | Ron Bushnell | N5KM | Kris Mraz |
| | Linda Bushnell | N5PG | Paul Godwin |
| AK5X | Bill Hammond | N5TY | Ken Knudson |
| K5BG | Bob Gill | NA5U | Mike Thomas |
| K5DC | Dwaine Cannon | NJ5N | Chris Bradford |
| K5GH | George Huling | W0UO | Jim Spaulding |
| K5ND | Jim Wilson | W0VX | Dave Jaksa |
| K5SWW | Gary Johnson | W5CWO | Fred Lusen |
| K5WL | Bill Fahle | W5LT | Bob Kellow |
| KA0IQT | Jim Johns | WA5FWC | Gary Pannell |
| KD5ZD | Steve Bennett | WB0TEV | Victor Paul |
| N0RB | Rick Barnett | | Jullian Denton |
| N5JB | John Barber | WC5P | Paul Lange |
| N5JC | John Cadick | WD8JKV | Ray Moyer |
| N5JR | Joel Rubenstein | | |

The January 11, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as published in the newsletter and on the LSDXA website.

Secretary/Treasurer Ken, N5TY, reported a balance of $6624.60 in the bank as of 1 April. $1000 has been sent to the Tromlin Dxpediton since the 1st.

Kris announced the upcoming HamCom and W5DXCC activities. There will be a silent auction Friday at HamCom and Friday night at the W5DXCC for a DXCC frame donated by Tim, K5AC.

Kris announced the upcoming elections at the June meeting. Anyone interested in holding an office should contact him or another board member.

Activities Director Rick, N0RB gave an overview of ongoing and upcoming DXpeditions (4S7KKG, A35V and A35X).

Information Director, Bill, K5DHY, was absent so their was no plea for information for the newsletter. If you have something of interest, please send it along to Bill.

Kris, N5KM, announced a date for the next meeting will be June 14th at HamCom.

4 pounds QSLs were collected for the outgoing bureau and will be forwarded to ARRL for processing.

George, K5GH and Dave, W0VX, checked QSL cards at the meeting for several members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

The meeting was followed by an interesting presentation by John, N5JC, and Joel, N5JR, on their recent Dxpediton and contest operation from Haiti (HH).

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Knudson, N5TY

# LSDXA Board of Directors Meeting

# 12 April 2014

The Board of Directors, minus Bill, K5DHY, met prior to the regular meeting at Wendy's. Ray, WD8JKV attended to cover HamCom planning.

**HamCom:**

Rick reported we do not have a ticket sales count from HamCom yet.

The Saturday programs have not been finalized, but it appears we have adequate speakers to cover the time slots available.

There are only 2 prizes this year, an FT1200 from Yaesu and Power Master II from Array Solutions.

The silent auction of the DXCC Frame will be Friday at HamCom and at W5DXCC dinner. Winning bid will be announced at the end of the program.

**Elections:**

A potential list of candidates for open positions on the BoD was discussed. Slate will be presented at the June meeting.

**Website Upgrade:**

A brief discussion of the website was held with agreement that something needed to be done, but who is the question.

Ken N5TY
LSDXA Secretary/Treasurer

## Financial Report 1 Apr 2014 – 31 May 2014

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| **Beginning Balance 1 Apr 2014** | | **$6,624.60** |
| **INCOME** | | |
| Dues Income | $100.00 | |
| W5DXCC Dinner Ticket Sales | $840.00 | |
| Total Income | | **$940.00** |
| **EXPENSE** | | |
| PayPal Fees | ($7.06) | |
| 2014 Tromelin Dxpedition | ($1,000.00) | |
| Postage – QSLs to Outgoing bureau | ($11.30) | |
| Total Expense | | **($1,018.36)** |
| **Ending Balance 31 May 2014** | | **$6,546.24** |
| Reserve for Prepaid Dues 2015 and Later | | **($700.00)** |
| Reserve for W5DXCC | | **($840.00)** |
| **Available Funds** | | **$5,006.24** |

Respectfully submitted May 28 2014
Ken Knudson N5TY

**NOTES**

## ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau

At each meeting LSDXA collects and ships QSL cards to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service. You are responsible for paying the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service fee but LSDXA will ship all collected cards to ARRL HQ.

In order to participate you must:

- Be a current paid member of LSDXA
- Be in attendance at the quarterly meeting
- Wrap together with a rubber band:
  - Your properly sorted QSL cards
  - Your proof of ARRL Membership
  - Your check for the proper amount made out to ARRL Outgoing QSL Service

See http://www.arrl.org/outgoing-qsl-service for ARRL Outgoing QSL Service details.

## Your 2013-2014 LSDXA Board of Directors

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| Chief Director and President | Kris Mraz | N5KM |
| Information Director | Bill Engel | K5DHY |
| Activities Director | Rick Barnett | N0RB |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Ken Knudson | N5TY |
| Immediate Past President | Dave Jaksa | W0VX |

## Candidates for the 2014-2015 LSDXA Board of Directors

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| Chief Director and President | Joel Rubenstein | N5JR |
| Information Director | Bill Engel | K5DHY |
| Activities Director | Rick Barnett | N0RB |
| Secretary/Treasurer | John Barber | N5JB |

# Card Checking Tips

DXCC Card Checking will be available at Ham-Com. To avoid problems with field checking your application be sure to follow the instructions on the ARRL website. Note that as of April 2, 2012, there are 2 ways of doing a paper card submission, online and traditional. You can no longer do a hybrid LoTW and paper card submission on a single application. It is absolutely necessary that you follow all the instructions and have all the paperwork properly filled out or we will not be able to check your cards.

If you use the preferred Online Electronic DXCC Application https://p1k.arrl.org/onlinedxcc/ for your paper cards it will be easier and cheaper for you. It will also go a lot faster at HQ when they get your paperwork since you already entered your card data in the ARRL system. With the online application you can enter the cards in any order. Just make sure to enter the QSOs on cards with multiple QSOs together to facilitate checking. The reason you don't have to sort by band then mode is because there is minimal data entry work at HQ when they get your field checked application.

You can also use the Traditional Application forms http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-forms where you fill in and print the PDF forms for the application and record sheets. Make sure to follow those instructions. A traditional application will cost you roughly twice as much as the online application to cover data entry costs at HQ. With a traditional application you must sort cards by band then by mode with all the multiple QSO cards being listed last to facilitate data entry at ARRL HQ. If you use the traditional application make sure you include valid credit card info on the bottom of the PDF application form.

Whichever way you do it, follow those instructions and make sure the cards are properly sorted in the same order as your DXCC Record Sheet. Also make certain that all the QSL card information (call, date, band, mode, country) has been entered correctly on the record sheet.

Bring the following:

· Cards sorted per your Record Sheet

· Printed copy of the signed and dated Application Sheet

· Printed copy of the DXCC Record Sheet

· Stamped envelope addressed to DXCC Desk, ARRL HQ, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 so we can mail your application to HQ.

## Editor's Note

Recently Joel N5JR and John N5JC were guests of Jean-Robert Gaillard HH2JR in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and operated from Jean's QTH. Jean is the president of the Radio Club of Haiti. He sent to our club a commerative photograph of their club members at their 66th anniversary celebration. His letter and the picture follow.

Bill

# RADIO CLUB D'HAITI

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23 April 2014

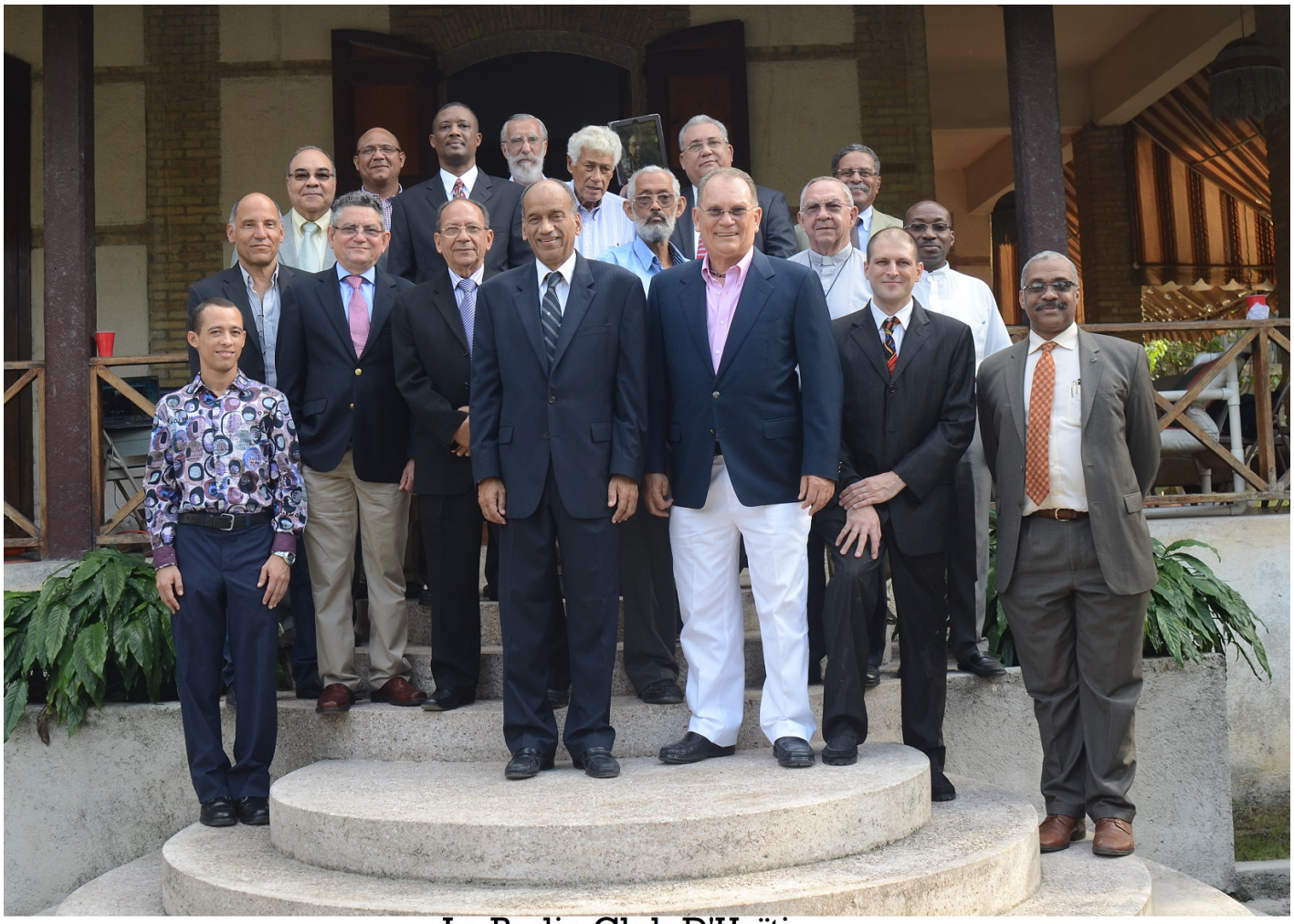
**Mr. Bill Engel**
**Information Director**
**Lone Star DX Association**
**Dalas, Texas**
**U,S.A.**

Sir,

Le Radio Club D'Haïti is taking advantage of celebrating their 66th anniversary to send you the attached « group photo « taken on that day.

Best 73

Jean-Robert Gaillard,HH2JR
President



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