
OFARC Monthly Meeting Minutes 2026_0822

The meeting took place at the American Red Cross building and was kicked off by Mark Landress at 9:15 am.

Bryan KT3X of the Texas DX society Texas QSO (TDXS) was the primary presenter today. He is the EMS Chief in Tomball, TX.

The TX DX Society holds most meetings are online. Their focus is on contesting and promoting DX operations. TQP is an annual statewide amateur radio contest. In this event, Texas stations work the world and everyone races to work as many Texas counties as possible. The event occurs the 3rd weekend in September every year during the hours of 0900-2100 on Saturday. 0900-1500 on Sunday.

The basic goals and rules for the event are:

Make contacts and have fun.

Find Multipliers for working 254 counties in-state, working 49 states, and working 13 provinces and each DXCC Country.

Earn Bonus of 500 points for working the same station in 5 counties. Earn 1000 points per county activated for mobiles if you make another 5 contacts.

QSO information includes a signal report and county. When doing states, you get points for each state. Provide R/S/T and a two letter S/P/C. Low power is under 150 Watts. Non-Texas (y'all ain't from 'round here).

You can log digital, phone, and CW contacts to the same station.

Most Rovers are vehicle bound, but that is not required.

County Line operations maximize QSO counts, each contact has to be logged separately. If you can see the County Line Marker, it counts.

Keep your county list handy.

Logging Software: Most use N1MM logger. Others use:

TR LOG Contest logging Software by N6TR <https://www.trlog.com>

N3FJP Amateur Radio Software <https://www.n3fjp.com/cqwpj.html> and

CQ/X de NO5W <https://www.no5w.com/CQxOverview.php>

that is GPS enabled for Mobile Contesting.

Log Submission: Starting in 2026 log submissions are completely electronic.

Prep List

Pick your category

Prep your station or route

Plan multipliers and post your activity

Get OTA and have fun.

www.txqp.net is the website for the Texas QSO party. You can use the club aggregate by using the call sign for the club. All the members can log in & the points would count for the club. You can setup multiple locations and members for a comprehensive club log submission.

Find current rules, contest dates/times, county reference, and log submissions information on the Texas QSO Party website. They take pride in the club, not the website. TexasQSOParty. FB Instagram and @TexasQSOParty for YouTube Questions? Send mail to KT3X@TXQP.net
Lots of room for improvement/growth... 80 Texas Counties were silent last year.

Roger (K0KON) had a presentation as well. He loaned his portable radio to a friend and has been listening to news on the phone. He showed off a tiny wide band radio he'd purchased from Amazon; the whole radio is about the size of 4 thumb drives stacked together. The antenna is a round (loop) antenna attached to the radio via an SMA connector. It also came with a alternate antenna that is a telescopic whip. It charges from a USBC cable. This pocket radio receives demodulates all modes, gets sideband and covers a bunch of Ham bands. Frequency range: (150kHz-30MHz) + VHF (64-108MHz). There are about a dozen settings. The radio is available on Temu, AliExpress, & Amazon, by searching for: Si4732 Mini Radio ATS Pocket Radio-AM/FM/LSB/USB/CW/RTTY (black). Cost: ~\$38.

https://www.amazon.com/Shortwave-Receiver-ESP32-S3-Display-Headphone/dp/B0G1N5GQJQ/ref=pd_lpo_d_sccl_2/136-5678904-8783147?pd_rd_w=PLwyj&content-id=amzn1.sym.4c8c52db-06f8-4e42-8e56-912796f2ea6c&pf_rd_p=4c8c52db-06f8-4e42-8e56-912796f2ea6c&pf_rd_r=RDQ2D96GKE99BBDGFPPB&pd_rd_wg=co6cl&pd_rd_r=1a89765f-b82b-4f56-ab50-c8c364a636bf&pd_rd_i=B0G1N5GQJQ&th=1

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