



WCARC NEWS

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Williamson County Amateur Radio Club

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VP - Bob Farmer, W9BF,
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Jim Russell, NQ5L

July 5th Meeting Minutes

WCARC President Bob Thompson, W5VGJ, called the meeting to order and introduced new member Al Kirchner, KE5OIZ. He also had an application for membership from Bob Kissell, KE5OUC, who will join at a later date. The roll call produced 26 responses while 31 signed the roster. June's meeting minutes were approved by the members with mention that a preliminary version of the newsletter had already been revised.

Treasurer's Report - Bob Thompson, W5VGJ

Bob advised that Jon Boles wrote in an email that there was no Treasurer's report available for this meeting. The figures below represent the information presented in June.

Beginning Balance:	\$3,500.22
Receipts/Deposits:	\$ 64.00
Expenditures:	\$ 498.66
Ending Balance:	\$3,065.56
ARES Funds Available:	\$ 965.45
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,100.11

Paid Membership	Beginning	Ending
Individual	60	62
Family	21	22
Honorary	3	3
Total	84	87
Total Persons		114

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L

Jim commented that the county had received a lot of rain and the EOC had been activated recently 3 or 4 times. WCARES meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM at Round Rock Fire Station #6 by the Dell Diamond.

Repeater Report - Bob Thompson, W5VGJ

Tom reported that the wireless internet connection to his house had been lost. Upon servicing, it was discovered the antenna had been struck by lightning, but the repeater antenna had survived. That antenna is located only a foot below the wireless internet provider's antenna, but lightning protection had prevented damage. The repeater may be found on 146.64 MHz with a tone of 162.2 Hz.

DX Report & Contests - John Warren, NT5C

No report. Contests are listed in the Newsletter.

Old Business

No discussion.

New Business

Bob Thompson, W5VGJ - Changes to the equipment list were discussed.

Jim Hester, K5HTK - The County has purchased recommended equipment for the EOC.

Refreshments

July - Jon Field, AA1PG
August - Charlie Lowe, N0BO

Program for July

Recap of Field Day 2007 Mark Stennett, NA6M; Tom Whiteside, N5TW; Dick Foster, W5TA

*minutes submitted by the honorable club secretary,
Tim Stevens, KD5WML*

WC-ARES NET... Sunday's
8 p.m. on 146.640, PL 162.2

WCARC Repeater: 146.640
MHz, 162.2 PL

ARES REPORT - Mark Stennett, NA6M

WCARES Operators Aid In Search

On Monday, July 30th, The Williamson County ARES Group was activated at the request of local authorities to aid in a search for a missing elderly resident from the Wesleyan Retirement home. Between six and ten ARES member responded and joined in the search effort, conducting net operations on the 146.640 repeater.

After several hours of searching, the resident was spotted by a helicopter crew and was rescued with only minor scratches.

In Other News...

WA7BNM Contest Calendar — August, 2007

TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 4
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 4 to 2359Z, Aug 5
National Lighthouse Weekend QSO Contest	0001Z, Aug 4 to 2359Z, Aug 5
European HF Championship	1200Z-2359Z, Aug 4
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 4 to 1800Z, Aug 5
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 4 to 0600Z, Aug 5
RSGB RoPoCo 2	0700Z-0900Z, Aug 5
SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 5
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 7
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 11 to 2359Z, Aug 12
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 11 to 0400Z, Aug 12
	and 1600Z-2359Z, Aug 12
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Aug 15
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z-0800Z, Aug 18 and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 18 and 0800Z-1600Z, Aug 19
	0600 local, Aug 18 to 2400 local, Aug 19
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest	1200Z, Aug 18 to 1200Z, Aug 19
Russian District Award Contest	1400Z, Aug 18 to 0800Z, Aug 19
ARCI Silent Key Memorial Sprint	1500Z-1800Z, Aug 18
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 18 to 0600Z, Aug 19
New Jersey QSO Party	2000Z, Aug 18 to 0700Z, Aug 19
	and 1300Z, Aug 19 to 0200Z, Aug 20
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 20ALARA
Contest	0600Z, Aug 25 to 1159Z, Aug 26
Hawaii QSO Party	0700Z, Aug 25 to 2200Z, Aug 26
SCC RTTY Championship	1200Z, Aug 25 to 1159Z, Aug 26
YO DX HF Contest	1200Z, Aug 25 to 1200Z, Aug 26
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 25 to 0400Z, Aug 26
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 26
SARL HF CW Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Aug 26

Contest Calendar compliments of WA7BNM @
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

WCARC Meetings, 1st Thursday - 7:30 PM

Wesleyan Retirement Home
1105 S. Church St.
Georgetown, TX 78626

Volunteers Needed



The Texas VHF-FM Society is holding an annual election for directors at the Austin Summerfest on Saturday, August 4th. Dallas, KD4HNX is heading up the election committee and is asking for your help between 1300 and 1500 on Saturday to help with the process. Duties include handing out ballots to eligible members, collecting these ballots and assisting with the tally afterwards.

Please contact Dallas at 560-9074 or
mylastname@yahoo.com

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

OWNED EQUIPMENT

Reviewed July 5th, 2007

QTY—DESCRIPTION—LAST LOCATION—DATE

Tower Work

- 1 Gin Pole - John Benedict—KE5RS - 05 May-07
- 1 Tower Step - Rick Trommer—W5NR - 05 May 07

Antenna measurement

- 1 MFJ Antenna Analyzer - KD4HNX—Dallas Mellichamp - 04 Jul 07
- 1 MFJ Grid Dip Adapter W5TA, Dick Foster -20-Nov-05

HF Antennas

- 1 Butternut HF Vertical 10M-80M - W5TA, Dick Foster, 5 Jul 07
- 1 Cushcraft 6-el. 440MHz Beam - W5VGJ, Bob Thompson, 05 Jun 07
- 1 Cushcraft R7 HF Vertical - W5TA, Dick Foster - 20-Nov-05
- 1 Hygain triband antenna - W5VGJ, Bob Thompson, 05 Jun 07
- 1 Mosley Triband Antenna (Donated by Harvey, N0AJP) - W5VGJ, Bob Thompson, 05 Jun 07

Masts

- 2 Push Up Masts - W5VGJ, Bob Thompson, 05 Jun 07
- 1 Push Up Masts - KC5RPF, Ken Larsen - 23-Nov-05
- 2 Push Up Masts - W5VGJ, Bob Thompson—07 Jun 07

Power Supplies

- 1 20 Amp Power Supply - N5TW, Tom Whiteside - 20-Nov-05

Miscellaneous

- 2 Heavy Duty Power Cords - K5HTK, Jim Hester - 24-Nov-05

VHF/UHF Antenas

- 1 DB Commercial grade Antenna VHF high-band 158MHz - W5VGJ, Bob Thompson - 23 Jun 07

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Round Rock Fire Station No. 6
2919 Joe DiMaggio Drive
Round Rock, TX 78664

Join Us For Breakfast

Saturdays at 7:00AM
 Village Inn Restaurant, Wolf Ranch
 1007 West University
 Georgetown, TX 78626

