



WCARC NEWS

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Williamson County Amateur Radio Club

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Jim Russell, NQ5L

August 7th Meeting Minutes

WCARC President Bob Thompson, W5VGJ, called the meeting to order and 29 responded to the roll call while 28 signed the roster. There were no visitors. July's meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report - Galen Helmkamp, WA0YVQ

Galen presented the financial report that was then accepted by the members. Below are reports for both June and July.

June 2007:

Beginning Balance:	\$3,065.56
Receipts/Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Expenditures:	\$ 50.80
Ending Balance:	\$3,014.76
ARES Funds Available:	\$ 965.45
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,049.31

Paid Membership

	Beginning	Ending
Individual	62	62
Family	22	22
Honorary	3	3
Total	87	87
Total Persons		115

July 2007:

Beginning Balance:	\$3,014.76
Receipts/Deposits:	\$ 10.00
Expenditures:	\$ 120.03
Ending Balance:	\$2,904.73
ARES Funds Available:	\$ 965.45
WCARC Funds Available:	\$1,939.28

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WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L

Jim described how some of the Club members aided in the search for an 81 year old resident of the retirement home who had gone missing for a day. About 25 hams were involved throughout the day. Dean Hamilton, K5FDH, offered thanks on behalf of the Wesleyan retirement home, and provided more information on the events of that day. 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 - Tom Whiteside, N5TW

Tom reported that the repeater is working. It may be found on 146.64 MHz with a tone of 162.2 Hz.

DX Report & Contests - John Warren, NT5C

CW was good during the past month, but conditions are poor because we are at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. John described two DXpeditions, one of which has good local representation. Jay Sewell, W5SL, has returned from Botswana, where he operated as A25SL with fellow hams from Houston. A couple of WCARC members worked them on CW. Jay is expected to discuss the effort at Summerfest. Another DXpedition currently underway includes participation by a husband and wife team in the Pacific Ocean on the Wallis and Futuna Islands as FW0MO and FW0YL. Contests are listed in the Newsletter.

Old Business

Bob Thompson, W5VGJ, ordered parts for the high gain antenna. Jon Boles, K5AEM, is out of town and may have the saddles for the Mosley beam.

New Business

Jim Mischel, KB7UQD, asked for 8 - 10 volunteers for the Women's Adventure Race to be held Sunday, September 9th, early in the morning. The volunteers are needed to provide communication and watch for injuries. Food to be provided by Chipotle.

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, asked for 5 - 7 volunteers to count votes at the Texas VHF-FM Society's officer election to be held at Summerfest. He also described the hard work that Mark Stennett, NA6M, performs for the Society. Additionally, Dallas discussed the parking and location of Summerfest this year, which is to be held at the Wyndham Hotel at Woodward and I-35. The website for the event is www.austinsummerfest.org.

Bob Thompson, W5VGJ, reminded members that the picnic is approaching. He proposed going back to only buying the meat for the BBQ and having members provide iced tea, side dishes, and desserts. The members approved the proposition. The picnic will be held in October.

In Other News...

WA7BNM Contest Calendar — September, 2007

All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 1 to 2400Z, Sep 2
Russian RTTY WW Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Sep 1
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0400Z-0429Z, Sep 1 and 0430Z-0459Z, Sep 1 and 0500Z-0529Z, Sep 1 and 0530Z-0600Z, Sep 1
RSGB SSB Field Day	1300Z, Sep 1 to 1300Z, Sep 2
IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB	1300Z, Sep 1 to 1259Z, Sep 2
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Sep 2
MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	2300Z, Sep 3 to 0300Z, Sep 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 4
NCCC Sprint, CW	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 7
AGCW Straight Key Party	1300Z-1600Z, Sep 7
Int.I G3ZQS Mem Straight Key	2300Z, Sep 7 to 2300Z, Sep 9
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 8 to 2359Z, Sep 9
NCCC Sprint, CW	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 8
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint	1300Z-1900Z, Sep 8
Arkansas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 8 to 0600Z, Sep 9 and 1500Z-2400Z, Sep 9
ARRL September VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 8 to 0300Z, Sep 10
SOC Marathon Sprint	1800Z-2400Z, Sep 8
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 9
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 9 to 0300Z, Sep 10
ARCI End of Summer Digital Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Sep 9
YLRL Howdy Days	1400Z, Sep 11 to 0200Z, Sep 13
FISTS Get Your Feet Wet Weekend	0000Z, Sep 14 to 2400Z, Sep 16
NCCC Sprint, CW	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 14
SARL VHF/UHF Contest	1600Z, Sep 14 to 1600Z, Sep 15 and 1600Z, Sep 15 to 1000Z, Sep 16
070 Club 80m Autumn Sprint	2000 local, Sep 14 to 0200 local, Sep 15
NCCC Sprint, CW	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 15
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 15 to 2400 local, Sep 16
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 15 to 1200Z, Sep 16
South Carolina QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 15 to 2100Z, Sep 16
QRP Afield	500Z-2100Z, Sep 15
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z-1700Z, Sep 15
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 15 to 0700Z, Sep 16 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 16
QCWA Fall QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 15 to 1800Z, Sep 16
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 17
144 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 17
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Sep 20
NCCC Sprint, CW	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 21
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Sep 22 to 1200Z, Sep 23
CIS DX Contest	1200Z, Sep 22 to 1200Z, Sep 23
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1600Z-1900Z, Sep 22 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Sep 22 (432)
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Sep 23
222 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 25
NCCC Sprint, CW	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 28
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Sep 29 to 2359Z, Sep 30
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 29 to 2400Z, Sep 30
CQIR - Ireland Calling	1200Z, Sep 29 to 1200Z, Sep 30
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 29 to 0200Z, Sep 30 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 30
FISTS Coast to Coast Contest	1700Z, Sep 29 to 1700Z, Sep 30
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-1000Z, Sep 30

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

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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Refreshments

- August - Charlie Lowe, N0BO
- September - Dean Hamilton, K5FDH
- October - Tom and Merri Chapman, KC9FOZ and KE5MNA

Program for August - GE Delta Radios

Tom Whiteside, N5TW, and Jim Russell, NQ5L

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