



WCARC NEWS

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Williamson County Amateur Radio Club

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October 4th Meeting Minutes

WCARC Vice President Bob Farmer, W5BF, called the meeting to order. He asked that members keep Club President Bob Thompson, W5VGJ, in their thoughts. He fell and hurt his back recently. Another member, Tom Chapman, KC9FOZ, suffered from a heart attack and complications from treatment, but he is making a good recovery.

Before the roll call, three new members were introduced: Donald Schliesser, K6RV, Jason Dunn, KD5LMG, and Carrie Dunn, KD5LMF. Rick Kirchof, NG5V, and Dave Rivenburg, AD5OO, were introduced as visitors and were the speakers of the evening. 32 responded to the roll call while 34 signed the roster. September's meeting minutes were approved by the members after discussion about an error that had been corrected in the latest online posting of the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Jon Boles, K5AEM

Jon presented the Treasurer's Reports. This included a corrected report for August. The reports were accepted by the members.

August 2007 (corrected):

Beginning Balance:	\$2,904.73
Receipts/Deposits:	\$ 115.46
Expenditures:	\$ 91.10
Ending Balance:	\$2,929.09
ARES Funds Available:	\$ 965.45
WCARC Funds Available:	\$1,963.64

Paid Membership

	Beginning	Ending
Individual	63	66
Family	22	22
Honorary	3	3
Total	88	91
Total Persons		119

September 2007:

Beginning Balance:	\$2,929.09
Receipts/Deposits:	\$ 10.00
Expenditures:	\$ 49.53
Ending Balance:	\$2,889.56
ARES Funds Available:	\$ 965.45
WCARC Funds Available:	\$1,924.11

Paid Membership

	Beginning	Ending
Individual	66	67
Family	22	22
Honorary	3	3
Total	91	92
Total Persons		119

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L

As always, October is expected to be a busy month. The group will participate in a multi-county Simulated Emergency Test on October 13th. Also, ARES support will be provided during the Outlaw Trail 100 on October 20th. 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 and it useful for talk-ins prior to meetings. The repeater may be found on 146.64 MHz with a tone of 162.2 Hz.

DX Report & Contests - Tom Whiteside, N5TW

Fall is a great time for DX. Station 9U0A, in Burundi, has been on around our sunset. DXpedition P29 has been moving around and operating in Papua New Guinea.

Old Business

D-Star: Bob Farmer, W5BF, has invited the Waco club to speak to us about their use of D-Star (TBD). During this meeting's discussion, Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, clarified details about the plan for the Austin area repeater arrangement and answered questions about the technology. More information was provided in last month's meeting and minutes.

Texas Outlaw 100: Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, talked about the 100 mile bicycle race. Dallas is seeking help from Club members to ride in SAG wagons and assist with the race. APRS will be used to help with tracking the wagons.

Mosley Beam: Bob Thompson, W5VGJ, has completed the Mosley Beam.

New Business

Belton Hamfest: Saturday morning at Belton Expo Center. Afterward, there is an annual DX Bash that takes place on Lake Buchanan at W5KFT's ranch, open to all amateur DXers.

WCARC Picnic: Galen Helmkamp, WA0YVQ, updated members about the Club Picnic to be held October 13th after the SET at 5 PM at San Gabriel Park, at the Arbors B. Utensils, brisket, sausage, and tea will be provided. Members are requested to bring side dishes, desserts, and extra chairs.

In Other News...

WA7BNM Contest Calendar — November, 2007

IPARC Contest, CW	0600Z-1000Z, Nov 3 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 3
Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 3 to 1200Z, Nov 4
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 3 to 0300Z, Nov 5
NA Collegiate ARC Championship, CW	2100Z, Nov 3 to 0300Z, Nov 5
IPARC Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Nov 4 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 4
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, Nov 4 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 4
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 6
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 10 to 1300Z, Nov 11
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 10 to 1200Z, Nov 11
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 10 to 0600Z, Nov 11
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 10 to 0500Z, Nov 12
SKCC Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Nov 14
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 16
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 17 to 1000Z, Nov 18
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 17 to 1200Z, Nov 18
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z-1700Z, Nov 17
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 17 to 0700Z, Nov 18
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0100Z, Nov 18
NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
EU PSK63 QSO Party	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 19
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Nov 22
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2359Z, Nov 25
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 25
ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0600Z, Nov 29
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2

Contest Calendar compliments of WA7BNM @

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

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Get Well Card: Jon Boles, K5AEM, said that the Austin club has donated \$25 toward a get well card and gift for Tom Chapman, KC9FOZ. Jon will accept member donations and add them. He said that WCARC match Austin's donation.

NA6M acknowledgement: Tom Whiteside, N5TW, proposed the Club acknowledge the hard work of Mark Stennett, NA6M, to maintain the WCARC Newsletter. The members approved.

Finally, there was a brief discussion of insect infestation of exterior equipment.

Refreshments

November - Dean Hamilton, K5FPH
December - Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX

Program for September – HSMM: High Speed Multimedia delivered over 802.11 Devices. Rick Kirchof, NG5V, and Dave Rivenburg, AD500

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

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

OWNED EQUIPMENT

Reviewed August 4th, 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 - KB7UQD, Jim Michel - 04 Aug 07

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

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

WCARC Meetings, 1st Thursday - 7:30 PM

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