



WCARC NEWS

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Williamson County
Amateur Radio Club

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November Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2007

WCARC President Bob Thompson, W5VGJ, called the meeting to order. 28 responded to the roll call while 29 signed the roster. The previous meeting's minutes were accepted with out change but Bob requested that the equipment list be corrected to show that the Club owns 3 push-up poles instead of 5. He has two and Ken Larson has one.

Treasurer's Report - Gale Helmkamp, WA0YVQ
Gale presented the Treasurer's Report for Jon Boles, K5AEM, who was traveling. The report was accepted by the members.

October, 2007

Beginning Balance	\$2,889.56
Receipts/Deposits:	\$251.00
Expenditures:	\$667.25
Ending Balance:	\$2,483.31
ARES Funds Available	\$913.53
WCARC Funds Available:	\$1,569.78

Paid Membership

	Beginning	Ending
Individual	66	68
Family	23	25
Honorary	3	3
Total	92	96
Total Persons		122

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L

As always, October is a busy month. The group participated in a multi-county Simulated Emergency Test on October 13th. 23 licensed hams were involved, locally, with the crowning event being the simulated obliteration of the Williamson County EOC and its staff. (Surely, great fun was had by all). The following weekend WCARES supported the Outlaw Trail 100. A total of 29 support personnel assisted, including MSET members. WCARES meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM at Round Rock Fire Station #6 by the Dell Diamond. The 146.64 repeater is used for

talk-in.

WCARC Repeater Report - Tom Whiteside, N5TW
Tom reported that the repeater is working well and may be found on 146.64 MHz with a tone of 162.2 Hz.

DX Report & Contests - Tom Whiteside, N5TW
Tom said that the CQ Worldwide Sideband DX Contest was held last weekend and the bands were in good shape, even 10 meters, but participation was down. The CQ Worldwide CW Contest is coming around Thanksgiving and is expected to be a big DX opportunity. Tom also said that his station would be used in the coming Sweepstakes.



Special Events - Bob Thompson, W5VGJ
November, 3rd weekend: Additional Sweepstakes activities.

December 7-8: Austin Club Radio Roundup at Sons of Hermann Lodge on Walter E. Long Lake. See the Austin Club's website for more information. <http://www.austinhams.org/>

Old Business

Relocation of WCARC meeting: The move to the new facility will occur after the first of the year, possibly after the first quarter. There will be no charge for the use of the auditorium style room.

New Business

Nominating Committee: Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, has requested new officer nominations through the reflector.

158 Antenna/Swap page: Bob Thompson said it was necessary to sell the 158 antenna, possibly on E-Bay. It can't be used for any Club activities.

Membership Dues: Bob Thompson requested that the Club consider raising membership dues. He pointed out that the slush fund drops over time and the impact of this can be illustrated by the move of Field Day's location away from a paid facility to his place. Tom Whiteside, N5TW, added that the Club will continue to receive less gain from the Swap Fest because the expenses behind it continue to rise annually.

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Bob noted that the other clubs in the area had dues ranging from \$20 to \$30 while WCARC has been at \$10 for a long time (single membership). When further discussion was invited, there was no opposition by present members to raising the dues. A vote was taken and all who responded voted in favor of raising dues to \$20 for single memberships and \$30 for families. There were no opposing votes cast. NOTE: Following the vote, it was pointed out that the By-Laws must be amended in order to change dues; therefore, this vote was not binding.

Tom Chapman: Tom Chapman, KC9FOZ, expressed his gratitude for the support he received while in the hospital.

Refreshments

November - Dean Hamilton, K5FPH

December - Dallas Mellichamp, KD4H NX

Program for November - Tips on HF Mobile Radio Installations

Joe Fisher, K5EJL

WCARC Meetings 1st Thursdays - 7:30 PM	Join Us For Breakfast Saturdays at 7:00AM	WCARES Meetings 2nd Thursdays - 7:00 PM
Wesleyan Retirement Home 1105 S. Church St. Georgetown, TX 78626	Village Inn Restaurant, Wolf Ranch 1007 West University Georgetown, TX 78626	Round Rock Fire Stn #6 2919 Joe DiMaggio Drive Round Rock, TX 78664

WA7BNM Contest Calendar - December, 2007

TARA RTTY Melee	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 1
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0400Z-0429Z, Dec 1 and 0430Z-0459Z, Dec 1 and 0500Z-0529Z, Dec 1 and 0530Z-0600Z, Dec 1
TOPS Activity Contest	1600Z, Dec 1 to 1800Z, Dec 2
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 4
NCCC Sprint, CW	0330Z-0400Z, Dec 7
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 9
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 12
NA High Speed Meteor Scatter Winter Rally	0000Z, Dec 13 to 0200Z, Dec 17
NCCC Sprint, CW	0330Z-0400Z, Dec 14
MDXA PSK DeathMatch	0000Z, Dec 15 to 2400Z, Dec 16
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z-1700Z, Dec 15
International Naval Contest	1600Z, Dec 15 to 1559Z, Dec 16
ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 17
NCCC Sprint, CW	0330Z-0400Z, Dec 21
SKCC Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Dec 26
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
NCCC Sprint, CW	0330Z-0400Z, Dec 28
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 29
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
OWNED EQUIPMENT

Reviewed December 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

- 1 Push Up Mast - 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