

WCARC NEWS

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January Meeting Minutes

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective for the February 7, 2008, WCARC meeting and going forward, meetings will be held at the new Wesleyan Estrella Retirement Home at 139 Estrella Crossing, Georgetown. Details and a .pdf map can be found at www.wcarc.com. Meetings continue to start at 7:30pm.

January 3, 2008

New W CARC President Tom Chapman KC9FOZ called the meeting to order while the sign-in sheet was passed around. 46 responded to the roll call while 47 signed the roster. The previous meeting's minutes were accepted with out change.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Lenning KE5AGG Dick presented the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted by the members. He also solicited dues for 2008.

December, 2007

Beginning Balance :	\$1,954.00
Receipts/Deposits :	\$20.01
Expenditures :	\$0.00
Ending Balance :	\$1,974.01
ARES Funds Available :	\$913.53
WCARC Funds Available :	\$1,060.48

Paid Membership, 2008

	Beginning	Ending
Individual	14	14
Family	7	7
Honorary	3	3
Total	24	24
Total Persons		33

DX Report & Contests - John Warren, NT5C
A new country became available for DXCC work; St. Bartholomew is a French Island in the Caribbean. There was little other DX news since we are currently at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. The good news is the first signs of the new sunspot

cycle are beginning to appear. NASA expects the coming sunspot cycle will be the most intense in the 400 years that records have been kept. (For more information, visit the following website - http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2007/14dec_excite_menthn_71s1048441).


Special Events - Tom Chapman, KC9FOZ Terry Parker KC5EFD, SK - Terry passed away at the age of 47 due to complications from a blood clot.

San Antonio Swapfest January 12th.

Landing Zone class: February 9th at the Shoreline Christian Center at 8:30 AM.

Registration is free at www.msnetx.org.

Skylam Basic and Advanced Training: February 23rd at UT JJ Pickle Center.

Ride for the : March 8th. Contact Jim Mische KB7MOO for information.

WCARC/OTERA Swapfest March 9th. Rick Trommer W5NR provided updates for the group.

Old Business

Elections: Introduction of new officers

President - Tom Chapman KC9FOZ

Vice President - Craig Boegler W5TSN

Secretary - Tim Stevens KD5WML

Treasurer - Dick Lenning KE5AGG

New Business

Club Application of 501(C)(7) status: Tom

Chapman said he has contacted an IRS attorney who is willing to set up 501 processing for the group pro bono. The attorney wishes to proceed as quickly as possible because he has other tax work that he must accomplish. Revised bylaws are required to be completed prior to this work. Tom described that the officers and the former president (which constitutes an executive committee) met to reshape the current bylaws using those from another group. The bylaws will be discussed tonight in lieu of a program and they will also be placed online for review and comment by the members.

Refreshments:

January and February - Merri Chapman KE5MNA

March - Gale N Helmkamp WA0YVQ

Program for January: Review of draft of new club bylaws by Tom Chapman, KC9FOZ

WCARC Meetings

1st Thursdays - 7:30 PM

Wesleyan Retirement Home
139 Estrella Crossing
Georgetown, TX 78626

Join Us For Breakfast

Saturdays at 7:00AM

Village Inn Restaurant, Wolf
Ranch
1007 West University
Georgetown, TX 78626

WCARES Meetings

2nd Thursdays - 7:00 PM

Round Rock Fire Stn #6
2919 Joe DiMaggio Drive
Round Rock, TX 78664

WA7BNM Contest Calendar - February, 2008

NCCC Sprint	0330Z -0400Z, Feb 1
Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 2 to 2400Z, Feb 3
YL-SSB QSO Party, CW RTTY	0000Z, Feb 2 to 2359Z, Feb 3
10-10 Int Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 2 to 2359Z, Feb 3
NCCC Sprint	0330Z -0400Z, Feb 2
YLRLYL-OM Contest, CW	1400Z, Feb 2 to 0200Z, Feb 4
FYBO Winter QRP Sprint	1400Z -2400Z, Feb 2
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z -2400Z, Feb 2
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z -1900Z, Feb 2
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 2 to 0500Z, Feb 3 and 1300Z, Feb 3 to 0100Z, Feb 4
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z -0400Z, Feb 3
ARCI Fireside SSB Sprint	2000Z -2359Z, Feb 3
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z -2130Z, Feb 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z -0400Z, Feb 5
NCCC Sprint	0330Z -0400Z, Feb 8
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 9 to 2400Z, Feb 10
New Hampshire QSO Party	0001Z, Feb 9 to 0001Z, Feb 11
NCCC Sprint	0330Z -0400Z, Feb 9
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z -1300Z, Feb 9
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
KCJ Topband Contest	1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
YLRLYL-OM Contest, SSB	1400Z, Feb 9 to 0200Z, Feb 11
Louisiana QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 9 to 0300Z, Feb 10
OMISS QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 9 to 1459Z, Feb 10
British Columbia QSO Challenge	1600Z, Feb 9 to 0359Z, Feb 10
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z -2100Z, Feb 9
RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Feb 9 to 0100Z, Feb 10
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z -0400Z, Feb 10
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z -2400Z, Feb 10
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Feb 11 to 2400Z, Feb 15
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z -0330Z, Feb 13
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	2000Z -2130Z, Feb 13
NCCC Sprint	0330Z -0400Z, Feb 15
ARRL Inter-DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 16 to 2400Z, Feb 17
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z -1700Z, Feb 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z -0400Z, Feb 18
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z -2030Z, Feb 20
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z -2130Z, Feb 21
NCCC Sprint	0330Z -0400Z, Feb 22
Russian PSK WW Contest	2100Z, Feb 22 to 2100Z, Feb 23
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	0000Z, Feb 23 to 2359Z, Feb 24
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 23 to 1800Z, Feb 24
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 23 to 1300Z, Feb 24
Mississippi QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 23 to 0300Z, Feb 24
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 23 to 0600Z, Feb 24
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z -1100Z, Feb 24 and 1500Z -1700Z, Feb 24
North Carolina QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 24 to 0300Z, Feb 25
SKCC Sprint	0100Z -0300Z, Feb 27
NCCC Sprint	0330Z -0400Z, Feb 29

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 Mischel - 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