



WCARC NEWS

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May Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2008

WCARC President Tom Whiteside N5TW began the May meeting with roll call and welcomed new members. Twenty-eight signed the roster. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kees Talen, K5BCQ
Kees presented the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted by the members. A summary follows:

April, 2008

Beginning Balance:	\$3,031.53
Receipts/Deposits:	\$105.00
Expenditures:	\$350.88
Ending Balance:	\$2,785.65
ARES Funds Available:	\$913.53
WCARC Funds " ":	\$1,872.12
(YTD -\$662.65)	

Paid Membership, 2008

	Beginning	Ending
Individual	55	62
Family	19	22
Honorary	3	3
Total	77	87
Total Persons	99	114

New and Renewed Members

Jonathon Field & family, AA1PG
Dan Poggemiller & family, KB5TWO
Bob Kissel, KE5OUC
Bob Ripley, W5EMC
Larry Wise, KA5T
Pat Jordan, KC5HUC
DC Roberts, AE5Q
Steve Sparks, WK5S
Richard Berry, KF5SA
Cecil Turquette, K5YQF

ARES – Jim Russell, NQ5L

WCARES meetings take place 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.

Repeater Report – Tom Whiteside, N5TW

Repeater is working and everyone is invited to use it. 146.64 MHz with a tone of 162.2 Hz.

DX Report – John Warren, NT5C
Kosovo is not yet ready for entry into DXCC.

Contests – Larry Hammel, K5OT
Larry described several state and regional QSO contests. The spring 10-10 10 meter CW contest is this weekend.

Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

WCARC Picnic: Rick Trommer discussed final plans for the Club Picnic to be held at the Large Arbors at San Gabriel Park on April 26. Discussion then followed concerning the food costs and because the picnic was going to occur before the next meeting, approval was given by the Club to let Rick make arrangements for provision of BBQ. The rest of the members are to bring sides and desserts. Rick then said he would like to go through the roster to invite members who have been absent for a while to attend the picnic.

Field Day: Tom Whiteside, N5TW, said the emphasis for Field Day this year is getting people involved. He will be chairman with Dick Foster W5TA being backup. Field Day captains are: GOTA - Dallas Mellichamp KD4HNX, CW - Dick Foster, Bicycle generator - Jim Mischel KB7UQD, Sideband - Coleman Callaway N4IM, VHF/UHF – Al Kirchner KE5OIZ, Cook – Dan Poggemiller KB5TWO, Brisket – Rick Trommer. RVs to be provided by Don Schliesser K6RV, Coleman Callaway N4IM, and Dan Poggemiller KB5TWO. The Field Day site is expected to be Spirit Reins Ranch in Liberty Hill (www.spiritreins.org). Kees

for Field Day and estimated this year's to require roughly \$500. Tom Whiteside proposed a request for \$525, which was approved by the members unanimously.

501(c)3 Efforts: A question was asked about current efforts on seeking tax exempt status. Only the ARES group will continue to seek c3 status. Tom Whiteside said that, since the Club is social in nature, it cannot qualify as a c3 organization. Jim Russell added that, if the Club were to file for c7 (social club status), there would be implications for how the club received money. For example, since 70% of the income must be based on dues, a large 'profit' from a swap meet would force an increase in dues to compensate. After further discussion around the recent activity around changing the by-laws and driving for incorporation, Tim Stevens KD5WML explained that the effort to change the by-laws originated with the motion to increase dues last fall because they are specified there. Tom Whiteside added that there were a few other outdated requirements in the by-laws that could also be changed when the time comes for a re-write, but there is no urgent need to make changes and we can maintain the dues as they are until the budget requires it.

New Business:

Public Information Officer: Bob Redoutey, N5KF, who was not in attendance, spoke to Tom Whiteside in recent weeks about the vacant PIO position and expressed his interest in assuming the role. Tom proposed assignment of the position to Bob, which the Club approved unanimously.

Texas QSO Party sponsorship: Jon Boles, K5AEM, proposed sponsoring the two club plaques that WCARC has supported for the last few years. The contest is during the last weekend of September and costs \$35 for the pair. The Club approved the proposal unanimously.

Jack Curtis, K6KU: Jack has been given the Marconi Award by the Veteran Wireless Association. It was suggested that CW operators in the group should send Jack a congratulatory email.

Refreshments:

May – Jerry Fye KE5DWK

June – Jim Russell NQ5L

Programs – Rick Trommer W5NR

Please contact Rick with any program ideas.

May: Introduction to NVIS; Propagation and Practice - Lew Thompson W5IFQ

June: Field Day

President's Column

I just can't believe it is June already! Going to breakfast last Saturday, something just seemed wrong – it just seemed too light outside! Definitely looking like June! June will be a busy ham month! We have Hamcom coming up June 13-14th and Field Day coming up June 29th-29th!

I'd like to thank Rick Trommer, W5NR, for presiding over the upcoming meeting for me! Judy and I are off to Albuquerque for our nephew's wedding! And thanks to Dick Foster W5TA for leading the Field Day discussion at the meeting for me!

Speaking of Field Day, preparations are going quite well! Al, KE5OIZ stepped up to be our VHF/UHF station captain which was our last leadership slot. We've made a number of trips out to the Field Day site to give all the captains and RV owners a chance to look things over and have a good station layout that really spreads us out but keeps within the 1000 foot required radius. (Assuming we don't eat too much of Dan and Rick's delicious cooking!) All stations will have an air conditioned RV and we have plenty of generator capacity for the AC. I'd say we are going into June in good shape to be ready for Field Day. Dick W5TA will be the program for June doing our traditional Field Day preparation focus.

One last comment on Field Day: Many of you live in antenna restricted areas without the chance to operate with good antennas in a line noise free area with hilltop signal takeoff terrain. Field Day is your chance to get out and play radio to your heart's content! With the bottom of the solar cycle, I know that many of you (me included) have been less active – FD is a chance to break that pattern! Remember: our goal is serious fun with an emphasis on participation – don't worry if you are new or rusty – just come out and have some fun. If you have newbies or ham wannabes, bring them out to get on the Get on the Air Station (GOTA). Dallas always does a great job as coach for this station. And if you just want to come out, sit in a chair and swap radio lies with others from a location with a wonderful view: that is fine too!

A reminder that June also marks the beginning of hurricane season! We have one of the best ARES groups around and you are invited to participate! ARES meeting is always the second Thursday of the month – see our

webpage for the link to the WCARES page which has meeting information including directions.

Well, that is it for this month. Sorry to miss the club meeting but will see you at Field Day!

73, Tom Whiteside, N5TW

<p>WCARC Meetings 1st Thursdays - 7:30 PM</p> <p>Wesleyan Retirement Home 139 Estrella Crossing Georgetown, TX 78626</p>	<p>Join Us For Breakfast Saturdays at 7:00AM</p> <p>Village Inn Restaurant, Wolf Ranch 1007 West University Georgetown, TX 78626</p>	<p>WCARES Meetings 2nd Thursdays - 7:00 PM</p> <p>Round Rock Fire Stn #6 2919 Joe DiMaggio Drive Round Rock, TX 78664</p>
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June, 2008 Contest Calendar

NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 6
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 6
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0400Z-0429Z, Jun 7 and 0430Z-0459Z, Jun 7 and 0500Z-0529Z, Jun 7 and 0530Z-0600Z, Jun 7
DigiFest	0400Z-1200Z, Jun 7 and 2000Z, Jun 7 to 0400Z, Jun 8 and 1200Z-2000Z, Jun 8
SEANET Contest	1200Z, Jun 7 to 1200Z, Jun 8
UKSMG Summer Contest	1200Z, Jun 7 to 1200Z, Jun 8
RSGB National Field Day	1500Z, Jun 7 to 1500Z, Jun 8
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	1500Z, Jun 7 to 1459Z, Jun 8
Alabama QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 7 to 0400Z, Jun 8
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 8
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 11
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 13
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 13
ANARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Jun 14 to 2400Z, Jun 15
Portugal Day Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 14
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 14
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 14 to 1500Z, Jun 15
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 14 to 0200Z, Jun 15
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Jun 14 to 0300Z, Jun 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 16
SARL Youth for Amateur Radio	0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 19
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 20
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 20
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 21 to 2400Z, Jun 22
SMIRK Contest	0000Z, Jun 21 to 2400Z, Jun 22
Feld Hell Sprint	1000Z-1200Z, Jun 21 and 2200Z-2400Z, Jun 21
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1600Z-1900Z, Jun 21 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jun 21 (432)
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2400Z, Jun 21
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 25
BCC QSO Party	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 25
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 27
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 28 to 1200Z, Jun 29
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 28 to 1200Z, Jun 29
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 28 to 1400Z, Jun 29
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 28 to 2100Z, Jun 29
ARCI Milliwatt Field Day	1800Z, Jun 28 to 2100Z, Jun 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 - W9BF—Bob Farmer - 07 May 08
- 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