



WCARC NEWS

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June Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2008

WCARC Vice President Rick Trommer W5NR started the June meeting with roll call. 22 answered the roll call while 24 people signed the roster. Fred Neff WE7M was welcomed as the Club's newest member. Also, Steve Sparks WK5S was introduced as a recent new member. 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:

May, 2008

Beginning Balance:	\$2,785.65
Receipts/Deposits:	\$88.00
Expenditures:	\$450.00
Ending Balance:	\$2,423.65
ARES Funds Available:	\$913.53
WCARC Funds " ":	\$1,510.12
	(YTD -\$590)

Paid Membership, 2008

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

ARES – Jim Russell, NQ5L

Hurricane season has started and there has been one tropical formation so far. The next meeting's program will be about batteries, presented by Brad Davis NA5BD. WCARES meetings take place on the second Thursday of the month, at 7 PM, at Round Rock Fire Station #6 by the Dell Diamond on Highway 79, west of I-35. The 146.64 repeater is used for talk-in.

Repeater Report – Rick Trommer W5NR
Repeater is working fine and everyone is invited to use it. 146.64 MHz with a tone of

162.2 Hz.

Contests and DX Report - Rick Trommer W5NR

Jon Boles K5AEM reported that the Alabama QSO party is this weekend.

Field Day is coming up. Rick went through the list of Field Day captains: 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, and Brisket – Rick Trommer. Friday meals should be provided by attendees. Breakfast will be provided Sunday morning.

New Business

QSL cards – Rick Trommer asked if QSL cards were being printed. A number of members had information on past and current card versions.

Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

Field Day: Field Day will be the meeting program this month.

Refreshments

June – Jim Russell NQ5L
July - Rick Trommer W5NR

Programs – Rick Trommer W5NR

Please contact Rick with your program ideas.

June: Field Day

July: New PSK Digital Modem- Milt Cram W8NUE

President's Column

I'm writing this Monday morning just after a terrific Field Day weekend. Thanks to Bob W9BF, our editor, for this being later than it should be but getting the Field Day comments included.

Field Day was GREAT fun! We had a

good set of Captains that did all the real planning for the event.

Thanks to Captains:

AI KE5OIZ VHF Station Captain

Coleman N4IM SSB Captain

Dick W5TA CW Captain (and my partner in being overall Chairman)

Dallas KD4HNX GOTA Captain

Dan KB5TWO Chef Extraordinaire assisted by Rick W5NR who did the FB Brisket

We also owe a debt to all the club members who brought gear for everyone to abuse.

Special thanks to Don K6RV, Coleman N4IM and Dan KB5TWO for bringing the RVs that housed the stations.

And we had a great turnout of club members that came out to help set and tear down and also to operate – can't happen without that. As usual, my favorite part was the food, and it was as good as we have ever had at a Field Day thanks to Dan, Rick and the folks that brought goodies.

And finally thanks are owed to the wonderful folks at the Spirit Reins Ranch who let us operate from this beautiful location and would not accept a donation from the club to operate there. The Spirit Reins Ranch does some great work for children and I hope you will consider a personal gift to them as you evaluate your personal charitable giving. Their website is: <http://www.spiritreins.org/>

Thanks to Rick Trommer W5NR for presiding over the June meeting for me! From the reports I heard, folks did not notice the difference in leadership other than the considerable improvement! And also thanks to Dick Foster W5TA for leading the Field Day discussion at the meeting. I hope to see all of you at the July meeting! We will have some pictures from Field Day plus Rick has a program lined up for us! Milt Cram W8NUE is going to talk about his wonderful little kit that lets you operate PSK31 without a computer!

73 Tom Whiteside N5TW

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
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July 2008 Contest Calendar

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jul 4
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest	0000Z, Jul 5 to 2359Z, Jul 6
WLOTA Contest	0600Z, Jul 5 to 1200Z, Jul 6
VK/Trans-Tasman 160m Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jul 5
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 5 to 1059Z, Jul 6
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 5 to 1500Z, Jul 6
PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint	2000 local, Jul 5 to 0200 local, Jul 6
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Jul 6
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 7
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 11
FISTS Summer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Jul 12
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 12 to 1200Z, Jul 13
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2400Z, Jul 13
ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Jul 13
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 16
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 17
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 18
Feld Hell Sprint	0200Z-0300Z, Jul 19 and 1000Z-1100Z, Jul 19 and 1800Z-1900Z, Jul 19
VK/Trans-Tasman 160m Contest, CW	0800Z-1300Z, Jul 19
DMC RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jul 19 to 1200Z, Jul 20
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 19 to 0600Z, Jul 20

CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 19 to 2100Z, Jul 20
RSGB Low Power Field Day	0900Z-1200Z and 1300Z-1600Z, Jul 20
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z-2159Z, Jul 20
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 21
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 23
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 24
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 25
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 26 to 1200Z, Jul 27

**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

-ed. To those of you that get to this section of the newsletter, please review the equipment list. The equipment held by Bob Thompson has been redistributed necessitating updating this list. Would you please e-mail Bob Farmer at w9bf@ecpi.com what you are currently holding if the listing above is incorrect.

Thanks much,
Bob W9BF

