



# WCARC NEWS

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Amateur Radio Club

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Donald Schliesser, K6RV

Tom Whiteside, N5TW

Bob Farmer, W9BF

#### Emergency Coordinator

Jim Russell, NQ5L

## March Meeting Minutes

### March 5, 2008

WCARC President Rick Trommer W5NR called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., March 5, 2009. Thirty-five members answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet.

The February 2009 minutes were approved as written.

### Treasurer's Report – Kees Talen, K5BCQ

Kees presented the Treasurer's report which was accepted by the members. A summary follows:

#### February, 2009

Beginning Balance:	\$5,011.94
Receipts/Deposits:	830.18
Expenditures:	393.43
Ending Balance:	\$5448.69
WCARES Funds Available:	\$2,833.99
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,614.70

#### Paid Membership a/o 02/28/2009

	Beginning	Ending
Individual	45	53
Family	10	13
Honorary	3	3
Total	58	69
Voting Total	67	81
Total Persons	68	83

### Repeater Report - Tom Whiteside N5TW

Tom gave an update report on the WCARC repeater operation. Comments were put forth concerning our welcoming new hams just getting on the air; especially those recently licensed after completing the Tech ham class.

### Contests and DX Report

Several members gave DX reports. It was announced that K5D is now off the air.

### WCARES Report - Jim Russell NQ5L

Jim announced that there will be a Depart-

ment of Defense exercise some time in June, 2009. He also commented on the Spirit Reins bicycle event scheduled in March (we will provide radio communication support).

### Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

President Trommer gave a summary of the February club Swap fest. About 200 persons attended and the event was considered a success. There was discussion as to where to hold the event next year. The consensus was to hold the event at the Community Center on February 6, 2010.

President Trommer opened the subject of the club picnic for this year. The tentative date is April 25th at the same location within San Gabriel Park. Rick will get competitive prices for the picnic meat items.

### New Business

Dallas Mellichamp (KD4HNX) announced that he is coordinating another Technician License class as well as a General License class. He is also planning a GOTA (Get On The Air) session at the Round Rock hospital in the near future for all those interested in having Elmer's help them program their radios and get them "on the air".

Field Day for 2009 is scheduled for June 27th and June 28th. We have been invited to have our field day exercise at the Spirit Reins Ranch as we did last year. Dick Foster W5TA volunteered to serve as Field Day Captain for 2009. He needs Captains for the GOTA, SSB, and food stations. Jim Russell volunteered to serve as the SSB Captain, and Don Schliesser volunteered to serve as CW Captain but the other slots are still open.

It was announced that there will be a

National Hurricane Conference in the Austin during April 6 thru April 10th.

It was announced that our Treasurer Kees Talen has been selected "Ham of the Month" by the Austin Amateur Radio Club for his efforts in selling items to benefit both our club and the Austin club.

A brief presentation by Jerry Chew KD6ZJH was done concerning a power pole project. Members have the opportunity to order one of these items.

Vice-President Don Schliesser K6RV introduced our speaker for the technical presentation of the meeting; our own Emergency Chairman Jim Russell.

The business meeting was adjourned.

### Refreshments

March - Scott Valencia

### Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

March - Jim Russell, NQ5L, whose subject will be: " REMOTE CAPABILITY FOR THE AMATEUR HOME STATION USING VOIP".

April - Tom Nevue, W2MN, – REASONABLY SIMPLE WAYS TO WIRE YOUR STATION FOR BATTERY BACKUP

*Please contact Don with your program ideas.*

### President's Column

As we head into April (and tax time) the WCARC is looking at another full schedule of Technician and General classes. It looks like Dallas has found a new hobby and that would be scheduling and holding classes for new and upgrading HAM's... Our thanks to Dallas, again for all of his efforts.

As a reminder to everyone, this month the club will be holding our spring picnic at the San Gabriel Park here in Georgetown. We will be in area "A", the Large Arbor's, and what we need most is for everyone to take a little time to enjoy this event. Let's talk up this event and encourage all of our members to bring some special side dishes and desserts and on April 25th enjoy the fellowship of our club. The club will be providing both brisket and sausage, and as soon as I have any additional information about this event I will pass that information to the club.

At the last meeting we were able to get Dick W5TA, to again lead our club and start the process of organizing our Field Day event. This year's Field Day will be held on the 27-28 of June, and we will again be holding this event at the Spirit Reins Ranch. We need plenty of volunteers to again make this Field Day a fun event for our club, please contact any of the club officers or Dick W5TA and volunteer to help with one or more of the stations. It will be something that you will truly enjoy and the club needs your help and support so please sign up for this event.

I'm still working on the plans for our 2010 WCARC Swapfest, and I believe that most everything should be in place by the end of next month. I'll have more information by the next club meeting. I have been talking to a couple of dealers to see if they would be able to support this event, so as soon as anyone gets back with more information I'll pass it on.

With most of our normal events events being covered, it must be time to stop this rambling and see who is on 20 meters tonight.

Again, my thanks to all the club members for your support. If you have any suggestions or questions about the club, please feel free to contact myself or any of the club officers and give us your views.

73, Rick W5NR

#### **WCARC Meetings**

**1st Thursdays - 7:30 PM**

Wesleyan Retirement Home  
139 Estrella Crossing  
Georgetown, TX 78626

#### **Join Us For Breakfast**

**Saturdays at 6:30AM**

IHOP Restaurant  
750 S I-35  
(in front of WalMart)  
Georgetown, TX 78626

#### **WCARES Meetings**

**2nd Thursdays - 7:00 PM**

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

## April 2009 Contest Calendar

SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 2
SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 4 to 1500Z, Apr 5
Missouri QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 4 to 2400Z, Apr 5
JIDX CW Contest	0700Z, Apr 11 to 1300Z, Apr 12
EU Spring Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Apr 11
Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 11 to 2359Z, Apr 12
SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest	1200Z-1400Z, Apr 12
Holyland DX Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Apr 18
TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Apr 18
ES Open HF Championship	0500Z-0859Z, Apr 18
Michigan QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 18 to 0400Z, Apr 19
EU Spring Sprint, SSB	1600Z-1959Z, Apr 18
Ontario QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 18 to 1800Z, Apr 19
YU DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 18 to 1700Z, Apr 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Apr 20
SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 25 to 1200Z, Apr 26
Helvetia Contest	1300Z, Apr 25 to 1259Z, Apr 26
QRP to the Field	1500Z, Apr 25 to 0300Z, Apr 26
Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 25 to 2159Z, Apr 26
Nebraska QSO Party	1700Z, Apr 25 to 1700Z, Apr 26

### WILLIAMSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

#### OWNED EQUIPMENT

Reviewed July 3, 2008

#### 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 - K6RV, Don Schliesser - 15 Jul 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 - N5TW, Tom Whiteside, 3 Jul 08

1 Cushcraft R7 HF Vertical - W5TA, Dick Foster - 20-Nov-05

1 Hygain triband antenna - N5TW, Tom Whiteside, 3 Jul 08

1 Mosley Triband Antenna (Donated by Harvey, N0AJP) - N5TW, Tom Whiteside, 3 Jul 08

##### **Masts**

1 Push Up Mast - KC5RPF, Ken Larsen - 23-Nov-05

2 Push Up Masts - N5TW, Tom Whiteside, 3 Jul 08

##### **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