



WCARC NEWS

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May Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2009

WCARC President Rick Trommer W5NR called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Twenty-eight members and two guests answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. Our guests for the meeting were Lloyd Jeffries, K1LGJ, and Jason Koliba, KF5AKF. The April, 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:

May, 2009

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| Beginning Balance: | \$5,448.69 |
| Receipts/Deposits: | \$50.00 |
| Expenditures: | \$179.00 |
| Ending Balance: | \$5,369.69 |
| WCARES Funds Available: | \$2,615.70 |
| WCARC Funds Available: | \$2,753.99 |

Paid Membership a/o April 30, 2009

| | Beginning | Ending |
|---------------|-----------|--------|
| Individual | 55 | 56 |
| Family | 15 | 16 |
| Honorary | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 73 | 75 |
| Voting Total | 87 | 89 |
| Total Persons | 90 | 93 |

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L gave the ARES report. He gave a brief report about a national emergency test scheduled for the first week of June, 2009. More information about this opportunity will be given in the near future.

Repeater Report - Tom Whiteside, N5TW announced that the tone situation with the club repeater still has not been investigated; this is still pending and will be addressed in the near future.

Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

President Rick Trommer gave a brief report of the spring club picnic (details were in the last newsletter), and solicited the members input regarding the fall 2009 picnic (when, where, etc).

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX gave the members an update on the recent new HAM class. He advised that the "sign up" for the new class was very low, and that the class would be delayed until a later date.

Dick Foster, W5TA (2009 Field Day Captain) announced that we still have an opening for a VHF captain for field day. Brad Davis, NA5BD was nominated for and accepted this post. All field day captain slots are now filled:

Field Day Captain

Dick Foster, W5TA

Side Band Captain

Jim Russell, NQ5L

CW Captain

Don Schliesser, K6RV

GOTA Co-Captains

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX and

Jim Mischel, KB7UQD

VHF Captain

Brad Davis, NA5BD

New Business

Kees Talen our treasurer advised the general membership that Cranz (Nick) Nichols WB5BKL from Burnet, Texas has sent a letter to the club secretary. Mr Nichols thanked the club for their sponsorship of funding award plaques for the 2008 Texas QSO party. Mr. Nichols won one of the plaques and sent us a letter thanking us for our contribution.

Kees requested that we continue to

support the Texas QSO party with another set of awards. This was approved by the membership.

Kees requested that a committee be formed to work out the details and distribute HF, VHF/UHF radio equipment donated by Bob Coffin, N4LXK, specifically to new hams that have passed their exams. Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, Brad Davis, NA5BD, and Kees Talen, K5BCQ volunteered.

We still have polo shirts for Jerry, KE5DWC, and Robert, KI0QM, which have been paid for but not picked up. Contact Kees, K5BCQ to pick them up.

Tom Nevue, W2MN addressed the membership about his efforts in recruiting professional fire fighters in the Cedar Park area into becoming Amateur Radio Operators. Their shift schedules and the emergency nature of their business probably would preclude us from scheduling classes during their duty shifts.

A discussion ensued regarding the subject of making a training DVD that could be used by the firefighters to prepare for the HAM exam. Tom announced that, while not an expert in this area, he would voluntarily serve to do this effort. Brad David, NA5BD volunteered to obtain information and details as to how we could get this done on a professional basis.

President Rick Trommer volunteered to provide refreshments for the June meeting.

Vice President, Don Schliesser introduced the May program speaker, Mark Stennet, NA6M whose subject would be Band Pass Filters.

Refreshments

May - Dallas Mellichamp KD4HNX

June - Rick Trommer W5NR

Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

May - Mark Stennett, NA6M - Band Pass Filters

June - Discussion of Field Day preparations

Please contact Don with your program ideas.

President's Column

Our next event for us will happen on June 27 and 28, that being Field Day. We currently have all captain's positions filled and I thank each one for volunteering.

Please contact any of the captains and let them know when you would like to operate the stations during this years event. Your help and support will make this year's event as much fun as last year and your support and help is really needed.

We will also have Dan KB5TWO, who has again signed up to make all of the great tasting food. Dan will have sandwiches, chips for Sat. lunch; ribs, beans, potatoes, cobbler and brisket on Sat. night and breakfast pots on Sunday morning. So it looks like we will have the food portion well covered during this event and it looks like I'm starting my field day around 2:00 AM on Sat to get the fire going and the brisket on the smoker!

Our traditional June program will tie-up all of the loose ends for field day so please make every effort to be at this months meeting as we will need your input and help to make this years field day a fun and worthwhile event.

Mark Stennett NA6M, has planed a DX operation for 1 June - 14 June 2009 in Nassau. See <http://www.c6ams.com> for more details and give Mark a call during this time.

It looks like Dallas is still going strong with his Ham Classes and a few of the new Hams have been scheduling round table nets on the local repeaters throughout the week, I'm not sure just how many new hams Dallas has brought into the hobby, but he needs to be commended for all of his efforts in supporting this work. Great job, Dallas! All of the local clubs are supporting you and your work during this time.

The 2009 Dayton Hamvention past and present:

When Hara Arena closed its doors on Sunday, May 17 after three days as the 57th annual Dayton Hamvention

came to an end, many agreed that this was one of the best Hamventions in recent memory. With so much to do -- including close to 50 hours of forums and the world-renowned flea market, as well as vendor tables that seemed to stretch for miles -- the arena floor was filled with excitement.

This bit of news was copied directly from the ARRL website and as expected, they did have many hours of rain on Saturday which did help fill the arena floor! My first trip to Dayton was in 1964 which was at the Hara Arena, my cousin and I spent the entire Saturday picking thru old chassis and components while checking off parts from our parts list to find everything that we needed to build my first crystal controlled transmitter. I did not mind the funky smell or the crud as I went looking through each old radio chassis as this was part of the thrill of Ham Radio. My cousin found a Knightkit T-60 for around \$35, almost new with a cigar box full of crystals cut for the novice band... what a find and it was ready to fire up as is.

The Knightkit T-60 is a kit-built CW and AM transmitter introduced in 1962-63. A very simple design and it was designed for the 80 to 6 meter ham bands, the T-60 uses a 6DQ6B final RF tube. Power input was advertised at "60 watts CW/ peak AM on 80-10. Output was about 35 watts on the lower bands. Oh, and as for my box of parts transmitter, I spent the entire summer of 1964 blowing fuses and trying to figure out why my power supply would crater every time I keyed the transmitter. At least my Hammarlund HQ 150 kept me going that summer!

That's about it for this month, I guess I'll head up into the attic and see if my old transmitter is still up there and see if it has healed itself.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting on June 4th.

73, Rick W5NR

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
OWNED EQUIPMENT
Reviewed July 15, 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

June 2009 Contest Calendar

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| RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data | 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 1 |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder | 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 5 |
| Digital Pentathlon | 1800Z-2200Z, Jun 5 |
| PVRC Reunion On-the-Air | 0000Z, Jun 5 to 2359Z, Jun 7 |
| Wake-Up! QRP Sprint | 0400Z-0429Z, Jun 6 and 0430Z-0459Z, Jun 6 and 0500Z-0529Z, Jun 6 and 0530Z-0600Z, Jun 6 |
| DigiFest | 0400Z-1200Z, Jun 6 and 2000Z, Jun 6 to 0400Z, Jun 7 and 1200Z-2000Z, Jun 7 |
| SEANET Contest | 1200Z, Jun 6 to 1200Z, Jun 7 |
| RSGB National Field Day | 1500Z, Jun 6 to 1500Z, Jun 7 |
| IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW | 1500Z, Jun 6 to 1459Z, Jun 7 |
| Alabama QSO Party | 1600Z, Jun 6 to 0400Z, Jun 7 |
| SKCC Weekend Sprint | 0000Z-2400Z, Jun 7 |
| NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint | 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 10 |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW | 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 10 |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder | 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 12 |
| Digital Pentathlon | 1800Z-2200Z, Jun 12 |
| ANARTS WW RTTY Contest | 0000Z, Jun 13 to 2400Z, Jun 14 |
| Portugal Day Contest | 0000Z-2400Z, Jun 13 |
| Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB | 1100Z-1300Z, Jun 13 |
| GACW WWSA CW DX Contest | 1500Z, Jun 13 to 1500Z, Jun 14 |
| REF DDFM 6m Contest | 1600Z, Jun 13 to 1600Z, Jun 14 |
| West Virginia QSO Party | 1600Z, Jun 13 to 0200Z, Jun 14 |
| ARRL June VHF QSO Party | 1800Z, Jun 13 to 0300Z, Jun 15 |
| DIE Contest | 0600Z-1200Z, Jun 14 |
| Run for the Bacon QRP Contest | 0100Z-0300Z, Jun 15 |
| SARL Youth Day Sprint | 0800Z-1000Z, Jun 15 |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB | 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 18 |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder | 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 19 |
| Digital Pentathlon | 1800Z-2200Z, Jun 19 |
| All Asian DX Contest, CW | 0000Z, Jun 20 to 2400Z, Jun 21 |
| SMIRK Contest | 0000Z, Jun 20 to 2400Z, Jun 21 |
| Feld Hell Sprint | 000Z-1200Z, Jun 20 and 2200Z-2400Z, Jun 20 |
| AGCW VHF/UHF Contest | 1600Z-1900Z, Jun 20 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jun 20(432) |
| Kid's Day Contest | 1800Z-2400Z, Jun 20 |
| SKCC Sprint | 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 24 |
| BCC QSO Party | 1700Z-1900Z, Jun 24 |
| NCCC Sprint | 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 26 |
| Digital Pentathlon | 1800Z-2200Z, Jun 26 |
| Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest | 1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28 |
| His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB | 1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28 |
| Marconi Memorial HF Contest | 1400Z, Jun 27 to 1400Z, Jun 28 |
| ARRL Field Day | 1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28 |
| ARCI Milliwatt Field Day | 1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28 |
| SARL Digital Contest | 1300Z-1600Z, Jun 28 |

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