



WCARC NEWS

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June Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2009

WCARC President Rick Trommer W5NR called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on June 4, 2009. Thirty four persons answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. Our Guests for the meeting were Madison Jones, W5MJ, Roger Vaughan, KF5BFH, Andy Littlejohn, KF5AQT, and Bryan Duke, KF5BHE.

The May, 2009 minutes were approved as published.

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

May, 2009

Beginning Balance:	\$5,369.69
Receipts/Deposits:	\$216.88
Expenditures:	\$124.26
Ending Balance:	\$5,462.31
WCARES Funds Available:	\$2,708.32
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,753.99

Paid Membership a/o May 30, 2009

	Beginning	Ending
Individual	56	58
Family	16	16
Honorary	3	3
Total	75	77
Voting Total	89	91
Total Persons	93	95

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L gave the ARES report. Jim gave the members a synopsis of the DICE 09 exercise that was conducted during the first week of June, 2009. Jim spoke about the purpose and scope of the exercise and stated that a full report about DICE 09 would be given at the WCARES meeting scheduled for June 11, 2009.

Repeater Report - Tom Whiteside addressed the tone issue of the WCARC repeater and advised that the repeater has been serviced and is "on the air" and working properly. Special thanks to Mark Stennett, N6AM for his great contributions and effort to help in this task.

DX and Contest Report - A detailed DX report was not provided; however, there was a verbal update about Mark Stennett's (NA6M) DXpedition to the Bahamas. The schedule for this three station operation is from May 31, 2009 thru June 13, 2009. Details are shown on C6AMS.COM.

Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

Brad Davis, NA5BD said that there was no update concerning the proposal to develop a DVD that could be used by firefighters to prepare for the HAM exam.

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX advised that a new series of HAM classes, both for Technician and General will be starting on July 11, 2009 at the Round Rock Medical Center.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

The June program was presented by Dick Foster, W5TA. His subject was the 2009 Field Day exercise scheduled for 27-28 June, 2009.

Refreshments

June - Rick Trommer W5NR

July - Donald Schliesser K6RV

Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

June - Discussion of Field Day preparations

July - Field Day Summary and Gloating

Please contact Don with your program ideas.

Kees Talen, K5BCQ, representing the committee formed last month to distribute donated equipment to new hams who have recently passed their exams, announced that the recipient of the donated HF radio would be Jason Kolibe, KF5AKF. Here's a picture of Jason with his "new" Yaesu FT-707 and other WCARC notables.



President's Column

It's really great to see all the members planning and working together for one common goal.... Field Day! As you all know the e-mail has been well used this year to make suggestions, plan operations and scheduling teams for this months main event.

By the time that this column is published it will be history for 2009 but again my thanks to Dick W5TA and his team of captains for all of their work and efforts to put on this event for the club.

I know that this month's notes are far from being considered a President's Column, but with all of the work that the club is doing for Field Day I'm going to keep this very short.

We can only hope that the sun provides us with a few spots to keep the band's active and a few clouds to keep the heat down.

73, Rick W5NR

July 2009 Contest Calendar

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jul 3
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest	0000Z, Jul 4 to 2359Z, Jul 5
WLOTA Contest	0600Z, Jul 4 to 1200Z, Jul 5
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 4 to 1059Z, Jul 5
Original QRP Contest 1	500Z, Jul 4 to 1500Z, Jul 5
PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint	2000 local, Jul 4 to 0200 local, Jul 5
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Jul 5
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 7
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 10
FISTS Summer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Jul 11
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 11 to 1200Z, Jul 12
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z-1800Z, Jul 11
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Jul 12
ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Jul 12
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 15
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 16
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 17
Russian Radio Team Championship	0700Z-1459Z, Jul 18
DMC RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jul 18 to 1200Z, Jul 19
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 18 to 0600Z, Jul 19
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 18 to 2100Z, Jul 19
RSGB Low Power Field Day	0900Z-1200Z and 1300Z-1600Z, Jul 19
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z-2159Z, Jul 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 20
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 22
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 23
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 24
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 25 to 1200Z, Jul 26
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 31

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

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