



# WCARC NEWS

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Amateur Radio Club

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## July Meeting Minutes

### July 2, 2009

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on July 2, 2009. Twenty-seven persons answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. Our guests for the meeting were Ms. Pauline Miller, Terry Palmer, AH2H, and Stuart Rohre, K5KVH.

The June, 2009, minutes were approved with the proviso that the repeater report be corrected.

**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:	\$5,462.31
Receipts/Deposits:	\$111.00
Expenditures:	\$874.80
Ending Balance:	\$4,698.51

**WCARES Report** - Jim Russell, NQ5L, gave the ARES report. Jim stated that there will be heavier requirements placed on ARES members by the State officials as a result of the recent DICE exercise. He will give a more detailed report at the next ARES meeting on July 9, 2009. Jim indicated we are in need of a donated 2 meter transceiver and a power supply for the station in Liberty Hill. Linky Brokhausen, N5AKJ, immediately offered this equipment to the club.

**Repeater Report** - Tom Whiteside, N5TW, gave the repeater report, Tom advised that Alan Brown has furnished cooling fans for the repeater and they will be installed within the next few days.

### Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNK reported that we only have two persons who have signed up for the Technician classes scheduled to start on July 11, 2009. Unless this number increases he will probably cancel the classes.

President Trommer, W5NR thanked Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX for securing about 1,000 feet of coaxial cable that was donated to the club.

### New Business

Jim Russell, NQ5L requested assistance in unloading a trailer that is filled with items from Field Day. These items will be unloaded from Whiteside's (N5TW) location and stored until Field Day 2010. Date for unloading is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2009.

President Trommer publicly thanked Dean Hamilton, K5FDH, for his assistance in helping us locate a new field day location on short notice.

President Trommer polled the membership in regard to donating \$150.00 to the Weir Volunteer Fire Department in thanks for their hosting our organization for this year's field day. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$150.00 as requested.

President Trommer announced that the fall 2010 picnic will be held in September or October.

A discussion ensued as to where to hold the 2010 Field Day. The members requested that President Trommer contact the Weir Volunteer Fire Department Chief to request that we be permitted to use that facility again next year for field day.

### Refreshments

July - Donald Schliesser K6RV

August - Kees Talen K5BCQ

The program for the meeting was given by Tom Whiteside, N5TW and was about the final results of our 2009 Field Day. A picture presentation about field day was also shown.

#### **Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV**

July - Field Day 2009 Results by Tom Whiteside N5TW

August - Military Radios by Kees Talen K5BCQ

*Please contact Don with your program ideas.*

#### **President's Column**

Feel that heat?... summer is here! Well, Field Day has come and gone and the club did an excellent job of keeping up with all the changes during that event. Time to start planning on next year's Field Day. With that in mind the club should always be working on a backup plan for this type of last minute change. Please keep in mind that we might be asked to change our plans because our "current site" is not going to be available to us for whatever the reason. I can only pass my feeling to the club; it is not any fun looking for a site at 9:00 pm knowing that within 12 to 14 hours a large group of folks are expecting everything to work out and all of the surprises to be addressed well before set-up time. Again, my thanks to the club for making this change as smooth as possible and as quick as possible!

I was able to draw up a letter of "Thanks" to the Weir Fire Station and to Chief Bill Frymire. Along with that I gave the Chief the club photos and a check from the club to repay them for the use of their training room and the very nice air conditioning. I'm looking forward to the use of this facility next year, and if the club agrees, we need to keep in contact with them and have this facility scheduled as far in advance as possible.

The club is in the final stages of another series of Technician and General classes, and all of these efforts have been pushed and organized by Dallas..... I was told within the past few days the he is talking about another round of classes for this Fall. This must be some type of record for the local area as I have not see or known any group of clubs to organize this many sessions within a year. Once again we need to give our thanks to Dallas for keeping this rolling time after time.

Speaking of this Fall, the club needs to start thinking about our Fall Picnic and when we would like to hold that event. Please give it some thought and whatever the club decides I'll make the arrangements with the Parks Department and get the site reserved. Along with that we need to see how we can get more of our members to come out to this event; should we use the phone tree, mail out flyer's or what?

Well, that's it for me this month, I hope everyone will get some time to tune around the bands and make a few contacts. I was cleaning up around my shack and uncovered my Nye Viking Master Key, so now I need to move my K2 back to the bench and fire it back up again. At least with the bands as they are, I'll not disturb too many folks!

73, Rick W5NR

## August 2009 Contest Calendar

TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 1
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 1 to 2359Z, Aug 2
International Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend QSO Contest	0001Z, Aug 1 to 2359Z, Aug 9
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 1
European HF Championship	1200Z-2359Z, Aug 1
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 1 to 1800Z, Aug 2
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 1 to 0600Z, Aug 2
RSGB RoPoCo 2	0700Z-0900Z, Aug 2
SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 2
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 4
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 7
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 8 to 2359Z, Aug 9
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 8 to 0400Z, Aug 9 and 1600Z-2359Z, Aug 9
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 9
MMMonVHF/DUBUS 144 MHz Meteorscatter Sprint Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Aug 12
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Aug 12
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	900Z-2030Z, Aug 13
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 14
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z-0800Z, Aug 15 and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 15 and 0800Z-1600Z, Aug 16
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 15
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Aug 15 to 2400 local, Aug 16
Russian District Award Contest	0800Z, Aug 15 to 0800Z, Aug 16
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest	1200Z, Aug 15 to 1200Z, Aug 16
Feld Hell Sprint	1300Z-1600Z, Aug 15
ARCI Silent Key Memorial Sprint	1500Z-1800Z, Aug 15
North American QSO Party,	SSB 1800Z, Aug 15 to 0600Z, Aug 16
New Jersey QSO Party	2000Z, Aug 15 to 0700Z, Aug 16 and 1300Z, Aug 16 to 0200Z, Aug 17
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 17
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 21
Hawaii QSO Party	0700Z, Aug 22 to 2200Z, Aug 23
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 23
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Aug 26
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Aug 26
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 28
ALARA Contest	0600Z, Aug 29 to 1159Z, Aug 30
SCC RTTY Championship	1200Z, Aug 29 to 1159Z, Aug 30
YO DX HF Contest	1200Z, Aug 29 to 1200Z, Aug 30
Kansas QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 29 to 0200Z, Aug 30 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 30
SARL HF CW Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Aug 30

### 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, 2009

**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
- 7 Sections (approx 64 ft each) Field Day rope - K5BCQ, Kees Talen - 4 Jul 09