



# 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

## August Meeting Minutes

### August 6, 2009

WCARC Vice-President Don Schliesser, K6RV opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., August 6, 2009. Thirty-two persons answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. There were no visitors present.

The July, 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:	\$4,698.51
Receipts/Deposits:	\$166.93
Expenditures:	\$695.26
Ending Balance:	\$4,170.18
WCARES Funds Available:	\$1,919.45
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,250.73

#### Paid Membership a/o July 31, 2009

Individual	69
Family	18
Honorary	3
Total	90
Voting Total	106
Total Persons	109

The moderator gave a brief announcement about the upcoming Summerfest in Austin.

**WCARES Report** - Jim Russell, NQ5L updated the members on ARES activities and announced that there would be a more complete update at the scheduled ARES meeting next week.

**Repeater Report** - Tom Whiteside, N5TW announced that the repeater is functioning

and that Alan Brown, K5AB donated some new parts for the repeater. Tom said we now have new batteries and fan controller for the repeater.

**DX and Contest Report** - John Warren, NT5C gave a DX report to the members.

### Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX announced that the Technician and General classes were recently completed. The next possible schedule for a new set of classes would probably be in October, 2009.



Dick Foster, W5TA (2009 Field Day Captain) summarized his feelings about the recent field day exercise.

There was some discussion about obtaining a club banner. No action was taken.

It was pointed out to the general membership that pictures of Field Day along with a cash donation were given to the Weir Volunteer Fire Department Chief. His response was very favorable toward WCARC.

### New Business

There was some general discussion regarding web-site hosting. It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the expenditure of \$74.00 to cover a three year contract for web-site hosting.

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX gave a verbal presentation of the possibility of a new repeater in Taylor, Texas. It was moved, seconded, and approved to explore this effort.

There was discussion about the fact that private member information is contained on the club web site on the club roster.

Of particular concern was that the member's telephone number was listed. Later investigation reveals that this is not the case. This will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Jim Mischel, KB7UQD announced the Women's Adv. Race will be held on September 13, 2009.

The Fall 2009 club picnic is scheduled to be held on October 10, 2009.

There was a discussion about purchasing a computer notebook for the club. Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

The presentation for the meeting was given by Kees Talen, K5BCQ and concerned vintage military radio equipment.

### **Refreshments**

August - Kees Talen K5BCQ

September - Jim Russell NQ5L

Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

August - Vintage Military Radios by Kees Talen, K5BCQ

Septemeber - Introduction to Six Meters by Bob Farmer, W9BF

*Please contact Don with your program ideas.*

### **Special Report - VE Test Results of Members of Latest WCARC-Sponsored License Training Class**

Six members of the latest WCARC license training class coordinated by Dallas, KD4NHX and numerous WCARC trainers successfully passed their Technician and General class tests. The testing was conducted by VE examiners provided by the Austin Amateur Radio Club at Summerfest on August 8. The following members of the training class that passed their licensing requirements are: Technician Class - Alicia N. Dixon, KF5CPR Rachel C. Dixon, KF5CPQ Jason C. Jordan, KF5CPW Paul S. Thompson, KF5CPY Robert W. Tuckfield, KF5CPX General Class - James R. Barger, KF5CPZ Gillis D. Bartles, WB5CVC - not a class member, but WCARC facilitated his upgrade

**Training Class Announcement** - Travis County ARES has invited us to join in their coming class on the new ARRL EC-001 class. The Austin Amateur Radio Club and Travis County ARES are holding an EC-001 class on September 12, 2009 from 8-5 at CTECC. Attendees will need to purchase the book and read it prior to class. All District 7 ARES members are invited to attend. Please contact Lee Cooper at w5lhc@arrl.net <mailto:w5lhc@arrl.net> for more information.

### **President's Column**

So it has been how many days for 100+ degrees? I guess it was nice being raised in the Ohio/Kentucky area.... Summers were thought to be warm and sometimes uncomfortable but nothing like this!

I have been putting off rebuilding my 450 foot loop antenna due to the heat and just last weekend I found out that one of support pulley's has broken and now I have about 50 foot of wire wrapped around a couple of tree branches that broke during the last storm. Well, I wanted to string new wire and install new ladder line so I guess that I'm glad the summertime heat kept me from fixing my loop earlier this year. So now it looks like I'll be at the Belton Swapfest on October 3rd, and I hope the Wireman will have a good selection of wire to choose from.

Speaking of October, it sounds like the club members would like to hold our fall picnic at San Gabriel park again. I'll make the arrangements for the same area that we had last spring then for the next meeting. Let's start talking about how we can increase the clubs participation for this event.

I did want to acknowledge that the Weir Fire Station sent the club a note of "Thanks" for it's donation and that we would be welcome to come back next year. This to would be a good topic to cover in the next few months as I would rather start now to secure a site rather than the night before Field Day! I'm sure that this would make a great poem.... The Night Before Field Day.

Once again I'm ready to stop for the night, my "Thanks" to all of the club members for providing your time and support in keeping the club active these past months. The sponsored classes, training and fellowship has made this year a very full and rewarding experience for me.

73, Rick W5NR

**September 2009 Contest Calendar** (Note: Revise dates below by subtracting 1 day)

MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	2300Z, Sep 1 to 0300Z, Sep 2
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 5
International G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest	2300Z, Sep 5 to 2300Z, Sep 7
All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 6 to 2400Z, Sep 7
Russian RTTY WW Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Sep 6
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 6
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0400Z-0429Z, Sep 6
	0430Z-0459Z, Sep 6
	0500Z-0529Z, Sep 6
	0530Z-0600Z, Sep 6
RSGB SSB Field Day	1300Z, Sep 6 to 1300Z, Sep 7
AGCW Straight Key Party	1300Z-1600Z, Sep 6
IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB	1300Z, Sep 6 to 1259Z, Sep 7
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 7
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Sep 7
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 7 to 0300Z, Sep 8
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Sep 11
FISTS Get Your Feet Wet Weekend	0000Z, Sep 12 to 2400Z, Sep 14
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 12
PODXS 070 Club 80m Autumn Sprint	2000 local, Sep 12 to 0200 local, Sep 13
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 13 to 2359Z, Sep 14
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 13
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint	1300Z-1900Z, Sep 13
Arkansas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 13 to 0600Z, Sep 14
	1500Z-2400Z, Sep 14
ARRL September VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 13 to 0300Z, Sep 15
SOC Marathon Sprint	1800Z-2400Z, Sep 13
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 14
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Sep 14
ARCI End of Summer Digital Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Sep 14
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Sep 18
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 19
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Sep 20 to 2359Z, Sep 21
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 20 to 2400 local, Sep 21
Colorado QSO Party	1000Z, Sep 20 to 0400Z, Sep 21
SARL VHF/UHF Contest	1000Z, Sep 20 to 1000Z, Sep 21
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 20 to 1200Z, Sep 21
CIS DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Sep 20 to 1200Z, Sep 21
SEDXC 50th Anniversary Contest	1200Z-1800Z, Sep 20
	1800Z-2400Z, Sep 21
South Carolina QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 20 to 2100Z, Sep 21
SRT HF Contest SSB	1300Z, Sep 20 to 1300Z, Sep 21
QRP Afield	1500Z, Sep 20 to 0300Z, Sep 21
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 20 to 0700Z, Sep 21
	1600Z-2400Z, Sep 21
QCWA Fall QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 20 to 1800Z, Sep 21
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Sep 20
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 22
144 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Sep 24
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Sep 24
BCC QSO Party	1700Z-1900Z, Sep 25
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 26
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 27 to 2400Z, Sep 28
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Sep 27 to 1200Z, Sep 28
<b>Texas QSO Party</b>	1400Z, Sep 27 to 0200Z, Sep 28
	1400Z-2000Z, Sep 28
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1600Z-1900Z, Sep 27 (144)
	1900Z-2100Z, Sep 27 (432)

## 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