



WCARC NEWS

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Amateur Radio Club

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September Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2009

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., September 3, 2009. Thirty persons answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. There were two announced visitors present. President Trommer welcomed Hank Belopavlovich, WA5ZLI and Jim Barger, KF5CPZ to the meeting.

The August, 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:

July, 2009

Beginning Balance:	\$4,170.18
Receipts/Deposits:	\$50.00
Expenditures:	\$74.29
Ending Balance:	\$4,145.89
WCARES Funds Available:	\$1,895.16
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,250.73

Paid Membership a/o August 31, 2009

Individual	71
Family	20
Honorary	3
Total	94
Voting Total	111
Total Persons	115

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


WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L announced the monthly ARES meeting scheduled for next Thursday. He also announced the upcoming Women's Adventure Race scheduled for September

13, and the Outlaw 100 scheduled for October, 2009.

Repeater Report - Tom Whiteside, N5TW announced that the 146.64 (PL 162.2) repeater is functioning.

DX and Contest Report - John Warren, NT5C gave a DX report to the members. He announced that the frequency from 7.1000 to 7.2000 is now free of shortwave broadcasting and European station contacts are now much easier.

Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

President mmmer announced that the fall picnic will be on October 10, 2009 at the San Gabriel Park in central Georgetown. Food serving will start at 5:00 pm.

The club received a "thank you card" from the Weir Volunteer Fire Department acknowledging our recent contribution to them.

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX announced that a new Technician class will start in the Austin area on September 12.

Dallas also gave a presentation concerning the possibility of a new repeater to be installed on a water tower in Taylor, Texas. He will give a more detailed report at the next meeting.

Jerry Chew, KD6ZJH announced that the Power Pole receptacle will be available in the very near future.

New Business

Hank Belopavlovich, WA5ZLI, announced that he had a HyGain vertical antenna available.

The program for September was a presentation on six meters radio by

member, Bob Farmer W9BF

Refreshments

September - Jim Russell NQ5L

October - Bob Farmer W9BF

November - Bob Helms AF5Z

December - Dallas Mellichamp KD4HNX

Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

Septemeber - Introduction to Six Meters by Bob Farmer, W9BF

October - Richard King, K5NA and Susan King, K5DU - The Driving Burrito Bros.: Who are They? What do They do? How do They do It?

Please contact Don with your program ideas.

President's Column

It's now FALL! We have some cool weather and we have some rain... we also have another new crop of fire ants.

A few reminders for this month..... we have the Belton Swapfest on October 3rd and the WCARC picnic on the 10th. We also have Dallas finishing another round of classes and we have the Outlaw 100 on Oct. 17th. And we have the IBM Uptown Classic on Oct. 18th. So if you have any interest in any type of radio-related social event, this month will be great!

Currently this weekend the Texas QSO Party going on, so if you need any Texas counties you should be able to fill-in that one in. The bands are showing a little more activity and it looks like we now have sun spots #1026 and #1027 for Solar Cycle 24. Two sunspots at one time, well it is a start.

Speaking of the club picnic, we will call all of our members to remind them of this event, and we are hoping that we will have another great turnout on the 10th. The picnic will be at the San Gabriel Park, Area "A", the large arbors. We are planning on serving food at 5:00 PM. The club will be providing mesquite-smoked brisket and sausage, iced tea and water. We will also be providing paper plates, cups, napkins, eating utensils, along with salt, pepper and BBQ sauce. We need salad (both green and fruit), baked beans, slaw, bread, pickles/onions, then the selection of desserts. Bring almost anything that is edible!

This month we need to start the process for the election of WCARC officers for 2010. The current club officers need to pull a list of our members and provide to the club a slate of candidates to choose from. If you know or if you would like to be one of the club officers, please give any of the officers a call/email and let us know what you would like to do. We hold our regular elections in December so we need to be thinking of this now. The officers of the club need to have your input to make this transition as smooth as possible. The month to month operation of the WCARC for the most part runs itself, so my point is this is a fun and rewarding opportunity to get involved with the club.

With that said I'm heading back to the garage and firing up the mower so I can knock down some of my weeds...

73, Rick W5NR

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

SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 1
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 2
TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 3
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 3
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 3 to 0800Z, Oct 4
International HELL-Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Oct 3 (80m) and 0900Z-1100Z, Oct 4 (40m)
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 3 to 2159Z, Oct 4
EU Autumn Sprint, SSB	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 3
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 4
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest	0700Z-1900Z, Oct 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 6
432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 7
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 8
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 9
YLRL DX/NA YL Ann. Contest	1400Z, Oct 9 to 0200Z, Oct 11
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 10 to 2359Z, Oct 11
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Oct 10 and 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 10 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 11
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 10 to 0800Z, Oct 11
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 0500Z, Oct 11 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 11
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 10
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 0400Z, Oct 11 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 11
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 10
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 11
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 11
UBA ON Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 11
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 14
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 16
Araucaria VHF Contest	0000Z, Oct 17 to 1600Z, Oct 18
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 17 to 2400Z, Oct 18
Microwave Fall Sprint	0600 local - 1200 local, Oct 17
Feld Hell Sprint	1000Z-2000Z, Oct 17
ARCI Fall QSO Party	1200Z, Oct 17 to 2400Z, Oct 18
Iowa QSO Party	1400Z-2300Z, Oct 17
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1500Z, Oct 18
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1459Z, Oct 18
W/VE Islands QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 17 to 2359Z, Oct 18
New York QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 17 to 0600Z, Oct 18
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 18
UBA ON Contest, 2m	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 18
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 18 to 0100Z, Oct 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 19
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 19 to 2400Z, Oct 23
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 21
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 24 to 2400Z, Oct 25
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 24 to 2359Z, Oct 25
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Oct 24 to 2359Z, Oct 25
50 MHz Fall Sprint	2300Z, Oct 24 to 0300Z, Oct 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 28
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 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