



# WCARC NEWS

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Amateur Radio Club

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Tom Whiteside, N5TW

Bob Farmer, W9BF

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## October Meeting Minutes

### October 1, 2009

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. On October 1, 2009. Thirty-one persons answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. There were three visitors present. President Trommer welcomed the following: Richard King, K5NA, Susan King, K5DU, and Hank Belopavlovich, WA5ZLI.

The September, 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:

#### September, 2009

Beginning Balance:	\$4,145.89
Receipts/Deposits:	\$111.00
Expenditures:	\$90.56
Ending Balance:	\$4,166.33
WCARES Funds Available:	\$1,915.60
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,250.73

Paid Membership a/o September 30, 2009

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

**WCARES Report** - Jim Russell, NQ5L, gave the ARES report to the membership. Jim announced that there will be a Simulated Emergency Training (SET) exercise on October 11, 2009.

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

**DX and Contest Report** - Tom Whiteside, N5TW made a brief announcement concerning a DX expedition on Glorioso island.

### Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

President Trommer mentioned the Belton Hamfest scheduled for October 3rd.

There was no report given concerning an upcoming new license class.

The fall club picnic is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> at San Gabriel Park.

Jim Mischel, KB7UQD, thanked the members who assisted in the Woman's Adventure Race in Cedar Park. We have agreed to participate in the 2009 Outlaw 100 bicycle exercise in Round Rock on October 17, 2009, and volunteers are needed to assist.

### New Business

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to place Jerry Burran, N5CNG, on the honorary membership list.

It was reviewed and determined, after the close of the monthly meeting, that this motion was not in compliance with the organization by-laws. President Trommer will address this situation at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

President Trommer reminded the membership that the annual election of new officers will be done in the near future. He solicited names for new officers to be submitted to him.

Vice-President Don Schliesser, K6RV, introduced our speakers for the monthly program. Richard King, K5NA, and Susan King, K5DU, gave a slide

presentation about their participation in the Texas QSO party that covered the past several years.

#### Refreshments

October - Bob Farmer W9BF

November - Bob Helms AF5Z

December - Dallas Mellichamp KD4HNX

#### Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

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

Gary Schmidt, W5ZL – 6Y1V DXpedition

*Please contact Don with your program ideas.*

#### President's Column

Last month it was fire ants, this month it is squirrels, again! Time to bring out the live trap and look for the pellets for the air rifle, I just patched a hole in the soffit of my house about the size of a softball.... Mother Nature might think it is OK to chew a hole in my house, but now I'm out for some payback. I'll host a squirrel shoot for anyone who also has this problem, and you can sharpen your skills and then go back home and shoot your little fuzzy friends.

On a positive note, the WCARC had a good turnout at the Belton Swapfest last month, and it was good to see all the other folks having a good time and cruising thru the swapfest area. I hope that you found what you were looking for.

The club picnic also was a success. We had around 30 folks show up at the park. and we also had a good selection of food to eat. I smoked 22 pounds of brisket and Jon cooked up the sausage and after two hours of eating and talking everything was gone from the tables. Again my thanks to everyone who got to come to this event, and I'm hoping to do it again next Spring. Also, a big THANKS goes to Bob Redoutey (N5KF) who called all of the club members that he could get good phone numbers for! Please check the roster and make sure that we have your current/correct number so we can get in contact with you next time.

This month we need to start the process for the election of WCARC officers for 2010. I have a list of folks that are willing to help support the club in 2010, and I'll give everyone that information at the next meeting. 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 get your name into the hat now.

Our club VP Don, K6RV, has done an outstanding job this year finding guest speakers for us each month, and if you would like to give a presentation to the members, please give Don a call and let him know what you would like to do. Also if you know of someone who would like to give a presentation, contact Don and get that information to him as well.

Again I want to thank the club members for all of your support and help keeping the WCARC running as smooth as possible as we are about to start another fun filled year with this club. Time to zero in my air rifle and make sure that I'm going to put a good scare into the local squirrel population. Until the next meeting....

73, Rick W5NR

#### **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

## November 2009 Contest Calendar

High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, Nov 1 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 1
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 3
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 5 and 6
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 7 to 2359Z, Nov 8
IPARC Contest, CW	0600Z-1000Z, Nov 7 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 7
Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 7 to 1200Z, Nov 8
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
NA Collegiate ARC Championship, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 8
IPARC Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Nov 8 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 8
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 8
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Nov 12
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 13
Bill Windle QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Nov 14
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 14 to 1300Z, Nov 15
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 14 to 1200Z, Nov 15
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 14 to 0200Z, Nov 15
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z-2300Z, Nov 14 (CW/Digital) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 15 (Phone) and 1900Z-2300Z, Nov 15 (Phone) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 16 (CW/Digital)
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 16
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Nov 19
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 20
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 20
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 21 to 1000Z, Nov 22
Feld Hell Sprint	1200Z-1600Z, Nov 21
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 21 to 1200Z, Nov 22
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 21 to 0700Z, Nov 22
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0100Z, Nov 22
NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
EU PSK63 QSO Party	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Nov 25
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Nov 25
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 27
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 28 to 2400Z, Nov 29

**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