



WCARC NEWS

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November Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2009

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. Thirty-three persons answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. There were five visitors present. President Trommer welcomed the following: Gillis Bartles, WB5CVC, Lee Cooper, W5LHC, Larry Schmidt, W5ZL and his wife Leslie, and Daniel Klepac, KF5DMQ.

The October, 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:

October, 2009

Beginning Balance:	\$4,166.33
Receipts/Deposits:	\$118.00
Expenditures:	\$0
Ending Balance:	\$4,284.33
WCARES Funds Available:	\$2,033.60
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,250.73

Paid Membership a/o October, 31 2009

Individual	73
Family	20
Honorary	3
Total	96
Voting Total	113
Total Persons	117

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L, gave a synopsis of our recent participation in the Outlaw 100 bicycle event, the hospital exercise and our recent SET. He reminded the membership of the ARES monthly meeting scheduled for next Thursday.

Repeater Report - Tom Whiteside, N5TW

stated that there have been no reported problems; the repeater is up and running. 146.640 (tone of 162.2)

DX and Contest Report - Tom Whiteside, N5TW, spoke briefly about two Dxpeditons currently on Chesterfield Island and on Easter Island.

Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, announced a tentative start date for our next Technician Level training class would probably be the 2d or 3d Saturday in January, 2010.

President Trommer announced that the picnic was well attended and everyone enjoyed the company and great food.

There was no report on the proposed additional repeater to be installed in Taylor. Dallas stated he would make a report at the next meeting.

As previously reported the vote taken at the last meeting to elect Jerry Burran, N5CNG, to honorary membership was not within the requirements of the Chapter Bylaws. Paragraph 6.02 of the Bylaws requires a fifty percent vote at two regularly scheduled meetings for election to honorary membership. A second vote was taken and Jerry was elected into honorary membership of the WCARC.

New Business

Lloyd Jefferies, K1LGJ, announced that he is coordinating an effort to solicit input from all amateur radio organizations in Williamson County to then generate a consolidated newsletter. It was generally agreed that this was a good idea and that such a newsletter could be posted to the Yahoo Group web site.

President Trommer announced that the current officers have agreed to serve another annual term of office. Other interested persons desiring to serve in an elected office may submit their names to any club officer for consideration in the forthcoming election.

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Treasurer	Kees Talen

Results of our field day effort are posted and available on the Yahoo Web Site.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to contact the Weir VFD and hold the 2010 annual field day at that location.

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, announced a special event concerning a UT project 2010. More complete information if available on the Yahoo Web Site.

Jim Russell, NQ5L, announced that the Highland Lakes ARES club from Burnet was holding a digital radio workshop in Marble Falls at 2:00 pm. On this Sunday; all are invited to attend.

Lee Cooper, the newly elected South Texas ARES chairman, announced that he had appointed Tom Whiteside, N5TW, as emergency coordinator for the South Texas Section. Lee presented Tom with an appointment certificate.

Don Schliesser, K6RV, introduced our speaker for the monthly program. Gary Schmidt, W5ZL will give a talk about his experiences at 6Y1V with David Kopacz. Gary will talk about his experiences in Bulgaria a few months ago as part of the US Team at the World High Speed CW copying contest as well as his experience at 6Y1V.

Refreshments

November - Bob Helms AF5Z

December - Dallas Mellichamp KD4HNX

Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

December - Jon Field, AA1PG - Easy to Make \$3 Two Meter Antenna - Build while you watch. Bring a SO-239 and leave with an Antenna!

Please contact Don with your program ideas.

President's Column

How can the end of the year be here? My grass has just started to green up and I'm still going after the fire ants, and at last count I'm down only 1 squirrel.

As we begin this next meeting the club will start off with the election of officers for 2010. As always we will take names from the floor and from that, the club members will vote on the selection. If you would like to present yourself to the club for one of the officer positions, please make every effort to be at the next club meeting. Your help and support is needed.

During the past months the club has held a record number of classes and new club members as a result of these classes. The number of volunteer's to present the training sessions has been staggering, the club has to feel proud for all of the work and efforts that have gone into this years training sessions.

The club swapfest was another successful venture and I'm looking to another fun event in Feb of 2010 with the club again providing support in both running this event and participation in the swapfest. Let's make this another fun weekend for the club.

Our fire drill (I think that this could be a pun) during Field day is another great example of the club pulling our resources together at the last minute and turning this event into a fun and very cool time. Now that we have access to this site for future events, we should take every advantage that we have and plan on another very successful Field Day for 2010.

We have been very lucky that our VP Don, K6RV, has been able to bring to our club some very interesting and new presentations each month. I for one, have struggled in the past trying to find and sign up folks to give presentations to the club. Don has been able to fill up the club calendar with presentations, our thanks to Don

needs to be observed by the club.... Thanks Don!

And last but not least, the WCARC members. It has been another enjoyable year holding the position of Club President and having members giving the officers of this club the support and backing that we have received during this year. My thanks to the members of WCARC as I have appreciated your support during this year and past years that I have been a member of this club.

Now for the hard part of this year, I promised that I would put up Christmas lights this weekend and put our tree up. Can it really be that time again?

HO HO HO and 73 to all!
Rick W5NR

December 2009 Contest Calendar

ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0600Z, Dec 3
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 4
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 4 to 1600Z, Dec 6
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Dec 5 to 2359Z, Dec 6
TARA RTTY Melee	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 5
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0400Z-0429Z, Dec 5 and 0430Z-0459Z, Dec 5 and 0500Z-0529Z, Dec 5 and 0530Z-0600Z, Dec 5
TOPS Activity Contest	1600Z, Dec 5 to 1759Z, Dec 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 8
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 9
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 11
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 12 to 2400Z, Dec 13
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 12
MDXA PSK DeathMatch	0000Z, Dec 12 to 2400Z, Dec 13
International Naval Contest	1600Z, Dec 12 to 1559Z, Dec 13
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 13
CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	2100Z-2259Z, Dec 13
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 18
AGB-Party Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Dec 18
Russian 160-Meter Contest	2100Z-2300Z, Dec 18
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 19
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 19
Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party	0001Z, Dec 19 to 2359Z, Jan 3
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 19 to 1400Z, Dec 20
ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 20
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 21
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 23
South Dakota QSO Party	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 26
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 26 to 1500Z, Dec 27
PODXS 070 Club QRP DX Scramble	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 27
RAEM Contest	0200Z-0959Z, Dec 27

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