



WCARC NEWS

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Amateur Radio Club

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January Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2009

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. On January 7, 2010. Fifteen persons answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. Claren Kotrla, KD5RMG, was a visitor for this meeting.

The January, 2010 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:

January, 2010

Beginning Balance:	\$4,209.28
Receipts/Deposits:	\$140.00
Expenditures:	\$27.90
Ending Balance:	\$4,321.38
WCARES Funds Available:	\$2,070.65
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,250.73

Paid Membership a/o December 31, 2009

Individual	28
Family	0
Honorary	4
Total	32
Voting Total	31
Total Persons	32

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L, reminded the members about the upcoming Spirit Reins Ranch Bike Run scheduled for March 20, 2010. Jim also reminded the members about the ARES meeting next Thursday at Fire Station Number 6 in Round Rock.

Repeater Report - Tom Whiteside, N5TW, mentioned to the membership that if you enter DTMF code 70 into the repeater it will give you the current temperature at the repeater.

DX and Contest Report - There was no DX report given.

Old Business /Special Events &

Announcements - Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, updated everyone regarding the upcoming technician and general classes being sponsored by the club. He still needs a few more instructors. There are also plans for us to sponsor a class for the "Extra" license.

There was no report for the projected Taylor repeater project.

There was a report regarding the design and purchase of a club banner.

President Trommer announced that the club swap meet is scheduled for February 13th.

Dallas reminded the membership about the University of Texas project to be done in February, and that the sponsors need communications support.

New Business - President Trommer announced that our ARRL club insurance premium is due for renewal. A motion was made, seconded, and voted to authorize the expenditure of \$320.00 for this insurance premium.

The club spring picnic is scheduled for April 24th.

Kees Talen advised that he will shortly ask members to confirm if they desire to order club polo shirts, and that he is in the process of building up the inventory of our t-shirts.

Jim Russell announced that he is now storing several club repeater racks and would like to dispose of them. It was agreed to put the racks and contents on

display at the swap meet and offer them for sale.

Don Schliesser, K6RV, introduced our guest speaker Jim Russell, NQ5L, who gave a presentation about our club's ARES involvement with the newly organized Texas state emergency plan.

Refreshments

January - Kees Talen K5BCQ
February - Jim Russell NQ5L

Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

January - Jim Russell, NQ5L - Texas Communications Coordinating Group (Emergency Procedures and Policies)
February - Madison Jones, W5MJ - Dxpedition to Mozambique AND Stephen Thomas, Republican Candidate for Texas House of Representatives voicing his support of amateur radio
Please contact Don with your program ideas.

President's Column

Here we are heading quickly into February and next up on the WCARC schedule is our HAMFEST. It's that time again folks, Saturday Feb. 13th.. We will open the doors at the Georgetown Community Center at San Gabriel Park at 7:00AM for setup, and then we open the doors at 8:00AM to the general public. We need your help and support to again pull off this event for the club!

I have the general floor layout for setting up the tables but as always, I need your help in moving the tables out and setting them up before 7:00AM, I also need folks to help at the door while the sellers bring in there equipment/radios/stuff/treasures; then we can slowly settle back and enjoy the HAMFEST. But after everyone has finished out the day, we will again need help moving the tables back into storage, cleaning/sweeping the Community Center, emptying the trash into the dumpster and locking the center up.

As a reminder to everyone, we cannot have anyone tailgating at the HAMFEST as this property is city owned, and the current regulations prohibit this type of activity. So please help me enforce this city rule.

The WCARC HAMFEST will be here in just a short amount of time, so make your plans to be at this event and remember to tell everyone that you talk to about our HAMFEST.

If you have any questions, give me a quick email or phone call, and I'll be more than happy to answer any of your questions.

Thanks again for your help and support.

73, Rick W5NR

<p>WCARC Meetings 1st Thursdays - 7:30 PM</p> <p>Wesleyan Retirement Home 139 Estrella Crossing Georgetown, TX 78626</p>	<p>Join Us For Breakfast Saturdays at 6:30AM IHOP Restaurant 750 S I-35 (in front of WalMart) Georgetown, TX 78626</p>	<p>WCARES Meetings 2nd Thursdays - 7:00 PM</p> <p>Round Rock Fire Stn #6 2919 Joe DiMaggio Drive Round Rock, TX 78664</p>
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February 2010 Contest Calendar

RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 1
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 2
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 5
Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 6 to 2400Z, Feb 7
YL-ISSB QSO Party, CW	0000Z, Feb 6 to 2359Z, Feb 7
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 6 to 2359Z, Feb 7
Black Sea Cup International	1200Z, Feb 6 to 1159Z, Feb 7
FYBO Winter QRP Sprint	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 6
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 6
British Columbia QSO Party	1600Z, Feb 6 to 0759Z, Feb 7
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Feb 6
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 6 to 2359Z, Feb 7
Mexico RTTY International Contest	1800Z, Feb 6 to 1759Z, Feb 7
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 7
New Mexico QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 7 to 0300Z, Feb 8
ARCI Fireside SSB Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Feb 7
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Feb 8 to 2400Z, Feb 12
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Feb 10
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1100Z-1200Z, Feb 10 and 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 10 and 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 11
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 10
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 12
YLRL YL-OM Contest	1400Z, Feb 12 to 0200Z, Feb 14
PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint	2000 local, Feb 12 to 0200 local, Feb 13
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 13 to 2400Z, Feb 14
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Feb 13 to 1000Z, Feb 14
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 13
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 14 to 1200Z, Feb 15
KCJ Topband Contest	1200Z, Feb 13 to 1200Z, Feb 14
Louisiana QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 13 to 0300Z, Feb 14
OMISS QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 13 to 1500Z, Feb 14
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 13
RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Feb 13 to 0100Z, Feb 14
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 14
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Feb 14
Classic Exchange, Phone	1400Z, Feb 14 to 0800Z, Feb 15
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Feb 17
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 18
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 19
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 20 to 2400Z, Feb 21
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Feb 20
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Feb 24
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 26
Russian PSK WW Contest	2100Z, Feb 26 to 2100Z, Feb 27
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 26 to 2159Z, Feb 28
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 27 to 1800Z, Feb 28
EPC WW DX Contest	1200Z, Feb 27 to 1200Z, Feb 28
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 27 to 1300Z, Feb 28
Mississippi QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 27 to 0300Z, Feb 28
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 27 to 0600Z, Feb 28
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, Feb 28 and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 28
North Carolina QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 28 to 0300Z, Mar 1

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