



# WCARC NEWS

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Amateur Radio Club

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## February Meeting Minutes

### February 4, 2010

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Thirty-five members answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. Steve Thomas and Bruce Clark were visitors.

The February, 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:

#### February, 2010

Beginning Balance:	\$4,321.38
Receipts/Deposits:	\$355.00
Expenditures:	\$1,223.09
Ending Balance:	\$3,453.29
WCARES Funds Available:	\$1,202.56
WCARC Funds Available:	\$2,250.73

#### Paid Membership a/o January 31, 2010

Individual	59
Family	4
Honorary	4
Total	63
Voting Total	57
Total Persons	63

**WCARES Report** - Jim Russell, NQ5L, reminded the members about the Spirit Reins Ranch Bike Run scheduled for March 20, 2010, and the upcoming work day at the University of Texas.

**Repeater Report** - President Trommer updated the members that the code to hear the temperature at the repeater was 171#.

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

### Old Business /Special Events & Announcements

- Jim Mischel, KB7UQD, elaborated about the details about the Spirit Reins bicycle event scheduled for March 20, 2010.

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, announced that the last General/ Technician class was last Saturday. License testing will be conducted at the Hamfest on February 13, 2010.

There was a brief discussion about the purchase of a club banner. Dean Hamilton, K5FDH, advised that he is still waiting for [redacted] but regarding graphics design for the banner. President Trommer advised he would get together with Dean regarding this project.

Jim Russell, NQ5L, gave an update on the future Taylor, Texas repeater. He estimated that the installation costs would be about \$1,300.00, and he provided a detailed breakdown of these costs. It was moved, seconded, and approved to reserve \$650.00 from the WCARC available funds and \$650.00 from the WCARES available funds to cover the initial costs for this repeater. The frequency for the repeater will be 145.45 with a tone of 162.2.

President Trommer announced that the Swapmeet will be on February 13, 2010. The doors will be open to the general public at 8:00 a.m. License testing will start at 8:30 a.m.

The annual spring club picnic originally scheduled for April 24th will be re-scheduled for May 1st. The reason for the change is that the pavilion at the San Gabriel park is not available on the 24th.

Treasurer Kees Talen asked members to let him know if they were interested in

ordering a club polo shirt.

**New Business** - Brad Davis, NA5BD, announced that he has made reservations for training in first aid, and CPR to be conducted for the club. Training is scheduled to be conducted in Georgetown on March 13th starting at 9:00 a.m. The cost will be \$35.00 per person.

**Refreshments**

February - Jim Russell NQ5L

March - Dean Hamilton K5FDH

**Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV**

February - Madison Jones, W5MJ - Dxpedition to Mozambique AND Stephen Thomas, Republican Candidate for Texas House of Representatvies voicing his support of amateur radio

March - Rick Trommer, W5NR, and Bob Helms, AF5Z - MWD, Measurement While Drilling

*Please contact Don with your program ideas.*

**President’s Column**

Another successful WCARC HAMFEST has made it into the books! The hard part of putting on the HAMFEST is the activities that go on the week before our event, the phone calls and the emails that you receive, people wanting information, times, places and the basic question.... Why do we have to pay admission to the HAMFEST? I have received untold phone calls from people telling me how much they disliked the “Horse Barn”, then as I remind them that we are back in the Community Center, they still want to tell me how bad the Horse Barn was, who picked that building, and I hope they are no longer helping with this event are some of the usual comments. So who was that “Wacko” who moved us to the barn? Oh now I remember, that was me!

We will have a complete run-down on the results of this years event at our next meeting, and if you have any additional questions like “Why did we use the horse barn?”, I’ll be glad to address anything you want!

It did look like we had well over 200 folks at this years event, and the selection of stuff on the tables was also another good sign. At the main door people were moving parts and equipment in and out of the building at a very brisk pace.... I hope you found what you were looking for, and I hope that you got to meet up with a few old buddies and just had a good time talking to folks again.

This event again required the help and support of most of our club members, the folks who helped setup and then removed the tables and chairs and cleaned the building were really appreciated by myself and the other club members.

Our next event will be our Spring Picnic on Sat., May 1st., so let's be ready to talk about what you would like to eat and what you would like to have the club provide for this event. Food is always a good topic for the club!

Thanks again for another fun event, and I’m looking forward to seeing you at the next club meeting.

73, Rick W5NR

<p><b>WCARC Meetings</b> 1st Thursdays - 7:30 PM</p> <p>Wesleyan Retirement Home 139 Estrella Crossing Georgetown, TX 78626</p>	<p><b>Join Us For Breakfast</b> Saturdays at 6:30AM IHOP Restaurant 750 S I-35 (in front of WalMart) Georgetown, TX 78626</p>	<p><b>WCARES Meetings</b> 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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## March 2010 Contest Calendar

ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Mar 2
AGCW YL-CW Party	1900Z-2100Z, Mar 2
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 6 to 2400Z, Mar 7
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Mar 6 and 0630Z-0659Z, Mar 6 and 0700Z-0729Z, Mar 6 and 0730Z-0800Z, Mar 6
Open Ukraine RTTY Championship	2000Z-2159Z, Mar 6 (Low Band) and 2200Z-2359Z, Mar 6 (Low Band) and 0800Z-1159Z, Mar 7 (High Band)
UBA Spring Contest, CW	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 7
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Mar 7
SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest	1200Z-1400Z, Mar 7
CLARA HF Contest	1700Z, Mar 9 to 1700Z, Mar 10 and 1700Z, Mar 13 to 1700Z, Mar 14
CW ops Mini-CWT Test	1100Z-1200Z, Mar 10 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 10 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 11
HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest	1830Z-1900Z, Mar 12 (80m) and 1900Z-1930Z, Mar 12 (40m)
RSGB Commonwealth Contest	1000Z, Mar 13 to 1000Z, Mar 14
AGCW QRP Contest	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 13
ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint	1500Z-1800Z, Mar 13
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Mar 13
EA PSK31 Contest	1600Z, Mar 13 to 1600Z, Mar 14
Elecraft QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 13 to 1800Z, Mar 14
SOC Marathon Sprint	1800Z-2400Z, Mar 13
Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 13 to 1900Z, Mar 14
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 14
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Mar 14
UBA Spring Contest, 6m	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 14
NSARA Contest	1100Z-1500Z, Mar 14 and 1700Z-2100Z, Mar 14
Bucharest Contest	1600Z-1729Z, Mar 15 and 1730Z-1859Z, Mar 15
Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 14 to 0100Z, Mar 15
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Mar 18
10-10 Int. Mobile Contest	0001Z-2359Z, Mar 20
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 20 to 0200Z, Mar 22
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest	1000Z, Mar 20 to 1000Z, Mar 21
Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 20 to 1200Z, Mar 21
Oklahoma QSO Party	1300Z, Mar 20 to 0100Z, Mar 21 and 1300Z-1900Z, Mar 21
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1659Z, Mar 20 (144) and 1700Z-1759Z, Mar 20 (432)
North Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 20 to 1800Z, Mar 21
Virginia QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 20 to 0100Z, Mar 22
9K 15-Meter Contest	1200Z-1600Z, Mar 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Mar 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Mar 24
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 27 to 2359Z, Mar 28
UBA Spring Contest, 2m	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 28

**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