



WCARC NEWS

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April Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2010

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. We had 3 visitors; Jason KF5FJJ, Matthew KF5FJI, and Don NO5B (past member).

The March, 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:

March, 2010

Beginning Balance:	\$4,826.95
Receipts/Deposits:	0.00
Expenditures:	\$504.97
Ending Balance:	\$4,456.98
WCARES Funds Available:	\$1,913.36
WCARC Funds Available:	\$3,043.62

Paid Membership a/o March 31, 2010

Individual	93
Family	4
Honorary	4
Total	102
Voting Total	95

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L - The next meeting will be at Round Rock Fire Station #6; topic will be the Texas Rapid Response Task Force, We will be working on ARRL Jump Kits, and HF Packet.

Repeater Report - Tom Whiteside, N5TW - The Club repeater is on 146.640 with a PL tone of 162.2Hz. It is an open repeater and all are welcome to use it.

DX and Contest Report - There was no DX report given. John Warren is recovering and took part in a recent 10 Meter contest. There was chatter about a local

Austin ham that heard a distress call from a DX Expedition to a remote Canadian island. The ham was taken to a remote site by an Eskimo and had ran out of fuel, food, and his batteries were running low.

Old Business /Special Events & Announcements - Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, gave an update on the Ham Classes; Currently we have classes at the Cedar Park Regional Medical Center. Those classes are to end April 10th and we plan to have a VE session after the last class. Jeff N5MNW is holding an Extra class in Austin at the Red Cross Chapter. The next scheduled set of classes is to start on May 1st and end on May 22nd at the Combined Transportation and Emergency Communications Center in Austin.

Dean K5FDH displayed our new banner made by the Ideal Sign Co. Dean also commented that Linky is not feeling well and is not at the meeting.

Kees gave an update on the polo shirts and said he would have them at the next month's meeting.

New Business - Rick W5NR, asked for volunteers to phone the members and remind them of the Club Picnic, May 1st at 5:00 PM. Tom N5TW, Rick W5NR, Jim NQ5L and Dallas KD4HNX are to call the members. The Club will supply the ice tea, water, brisket, sausage, cups, plates, napkins, etc. The members are to bring a covered dish. The Spring Picnic will be at the San Gabriel Park in Georgetown.

There was a report that the SCARS repeater has moved to provide better coverage, 441.625 MHz with a 103.5 Hz PL tone. The Austin 146.940 repeater now requires a PL tone of 107.2 Hz to

activate it.

Refreshments

April - Brad Davis NA5BD
Dallas Mellichamp KD4HNX

Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

April - Lloyd Jeffries, K1LGJ - D-Star Radio
May - Marv Bloomquist, N5AW and Jim Parnell, W5JAW - Low Power DX'ing and Contesting
Please contact Don with your program ideas.

President's Column

Another good month for the WCARC! The club picnic at San Gabriel park was a great success this year. In all we had just over 52 folks attending this event, we had just enough brisket and sausage, and we had an ample supply of side dishes and desserts to keep even the most vocal of our members busy eating and talking about everything except: "Do we have any more sausage, I thought we had more sausage to cook up." Our thanks to Don, K6RV and Steve, WK5S for cooking up the sausage at the park and to Jon, K5AEM for getting the always great Taylor Sausage for the club. Along with these folks I want to thank Bernie, KC5LGS for his donation of a brisket to the club and to all the folks who brought the side dishes and desserts. You folks made a really nice meal for us, and I know that everyone who attended this event feels the same!

The Belton Ham Expo a few weeks ago was well-attended by members of the WCARC, The weather was rather wet, but the turnout overall was great. The inside swapfest had the normal assortment of related items, but one of the most important things to me is the fact that you can stop and talk to old friends and keep the radio activities going among your friends.

Our next event for the club is that of Field Day, June 26-27. As we have in the past we need to get this event in front of the club and underway and start getting everyone focused and ready to sign up for all of the setup activities, operations, food and cleanup that we all do so well. Please be ready to talk this up at the next meeting and be ready to let your ideas and thoughts be known. We need your help to pull this event off.

Well, that's about it for now as I need to get back to the clean-up process and get my smoker emptied out and cleaned back up so I can put it back in the garage and have it ready for next weekend. I have a couple more briskets and some chicken that I want to do so I better get to it for now.

I hope to see everyone at the next WCARC meeting. Again my thanks to everyone for a great picnic this past weekend.

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

May 2010 Contest Calendar

Araucaria VHF Contest	0000Z, May 1 to 1600Z, May 2
MARAC SSB QSO Party	0000Z, May 1 to 2359Z, May 2
MARAC CW QSO Party	0000Z, May 1 to 2359Z, May 2
0-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital	0001Z, May 1 to 2359Z, May 2
SBMS 2 GHz and Up WW Club Contest	0600 local, May 1 to 2000 local, May 2
Microwave Spring Sprint	0600-1300 local, May 1
7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 1 to 0700Z, May 2
AGCW QRP/QRP Party	1300Z-1900Z, May 1
Indiana QSO Party	1600Z, May 1 to 0400Z, May 2
ARI International DX Contest	2000Z, May 1 to 1959Z, May 2
New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 1 to 0500Z, May 2 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 2
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, May 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, May 4
MIE 33 Contest	1100Z-1500Z, May 4 and 2300Z, May 4 to 0300Z, May 5
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 7
VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, May 8
EUCW Fraternizing CW QSO Party	1000Z-1200Z, May 8 and 1800Z-2000Z, May 9
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 8 to 1200Z, May 9
CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 8 to 1159Z, May 9
Portuguese Navy Day Contest	1500Z, May 8 to 1500Z, May 9
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 8
Nevada Mustang Roundup	1700Z, May 8 to 1700Z, May 9
50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z, May 8 to 0300Z, May 9
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, May 9
CW ops Mini-CWT Test	1100Z-1200Z, May 12 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 12 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 13
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, May 12
QRP Minimal Art Session	1900Z-2300Z, May 13
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 15 to 1200Z, May 16
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, May 15 and 2000Z-2200Z, May 15
WAB LF Phone	1000Z-1400Z, May 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, May 17
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, May 20
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, May 20
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 21
Slobozhansky Sprint Contest	1800Z-1959Z, May 21 (SSB) and 2000Z-2059Z, May 21 (CW)
UN DX Contest	1200Z, May 22 to 1200Z, May 23
EU PSK DX Contest	1200Z, May 22 to 1200Z, May 23
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 22 to 0200Z, May 23
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, May 26
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 28
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 29 to 2359Z, May 30
ARCI Hootowl Sprint	2000 local - 2400 local, May 30
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	2300Z, May 31 to 0300Z, Jun 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