



WCARC NEWS

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May Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2010

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Twenty-seven members answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. There were two visitors present; Marvin Bloomquist, N5AW, and Jim Parnell, W5JAW.

The April, 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:

April, 2010

Beginning Balance:	\$4,456.98
Receipts/Deposits:	\$697.71
Expenditures:	\$444.13
Ending Balance:	\$4,710.56

Paid Membership a/o April 30, 2010

Individual	101
Family	4
Honorary	4
Total	105
Voting Total	98

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L, gave a report on the recent state exercise which included a deployment from Central Texas to Galveston, Texas. Three of our ARES members were part of the deployment team. Jim also announced that the monthly ARES meeting will be held next Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station Number 6 in Round Rock.

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 Report - There was no DX report given.

Old Business /Special Events & Announcements - President Trommer announced that the picnic was held in great weather, great food, and great attendance (over 50 attended).

Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX, advised that there is currently another technician class being conducted in Austin.

Kees Talen, KB5CQ, announced that he still had three embroidered polo shirts that had been ordered but not yet picked up.

New Business - President Trommer, W5NR, announced that the ARRL annual Field Day exercise will be held on June 26 and June 27. Per previous discussion and vote he will contact the fire chief of the Weir Volunteer Fire Department regarding our use of their facilities. A request for volunteers to serve in positions for Field Day yielded the following:

Captain	Vacant
SSB Station	Jim Russell
VHF Station	Al Kirchner
CW Station	Vacant
GOTA Station	Dallas Mellichamp

Refreshments

May - Dallas Mellichamp KD4HNX
June - Kees Talen K5BCQ

Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

May - Marv Bloomquist, N5AW and Jim Parnell, W5JAW - Low Power DX'ing and Contesting
June - Field Day Setup
Please contact Don with your program ideas.

President's Column

June is here and very soon to follow will be 100+ degree weather. As everyone knows, on the 26th and 27th, WCARC will be setting up for another Field Day.

We now have all of the Field Day captain slots filled, and my thanks to everyone who stepped up and has taken control of those positions....

Field Day Captain - Tom W2MN
VHF Station Captain - Al KE5OIZ
H.F. Phone Station Captain - Jim NQ5L
H.F. CW Station Captain - Don K6RV
GOTA Station Captain - Dallas KD4HNX
Cook - Dan KB5TWO / Brisket - Rick W5NR
PIO - Bob N5KF

We have been sending notes over the club reflector talking about the pro's and con's of holding Field Day at the Weir Fire Station vs Jim's, NQ5L QTH. The main problem with the fire station is that of antenna space and the spacing needed to get the antennas away from the large metal storage buildings at the south end of the property. I hope everyone has been reading these e-mails and understands the problems....

More on this topic will be brought out at the next WCARC meeting, so please make every effort to attend this meeting as we need to finalize all of the open issues related to Field Day.

For all Field Day related news, please check out the WCARC website for updated information for this event. And speaking of the club website, Dave N5IW, has been working on the website for the past few weeks making corrections and adding the missing club newsletters, so please check out the WCARC website for all of the club's current activities and information.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next WCARC meeting and then again at Field Day.

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

June 2010 Contest Calendar

NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 4
DigiFest 0400Z-1200Z, Jun 5 and
2000Z, Jun 5 to 0400Z, Jun 6 and
1200Z-2000Z, Jun 6
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0600Z-0629Z, Jun 5 and
0630Z-0659Z, Jun 5 and
0700Z-0729Z, Jun 5 and
0730Z-0800Z, Jun 5
UKSMG Summer Contest 1200Z, Jun 5 to 1200Z, Jun 6
SEANET Contest 1200Z, Jun 5 to 1200Z, Jun 6
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW 1500Z, Jun 5 to 1459Z, Jun 6
RSGB National Field Day 1500Z, Jun 5 to 1500Z, Jun 6
Alabama QSO Party 1600Z, Jun 5 to 0400Z, Jun 6
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Jun 6
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 7
ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Jun 8
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 9
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1100Z-1200Z, Jun 9 and
1900Z-2000Z, Jun 9 and
0300Z-0400Z, Jun 10
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 11
Portugal Day Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Jun 12
Bill Windle QSO Party 0000Z-2359Z, Jun 12
VK Shires Contest 0600Z, Jun 12 to 0600Z, Jun 13
DRCG Long Distance Contest, RTTY 0800Z-1559Z, Jun 12 and
0000Z-0759Z, Jun 13 and
1600Z-2359Z, Jun 13
VK/Trans-Tasman 160m Contest, Phone 0800Z-1400Z, Jun 12
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB 1100Z-1300Z, Jun 12
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest 1500Z, Jun 12 to 1500Z, Jun 13
REF DDFM 6m Contest 1600Z, Jun 12 to 1600Z, Jun 13
ARRL June VHF QSO Party 1800Z, Jun 12 to 0300Z, Jun 14
BARTG Sprint 75 2000Z-2359Z, Jun 12
SKCC Weekend Sprint 0000Z-2400Z, Jun 13
WAB 50 MHz Phone 0900Z-1500Z, Jun 13
SARL Youth Day Sprint 0900Z-1000Z, Jun 16
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 16
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 18
SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 19 to 2400Z, Jun 20
All Asian DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Jun 19 to 2400Z, Jun 20
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1659Z, Jun 19 (144) and
1700Z-1759Z, Jun 19 (432)
West Virginia QSO Party 1600Z, Jun 19 to 0200Z, Jun 20
Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2400Z, Jun 19
Feld Hell Sprint 2000Z-2200Z, Jun 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Jun 21
SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 23
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 24
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest 1200Z, Jun 26 to 1200Z, Jun 27
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB 1200Z, Jun 26 to 1200Z, Jun 27
Marconi Memorial HF Contest 1400Z, Jun 26 to 1400Z, Jun 27
ARCI Milliwatt Field Day 1800Z, Jun 26 to 2100Z, Jun 27
ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 26 to 2100Z, Jun 27
SARL Digital Contest 1300Z-1600Z, Jun 27

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