



WCARC NEWS

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Amateur Radio Club

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July Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2010

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Twenty-six persons answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. There were no visitors present.

The June, 2010, minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report – Kees Talen, K5BCQ
Kees Talen, KB5CQ, our Treasurer was absent so there was no treasurer's report given.

WCARES Report - Jim Russell, NQ5L, the ARES EC, gave a brief update on the recent deployment to San Antonio. Jim also reported that the test deployment scheduled for next week had been canceled.

The monthly ARES meeting is scheduled for next Thursday at 7:00 pm at Fire Station Number 6 in Round Rock.

Repeater Report - Tom Whiteside, N5TW, announced that the repeater was functioning well and available to all.

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

Old Business /Special Events & Announcements - It was announced that the old water tower in Taylor had been dismantled this spring so that our new repeater installation will be in the near future. Jim Russell announced that he would look into this project.

New Business - President Trommer announced that the club picnic would be scheduled for October 23, 2010. It was later determined that the only available Saturday for the month of October was the 9th, therefore, that date was selected for

our fall picnic.

Refreshments

July - Rick Trommer, W5RN

August - Dean Hamilton, K5DFH

Programs – Donald Schliesser, K6RV

July - Field Day Gloating - The program for this month was a summary of our Field Day activity. Presenters were Field Day captain Tom Nevue, W2MN, and Dick Foster, W5TA.

August - Brad Davis, NA5BD - Mobile Radio Installation and Setup

Please contact Don with your program ideas.

President's Column

With Field Day now behind us we can make a few notes on what we would like to do next year. The Field Day site at Jim's QTH was a good change for the event and the club members. Our thanks to the Field Day captains and everyone who supported this event with the club.... Great Job!

The Austin Summerfest is this next weekend (Aug 6-7), and I'm hoping that you will be able to take some time and head into Austin to support this event as in the past they have a great turn-out both in the vendor swapfest and meetings / seminars.

Then, just after Summerfest we will again be making plans for the Belton Ham Expo on October 2, 2010, followed by the WCARC Fall Picnic on October 9th at San Gabriel Park here in Georgetown. This has been both a busy and enjoyable season for our hobby.

Again, I'm hoping that you will be able to take part in some or possibly all of these events that are being held around our area this year.

Please let the club members and officers know if you have any requests for the

meetings or club sponsored events as we need your input and suggestions. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and get on the air whenever possible.

73, Rick W5NR

August 2010 Contest Calendar

RSGB RoPoCo 2 0700Z-0830Z, Aug 1
SARL HF Phone Contest 1300Z-1630Z, Aug 1
ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Aug 3
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 4
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 6
TARA Grid Dip Shindig 0000Z-2400Z, Aug 7
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB 0001Z, Aug 7 to 2359Z, Aug 8
European HF Championship 1200Z-2359Z, Aug 7
North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Aug 7 to 0600Z, Aug 8
ARRL UHF Contest 1800Z, Aug 7 to 1800Z, Aug 8
SKCC Weekend Sprint 0000Z-2400Z, Aug 8
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Aug 11
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 11
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1100Z-1200Z, Aug 11 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 11 and
0300Z-0400Z, Aug 12
MMMonVHF/DUBUS 144 MHz Meteorscatter Sprint Contest 1200Z, Aug 12 to 1200Z, Aug 13
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW 1900Z-2030Z, Aug 12
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 13
WAE DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Aug 14 to 2359Z, Aug 15
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest 1200Z, Aug 14 to 1200Z, Aug 15
Maryland-DC QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 14 to 0400Z, Aug 15 and
1600Z-2400Z, Aug 15
Feld Hell Sprint 2000Z-2200Z, Aug 14
ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB 1800Z-2359Z, Aug 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Aug 16
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 18
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 20
SARTG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z-0800Z, Aug 21 and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 21 and
0800Z-1600Z, Aug 22
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest 0600 local, Aug 21 to 2400 local, Aug 22
Russian District Award Contest 0800Z, Aug 21 to 0800Z, Aug 22
ARCI Silent Key Memorial Sprint 1500Z-1800Z, Aug 21
North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Aug 21 to 0600Z, Aug 22
New Jersey QSO Party 2000Z, Aug 21 to 0700Z, Aug 22 and
1300Z, Aug 22 to 0200Z, Aug 23
SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Aug 25
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 25
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Aug 25
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 27
ALARA Contest 0400Z-1359Z, Aug 28 and 0400Z-1359Z, Aug 29
Hawaii QSO Party 0700Z, Aug 28 to 2200Z, Aug 29
YO DX HF Contest 1200Z, Aug 28 to 1200Z, Aug 29
SCC RTTY Championship 1200Z, Aug 28 to 1159Z, Aug 29
Kansas QSO Party 1400Z, Aug 28 to 0200Z, Aug 29 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 29
Ohio QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 28 to 0400Z, Aug 29
SARL HF CW Contest 1400Z-1600Z, Aug 29

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

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