



# WCARC NEWS

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Williamson County  
Amateur Radio Club

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Bob Farmer, W9BF

### Emergency Coordinator

Jim Russell, NQ5L

## August Meeting Minutes

### August 5, 2010

WCARC President Rick Trommer, W5NR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Twenty-nine persons answered the roll call and signed the registration sheet. There were two visitors, Bob Kunesh, K5NRM, and John Ivers, KF5HAF. President Trommer and all the members welcomed our visitors to the meeting.

The July, 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:

#### August, 2010

Beginning Balance:	\$4,734.07
Receipts/Deposits:	\$56.67
Expenditures:	\$902.34
Ending Balance:	\$3,888.40

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

Individual	105
Family	4
Honorary	4
Total	109
Voting Total	102

**WCARES Report** - Al Kirchner, KE5OIZ, advised the members that the next ARES meeting was next Thursday at 7:00 p.m at Round Rock Fire Station Number 6.

Jim Russell, NQ5L, gave a report on the recent antenna test done by the club at Choke Canyon State Park. A written report of this test, including results, will be issued in the near future.

**Repeater Report** - Tom Whiteside, N5TW, announced that the repeater was fully operational. He noted that there are

several new, young persons now using the repeater and encouraged all members to QSO with the new folks as much as possible.

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

**Old Business /Special Events & Announcements** - The projected new repeater for Taylor is still on hold.

**New Business** - President Trommer announced that the Austin Summerfest will be this coming weekend.

It was announced that the Belton Hamfest is rapidly approaching. (Oct. 2)

President Trommer announced that the club fall picnic will be on October 9, 2010.

Since Coleman Callaway, N4IM, is considering selling his trailer. Jim Russell advised he would investigate this possibility with the view that the club may be interested in purchasing it.

Dean Hamilton, K5FDH, advised the membership that our hosts, the Wesleyan at Estrella, would be conducting a festival on the first weekend in November. He suggested that we operate a club booth during this festival. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to spend \$100.00 to rent the space for a booth and that Tom Whiteside would investigate the possibility of operating a station on site during the fair.

President Trommer announced that our Secretary, Al Kirchner, had resigned as Secretary. He asked for a volunteer who would be willing to serve in this position. Madison Jones, W5MJ, volunteered to serve as club secretary.

there were very seldom any female members or guests present at our monthly meetings, although there are female members on our roster. A discussion ensued, but nothing material was noted.

#### Refreshments

July - Rick Trommer W5RN

August - Jim Russell, NQ5L

Donald Schliesser, K6RV introduced our program speaker, Brad Davis, NA5BD.

Programs – Donald Schliesser K6RV

August - Brad Davis, NA5BD - Mobile antenna design and installation

September - Robert Brandon, K5PI - Introduction to Contesting

*Please contact Don with your program ideas.*

#### President's Column

Well, it looks like we made it thru the hottest part of the summer this year, now for the cool nights and mornings.

At our last meeting we announced that our club secretary, Al, KE5OIZ, needed to step down from this position due to his current workload and responsibilities with the WCARES and MARS organizations. When we asked for volunteers to take over this position, Madison Jones, W5MJ, jumped in and volunteered to take over this position for the club. I would like to recognize Al, KE5OIZ, for his work in keeping the meeting minutes over the past years as his efforts have been appreciated by myself and the club members.

We also signed the WCARC up to have a booth at this years Wesley Fest on Nov 6th and 7th. Tthis event will be held at the Wesleyan, located at 139 Estrella Crossing just off of Williams Drive. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Tom, N5TW.

As another reminder the Belton Expo will be held on Oct. 2nd, and the WCARC picnic will be held on Oct. 9th at San Gabriel park. I'll have more information about the WCARC picnic at the next club meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next 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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## September 2010 Contest Calendar

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Sep 1  
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Sep 3  
International G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest 2300Z, Sep 3 to 2300Z, Sep 5  
Russian RTTY WW Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Sep 4  
ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Sep 4 to 2359Z, Sep 5  
All Asian DX Contest, Phone 0000Z, Sep 4 to 2400Z, Sep 5  
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0600Z-0629Z, Sep 4 and 0630Z-0659Z, Sep 4 and 0700Z-0729Z, Sep 4 and 0730Z-0800Z, Sep 4  
Colorado QSO Party 1200Z, Sep 4 to 0400Z, Sep 5  
Brazil Independence Day BPSK31 CDX Contest 1200Z, Sep 4 to 1200Z, Sep 5  
IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB 1300Z, Sep 4 to 1259Z, Sep 5  
AGCW Straight Key Party 1300Z-1600Z, Sep 4  
RSGB SSB Field Day 1300Z, Sep 4 to 1300Z, Sep 5  
WAB 144 MHz QRP Phone 1000Z-1400Z, Sep 5  
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Sep 5  
Tennessee QSO Party 1800Z, Sep 5 to 0300Z, Sep 6  
MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint 2300Z, Sep 6 to 0300Z, Sep 7  
ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Sep 7  
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Sep 8  
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1100Z-1200Z, Sep 8 and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 8 and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 9  
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Sep 9  
FISTS Get Your Feet Wet Weekend 0000Z, Sep 10 to 2400Z, Sep 12  
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Sep 10  
PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint 2000 local, Sep 10 to 0200 local, Sep 11  
WAE DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Sep 11 to 2359Z, Sep 12  
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint 1300Z-1900Z, Sep 11  
Arkansas QSO Party 1300Z, Sep 11 to 0100Z, Sep 12  
Ohio State Parks on the Air 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 11  
ARRL September VHF QSO Party 1800Z, Sep 11 to 0300Z, Sep 13  
ARCI VHF Contest 1900Z, Sep 11 to 0400Z, Sep 13  
North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0400Z, Sep 12  
SKCC Weekend Sprint 0000Z-2400Z, Sep 12  
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Sep 16  
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Sep 17  
AGB NEMIGA Contest 2100Z-2400Z, Sep 17  
Connecticut QSO Party 0000Z-2359Z, Sep 18  
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest 0600 local, Sep 18 to 2400 local, Sep 19  
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest 1000Z, Sep 18 to 1000Z, Sep 19  
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW 1200Z, Sep 18 to 1200Z, Sep 19  
CIS DX QPSK63 Contest 1200Z, Sep 18 to 1200Z, Sep 19  
SRT HF Contest SSB 1300Z, Sep 18 to 1300Z, Sep 19  
South Carolina QSO Party 1300Z, Sep 18 to 2100Z, Sep 19  
QRP Afield 1500Z, Sep 18 to 0300Z, Sep 19  
Feld Hell Sprint 1600Z-1800Z, Sep 18  
Washington State Salmon Run 1600Z, Sep 18 to 0700Z, Sep 19 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 19  
QCWA Fall QSO Party 1800Z, Sep 18 to 1800Z, Sep 19  
North American Sprint, SSB 0000Z-0400Z, Sep 19  
BARTG Sprint 75 1700Z-2100Z, Sep 19  
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Sep 20  
144 MHz Fall Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 20  
SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Sep 22  
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW 1900Z-2030Z, Sep 22  
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Sep 24  
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Sep 25 to 2400Z, Sep 26  
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1659Z, Sep 25 (144) and 1700Z-1759Z, Sep 25 (432)  
**Texas QSO Party** 1400Z, Sep 25 to 0200Z, Sep 26 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 26  
UBA ON Contest, 6m 0600Z-1000Z, Sep 26  
QRP Homebrewer Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Sep 27  
222 MHz Fall Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 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