

# The Williamson County Amateur Radio Club

The Williamson County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) is an organization that strives to secure the benefits of the association of persons whose common interest is amateur radio. We promote public service, as well as the educational and scientific aspects of amateur radio, especially as it relates to the local community.

The Club address is:                   WCARC  
                                                  P.O. Box 1644  
                                                  Georgetown, TX. 78627

The Club website URL is: <https://www.wcarc.com/>

Membership applications and dues payments for new members as well as membership renewals are handled via the website. Membership is currently based on a rolling 12-month period.

The WCARC has 4 levels of membership as follows:

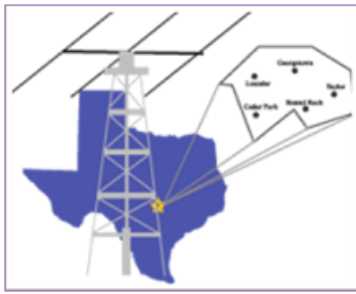
1. General Membership – open to all licensed amateur radio operators.
2. Family Membership – open to families with two or more licensed amateur radio operators.
3. Limited Membership – open to anyone interested in amateur radio and who does not possess a valid amateur radio operators license.
4. Honorary Membership – is bestowed upon persons who have contributed substantially to the WCARC.

Each year, at the December annual business meeting, the WCARC membership elects club officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for a one-year term.

The WCARC is an ARRL Affiliated Club.

The club callsign is **N5TT** in memorium of the club's founder Mr. Bob Petrosky-N5TT.





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## Getting On the Air

The WCARC has two (2) VHF frequency repeaters as follows:

Georgetown Repeater – located a few miles west of Georgetown, TX.

**N5TT**, 146.640, (-) offset, PL tone 162.2 Hz

Taylor Repeater – located in Taylor, TX.

**N5TT**, 145.450, (-) offset, PL tone 162.2 Hz

The WCARC recommends the use of the RepeaterBook™, which can be found at the following URL:

<https://www.repeaterbook.com/index.php/en-us/>

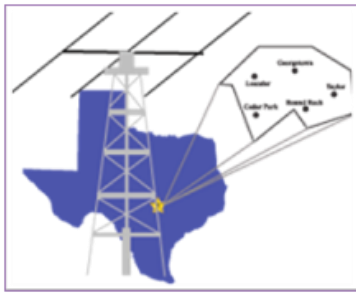
This resource is invaluable for locating repeaters and checking the status of repeaters in Texas, the United States, and the World. Directory categories are as follows:

- North American Amateur Radio Repeaters
- Worldwide Amateur Radio Repeaters
- U.S. GMRS Repeaters
- D-Star Repeaters
- DMR Repeaters
- APCO P-25 Repeaters
- Yaesu System Fusion Repeaters



## Monthly Meetings

The WCARC meets on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 PM and are usually adjourned no later than 9:00 PM. Meetings are currently held in dual format, i.e., in-person and via ZOOM. Meeting “talk-in” is held on the N5TT repeater system noted above.



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The in-person meetings are held at the Williamson County Jester Annex at 1801 E. Old Settlers Blvd., Round Rock, TX. ZOOM meeting information is disseminated via the club "reflector" several days prior to the meeting. The club "reflector" is the club's primary email and information system and is hosted on the "groups.io" platform.



New members should join the WCARC "reflector" by following the procedure below (*after you have joined the club*):

## **Create an Account**

Go to the following website <https://groups.io/register>

Complete the Email address and Password fields, then click the **Create An Account** button. (Remember to write down and save your login info!)

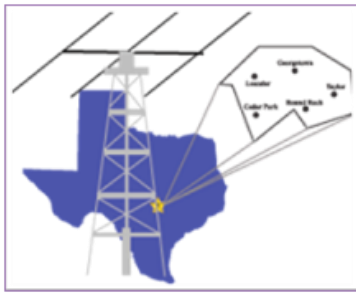
You most likely will be directed to the groups.io Login page, if not, use the following link to go to the Login page <https://groups.io/login>

Re-enter your email address and password and click "Login", proceed to Join the WCARC Group below.....

## **Joining the WCARC group**

In the main ribbon at the top of the page, click on "Find or Create a Group".

In the Search box in the upper right corner, type in "WCARC" without the quotes and press enter.



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The Publicly Listed groups will be listed. Choose the *wcarc-Williamson County Amateur Radio Club* link.

When the WCARC main page is displayed, scroll down the page a few lines and click **+Join This Group** in the blue box, and follow the directions...

The group moderator will review your request and notify you of acceptance.

You are now a member of the WCARC "reflector"! The "reflector" is the place for asking questions, getting "elmer" or mentoring help, learning about topics and questions posted by others, getting the latest and greatest club news, putting names and callsigns together, etc.

## Newsletter

The club also publishes a monthly newsletter which contains important announcements, news from the ARRL, radio and radio technology articles, member profiles and pictures, ham shack pictures, ham humor, and lots more.

In addition to the newsletter, the club also publishes "once a month" informational bulletin which contains standard items on a variety of subjects that serve as reminders for club members.

The club Charter and Bylaws are available for download on this website. We encourage each and every member to obtain, read, and understand these documents. In addition, the club officers are always available to answer questions about the club, and to help get you connected and integrated into the group.

WCARC President