

# *The eKilo - What*

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

December 2005

## *Meeting Minutes*

*By Bob Freeman/KD5PIX/Secretary*

The regular monthly meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was called to order by President Joe Kent/KC5ILD, on November 10, 2005 at 1730.

Introductions were made with 14 members in attendance.

The minutes for October 14, 2005 were approved as printed in the November issue of *The Kilo-What*. The Treasurer's Report for October was approved as read.

### **Officers' Reports**

Grounds Chairman: Ronnie Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ. All mesquite sprigs have been removed from the grounds. Rat poison has been placed in the attic. Need material to repair the roof.

### **Old Business**

The Eatin' Meetin' will be held at 7 PM at the Ole Gin Steakhouse at Wall, TX. We have been assured you will be pleased with your meal and service.

We will have a garage sale at the clubhouse on November 18 & 19. The hours will be 0900-1500 each day. If you have anything for the sale, take your items to the club garage before November 18.

We have decided to pass this year on the Concho Christmas Lights. Next year we will see if we can get with the committee earlier in the year.

The National Weather Service will hold the SKYWARN Recognition Day from 1800, Friday, December 2, through 1800, Saturday, December 3, 2005. Glenn/AA5PK, Joe/KC5ILD and others will meet at the clubhouse at 1700 to get the gear and set up at the San Angelo National Weather Service, 7654 Knickerbocker Road. Anyone who would like to operate, come on down and we will put you to work.

### **New Business**

It is time for the Ham of The Year Award. If you would like to nominate someone, write a justification letter of 75-150 words citing a specific accomplishment or achievement of the nominee. Forward the letter to the secretary and it will then be forwarded to the committee. The committee this year is Bob Heiser/W7IKT, Carol Heiser/N5CBQ, Ken Pierson/KD5NXY and Elta Pierson/KD5NXY.

This is also the time for electing officers for 2006. The nominating committee for the officers is Glenn Miller/AA5PK and Gary Chaffin/N5GRC. Should you have someone you would like to be considered for an elected position, contact Glenn or Gary.

The membership voted to donate \$50 to the ARRL Holiday Toy Drive.

### **Good of The Order**

Split-the-Pot was worth \$9 to the winner, Chuck Joseph/N5JED, and the Club. Chuck donated his share back to the club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2003.

The next meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., will be December 8 at 1900 at the Ole Gin Steakhouse in Wall.



**SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY**  
**DECEMBER 2-3, 2005 (0000 - 2400 UTC DEC 3)**

SKYWARN Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions volunteer SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service. On that day, SKYWARN operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world. For more information check go to <http://hamradio.noaa.gov>.

### Club Garage Sale Fund Raiser

By Bob Freeman/KD5PIX

The sale was held at the clubhouse at 5513 Stewart Lane on November 18 and 19.

Contributors were Joe Kent/KC5ILD, LaRae Kent/KC5KXY, Don Hejl/N5SVK, Charlie Royall/WB5T, Nan Royall/KC5YTG, Glenn Miller/AA5PK, Paul Wittenborn/N7SDQ, Charlie Patterson (friend of Paul's), Ken Pierson/KD5NXV, Elta Pierson/KD5NXY, Ronnie Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ, Sharon Mecklenburg, Lloyd Glasscock/KØGEN and XYL, Bob Freeman/KD5PIX and Louise Hall/Associate.

Those who worked Friday were Joe Kent/KC5ILD, LaRae Kent/KC5KXY, Bob Freeman/KD5PIX and Louise Hall/Associate. Those who worked Saturday were Joe Kent/KC5ILD, LaRae Kent/KC5KXY, Ken Pierson/KD5NXV, Elta Pierson/KD5NXY, Bob Freeman/KD5PIX, and Louise Hall/Associate.

The club made \$219 from the sale. Thanks to all who contributed and to those who helped with the sales.

### Ballots for 2006 Club Officers

Ballots will be mailed/e-mailed separately from the newsletter to all eligible voting club members.

### 2006 Midland St. Patrick's Day Hamfest News

The 2006 Midland St. Patrick's Day Hamfest is moving to a new location and new weekend. The 2006 hamfest will be in the Midland Downtown Lions Club building on March 4 & 5, 2006.

For 2006, an Early Bird Special is being offered on the popular "Package Deal." The "Package Deal" is one pre-registration ticket and 20 extra chance tickets. The "Package Deal" is normally \$20, but until December 15, 2005, you can get it for only \$18!

All the details about the hamfest and the Early Bird Special are at <http://hamfest.w5qgg.org>. You can purchase the Early Bird Special online or download the registration form and mail it in. Table rentals are also available now with a new, lower price for 2006 of only \$10 per table.

The traditional flyer will be mailed near the end of January. If you've registered for the hamfest in the last couple of years, you should receive a flyer. To make sure you are on the flyer mailing list, you can go to <http://hamfest.w5qgg.org/reqflyer.html> and submit the Flyer Request form.

73,

Midland Amateur Radio Club

St. Patrick's Day Hamfest Committee - 2006

### License Testing News

Glenn Miller/AA5PK, Volunteer Examiner

**ARRL**  **VEC**

The next regularly scheduled license testing session will be Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 1 PM at the clubhouse. Pre-registration (submission of **NCVEC Form 605** and **\$14** check/money order payable to "ARRL/VEC") is required not later than January 9.

License testing information and a link to download the form are available on the club's Web site <http://www.w5qx.org>.

Information/forms can be obtained by contacting Don/AB5BG at 651-5441 or Glenn/AA5PK at 949-4775.

## CQ DX de WB5ZAM



*By Bill Richards/WB5ZAM*

**DXpeditions in December:** According to the AR-Cluster Network, for the week of November 6-13, there were 218 countries active. DXpeditions are expected from: TXØP, 9K2, S79, 9H, A5, J7, PZ, 5H, 4S, FS, PJ, VP8, VP5, HSØ, V5, 6W, C6, V6, and ZF.

### Island of the Month

**P2—Papua New Guinea.** Far away and on the other side of the equator is a land so different from ours, that many refuse to believe people still live as the natives do here. Papua New Guinea is half of the island of New Guinea (the other half belonging to Indonesia) with valleys undiscovered by modern man, with people who still live by the rules of the jungle and who don't mingle with tourists or other tribes. Where volcanoes still erupt and destroy towns, and where there can still be found new species of animals and fish. The towns and sub-islands are known to historians: Port Moresby, Madang, and Bougainville. The first explorers were the Portuguese, followed by the Dutch in 1512. The Japanese fought to keep the island during WWII, but the Allies simply bypassed the island and blockaded it from homeland support and proceeded to move on towards the Japanese mainland. Over 3000 species of orchids, butterflies so large they are mistaken for birds, and animals not seen elsewhere in the world.



Lying just north of the northwest part of Australia, at approximately 6° S/147°W, the group of islands lies at the convergence of the Coral Sea, the Solomon Sea, and the South Pacific. The eastern part of the island has been under the control of the Germans, the English and lastly the Australians. Gaining independence in 1975, civil unrest led to a 9-year secessionist revolt on the island of Bougainville lasting until 1997 that claimed the lives of approximately 20,000 people. The islands have such diversity you can find modern medical facilities and not far away in newly discovered valleys, tribes that have never had contact with modern conveniences. There are reportedly several very nice golf courses as well as areas to hike that take you

completely away from humanity. The land varies from seaside/sea level, to the peak of Mount Wilhelm at 4509 meters. They are subject to frequent and sometimes severe earthquakes, tsunamis, and mud slides. One of the world's largest swamps occupies the southwest coast, and volcanic activity keeps many areas under eruption watches. The population was reported to be 5.5 million in 2005, with a median age of 21. Life expectancy in this tropical paradise is 63 for men and 67 for women. Infant mortality is at about 5%. Diseases endemic to the area are dengue fever, malaria, and food- and water-borne diseases such as bacterial and protozoan diarrhea and hepatitis A and typhoid fever. The legal system is based on English law, and although independent, the Chief of State is Queen Elizabeth, with a Governor General as her representative. This type of government is considered a Constitutional Monarchy with Parliamentary Democracy. The capital is Port Moresby (okay movie fans who starred in '30s and '40s movies based out of here?)

The country is richly endowed in minerals, envied around the world, the major problem being the excavation of same. With poor road structures, earthquakes that move structures, hurricanes, and the high cost of developing the infrastructure to get them to ports, the country is still a poor nation. Agriculture provides 85% of the livelihoods of the populace. Copper, oil, and gold all account for 72% of the island's exports. Australia, as the prior major controlling power, provides \$240 million in aid to the country. Exports include oil, gold, copper ore, logs, palm oil, coffee, cocoa, crawfish and prawns. Imports are machinery, transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, fish, fuels and chemicals. As a measure of advancements, of the 5.5 million population, there are only 75,000 Internet users. Paved roads were far behind unpaved with only 3% of roads being paved. But there are 550 unpaved airports and 21 paved and 2 heliports. There is no main national language, with over 800 different dialects spoken. Ham radio contacts are provided mostly by visiting hams.

### QSL of the Month

**J68RS.** Clint shows one of the things to do while on vacation in St. Lucia. New regulations this year are letting returning hams get a J68 call and some in the past were able to wrangle them from the Tele-Comm Commission.

See you on the bands chasing DX. 73 de Bill.



WB3ARS Clint operating J68RS in the chair and table trade winds of Vicux Fort St. Lucia

## Concho Valley Two Meter Net

Date	NCS	Check-ins	Duration
Nov 7	AA5PK	17	11 min
Nov 14	KB5FNK	10	7 min
Nov 21	N7SDQ	18	10 min

This net meets every Monday night at 8 p.m. on the club's 146.34/.94 repeater. All amateurs licensed to operate on that frequency are invited to participate.

## Concho Valley Open FM Repeaters

2 Meter		70 centimeter	
145.27-	San Angelo PL 88.5	441.750+	San Angelo PL 162.2
146.64-	Sterling City PL 88.5	442.250+	San Angelo PL 162.2
146.72-	Eldorado PL 100.0	444.225+	Robert Lee PL 162.2
146.88-	San Angelo	444.350+	San Angelo PL 162.2
146.94-	San Angelo PL 103.5 when needed		
147.06+	San Angelo	<b>6 Meter Crossband</b>	
147.34+	Robert Lee PL 88.5	147.30/53.63	San Angelo PL 88.5



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## Name This Piece of Equipment



Last month's "winner" was again Keith/K5LSM who was the first to identify the Hammarlund SP-600.



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### 2005 SAARC Officers:

President - Joe Kent/KC5ILD  
Vice President - Lloyd Glasscock/KØGEN  
Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Freeman/KD5PIX  
Emergency Coordinator - Paul Wittenborn/N7SDQ  
Activities Manager - Don Gallion/KD5NAI  
Grounds Custodian - Ron Mechenburg/KC5WXJ

**SAARC Monthly Meetings:** 2nd Thursday,  
1930, clubhouse, 5513 Stewart Lane

**Annual Dues:** \$20, Sr. & Jr. \$10

**The Kilo-What:** Edited by Glenn/AA5PK at 949-  
4775 or email [aa5pk@qsl.net](mailto:aa5pk@qsl.net)

**Article submission deadline:** Ten days prior  
to monthly club meeting.



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**THURSDAY, DEC 8, 7 P.M.**  
**OLE GIN STEAKHOUSE IN WALL**