

# *The eKilo-What*

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

*December 2008*

This is an abbreviated issue of The Kilo-What. The President's column will return next month. The new Editor is Buddy Parker/KD5SBE. Send any information you think might be useful to include in the Kilo-What to him at

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Submissions should be sent no later than ten days before the Club Meeting.

## *Meeting Minutes*

*by Bob Freeman/KD5PIX*

### **Meeting Minutes—December 11 2008**

The San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc. December Eatin' Meetin' was held at the Twin Mountain Steak House with the expectation that all would enjoy themselves and have a good time.

There were approximately 34 members and guests in attendance. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

The primary reason for the December meeting is to vote for the officers for the coming year. The officers elected are as follows:

**President:** Joe Kent/W5JBK  
**Vice-President:** Don Hejl/N5SVK  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Bob Freeman/KD5PIX  
**Activities Manager:** Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC  
**Building & Grounds:** Ron Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ  
**Emergency Coordinator:** Mike Dominy/KD5URW

The next order of business was discussion on repair of the Kenwood Model 840. There was a motion to repair the radio, the motion was seconded and carried. Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ has located a company very experienced with Kenwood products.

Mike Dominy/KD5URW was selected to receive the coveted "Spreader" award and the trophy was presented to him.

Ham Of The Year was Buddy Parker/KD5SBE. Buddy has done much to not only promote the hobby of amateur radio, he has put many hours and energy into bringing the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., into the public's eye. Now he is taking on the publishing of the Kilo-What. Wonder if he sleeps?

The FCC is doing everything they can to make the transition from Analog to Digital as easy on folks as possible. They have asked the ARRL assist in this transition period. Hughbert/KC5NPC is the club's Ambassador. Ralph Stout/KA5ULE and Buddy Parker/KD5SBE volunteered to help.

Certificates of Appreciation were given out by Joe Kent to various members for help at Field Day and the October Birthday Celebration.

A special thanks is in order for the 2008 officers and others who helped ensure another successful year in keeping with our long tradition of public service and in the furthering of our hobby.

### **Good of the Order**

The Split-the-Pot was worth \$18.00 each to the club and to the winner Ron Speer/ KE5TXG.

The next meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be January 8, 2009 at 1930 at the clubhouse.

*Eatin Meeting Pictures.*



*More Eatin Meeting Pictures*



*Scanner Jack & Corner*

By Jack Roberts/KBSTMY

**These are the Weather frequencies and FIPS code for Tom Green and surrounding counties**

- 162.55 NWS
- 048451 TOM GREEN
- 048081 COKE
- 048095 CONCHO
- 048235 IRION
- 048399 RUNNELS
- 048413 SCHLEICHER
- 048431 STERLING

**This for analog DTV transition using rabbit ears.**

- CH 3 KSAN NBC
- CH 11 KLST CBS
- CH 19 KIDY FOX

As of right now.

When you get your box make sure you set the right time zone.

Also set your box to THROUGH setting NOT RF OUT.

*Upcoming Hamfests & Conventions*

Date	Event	Location	Information
7 Feb 2009	Annual Swapmeet Williamson County ARC	Georgetown, TX	w5sc.org/swapfest.htm
28 Feb 2009	Orange ARC & Jefferson County ARC Hamfest	Orange, TX	www.qsl.net/w5nd/
14 Mar 2009	7th Annual IARC Hamfest Irving Amateur Radio Club	Irving, TX	www.irvingarc.org
21 Mar 2009	West Texas Section Convention (54th Annual St. Patrick's Day Hamfest) Midland Amateur Radio Club	Midland, TX	hamfest.w5qgg.org/
28 Mar 2009	Weatherford HAMFEST 2009 ARC of Parker County	Weatherford, TX	groups.yahoo.com/group/w5pc

## Sky Warn Appreciation Day

Skywarn Appreciation Day was held Saturday December 8 at the National Weather Service Office. Contacts made included 152 on HF and 14 on VHF for a total of 166. The number of other Weather Service Stations contacted was 24, including stations in Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Montana, Virginia and S. Carolina. A certificate was available for those contacted. Club members may pick up theirs at the Club meeting. Contacts included two outside the U.S. One was in Belgium and one was a U.S. amateur in Canada. Skywarn spotters from Abilene and across the Concho Valley attended. Hector Guerrero of the Weather Service made some great chili, beans, cornbread and rolls that were enjoyed by all. Some pictures are included below.



## Concho Valley Two Meter Net

Date	NCS	Check-ins	Duration
12/1	KB5FNK		
12/8	KB5FNK	23	14 min
12/15	KB5FNK	17	10 min
12/22	KB5FNK	17	13 min
12/29	KB5FNK	20	11 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
or PL 100.0 for local transmit		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 (Echo-Link Node)
146.94-	San Angelo PL 103.5	444.875+	Brady, TX PL 162.2
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
146.90-	Brady, TX PL 162.2		
146.62-	Brady (Echo-Link Node) PL 114.8		



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### 2009 SAARC Officers:

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W5QX Trustee - Charlie Campbell/KC5EZZ

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

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

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



**NEXT MEETING: 1/8/2009**

**MATHIS FIELD CLUBHOUSE**