

# *The eKilo - What*

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

May 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 April 14 at 1932.

Introductions were made with eight members in attendance.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the April issue of *The Kilo-What*. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

### **Officers' Reports**

Bill Murphy/WA6CMJ, Vice President, resigned due to personal problems.

Don Gallion/KD5NAI, Activities Manager, was not at the meeting, however he sent notes that were read by Bob/KD5PIX: April 2: "Christmas in April" (warehouse) was manned by 5 club members, Joe/KC5ILD, Ronnie/KD5WXJ, Ken/KD5NXV, Bob/KD5PIX and Don/KD5NAI. This was the club's fifth year to volunteer. Time, vehicles and gas were donated to the cause. Our volunteer time went into overtime by 45 minutes. During Christmas in April, Joe/KC5ILD and Don/KD5NAI took a break and assisted Glenn/AA5PK, John/KC5FMX, Paul/N7SDQ and David/KB5FNK with re-establishing the EOC antenna on the roof of the police department.

**FIELD DAY** is approximately two months away. Preparations are being made. The location is the same as last year.

- a) A cash refund (\$25) from last year's mistake in fee charges was obtained and returned to the club treasurer.
- b) We've been assured fees will not be charged this year.
- c) I will be out of town on the Friday (June 24), unable to arrive at the site until mid-day Saturday, the 25th.

Ronnie Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ, Grounds Chairman, has maintained the grounds and purchased materials to kill weeds and fire ants.

Chad Goodman/KD5SMK, Public Information Officer, is still working on the club's QSL and business cards.

### **Old Business**

David Wolfe/KA5VTG will place an ad on KGKL for the Technician License course that will start at the clubhouse on April 25. David will also place an ad for Community Day at Sunset Mall.

Need to check with Gunter Wholesale on the 500-foot rolls of coax Bill Murphy was working on. Joe/KC5ILD said he would call Bill to get the details he had on Gunter's offer.

A/C has to be considered soon.

There were a couple of members considering erecting 40 and 80 meter dipoles at the clubhouse.

Joe has personally handed our letter, attachments and cover page to the City Manager. He, in turn, was to present it to the City Council to consider a waiver of our fees. So far we have not received any word from the City Manager's (or any other) office.

### **New Business**

The meeting on May 12 will be our second annual "Old Timers' Reunion." We will have a short meeting, then adjourn to the party. There will plenty to eat and we hope there will be as big of a turn out as last year.

The Technician License class will begin at the clubhouse on Monday April 25. The hours will be from 1830-2030. The classes will be for eight weeks, ending on June 13. Joe/KC5ILD will ask the VEs if it will be possible to test the class at the end of the instruction period.

It was moved that Lloyd Glasscock/KØGEN become Vice-President. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **Good of the Order**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2014.

The next meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., will be May 12 at 1800 at the clubhouse.

## License Testing News

# ARRL VEC

*By Glenn Miller/AA5PK, Volunteer Examiner*

The next regularly scheduled license testing session will be Sunday, July 17, 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 July 11.

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.

## Notes of General Amateur Interest

*From West Texas Section News April 2005*

Rep. Michael Ross of Arkansas has introduced House Resolution 230 calling on the FCC to "conduct a full and complete analysis" of the radio interference caused by BPL. The resolution points out the risks to public safety communications, airline and travel communications, aircraft instrument landing systems, and other problems as outlined by the Executive Department's own National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The FCC chose to ignore most of the NTIA's findings. House Res. 230 cites the FCC's 800 MHz fiasco as an example of the consequences of implementing major technology without a comprehensive evaluation. It is important that each of us contact our U.S. Representative and urge him to support Rep. Ross's resolution. ARRL Affiliated Club contacts and Public Information Officers have received information from HQ on HRes 230 along with sample letters to be used to contact your Representative. If you are not affiliated with a club or your club does not pass the information on to you, the information may be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/04/28/3/?nc=1>. We need to contact public safety agencies and request that they support the resolution. Make sure that you specify HRes 230 and not HR230. HR230 is a different piece of legislation.

Texas House Bill 1411 also relates to BPL. It would require the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to develop a statewide broadband services deployment plan and establish a pilot project to develop and build a regional broadband network in a rural area. The target for the pilot program would be the San Angelo area and would involve the Concho Valley Council of Governments. I have been unable to get any information from the San Angelo area concerning this bill.

As you have read in recent months, ARRL is into the final year of the grant-sponsored Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Courses. With this grant, the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. Students need to enroll during the May or the June registration period to be eligible for reimbursement under the grant. You must have finished the course and be certified by your Mentor by August 31, 2005 to qualify for reimbursement. Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level I on-line course (EC-001) opens Monday, May 2, 2005, at 12:01 AM EDT. Level II (EC-002) registration opens the same time on the following Monday, May 9. Level III (EC-003) will also open at the same time, but on Monday, May 16. On-line registration (and further information about the courses) is found at <http://www.arrl.org/ce>.

## Scanner Jack's Corner

*By Jack Roberts/KB5TMY*

These are the aircraft frequencies to monitor for San Angelo.

Tower 118.3 and 284.7

Approach and departure 125.35 and 354.1

Ground 121.9 and 348.6

ATIS 128.45 and 319.0



**ARRL Field Day 2005**

**June 25-26**

**CW operators needed**

# CQ DX de WB5ZAM



By Bill Richards/WB5ZAM

**DXpeditions in May:** (CQ-WPX-CW is the last weekend of the month-28-29) SV5, S79, 7V, YJ, ZA2, 3A, JD1, MU, HBØ, TK, A35, C6A, TI, HI8, C56, ZL7, SV9, 9G, KP2, EX, JT, 3B8, AH2, LX, SU8, ZK2, EZ, 3D2 and HC1.

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of April 17-24, there were 216 countries active: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HBØ, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KHØ, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OHØ, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV9, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS.

### Island of the Month

**SV9-Crete.** The southernmost island in Europe and the largest of the Greek Islands, Crete lies in the middle of the Eastern Mediterranean Sea (24.92422E/35.28322N) and, due to its place in the midst of the Mediterranean, has acted as a catalyst to draw raiders from every major civilization to the island. Never a truly free country, independence has been close several times, but some larger country seems to always come along and claim the island and



its people. Rocky bays, pristine beaches, low rainfall (20 inches a year), temperatures that fall to freezing in March and rise to near 100 in the summers (although they average 45 to 85 by the charts). Lots of internal mountains with small villages with fiercely independent people, the island has suffered under the thumb of virtually every European power. The island offers booming tourist areas as well as remote villages that even the bus doesn't go to. The people are noted for their hospitality and tradition of welcoming strangers. From castles and buttresses to high mountain areas that seem to never lose their snow (and this is in the Mediterranean), the island has a lot of things for the visitor to do and see. Scuba, golf, beaches, mountains all make this a most likely destination for many well-heeled visitor. The tales of Crete's past are like the history of Greece, from Minotaurs, and Poseidon, to pirates, to the Catholic Invaders as well as Christian

Crusaders. The Germans and the French have both been and gone as well as Turks and Spanish. The official language is Greek with some tourist areas bending to the pressures of the European Union and pushing to also add English to the local languages. Hams from the colds of Europe have found a place to come and rest, warm up and operate. Many DXpeditions originate from the EU countries and operate during the warmer months. The White Mountains in the south rise to 2500 meters and the coasts are dotted with large, deep caves still occupied by escapees from neighboring countries (if you live in a cave, are you a Troglodyte?) There are two main seasons—hot and dry (May thru October) and wet, damp and rainy (November to April). And snow can be seen in the mountains well into June. Heraklion, Chania, Sitia and Rethymno are the larger of the towns and mirror different influences from the tumultuous past of the island. This is not what we would consider an all-inclusive, but with multiple isolated beaches, the visitor can be by themselves or in the throng of a bustling bongo line. Hospitals and proper healthcare, (EMS and helicopter EMS) and 220 voltage round out an almost perfect escape from the European winters.

### QSL of the Month

5H3KS, Karl from Tanzania, was the ultimate portable DX back before backpack radios (1980s).

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



## Concho Valley Two Meter Net

Date	NCS	Check-ins	Duration
Apr 11	KB5TMY	12	13 min
Apr 18	KD5SMK	14	12 min
Apr 25	KD5NAI	14	8 min
May 2	N7SDQ	17	14 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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Vice President - Lloyd Glasscock/KØGEN  
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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, MAY 12, 6 P.M.  
MATHIS FIELD CLUBHOUSE**