

The eKilo-What

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

October 2009

September Meeting Minutes

de Bob Freeman/KD5PIX

The regular meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was called to order by President Joe Kent/W5JBK, on September 10, 2009 at 1930.

Introductions were made with 24 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

The August Minutes were approved as printed in the Kilo-What and the Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

The program after the meeting will be on new laws pertaining to drivers, telephones and passengers presented by Trooper Shawn Baxter.

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator: Mike Dominy/KD5URW. General class will be Saturday 12, 2009 and Saturday 19, 2009.

Mike is in need of some volunteer's for the Scout's Jamboree. It will be held October 17 & 18, 2009. If you able to give a hand, get in touch with Mike or get on his sign up sheet.

New Business

Vice President: Don Hejl/N5SVK will handle the Special

Event station of the Butterfield Stage Line and Fly-In at Grape Creek on September 12, 2009. The event will begin at 0800.

Activities Manager: Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC.. Hughbert had a conformation from the Twin Mountain Steak House for our Eatin' Meetin'. There are several main entrée's to choose from with two time slot's to choose from. The members present made motions and voted to accept the Twin Mountain's Steak House with the time of 1900-2100. Hughbert said that the Rebuilding Together is having a miniature golf tournament where individuals and businesses can sponsor at \$100.00. Two members donated that amount in the club's name. Now, to win something.

Good of the Order

There were two drawings before Split-the-Pot. Jack Roberts/KB5TMY won a flashlight. Gary Pittman/KE5TXL won some batteries.

Split-the-Pot was good for \$22.50 for the club and the winner David Behrend/KB5FNK. David donated \$12.50 back to the club. Thank you David.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2005. The next regular meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., will be Thursday October 10, 2009 at 1930 at the clubhouse for our Club Anniversary celebration.

Club 85th Birthday Celebration

On October 10, 2009 the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club will celebrate its 85th anniversary. We will meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the clubhouse on Stewart Road. Birthday cake and homemade ice cream (courtesy of Tom/W5UFO and his vintage ice cream machine) will be available. A special event station will be in operation as well. Operators and loggers are welcome. Frequencies in use will be: 146.940repeater, 14.230 MHz, 7.230 MHz. A Certificate will be available for all QSO's.

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

| Date | Event | Location | Information |
|-------------|--|--------------------|---|
| 14 Nov 2009 | NCTECH Tri-County Amateur Radio Club (WC5C) | Azle, TX | http://www.wc5c.org |
| 14 Nov 2009 | South Texas Amateur Radio Club | Corpus Christi, TX | http://n5crp.org |



Scanner Jack's Corner

de Jack Roberts/KB5TMY

Frequencies for ASU and SAN ANGELO SCHOOL DIST.

ASU

151.835 155.52 CALLBOX
 154.370 155.820 ASU PD
 154.385 155.835 ASU PD
 461.425 ASU PD and MAINT
 463.325 ASU MAINT

SAN ANGELO SCHOOL DIST

461.050 BUSES
 461.375 MAINT

For football fans here is SAN ANGELO STADIUM frequencies

450.250 FM RADIO STATION LINK
 462.7125 OPS
 462.7625 OPS
 452.800 OPS AND COLTS BASEBALL

Emergency Communications

de Mike Dominy/KD5URW
 Emergency Coordinator

| April ARES Net Report | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Date | Net Ctrl | Check-ins | Time | Freq |
| 9/7 | KD5URW | 13 | 18 min | 444.350 |
| 9/14 | KD5URW | 14 | 18 min | 444.350 |
| 9/21 | KD5URW | 15 | 23 min | 444.350 |
| 9/28 | KD5URW | 14 | 27 min | 147.300 |

ARES Net

Meets every Monday night at 8:30 CST (2030 hr) on the 444.350 repeater (N5SVK) with other frequencies announced on Concho Valley Net at 8:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

ARES Group Meeting, October 15, 2009, 7 p.m. at SAARC Clubhouse

Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air (JOTA), October 17, 18, 2009. Operators and loggers needed at the clubhouse, 8-5 Sat., 10-4 Sun. Contact Mike/KD5URW for more information. Some ARES and club members will also be located at Camp Sol Meyer as well.

Simulated Emergency Test (SET) in October. Plans announced at ARES meeting.

Anyone interested in emergency communications should attend one of the ARES meetings to learn more. Trained emergency communicators are always needed. Contact KD5URW for more information.

Report from Last License Testing Session

The list below are the call signs and license upgrades that were passed at the last testing session on September 19, 2009. If you hear them on the air or meet them in person, please say "Hi and A Job Well Done. Thanks to Mike Dominy/KD5URW, Glenn Miller/AA5PK and the VE's that assisted at the exam.

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|---|--------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 | KA5VTG | David Wolfe | General |
| 2 | KD5YWE | Craig Madison | Extra |
| 3 | K5KNT | Kent Frazier | General |
| 4 | KE5IRB | John Foote | General |
| 5 | KE5UFI | Lorenzo Hatch | General |
| 6 | KE5DFF | Kristofer White | General |
| 7 | KF5CPL | Gene P Leavell | General |

Recent SAARC Programs

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|----------------------|---|
| <i>November '08</i> | Trunk Tracking Jack Roberts/KB5TMY |
| <i>December '08</i> | Eat and Meet Meeting |
| <i>January '09</i> | Antenna theory And Design, III Bill Tarn/AE5AW |
| <i>February '09</i> | Amateur Satellite Communications Ralph Stout/KA5ULE |
| <i>March '09</i> | Digital Communications, PSK-31 Gary Chafin/W5ETJ, Ralph Stout/KA5ULE |
| <i>April '09</i> | Solar Activity and Ham Radio Joe Lynch/KG5X |
| <i>July '09</i> | APRS Charlie Campbell/KC5EZZ |
| <i>August '09</i> | Batteries Plus, Richard & Patrick Brown |
| <i>September '09</i> | DPS, Trooper Shawn Baxter |
| <i>October '09</i> | 85th SAARC Birthday Celebration |

September Program Notes

Trooper Shawn Baxter of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) spoke to the club about new traffic laws that went into effect on September 1, 2009. Among the laws he discussed were:

1. Seat belt which requires everyone in a vehicle to be secured by installed seatbelts. This now includes the back-seat.
2. Child safety seat law now requires an approved safety seat for any child under the age of 5 or under 4 ft. 9 in. in

height. Use if booster seat now requires a shoulder strap.

3. Wireless communication device use in a school zone must now be hands-free of vehicle must be stationary. Emergency and ham devices are not included.

4. Concealed handgun laws.

Trooper Baxter use personal experiences and humor make the presentation very interesting and entertaining. We all enjoyed the program very much..





CQ DX de WB5ZAM for October 2009

Upcoming/Ongoing DXpeditions during October: *J68WI* (looking for SAARC hams thru the 11th); T31; HL9; FT5G; TK; P29; TO7; 7Q7; PJ2; 5B; OH; JW; PJ5; J7; OD5; TX5; XV; KH8; FK; 3D2; VP8; 5W; 8R; XR, LX; C9; E5; T30; A5; K4M; YJ; TY; 8Q; V2; VK7; FP; FH; VK9N; CQ-WW-SSB 10/24-25.

Island of the Month-Dominican Republic- HI: Located at 19d north and 70 d 40m west, with a surface area of over 48sq km it is a large island. The area compares to just about twice the size of New Hampshire, but the weather is far from comparable! Although the island does lie in the direct line of hurricanes forming in the Eastern end of the Caribbean Sea and that then move west. Even with low hurricane numbers in the Atlantic they seem to draw at least one a year, striking the north or south side of the island with massive devastation. The population in July 2009 was estimated at 9.65 million, with 64% in the 15 to 64 age range. Almost 70% of the population lives in the large urban centers. With a labor force of 4 million, they do have an unemployment rate of approximately 16%. And they have an estimated 5.5 million cell phones in use. 1.6mil have internet access, and there are 36 airports (18 with paved runways).

The Dominican Republic is a nation on the island of Hispaniola, part of the Greater Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean region. The western third of the island is occupied by the nation of Haiti, making Hispaniola one of two Caribbean islands that are occupied by two countries, Saint Martin being the other. Both by area and population, the Dominican Republic is the second largest Caribbean nation (after Cuba), with 48,442 km² and an estimated 10 million people. Inhabited by Taínos since the seventh century, what is now the Dominican Republic was reached by Christopher Columbus in 1492 and became the site of the first permanent European settlement in the Americas, namely



Santo Domingo, the country's capital and Spain's first capital in the New World. In Santo Domingo stand, among other firsts in the Americas, the first university, cathedral, and castle, the latter two in the Ciudad Colonial area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spanish, French, unfriendly South American Indians, unfriendly neighbors, aggressive American Presidents have all contributed to an interesting history of the island (see wikipedia).

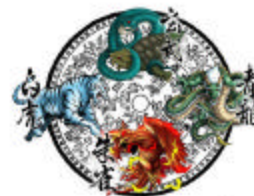
The Dominican Republic has become the Caribbean's largest tourist destination; the country's year-round golf courses are among the top attractions. In this mountainous country is located the Caribbean's highest mountain, Pico Duarte, as is Lake Enriquillo, the Caribbean's largest lake. Quisqueya, as Dominicans often call their country, has a mild average temperature (26 °C) and is outstanding for its great biological diversity.

The islands most noted courses being the ones designed by Pete Dye, Robert Trent-Jones, Arnold Palmer and the one by Gary Player. There are more courses but these are the Country Club or for tourists clubs. The beaches vary from blinding white and calm seas of the north and east side, to wild and grayish in color beaches of the southwest. Ham radio aficionados abound, esp. in Santo Domingo and hams from the states easily obtain reciprocal licenses. Some tourist magazines tout vacations to the Dominican Republic, while others say that being limited to your hotel, due to high crime rates in the neighborhood of the hotel, and street crime makes for a less than satisfying vacation spot. Tour packages abound and without the US Government issuing warnings of high crime problems tourism still flourishes. Other major risks for those that do stray from the resorts are mosquitoes carrying malaria and dengue fever. And from the unfiltered countryside water, leptospirosis, and hepatitis A, and typhoid fever (hence if you are going to play in the jungles, get your immunizations before going).

With a very porous border with the very poor neighbor, Haiti, they have lots of problems with migration from Haiti, and in turn on towards the US or Cuba. Political corruption is still a major concern, and the major law enforcement agencies watch sea and air traffic from the island for drug, or human smuggling.

Ref: <http://www.destination360.com/caribbean/dominican-republic>; <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/dr.html>; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominican_Republic.

QSL OF THE MONTH: BD4RDR- Personal Chinese Ham station, it says, of Li Jia Wei, ardent CWer and QRP operator. Nice QSL. See you on the bands chasing dx. 73 de WB5ZAM.



BD4RDR
CWer/QRP

中華人民共和國無線電愛好者協會
Personal Amateur Radio Station of CH99N8

Concho Valley Two Meter Net

| <u>Date</u> | <u>NCS</u> | <u>Check-ins</u> | <u>Duration</u> |
|-------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 9/7 | KB5FNK | 20 | 23 min |
| 9/14 | KD5SBE | 24 | 17 min |
| 9/21 | KB5FNK | 26 | 23 min |
| 9/28 | KB5FNK | 25 | 18 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 PL 88.5 | 444.350+ | San Angelo PL 162.2 (Echo-Link Node) |
| 146.94- | San Angelo PL 103.5 | 444.875+ | Brady PL 162.2 Linked to 444.225+ |
| 147.06+ | San Angelo PL 103.5 | | |
| 147.34+ | Robert Lee PL 88.5 | 147.30 | San Angelo PL 88.5 |
| 146.90- | Brady, TX PL 162.2 | | |
| 146.62- | Brady PL 114.8 (Echo-Link Node) | | |



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 Vice President - Don Hejl/N5SVK
 Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Freeman/KD5PIX
 Emergency Coordinator - Mike Dominy/KD5URW
 Activities Manager - Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC
 Grounds Chairman - Ron Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ
 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: 10/10/09
PROGRAM: CLUB BIRTHDAY EVENT
MATHIS FIELD CLUBHOUSE