

The eKilo - What

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

September 2014

San Angelo Radio Club Officers

President: Tom Austin/K4OTM

Vice President: Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Freeman//KD5PIX

Activity Director: Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ

Emergency Coordinator: Mike Dominy/KD5URW

Grounds Chairman: Open

Appointed Positions

SAARC Trustee: Charlie Campbell/KC5EZZ

Registered Agent: Charlie Campbell/KC5EZZ

Public Information Officer: Matt Healy/W5MAT

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SAARC COMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting

October 11, 9:00 AM at the Clubhouse

ARES Meeting

October 16, 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse

Other Events

October 11th - SAARC Club's 90th Birthday
Party

December 6th - SKYWARN Recognition Day

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Hughbert Robinson, KC5NPC at 7:35 on September 11th.

Chuck Dixson, K5QZQ led in the Pledge.

A motion was made by Matt Healy, W5MAT and seconded by Gary Chaffin, W5ETJ to accept August's minutes as presented in the e-Kilo-What. The motion carried.

Bob Freeman, KD5PIX presented the financial report. Matt Healy, W5MAT made the motions to accept the financial report as presented and the motion was seconded by David Behrend, KB5FNK. The motion carried.

Bob Freeman then brought the club up to date on our insurance policy being cancelled, the carrier wouldn't accept the clubs check. Gary Chaffin said we need to contact the insurance carrier through ARRL and get a policy in place. Bob said he would handle that.

Old Business:

Gary Chaffin, W5ETJ went over the Special Event Station the club was having on September 20th to celebrate the Lilly Fest Event downtown. The event would run from 9 - 2. Ralph Stout, KA5ULE would be providing the grill for the cooking.

Gary also went over the 90th Birthday party for the club. It would be held on Saturday, October 11th from 9 - 2 and there would be a tailgate party with the club providing the tables. Matt would be handling the promotion of both events.

Gary Chaffin talked about our "Eating Meeting" scheduled for September 20th. David Behrend, KB5FNK will secure a location and Jimmy Welch will help in securing a location.

Ralph Stout was called for an update on the bearing kit for the A/C Unit and an update on the refrigerator at the club. A voice mail was left for Ralph.

New Business:

Chuck Dixson, Bob Heiser and Pete Norris volunteered to clean up the store room at the club on October 3rd at 9:00 am. Thanks for the help in getting the club straight.

Matt Healy won split the pot and donated proceeds back to the radio fund.

The program for this meeting was presented by Gary Chaffin, W5ETJ and he went over last minute preparations for the Lilly Fest for September 20th and the Special Even Station at the Club.

Bob Heiser, K7IKT made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Chuck Dixson, K5QZQ. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22.

Bob Freeman, Treasure/Secretary, prepared by Matt Healy, W5MAT

Of Very Special Interest

Don/N5SVK sent this link. Although originally sent to Region 4 MARS members, it should be watched by all Hams and the public as well. -Ed.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLOJXvkBbkg&feature=em-sub_digst

Lily Fest - 2014



The Lily Fest was held at the Clubhouse on September 20th. Eighteen attended including two visitors.

The Special Event Station was on the air from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM with 9 Hams operating the station.

From the logs, total of 28 contacts were made in 14 states:

- AZ 2
- CA 3
- CO 1
- FL 2
- GA 1
- ID 2
- IL 3
- OK 1
- OR 1
- SD 1
- TX 8
- UT 1
- WA 1
- WY 1



- Ed.



ARRL

HR4969 - the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014"

Attention all West Gulf Division members. Amateur Radio needs your help!

Time is running out on the window of opportunity to contact your Congressman regarding HR4969. The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014 is the best chance to date to obtain relief from overly restrictive CC&R regulations. As a point of reference, the West Gulf Division has over 33,000 HOA's and more are being created every month. HR4969 was recently introduced into the 113th Congress by Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) as sponsor and Congressman Joe Courtney (D-CT) as co-sponsor. This bipartisan effort would direct the FCC to extend the "reasonable accommodation" provisions for Amateur Radio antennas to include all types of land-use regulation, including deed restrictions and restrictive covenants. For more detail go to: <http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969>

Please go to the URL above and prepare a support letter for HR4969. When addressing the letter to your Representative, make certain you have included their name and mailing address in the header. Add your full name, callsign, and address to the bottom of the letter, and please make certain you have signed your letter. Letters that have not been signed have little benefit. If you wish to write and sign your letter then send the signed copy to the ARRL as an attachment (PDF or scan) to an email, please send them to n1nd@arrl.org with the words "HR 4969 letter" in the SUBJECT field of the email. If you wish to mail your letter via the USPS, follow the directions below. To expedite delivery of your letter once you have printed it out and signed it, you should mail your letter to:

ARRL

Attn: HR 4969 letter campaign

225 Main St

Newington, CT 06111

We are frequently asked why the ARRL asks that letters be mailed to ARRL for delivery instead of simply mailing them directly to the Congressional offices. The answer is two-fold. First, since the 9/11 attacks and subsequent security threats, all incoming mail to Congressional offices is first diverted to a holding area outside of Washington DC. Once at that facility it undergoes a series of scans to test for a variety of problems. Only after it passes the security tests is it forwarded on to Capitol Hill for delivery. The delay in delivery is generally in the 5-7 week range. By mailing the letters to the ARRL, we are able to have the letters hand-delivered to the various congressional offices in a timely manner.

The second reason is just as important. When our Washington team delivers letters to a Congressional office, it provides them an opportunity for at least a brief face-to-face meeting with some of the key staff members in each Congressional office they visit. Each in-person meeting is another opportunity for the ARRL's story to be told – and is another chance to answer questions that may arise.

I will personally be visiting Congressional offices on September 15, 16 and 17. Your letter will make the impact of my visits much more significant. As a constituent, your comments hold great importance.

If you now live in a HOA or might, in the future, move to a HOA, this bill holds great promise for your future ability to operate amateur radio. Please act today. Log on to <http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969>. Prepare your letter as per instructions on the website and mail or E-Mail it tomorrow to the ARRL address above.

Thank you.

David

ARRL West Gulf Division

Director: David A Woolweaver, K5RAV

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DX**I'll Have A "DX on the Rocks"****Part II**

Well into Day 5, it was hopeless as ever. When BS7H did an EU, EU PSE ONLY, the NAs kept pounding away. The pileup commotion on 20m hadn't let up. Deep and thick as ever, it now extended even further up the band. At this rate, we'll be calling in the 20m-phone segment?

As Day 5 rolled into Day 6, frustration mounted, an eleventh-hour panic seeped into awareness, mixed with a feeling of DX-burnout futility. Reflecting on my fervent NOW-or-NEVER mantra, to which I'd so solidly committed, it now took on a dismal, hollow quality.

On Day 6 at about 0300Z, with a just-in-case, quick listen on 10m, 12m, and 15m, there was no Reef activity I could find. So it was QSY on up to the 17-meter band: **THAT'S WHERE THE ACTION WAS.** BS7H--right there on 18074--was running them through with a good, clear RST 559, sans QRM. The pileup was shallow. Finding a hole near the upper edge, I pounced in and got a first BS7H QSO at XXXXZ. Then, QRT and to bed, ecstatic and rejuvenated.

So on Day 7, after daybreak, it's back to the upstairs hamshack, all windows open, with a cool south breeze, and a savory morning. The rig was switched over to an 80-ft-high, 20-degree sloping, twin-cage doublet, 1.8 wavelengths long. The scene on 30m wasn't too messy. Not so intimidating, the pileup looked worthy of a challenge, and BS7H on 10104 was doing great with a solid RST 569, thanks to a mostly-darkness path and my almost-a-wavelength antenna height. After about a dozen shots here and there, and then landing on 10114.5, I spat out W-5-C-N once, and got him. Twelve hours and 28 minutes later it was "All Quiet on the BS7H Front."

If you've read this far, thanks for your interest and patience. While this is but a rambling account of the BS7H ordeal as had on this end, and with my inclination to dramatized storytelling, I was compelled to carry it through--with a brush of levity--for whatever reasons.

I would be interested in any CW QRPer's story as well any reports of how it went on the phone bands. Surely, some engaging stories are waiting to be told.

So from here (and elsewhere), it's hats off to the BS7H Scarborough Reef Gang for what they've given us; a DX treasure. In my opinion, their skill, stamina, and endurance on those rocks were extraordinary. My thanks and gratitude go to them, to N4XP, N1DG for their keeping us posted, and to everyone else whose money donations and/or diligent work made possible the doing of a successful, world-class DXpedition. And for those who gave it their best and got nil, I do hope there's a future Scarborough Reef opportunity.

Bully to all, I'll toast to that with a "DX on the Rocks." Make mine a double!

73 de W5CN

10 May 200

Lifetime ARRL Member, CW Fists #8281, Central Texas DX & Contest Club

Submitted by E. Marcus Barnes/ K5CN.

For Sale

Below is a list of radio equipment owned by Rob Mowrer/N5OIU, now SK.

Kenwood MC-80 microphone - \$70
 Kenwood TM-G707 dual band mobile - \$150
 Kenwood TM-241A 2 meter mobile - \$90
 Alinco DR-110 2 meter mobile - \$85
 Yaesu FT-60R dual band handie-talkie w/spare battery - \$175
 Realistic PRO-2040 scanner - \$80
 Realistic HTX-202 2 meter handie-talkie- \$35
 Astron RS-25M power supply- \$125
 Astron RS-12A - power supply \$45
 Cushcraft Ringo Ranger II 2 meter vertical- \$50
 Hustler G6-270R dual-band vertical- \$75

If you are interested in any, contact Gail Mowrer at 942-7599 (evenings) or e-mail her at glmowrer@aol.com.

Glenn AA5PK



Scanner Jack's Corner

MONITOR THESE FREQUENCIES FOR MAJOR SPORTING AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN SAN ANGELO
 450.250 FM RADIO STA LINK

ASU 155.8275 PD, 463.325 MAINT, 154.570 OPS, 452.800 SPECIAL EVENTS

SAISD 461.050 BUSES, 461.375 MAINT, 462.7125 OPS

SAN ANGELO TRS TGRP NEW OO-004 PATCH VFIRE21, 04-004 PATCH TO TGC SO CH2, 02-081 PS EVENTS
 NEW 04-005 VFIRE21

GOODFELLOW TRS TGRP 4607 FIRE TAC NET

FROM SCANNER JACK ROBERTS KB5TMY

Upcoming Hamfests/Conventions

Date	Event	Location	Information
10/4/2014	Ham Expo	Belton, TX	http://www.tarc.org/hamexpo/
10/18/2014	Lubbock Amateur Radio Club	Lubbock, TX	gary@benden.com .
10/24/2014	Oklahoma Section Convention (Texoma Hamarama)	Ardmore, OK	http://www.texomahamarama.org/
11/1/2014	Enid Hamfest	Enid, OK	http://www.enidarc.org/ENIDHAMFEST

Hamfests and Conventions are listed for all Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. -Ed.

Of Interest

Let's Eat!

The current Eating Schedule for TGC Hams is:

Wednesday, 8:00 AM, T-Bears Café, 2105 Knickerbocker Rd

Thursday, 9:00 AM, McDonald's (Wal-Mart), 5501 Sherwood Way

Saturday, 7:30 AM, T-Bears Café, 2105 Knickerbocker Rd

Saturday, 9:00 AM, McDonald's (Wal-Mart), 5501 Sherwood Way

HF Nets of Note de Gary Chaffin/WSETJ

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIMES	DIAL
Concho Valley Ragchew Net	S-M-T-W-T-F-S	0600	1900*
Concho Valley Ragchew Net	S-M-T-W-T-F-S	1700	3825**
7290 Traffic Net	M-T-W-T-F-S	1000 - 1200	7290
7290 Traffic Net	M-T-W-T-F	1300 - 1400	7290
Texas Traffic Net	S-M-T-W-T-F-S	1830 - 1930	3873
Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net	S-M-T-W-T-F-S	1900 - 2000	3935
Texas ARES Net	Monday	1930 - 2000	3873
Big Bend Emergency Net	Sunday	0830 - 0930	3922
Texas Trader's Net	Sunday	0900 - 1000	7245
Concho Valley 6 M Roundtable	Sunday	2100	50.135

* Alternate frequency: 3825. ** 7212, or close, for summer months.

Emergency Communications

de Mike Dominy/KD5URW - Emergency Coordinator

Tom Green County ARES Net

Meets every Monday night at 8:30 CST (2030 hr) on the 444.350 MHz (PI 162.2) (N5SVK). Other frequencies are announced on the Concho Valley Net at 8:00 pm.

ARES meets the 3rd Thursday at 1900 of each month at the Clubhouse unless announced otherwise on the Monday net.

ARES Net Report

Date	Net Ctrl	Check-ins	Time	Freq
9/1	KD5URW	12	16	444.350
9/8	KD5URW	14	15	444.350
9/15	KD5URW	15	12	444.350
8/22	KD5URW	14	14	444.350
9/29		Not Available		

**Concho Valley
Two Meter Net**

<u>Date</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Check-ins</u>	<u>Duration</u>
9/1	KB5FNK	17	14 min
9/8	Not Available		min
9/15	Not Available		min
9/22	Not Available		min
9/29	Not Available		

This net meets every Monday night at 8 p.m. on 145.27 or 146.94 as an alternate repeater. All amateurs licensed to operate on that frequency are invited to participate.

Concho Valley Open FM Repeaters

2 Meter	70 centimeters
145.27- San Angelo PL 88.5	441.750+ San Angelo PL 162.2
146.88- San Angelo PL 88.5	442.250+ San Angelo PL 162.2
146.94- San Angelo PL 103.5	444.225+ Robert Lee PL 162.2
147.06+ San Angelo No Tone	444.350+ San Angelo PL 162.2
147.30+ San Angelo PL 88.5	444.875+ Brady PL 162.2
146.72- Eldorado PL 100.00	
147.34+ Robert Lee PL 88.5	
146.90- Brady PL 162.2	
147.36+ Brady PL 114.8 (Echo Link Node)	
Echo Link: N5TBR-L Node#920069	
145.7850 Simplex PL-88.5	
147.39+ Eden PL 114.8	
	6 M
	53.63- San Angelo PL 88.5 Linked to 442.25 Repeater

New Member Application/Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due in January. Regular memberships: \$20, Each additional family member: \$5; Seniors (age 65+) and Juniors (under age 19): \$10, Renewal package deal: 5 years for \$80, Associate members: \$20

Dues may be paid to the secretary at any club meeting or mailed to the club's post office box.



**Application
for
Membership**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

License Class: _____ Year First Licensed: _____ Previously Held Calls: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

I hereby give permission to publish the above information in the club's membership roster which is distributed to all club members. Check here if you do not want your e-mail address linked on the club's Web site.

Signature	Date
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