

# The eKilo - What

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

April 2012



## President's Message

de Joe Kent/W5UI

Thanks to Glenn Miller/AA5PK for a fantastic program on satellite communication. In addition, I would like to thank Mike Dominy/KD5URW, David Behrend/KB5FNK, Hector Guerrero/KC5BRB and all others who helped make this another great Skywarn training session. Keep up the good work!

We are beginning the planning stage for Field Day 2012. As usual, this event will be held the last weekend in June and this year's site will be the Fort Concho Parade Grounds. I'm looking forward to a great event and one that will be both educational and enjoyable. Of course, these events always succeed or fail based on the preparation and hard work of volunteer amateur radio operators. Thankfully, our Field Day efforts have been great successes and this year should be no exception. I'm looking forward to another enjoyable Field Day experience.

## March Meeting Minutes

de Bob Freeman/KD5PIX

The regular meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Joe Kent/W5UI on March 8, 2012 at 1930. The financial report was read and approved by the membership.

The Fort Concho location for the upcoming Field Day was discussed.

A Split-The-Pot drawing was held and Jack Roberts/

KB5TMY was the winner. Jack donated his share of the pot to the club. Thank you Jack!

The next club meeting will be held on 12 April, 2012.

## THINK

## FIELD

## DAY



## April Club Program de Matt Healy/W5MAT

The SAARC program for April will be presented by David Eaton/KB5EDB. David's program will be entitled "Let's Keep It Safe Out There" and will cover some practical ideas and tactics to use when storm chasing and reporting. This should prove to be a very informative presentation.

## HF Nets of Note de Gary/W5ETJ

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIMES	DIAL
Texas Traffic Net	S-M-T-W-T-F-S	0830 - 0930	7285
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

## Skywarn Training Session

Held 10 March 2011



## Amateur Satellite Program

Presented by Glenn Miller/AA5PK

After the regular meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club on March 8, 2012, Glenn Miller/AA5PK presented his program on Amateur Satellite Communications to a group of approximately 25 hams. This extremely informative session provided those present with insight into the possibilities of communicating via VHF/UHF and HF utilizing several functioning orbital satellites. Glenn's well documented PowerPoint briefing contained actual sound clips from his contacts with other hams as well as contacts made with Astronauts aboard the orbiting International Space Station.

The presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and may result in more local hams delving into this fascinating mode of operation. Well done Glenn!



## Skywarn NCS Training

de Mike Dominy/KD5URW

What: Skywarn Net Control training session

When: 26 April 2012

Time: 7:00 PM (1900 hours)

Where: San Angelo NWS Office

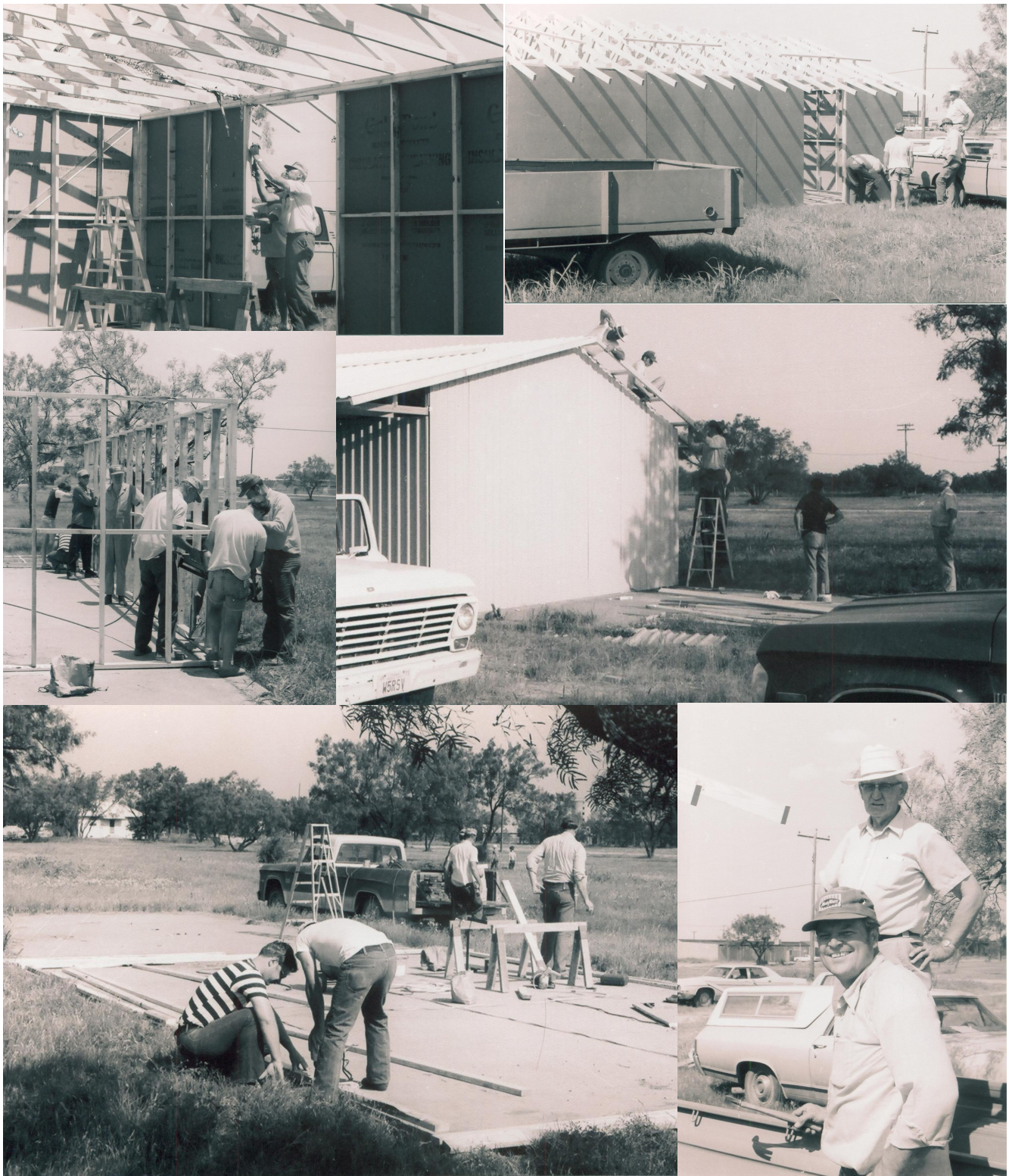
This session is open to anyone wishing to obtain training on the Skywarn Net Control station or refresher training on same. Training will cover station operations, radio operation, books, links to other repeaters, installed computers and software and much more. Purpose is to help you understand the operations of the NWS net control station during severe storm events that occur in the NWS coverage area. Please mark this on your calendar. Hope to see many of you there.





**From The SAARC Archives**

These hams are engaged in construction of our current clubhouse on Stewart Lane. You might recognize one or more of the "old timers", especially the one wearing the striped T-shirt. Of course, that one is our own Glenn Miller/AA5PK.



## Recent Programs

<b>July '11</b>	Balloon Launch with APRS, <b>Les Roblin, K7PTZ</b>
<b>August '11</b>	All Things Digital, <b>Ralph Stout, KA5ULE</b>
<b>September '11</b>	ARES, <b>Mike Dominy, KD5URW</b>
<b>October '11</b>	SAARC's 87th Birthday Party
<b>January '12</b>	Fox Hunt Information, <b>Joe Kent, W5UI</b>
<b>February '12</b>	National Weather Service Information, <b>Hector Guerrero, KC5BRB</b>
<b>March '12</b>	Amateur Satellite Operations, <b>Glenn Miller, AA5PK</b>

## Upcoming Hamfests &amp; Conventions

Date	Event	Location	Information
04/14/2012	HamEXPO	Belton, TX	<a href="http://beltonhamexpo.org">http://beltonhamexpo.org</a>
05/05/2012	Smithville Swapfest 2012	Smithville, TX	<a href="http://www.bcarc-hams.org/">http://www.bcarc-hams.org/</a>
05/18/2012	Dayton Hamvention	Dayton, OH	<a href="http://www.hamvention.org/index.php">http://www.hamvention.org/index.php</a>
06/08/2012	West Gulf Division Convention (Ham-Com)	Plano, TX	<a href="http://hamcom.org">http://hamcom.org</a>
08/03/2012	Austin Summerfest	Austin, TX	<a href="http://austinsummerfest.info/">http://austinsummerfest.info/</a>
10/26/2012	Texoma Hamorama	Ardmore, OK	<a href="http://texomahamarama.org/">http://texomahamarama.org/</a>
11/10/2012	NC Tech 2012	Azle, TX	<a href="http://wc5c.org/">http://wc5c.org/</a>

## Belton Hamfest 2012

Bell County Expo Center—Belton, TX

See you in Belton for "the friendliest ham swapfest in the world."

HamEXPO -- Bell County Expo Center in Belton, Texas

From I-35 take Exit 292 to the Dome

Friday setup for vendors & pre-registered non-commercial sellers

Doors open at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday

Admission: \$5.00 -- INCLUDES a Raffle Ticket (\$2 value)

VE Test Session ONSITE @ Expo Center (ARRL) -- 9:30 a.m.

## 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). The net can also be reached by EchoLink at WB5VRM-R or Node 412402. Other frequencies are announced on the Concho Valley Net at 8:00 pm.

## ARES Net Report

Date	Net Ctrl	Check-ins	Time	Freq
3/12	KD5URW	13	24	444.350
3/19	KD5URW	14	14	444.350
3/26	KD5URW	11	25	444.350
4/2	KD5URW	12	26	444.350
4/9	KD5URW	11	15	444.350



## For Sale

Two wheel 8ø x 5ø trailer with 2ø ballø \$450.00; Coleman Powermate Generator, 6,250 Watt, excellent condition. Used one time for Field Day (approximately 36 hours). With wheel kitø \$450.00; GAP Titan DX Antennaø Good condition, complete \$200.00. Contact Joe Kent/W5UI at [joew5ui@gmail.com](mailto:joew5ui@gmail.com) or (325) 896-2038.

### Scanner Jack's Corner de Jack Roberts/KB5TMY



This month I am providing the øtalk groupsø that were used during the FLDS activities as well as øtalk groupsø active during the range fires in 2011.

**SAPD** 02-021 CH1 Dispatch, 02-022 CH2, 02-023 CH3 Link to TX Law 3, 02-024 CH4.

**SAFD** 04-021 TAC1 Dispatch, 04-042 TAC2, 04-043 TAC3, 04-044 TAC4, 04-045 TAC5, 04-046 TAC6.

**OPS1** 02-082. **ADMIN1** 02-146. **COMM1** 02-144. **City Marshalls** 02-121. **Lake PD** 02-150. **Public**

**Service Events** 01-156. **TGC SO** CH1 06-001, CH2 02-004, CH3 04-003. **TGC FD Dispatch** 04-014, 00-006, 04-006, 06-006. **TX Fire MA** TX Fire1 05-001, TX Fire2 05-002, TX Fire3 05-003. **DPS TX LAW1** 02-147.

As always, if you have an amateur radio, scanner, all hazards (weather) radio, or digital TV converter that needs programming you may contact Jack at: (325) 651-4840 or [scannerjack1@juno.com](mailto:scannerjack1@juno.com)

## Amateur Radio Technician Class & Upcoming Events

by Mike Dominy/KD5URW

### Amateur Radio Technician Class

We are going to have an Amateur Radio Technician Class in May, as noted below. The class will be at the Concho Valley Council of Governments (CVCOG) training room on the following days and times. This is open to anyone who wishes to get their Amateur Radio (Ham) Technician license.

The Dates and Times are:

18 May - 5 PM to 9 PM

19 May - 8 AM to 5 PM

20 May - 8 AM to Noon

- Open Testing for any of the Amateur Radio Classes will start at 1:00 PM on 20 May 2012.

If you know of someone who would like to obtain their Technician license, please let me know so that I may contact them and let them know where they can purchase their books.

If anyone desires, they may go on-line to [arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) and order the Technician Class book at:

<http://www.arrl.org/shop/Ham-Radio-License-Manual-Revised-2nd-Edition/?page=1>

#### Description:

Ham Radio License Manual Revised 2nd Edition Book and CD-ROM. All you need to become an Amateur Radio Operator! Practice Exam Software included.

The Cost is \$29.95 ISBN: 978-0-87259-097-7 Order No.: 0977

### Upcoming Events

1. ARRL Field Day - The annual Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day event is the largest on-the-air operating event in Amateur Radio. It draws tens of thousands to the airwaves each year, bringing new and experienced hams together for a weekend of fun. While some will treat it as a contest, most all of the groups will use this opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to local elected community leaders, key individuals with the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar of events.

This year's event will be on 23-24 June 2010 and will be held at Old Fort Concho on the parade grounds. The San Angelo Amateur Radio Club (SAARC), along with other local city and county emergency response groups would like to invite all Amateur Radio operators, as well as the general public, to this event. Please check out the club web site for more information about this event - [www.w5qx.org](http://www.w5qx.org).

2. National Preparedness Month is coming up in September. The club, along with many area emergency response organizations, are looking at holding some events for Emergency Preparedness Week here in San Angelo. More information will be provided in the coming months.

## Concho Valley Two Meter Net

<u>Date</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Check-ins</u>	<u>Duration</u>
3/19	KB5FNK	19	17 min
3/26	Unknown	Unk	Unk
4/2	KB5FNK	15	15 min
4/9	KB5TMY	16	16 min

This net meets every Monday night at 8 p.m. on the club's 146.94 repeater. All amateurs licensed to operate on that frequency are invited to participate.

## Concho Valley Open FM Repeaters

<b>2 Meter</b>		<b>70 centimeter</b>	
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 PL 162.2		
146.62-	Brady PL 114.8 (Echo-Link Node)		

## Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due in January 2012. Prices are as follows:

- 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

P.O. Box 4002  
San Angelo, TX 76902-4002

Get all the latest club news on the World  
Wide Web at [www.w5qx.org](http://www.w5qx.org)

### 2012 SAARC Officers:

President - Joe Kent/W5UI  
Vice President - Matt Healy/W5MAT  
Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Freeman/KD5PIX  
Emergency Coordinator - Mike Dominy/KD5URW  
Activities Manager - Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC  
Grounds Chairman - Marcus OQuin/KF5GKC  
W5QX Trustee - Charlie Campbell/KC5EZZ

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

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

**The Kilo-What:** Edited by Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ at  
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**Article submission deadline:** Ten days prior  
to monthly club meeting.



*Next Meeting: 4/12/12*

*PROGRAM: Let's Keep It Safe Out There  
Mathis Field Clubhouse*