

The eKilo - What

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

February 2012



President's Message

de Joe Kent/W5UI

The National Weatherman's Day Special Event was a great success as we had over 25 people present and the operators made 89 contacts. The local news media filmed the event as well as an interview with Dr. Steve Lyons who sang the praises of SAARC members and the Amateur community in general. Myself, Hughbert/KC5NPC, Jack Roberts/KB5TMY and Martin Diaz/KF5IK manned the radios while others provided the chili and cake to make the event one to remember. Thanks to all who participated in the Fox Hunt held last month. A good time was had by all as well as lessons learned about radio direction finding. Kudos to our Grounds Chairman Marcus O'Quin/KF5GKC for locating and securing the water leak in the bathroom area of the clubhouse.

January 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 January 12, 2012 at 1930. Financial reports for December and January were read and approved by the membership. The Fox Hunt planned for January 14 was discussed. For the program, Joe Kent/W5UI presented information on Fox Hunting and discussions ensued. The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.

Mary Alice Spencer, widow of Carl Garland Brinegar (former W5QX) passed away on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, at the age of 95. Mary was married to Carl Brinegar until his death in 1968. We offer our condolences to her survivors. Mary's obituary can be viewed at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/gosanangelo/>

Ham of the Year (HOTY) for 2011 was presented to Gary Pittman/KE5TXL by Vice President Matt Healy/W5MAT at the January club meeting. This award is presented annually to the club member who has contributed the most to

amateur radio in general and the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club in particular.

Gary is especially deserving of recognition for his tireless efforts in support of club projects and the hours spent repairing club assets including antenna structures. Congratulations Gary and thanks for your outstanding support!



February Club Program

Hector Guerrero/KC5BRB, NWS Forecast Office Warning Coordination Meteorologist, will give a talk on severe weather as it pertains to amateur radio operations and the Concho Valley. Additionally, he will provide instruction to access helpful information that is present on the NWS weather Web page for San Angelo.

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

National Weatherman's Day Special Event

A special event station was activated on Saturday, 4 February. This annual event honors weathermen and women who work tirelessly to accurately predict the weather. February the 5th commemorates the birth of John Jeffries, one of America's first weathermen. Jeffries was born on February 5th 1744 and kept weather records from 1774 to 1816. Numerous HF and VHF contacts were made and chili, beans, cornbread and dessert items were available to all who stopped by. Dr. Steve Lyons, Meteorologist in Charge of the San Angelo National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office, was an honored guest.



Recent Programs

June '11	Field Day Planning
July '11	Balloon Launch with APRS, Les Roblin, K7PTZ
August '11	All Things Digital, Ralph Stout, KA5ULE
September '11	ARES, Mike Dominy, KD5URW
October '11	SAARC's 87th Birthday Party
January '12	Fox Hunt Information, Joe Kent, W5UI
February '12	National Weather Service Information, Hector Guerrero, KC5BRB

Upcoming Hamfests & Conventions

Date	Event	Location	Information
02/25/2012	Williamson County ARC Hamfest	Georgetown, TX	http://wcarc.com
03/10/2012	10th Annual IARC Hamfest	Irving, TX	http://irvingarc.org
03/17/2012	West Texas Section Convention (St. Patrick's Day Hamfest)	Midland, TX	http://hamfest.w5qgg.org
03/24/2012	ARC of Parker County Hamfest	Weatherford, TX	http://w5pc.org
04/14/2012	HamEXPO	Belton, TX	http://beltonhamexpo.org
06/08/2012	West Gulf Division Convention (Ham-Com)	Plano, TX	http://hamcom.org
08/03/2012	Austin Summerfest	Austin, TX	http://austinsummerfest.info/
11/10/2010	NC Tech 2012	Azle, TX	http://wc5c.org/

Scanner Jack's Corner de Jack Roberts/KB5TMY

Scanner Jack's Corner will return with the March issue of the eKilo-What. Jack will provide scanner frequencies for the upcoming rodeo parade as well as important frequencies associated with SKYWARN.

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



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 Ctr	Check-ins	Time	Freq
1/16	KD5URW	14	12	444.350
1/23	KD5URW	15	16	444.350
1/30	KD5URW	16	18	444.350
2/6	KD5URW	12	16	444.350
2/13				

For Sale

de Joe Christian/K5HMD

I have Keith Roberts's/K5LSM equipment that I am selling for his wife. I've attached what's currently for sale and asking prices. Anyone interested in this equipment please contact me at k5hmd@uppercanyon.us or (325) 226-3382. His towers, rotators and antennas will be sold later; we have to wait until his will is probated since they are considered part of the house/lot. All of the equipment shown in the list is at my QTH near Eldorado.

Ameritron	AL-811H	Manual	HF Amplifier, has almost new tubes.	\$600
ARRL	2000 Handbook		Still in shrink wrap	\$5
Hallicrafters	S-38E	No Manual	Receiver, condition unknown	\$30
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Hammarlund	HQ-100A	Manual & Box	Near mint condition, works good; noisy volume control. Clock works. Original box & manual	\$150
Hammarlund	S-100	Speaker	Matches HQ-100A, good condition, hole in side.	\$35
MFJ	4225MV	Manual	25 Amp Switching PS	\$75
MFJ	989C	Manual	Antenna Tuner, was hooked up	\$180

For Sale

A two wheel 8'x 5' trailer with 20" ball bearings \$450.00; Coleman Powermate Generator, 6,250 Watt, excellent condition. Used one time for Field Day (approximately 36 hours). With wheel kit \$450.00. Contact Joe Kent/W5UI at joew5ui@gmail.com or (325) 896-2038.



A Fox Hunt was held near the SAARC clubhouse on January 14, 2012. The fox was a 200 mw HT coupled to a Byonics PicCon PIC microcontroller based radio controller. The apparatus was contained within a plastic coffee can. The fox was hid and participants were instructed to locate the item using portable radio equipment and various direction finding techniques. First place was awarded to Jack Roberts/KB5TMY who located the fox in just over 15 minutes. Super job Jack! All participants were able to locate the fox within the allotted time and the consensus was that holding similar events throughout the year would be beneficial in honing direction finding skills.

Concho Valley Two Meter Net

<u>Date</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Check-ins</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1/9	KD5SBE	21	20 min
1/16	KD5SBE	16	12 min
1/23	KB5TMY	16	18 min
1/30	KB5TMY	20	16 min
2/6	KD5SBE	24	20 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

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 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



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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: 2/9/12

*PROGRAM: National Weather Service
Mathis Field Clubhouse*