

The eKilo-What

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

January 2010

President's Message

de Ralph Stout/KA5ULE

Well, here we are in 2010 already. Thanks to everyone who voted for me as President and Ham of the year. The Ham of the Year award caught me totally off guard, thanks to those who nominated me. Congratulations to Lisa Koca/K5LLK for being elected to Vice President. She is one of our new Technicians that went through our Tech class last year. I like to see new hams step up and get involved. Way to go Lisa! Also congratulations to the ones who were re-elected and one, Joe/W5JBK who simply changed hats.

The Christmas party at Twin Mountain Steakhouse was a very good time for all and I was glad to see everyone there. Any more and it would have been standing room only! I even noticed some of our new Techs there as well. I would like to see more and more of our new hams get involved in the club. I look forward to serving this year and I think we will be able to continue the good work of the previous administration.

Thanks to the previous officers listed below for their service.

President – Joe Kent/W5JBK

Vice President – Don Hejl/N5SVK

Grounds Chairman – Ron Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ

We have another Tech class starting on January 23 and concluding with a test session on January 30th . If you know someone who is interested in this class, let Mike or myself know so we can get them on the list.

We hope to see you all at the next club meeting and see if we can continue the good work that the club has done already and make 2010 another good year for Amateur Radio.

2010 Club Officers

The following members were elected Club Officers for the 2010 year at the December Eatin' Meetin':

President: Ralph Stout/KA5ULE

Vice President: Lisa Koca/K5LLK

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob

Freeman/KD5PIX

Emergency Coordinator: Mike

Dominy/KD5URW

Activities Manager: Hughbert

Robinson/KC5NPC

Grounds Chairman: Joe

Kent/W5JBK

The new Officers assumed their duties on January 1, 2010,

Congratulations to all.

Ham Of The Year

Congratulations to Ralph Stout/KA3ULE. Ralph was named Ham of the Year by the SAARC for 2009 at the Eatin' Meetin' in December.

We appreciate all the good work by Ralph this year.

November Minutes

de Bob Freeman/KD5PIX

President Joe Kent/W5JBK called the regular meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., to order, on November 12, 2009 at 1932.

Introductions were made with 26 members and 6 visitors in attendance.

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

Officer's Report

Vice President: Don Hejl/N5SVK. After the meeting, Glenn Miller/AA5PK will present a program on satellite communications.

New Business

Bill Murphy/WA6CMJ asked the club to donate a power supply for the two meter radio we have at the EOC. Glenn/AA5PK made a motion we purchase a power supply. Charles

Royall/WB5T seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Good of the Order

There were two drawings before the Split-the-Pot. In the first drawing, Bob Freeman/KD5PIX won a level. In the second drawing Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ won a knife. Split-the-Pot was worth \$17.50 to the winner Buddy Parker/KD5SBE as well as the club.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2012. The next regular meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., will be Thursday December 10, 2009 at the Twin Mountain Steak House for our annual Eatin' Meetin'. Hope to see everyone there. The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14 at the Clubhouse.

Scanner Jack's Corner

de Jack Roberts/KB5TMY
will return in February

Emergency Communications

de Mike Dominy/KD5URW
Emergency Coordinator

November ARES Net Report				
Date	Net Ctrl	Check-ins	Time	Freq.
12/7	KD5URW	16	30 min	444.350
12/14	KD5URW	15	20 min	444.350
12/21	KD5URW	12	18 min	444.350
12/28	KD5URW	14	20 min	147.300

ARES Net

Meets every Monday night at 8:30 pm CST (2030 hr) on the 444.350 repeater (N5SVK) with other frequencies announced on the ARES Alert system.

Activities

Total # of ARES members: 20 Change since last month: 2

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 5
Man hours: 47.0

Total number of ARES operations this month: 5
Man-hours: 47.0

The Tom Green County ARES group had their monthly meeting on the 19 Nov 09. We had a good meeting discussing various topics and going over some of the goals and projects the group is looking at doing for the rest of this year and into the New Year. The group set up a work date of the 23 of Nov 09 for working in the radio room at the city/county EOC. We are looking at doing a total makeover of the radio room and doing some upgrades to the computers and radios by the end of the year.

The final results of the SET for Oct 09 have been reviewed and the group did a good job on all that it set out to do during the SET. Good job to everyone of the group. The planning for next years SET will start after the upcoming New Year.

The results for the Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) have been looked over and it looks like the San Angelo Radio Club has done a good job again this year. With several of the club members going down to Camp Sol Mayer and at the main radio club house, the overall results of the two day event were very good. The results of the JOTA for the 17-18th of Oct 09 show that there were a total of twenty-four scout and scout leaders who worked with the twelve San Angelo Radio Club members to make over 52 main radio contacts by phone and thru data with a 148 total contacts of both radio operators and scouts from around the country for this years event. A Job Well Done by all.

The next TGC-ARES group meeting is set for 21 January 2009 at 7:00 PM at the San Angelo ARC club house. 73s, Stay Safe, Stay Warm and Happy Holiday DXing.

Special Event Coming Up

National Weatherman's Day will be celebrated on February 5 with a special event station at the SAARC Clubhouse. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude about 6 p.m. Contacts will be made on 20-m and 40-m. Operators and loggers will be needed. Contact Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC at tbum@aol.com for more information. Also check in to the 2-m net on Monday night at 8 p.m. for updates.

Membership Dues are now Due

Yearly dues are now due to the Treasurer, Bob Freeman/KD5PIX. You may pay at the club meeting or mail to the club address. See the last page of the newsletter for details.

ARRL Membership Contest

Watch for details about the ARRL membership contest. Our club can win some great prizes by adding new ARRL members. If you are not a member consider joining and helping the club. Dues are \$39/year which includes a subscription the QST magazine.

Current ARRL members should renew through the club Secretary, Bob Freeman/KD5PIX. The club will receive a portion of the dues for club use. Renewals do not count toward the contest points.

Consider joining and renewing through the club this year. ARRL members have a special member's only area on the ARRL website at www.arrl.org.



Skywarn Appreciation Day Held

The annual Skywarn Appreciation Day was held Saturday, December 5 from 8-4 at the San Angelo Office of the National Weather Service on Knickerbocker Road. Skywarn operators and interested Hams from across the Concho Valley were hosted by the National Weather Service as a way to say thank-you for the service provided during severe weather. The San Angelo Amateur Radio Club provided HF equipment and antenna so that contacts could be made with other Hams and weather stations around the US.

Special thanks go to Joe Kent/W5JBK, President, SAARC, Mike Dominy/KD5URW, SKYWARN Net Control Leader, San Angelo, the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club for providing the HF equipment and to Hector Guerrero/KC5BRB for the homemade chili. It was a good time of hanging out with other HAMs and just having a good time.

Photos courtesy of Gary Chafin/W5ETJ



Recent SAARC Programs

February '09	Amateur Satellite Communications, Ralph Stout/KA5ULE
March '09	Digital Communications, PSK-31, Gary Chafin/W5ETJ, Ralph Stout/KA5ULE
April '09	Solar Activity and Ham Radio, Joe Lynch/KG5X
July '09	APRS, Charlie Campbell/KC5EZZ
August '09	Batteries Plus, Richard & Patrick Brown
September '09	DPS, Trooper Shawn Baxter
October '09	85th SAARC Birthday Celebration
November '09	Satellite Operations, Glenn Miller/AA5PK
December '09	Eatin' Meeting
January '10	CVGOG Interoperability Data and Radio Systems, Jim Koca/N5ZIY

January Program

Lisa Koca/K5LLK announced that the program for the January club meeting will be James (Jim) Koca/N5ZIY. He will present a program on the Concho Valley Council of Governments Homeland Security Division.

He will talk about the Interoperability Data and Radio Systems being installed in all patrol vehicles in the 13 county region.

Technician License Class and Exam Session Scheduled

Just to let everyone know the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club (SAARC) will be having another new Amateur Radio Technician Class this coming 23rd and 30th of January 2010.

The classes will be out at Angelo State University (ASU) at the new Commons House at the new Centennial Village housing complex. That is the one just built there at Ave N. and Rosemont Drive.

The first Saturday class on January 23, 2010 will run fro, 8:00 AM to about 5:00 PM. The next Saturday class will be on January 30, 2010 and will run from 8:00 AM to about 1:30 PM.

Open testing for anyone who would like to test for any of the Amateur Radio classes will be at 1:30 PM on January 30, 2010.

At this time, we are looking for about 30 people for this class.

For more information about this class and what Amateur Radio is all about, check out the following links
www.arrl.org www.eham.com www.qrz.com

You can also try some practice tests.

If you know of someone who would like to take the class, please contact Mike Dominy/KD5URW at 716-0659 or by email at kd5urw@arrl.net or Ralph Stout/KA5ULE at 374-2244 or by email at zell7@verizon.net.

Eatin' Meetin' Photos (thanks to Joe Kent/W5JBK). About 50 in attendance. Good time was had by all.



CQ DX de WB5ZAM
Will return in February



Concho Valley Two Meter Net

<u>Date</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Check-ins</u>	<u>Duration</u>
12/07	KB5FNK	30	16 min
12/14	KD5SBE	28	18 min
12/21	KB5FNK	21	15 min
12/28	KB5FNK	33	15 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 PL 162.2		
146.62-	Brady PL 114.8 (Echo Link Node)		



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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 Buddy Parker/KD5SBE at 949-7731 or vparker6@suddenlink.net

Article submission deadline: Ten days prior to monthly meeting



NEXT MEETING: 01/14/10
PROGRAM: CVCOG Comm. System
SAARC Clubhouse, 7:30 P.M.