

The eKilo - What

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

January 2014



San Angelo Radio Club Officers

President: Tom Austin/KT4OTM

Vice President: Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Freeman//KD5PDX

Activity Director: Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ

Emergency Coordinator: Mike Dominy/KD5URW

Grounds Chairman: Open

Appointed Positions

SAARC Trustee: Charlie Campbell/KC5GKC

Registered Agent: Charlie Campbell/KC5GKC

Public Information Officer: Matt Healy/W5MAT

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SAARC COMING EVENTS

ARES Meeting

February 6, 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse

General Membership Meeting

February 20, 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse

Other Events

February 8th - National Weatherman's Day

9 AM - 2 PM at the Clubhouse

Food, Cake & Special Events Station

June 28 & 29th - ARRL Field Day

September 20th - Lily Fest

October 11th - SAARC Club's Birthday Party

December 6th - Sky Warn Recognition Day

Club News

Minutes for January 9th Club Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Tom Austin, K4OTM at 7:30pm. It opened with the Pledge followed by introductions.

Gary Pittman, KE5TXL made the motion to accept the minutes as presented in the December 2013 eKilo-What, seconded by Buddy Parker, KD5SBE. The motion carried.

Bob Freeman, KD5PIX presented the financial report. Matt Healy, W5MAT made the motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The beam at the club house.

Hughbert Robinson, KC5NPC made the motion to form a committee to study and make arrangements to fix the beam at the club house, seconded by Buddy Parker, KD5SBE. The motion carried. The committee is: Hughbert Robinson, KC5NPC, Ralph Stout, KA5ULE, Les Roblin, K7PTZ, Tom Austin, K4OTM and Gary Chaffin, W5ETJ. This committee consists of volunteers and it was not part of the above motion.

Tom Austin, K4OTM brought the club up to date on the local repeaters: Charlie Campbell, KC5EZZ is currently rebuilding the 270 repeater and it should be back on line servicing the western part of Tom Green County this spring; he has worked on the 94 repeater and it is working much better. That repeater will need some major work in the next 12 to 18 months simply because of its age.

The position of Grounds Keeper is still vacant. If you have an interest in helping the club in that capacity please contact Tom Austin.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hughbert Robinson, KC5NPC recommended the club needs a new public information officer. Matt Healy, W5MAT volunteered for that position. Tom Austin, K4OTM appointed Matt to the position; there were no objections from the floor.

Mike Dominy, KD5URW will be working with David Behrend, KB5FNK towards setting a date for Sky Warn Training.

Matt Healy, W5MAT suggested there be a set schedule for Tech Classes throughout the year. After some discussion from the floor, Mike Dominy, KD5URW set a class for April, July and October. Those dates will be published as they are set.

Gary Chaffin, W5ETJ presented the following calendar of events for 2014:

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Split the pot was won by David Behrend, KF5FNK. \$12 was added to the radio fund.

Ralph Stout, KA5URW presented the program on the club's Yahoo Group. He went through the process of signing up, notifications, postings and files. He also covered the process of all new applicants, and all messages are screened before approval and postings. Thanks for the great presentation!

Matt Healy, W5MAT made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Les Roblin, K7PTZ. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Bob Freeman, secretary submitted by Matt Healy

Schertz Hamfest

A Long Way To Schertz And A Longer Way Back

As I may have mentioned, Cathy's (my wife) Dad joined Company 889 of the Civilian Conservation Corp at the age of 19 in 1933. He started working on the Caddo Lake project and moved on with Company 889 to other projects around the state. Many of the CCC building projects are now managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). My wife became interested in the CCC work and as a result we are revisiting a number of Parks to more closely study the work of CCC. When I plan to go to a hamfest we also try to visit the Parks in that area and take care of any other business we may have in the area as well.

The trip to Schertz was no exception. Heading south from Eden, our first stop was Leaky to visit an antique shop where we have done business before. Down the street we stopped for coffee, a turnover and bought a BBQ sandwich to eat by the Frio River in Garner State Park under the bare Cypress trees. After taking some pictures it was off to San Antonio, where we had to stop at the SAS (San Antonio Shoe) store and factory at Zarzamora and the Laredo Highway. (This is a must visit any time we are near San Antonio.) While the wife shopped, I visited the antique cars displayed in the building and outside. Just inside the front door is a huge 1933 Studebaker four door sedan with huge headlamps, huge whitewall tires and a hood stretching half way to tomorrow. As my first car was a 1936 Dodge four door, I always enjoy visiting the Studebaker. Outside the antiques include a Rambler sedan (I had a Rambler station wagon) and a 1965 Mustang sedan (I had a convertible). After sufficient reminiscing, I topped off this visit with a small dish of Butter-Pecan ice cream in the ice cream shop in the SAS store.



From there it was up I-10 to the Oreck dealer for some bags and across to Schertz on 1604. Checking into the Best Western on I-35, we walked next door to the KFC for a light supper.

After a hot breakfast at 6:00 AM it was down the Schertz Parkway to the Schertz Civic Center. Tickets were on sale a little after 7:00 and we were allowed in about 7:45 as the vendors were mostly set up by then. There were many familiar faces in the crowd and manning the tables. I left \$17.00 for a 200 μ A meter and some clip-on cable chokes. There was lots of other stuff with most all tables sold out. Another feature of the hamfest was the hot food available in the center snack area.

There were continuous talks presented in the Center conference room, all of possible interest to Hams. It was a bit cold for tailgaters but a few braved it. All in all, this was a good Hamfest.

Leaving the Hamfest and collecting Cathy and baggage, it was on to Palmetto, Lockhart and Bastrop State Parks and then on to Goliad for the night. After checking in we drove around town for a while and settled on the Hanging Tree Restaurant for dinner on the courthouse square. A trophy hunter has loaned the restaurant many heads which occupy the longest wall. The last is a Caribou. After examining these, we went to checkout. I told the cashier I thought the Caribou was not that at all, but a horse's head the taxidermist had changed a bit and added some deformed antlers so as to have some fun. I said this with a serious tone and face. He laughed and reaffirmed it was indeed a Caribou but I am sure there was just a little doubt in his sparkling eyes!



After stopping at Goliad State Park, we went to Goose Island. We missed seeing the cranes but did visit the 1000 year old Oak the CCC had put a fence around to protect it in the 1930s. From there it was a stop in Corpus Christi with a fifth story room with a view of the bay and marina. A late seafood lunch at Landry's still gave us time to tour Corpus. The next morning, we had a hot breakfast on the 11th floor of the motel with a great view of the marina and bay. As, in another life, my wife and I thought we wanted to retire to blue-water sailing, we always enjoy watching the sailboats come and go from the marina.

The next day we toured Lake Corpus Christi State Park where the CCC made the blocks for the pavilion from local caliche and cement.

Next was brief stop in Three Rivers, and it was home by sunset.
Pete/KJ5SS



Scanner Jack's Corner



Monitor these frequencies for GOODFELLOW P25 TSYS.

138.0375, 139.3375, 139.9375, AND 142.0375

TGID

1, BASE COMMANDER; 4603, SECURITY FORCES; 4606, FIRE DISP; 4614, FIRE-GROUND PATCH; 4615, FIRE TAC; 4632, FIRE SCHOOL; 4609, MAINTENANCE; 4611, TRANSPORTATION; 4619, ARMORY

From **SCANNER JACK ROBERTS KB5TMY**

Free

I have the following free items for anyone interested:

- 1: diplexer set for 1090 MHz with 5 pole tuned cavity filter on transmit and 7 pole tuned cavity on receive. Tunable, should tune to 1200 MHz or 900 MHz with a screwdriver;
- 2: signal monitor probe 2 ports 30 db attenuation, about 6 n connectors appear to be silver plated for 1080 MHz;
- 3: 2 meter Yagi 100 feet long on two pieces of 200 pound nylon line. about 44 elements and 19 db gain. This antenna is really ugly but it works. I made it out of aluminum ground wire so the elements are flexible and sort of droop a lot.

James Fisher -kd6iwd@gmail.com

For Sale

Used Yaesu G-800SA rotor and controller. Purchased from estate sale and stored for several years. Clearing shack. As is (I was told it worked before removal from tower). I replaced bolts on rotor top and put new brace on it). As is. \$300 from WB5ZAM [325-340-6102](tel:325-340-6102)



BETSY JAMAL betsyjamal@gmail.com

I am the daughter of Marvin Strong (W5NUS) who lived in Lovington, NM. He passed away in early September, and I am charged with the responsibility of selling his ham gear. My Dad wasn't "on" for several years but he did have the following items:

Lodestar Signal Generator SB-4160B, Drake Model T-4xc Transmitter. Drake Model MS-4 Speaker, Drake Model DC-4 Mobile Power Supply, Drake TV-3300-LP Low Pass Filter, Tram 1180 Antenna 144-148/430-450 Mhz, Very old Western Electric Key. Books for the equipment.

I am located in West Houston in the Westheimer/Kirkwood area. If you are interested in any of this equipment or know someone who would be, please call me at [281-844-5709](tel:281-844-5709) (cell phone) to arrange a time to view it.

Betsy Jamal [281-844-5709](tel:281-844-5709) (cell)

Upcoming Hamfests/Conventions

Date	Event	Location	Information
2/22/2014	Orange Hamfest 2014	Orange, TX	http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/
3/1/2014	Irving ARC Hamfest 2014	Irving, TX	http://irvingarc.org/iarchasmfest.html
3/1/2014	25th Elk City Hamfest	Elk City, OK	n5neb1988@gmail.com
3/7/2014	West Gulf Division Convention (Green County Hamfest)	Claremore, OK	http://grencountyhamfest.org
3/8/2014	Williamson County ARC Hamfest	Georgetown, TX	http://warc.com
3/15/2014	West TX Section Convention (59th St. Patrick's Day Hamfest)	Midland, TX	http://hamfest.w5qgg.org/
3/22/2014	South Texas Section Convntion/Greater Houston Hamfest	Rosenberg, TX	http://houstonhamfest.org
3/29/2014	HamEXPO	Be3lton, TX	http://tarc.org

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

Recent Programs

<i>Jul '13</i>	Field Day Planning
<i>Aug '13</i>	Buddy/KD5SBEô Field Day 10 Year Results
<i>Sep '13</i>	Hughbert/KC5NPC-San Angelo Nets
<i>Oct '13</i>	89th Anniversary Party
<i>Nov '13</i>	Officer Nominations
<i>Dec '13</i>	Christmas Party
<i>Jan '14</i>	2014 Planning Meeting

HF Nets of Note de Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ

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

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.

Next ARES meeting January 9, 2014, at 1900, at the Clubhouse.

ARES Net Report

Date	Net Ctrl	Check-ins	Time	Freq
1/6	KD5URW	10	8	444.350
1/13	KD5URW	10	10	444.350
1/20	KD5URW	10	12	444.350
1/27	KD5URW	10	11	444.350

Concho Valley

Two Meter Net

<u>Date</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Check-ins</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1/6	KB5FNK	11	12 min
1/13	KB5TMY	15	22 min
1/20	KB5FNK	14	19 min
1/27	KB5FNK	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

2 Meter

145.27- San Angelo PL 100
 146.886 San Angelo PL 88.5
 146.946 San Angelo PL 103.5
 147.06+ San Angelo No Tone
 147.30+San Angelo PL 162.2
 146.72- Eldorado PL 100.00
 147.34+ Robert Lee PL 88.5
 146.906 Brady PL 162.2
 147.36+ Brady PL 114.8 (Echo Link Node)
 145.785 Simplex Brady PL 88.5 Node
 920069 San Angelo Echo Link
 147.39+ Eden PL 114.8

70 centimeters

441.750+ San Angelo PL 162.2
 442.250+ San Angelo PL 162.2
 444.225+ Robert Lee PL 162.2
 444.350+ San Angelo PL 162.2
 444.875+ Brady PL 162.2 Linked to 444.225

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53.636 San Angelo PL 88.5 Linked to 442.25 Repeater

New Member Application/Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due in January 2013. 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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