

The eKilo - What

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

January 2015

San Angelo Radio Club Officers

President: Hughbert Roberson/KC5NPC
Vice President: David Behrend/KB5FNK
Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Freeman/KD5PIX
Activity Director: Ken Grimm/KG5BPY
Emergency Coordinator: Bill Hinds/KG5BQF
Grounds Chairman: Ralph Stout/KA5ULE

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

February 12, 2015, 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse

Other Events

National Weatherman's Day February 7th
Special Events Station 9 AM -2PM
At the Clubhouse

Picture of 2015 Officers on Page 2.

SAARC Officers - 2015



From left to right: *Vice President*: David Behrend/KB5FNK; *Grounds Chairman*: Ralph Stout/KA5ULE; *Emergency Coordinator*: Bill Hinds/KG5BQF; *Activity Director*: Ken Grimm/KG5BPY; *Secretary/Treasurer*: Bob Freeman/KD5PIX; *Past President*: Tom Austin/K4OTM; *President*: Hughbert Roberson/KC5NPC.

Thanks to Gary/W5ETJ for photo - Ed.

To all eKilo-What readers: This will be my last issue. Ken/KG5BPY will take over starting with the February issue.

I want to thank Gary/W5ETJ for all his help over the past two years. I could not have done the job without him. I also want to thank all the contributors for their articles, photos, suggestions and editing. Rather than try to mention them all, credit has been given in each issue with the contribution. The eKilo-What is what the contributors make it so please give Ken your support as you have done for me. His e-mail is kfgrimm@suddenlink.net.

Pete/KJ5SS

Meeting Minutes

San Angelo Amateur Radio Club - January 8th, 2015 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Hughbert Roberson, KC5NPC followed by the pledge led by Gary Chaffin, W5ETJ.

A motion was made by Gary Chaffin, W5ETJ and seconded by Chuck Dixon, W5QZQ to accept the minutes as reflected in the eKilo-What. The motion carried with no errors or corrections.

Bob Freeman, KD5PIX presented the financial report. Matt Healy, W5MAT made the motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Buddy Parker, KD5SBE, the motion carried.

Tom Austin the 2014 President had the new officers come to the front of the club and introduced the new 2015 Officers to the club:

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Vice President: David Behrend KF5FNK

Emergency Coordinator: Bill Hinds KG5BQF

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Gary Chaffin the 2014 Activity Director gave the following report: National Weatherman's Day will be celebrated February 5th, Field Day June 27 and 28th, Lilly Fest Day September 19th, Anniversary Party October 17th and Skywarn Recognition Day December 5th.

Mike Dominy no report.

Ralph Stout the Grounds Chairman recommended we get ceiling fans for the club house. He will also take a look at the east end of the clubhouse because there are some needed repairs.

Tom Austin told the club the new repeater, a Yeasu Fusion, DR-1X dual band repeater, had come in. Charlie Campbell will get it installed as the new 27 repeater as time permits.

There was a significant discussion of possible fund raisers for the club. No decision was made. A small committee was selected to explore some possible fund raisers. Bill Hinds and Jack Roberts will work together to bring ideas back at February's meeting.

Old Business

Hughbert Roberson brought up the antenna repair project. The tree limbs on the east side of the clubhouse were trimmed back so we could get a truck back behind the clubhouse and have access to the tower. We need to get this completed before March.

Hughbert Roberson tried getting a few contractors to look at the east end of the clubhouse that needs work. He was not able to get any to come out and look.

Hughbert Roberson said he has tried to get the donated lawnmower fixed with no success. Then Ken Grimm volunteered to get his "exercise" by mowing the property.

Chuck Dixon made the motion to reimburse Tom Austin for the new repeater he paid for. The motion was seconded by Gary Chaffin; the motion carried.

New Business:

David Eaton, K5EDB, and Steve Mild procured a grant of \$13,029 for a repeater, 3 hand held HT units, an

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held HT units, an amplifier, power supply for each radio with antenna and tuner along with a Pactor 4 digital unit for the EOC. David and Steve worked together to procure the grant. We will be working with the Texas National Guard for protocol and procedures. The HF unit has already been modified to work the MARS

Split the pot was won by David Lewis and he donated the winnings back to the radio account.

Ken Grimm had the program following the adjournment of the meeting. His program covered the Future of Ham Radio and how to get younger folks involved in the hobby. It was a very interesting presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

A Ham's Story

A Ham-To-Be Kid In The Candy Store

by W5CN

Although Council Bluffs wasn't on the planned itinerary of our family trip that hot summer of 1950, it was close enough at hand that (with my crafty persuasion) we made the stop just for me to visit World Radio Laboratories. Known to all hams as "World Radio" or "WRL, I justifiably told my parents this place was "world famous" and couldn't be passed up. To miss it would be utterly unthinkable, no way! So with parental curiosity sufficiently aroused, all were favorably disposed to this excursion, especially since my grandmother knew of a particular antique store in Council Bluffs.

I can't overemphasize that to a fourteen-year-old, fantasy-inclined ham-to-be from a small provincial West Texas town, visiting such a place as WRL far surpasses what Disneyland is for today's kids.

It was in the showroom where Leo Meyerson cordially engaged my father and me and treated us to a grand tour of the place. Especially engrossing were the basement shops where masterful technicians--at workbenches cluttered with test equipment and wires running everywhere--were doing what seemed like "magic" things to used receivers.

When Leo asked about my ham interests, I proudly boasted: "I can copy over fifteen words per minute but need more study on theory before taking the FCC exam..."

Vividly as ever, exalted memories of this occasion still linger for what I suppose are two reasons: From a young boy's perspective, meeting Leo, WÆGFQ in person was tantamount--in my callow and impressionable mind--to meeting a radio guru like Signor Marconi himself. And besides, up to that moment, I had never beheld so much ham radio gear in one place and at one time except in catalogs. More dazzled than a kid in the candy store, it outshined the land of Oz.

Moreover, so momentous was this happening, we dared not depart Council Bluffs without first taking my picture (with my Brownie-620) standing in front of the store window, complete with the immense sign in the background clearly proclaiming: WORLD RADIO LABORATORIES! Having tangible proof that I'd really been there--with which to confront skeptics I might encounter back home--was as crucial to me as tourists' snapshots are to them on their return from the Eiffel Tower or the Taj Mahal.

Not too long afterward, when I was ready to take the Class C test, the Novice Program was introduced. Soon becoming WN5TGV, and nine months later W5TGV (General Class!), it wasn't until 1976 that I got my present call, W5CN.

73 de E. Marcus Barnes, W5CN, EX W5TGV, VP5ME

16 August 1997

Of Interest

Sam/K5OAI sent the following:

While reading the current January 2015 NAQCC newsletter,
<http://naqcc.info/newsletter.html>

I just became aware of an online Google News feed being broadcast in Morse code at 12 wpm. You can hear this feed by typing this URL into you browser:<http://w3ttt.listen2myradio.com>

The sending is slow enough that, if you are a bit rusty like I am, or if you are just learning Morse code, you have a little time between letters to catch what was sent, yet the letters are sent at a fast enough speed that you don't learn by counting the dits and dahs.

Here are a few other Morse code related links you may find of interest:

an eham forums discussion of the W3TTT web broadcast:
<http://www.eham.net/ehamforum/smf/index.php?action=printpage;topic=100176.0>

an explanation of the Koch method of learning Morse code:
<http://www.justlearnmorsecode.com/koch.html>

an explanation of the Farnsworth method of learning Morse code:
<http://www.justlearnmorsecode.com/farnsworth.html>

other Morse code news casts (CNN) can be found here:
<http://cw.dimebank.com:8080/>

Thanks Sam and keep sending things you find of interest. - Ed.

Free

Sony 37" Trinitron color TV. Measures 38 1/4" wide X 29 1/2" high X 24" deep.....

U must pick up.

Beware it weighs 280 lbs. We live at S/E .277 & Walling Pecan.

Chuck/K5QZQ

Silent Key

Joe Christian/K5HMD wrote:

Alex, Sam and I lost a close friend last week. Jim, K5NI, passed away on Nov 11. His wife asked Alex and I to take his station apart and sell it for her. There are lots of smaller items, and I will list them later, but here are the items that will raise the most money for Kathy.

All of Jim's equipment looks like it is brand new. He took great care of it. Non-smoking environment.

Icom 756 Pro II, S/N 2202030, includes original box, manuals, power cable, and hand mike. Asking \$1295.

Alpha 8410 amplifier. Amp runs legal limit and is rated for continuous key down at full output. S/N 841010510174. Amp was purchased new in 2011 and the warranty expires in Jan 2015. Asking \$3900.

Palstar HF-Auto antenna tuner. Purchased new in July 2013. S/N 20977. Asking \$1300.

All of the equipment is at my QTH in Eldorado.

Thanks,
Joe Christian



Scanner Jack's Corner

Here is the frequencies for road and school Closure 460.600 safd intercom
151.0175 tx dot 151.055 tx dot 461.375 Saisd. Base 1 maint. 461.050 said.
Base 2 bus 855.2875 republic service trash trucks 157.5300 home motors
mobiles 152.2700 home motors base 157.6500 taxi mobiles 152.3900 taxi
base 155.8275 asu pd 463.325 asu maint.

FROM SCANNER JACK ROBERTS KB5TMY

Upcoming Hamfests/Conventions

Date	Event	Location	Information
2/28/2015	Orange Hamfest 2015	Orange, TX	http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/
3/7/2015	13th Annual Hamfest	Irving, TX	http://irvingarc.org
3/14/2015	St. Patrick's Day Hamfest	Midland, TX	http://hamfest.w5qgg.org/
3/21/2015	Weatherford Hamfest	Weatherford, TX	http://w5pc.org/
3/28/2014	BVARC Greater Houston Hamfest/State Convention	Rosenberg, TX	http://www.houstonhamfest.org/

Hamfests and Conventions are listed for all Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Others may be found at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>. - Ed.

Of Interest

Let's Eat!

The current Eating Schedule for TGC Hams is:

Wednesday, 7:30 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

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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) on the 444.350 MHz (P1 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
1/5	KD5URW	12	15	444.350
1/12	KG5BQF	12	16	444.350
1/19	KD5URW	13	22	444.350
1/26	KG5BQF	13	14	444.350

**Concho Valley
Two Meter Net**

<u>Date</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Check-ins</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1/5	KB5FNK	16	12 min
1/12	W5MAT	14	14 min
1/19	KB5FNK	20	20 min
1/26	KB5FNK	21	20 min

This net meets every Monday night at 8 p.m. on 146.94 or 145.27 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	6 M
146.90- Brady PL 162.2	53.63- San Angelo PL 88.5 Linked to 442.25 Repeater
147.36+ Brady PL 114.8 (Echo Link Node)	D-Star
147.39+ Eden PL 114.8	444.550+ KG5CNG

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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