

The eKilo - What

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

June-July 2012



President's Message

de Joe Kent/W5UI

Once again we note the passing of one of our Concho Valley hams. Marcus Gilstrap/KK5YZ became a silent key May 9 and we offer our condolences to his family. Marcus was a former member of the SAARC and was well respected by all who knew him. He will be missed.

Field Day 2012 is now history and from all indications a big success. Buddy Parker/KD5SBE is tallying the results and will give a preliminary report at our July meeting. Thanks to all who contributed by helping with setup, tear-down, food preparation, operating and by coming out to ensure a great time was had by all. Donations this year were generous and greatly appreciated. We received a \$100 donation from the Experimental Aircraft Association that will help us on our utility and other bills. Donations for Field Day totaled \$450. These included a \$300 and a \$100 donation from anonymous donors as well as a \$50 donation for food. In addition, use of an RV was donated by American RV. Other donors were Baird Bread Company, H.E.B. and Wal-Mart North. Planning will begin soon for next year's event.

June 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 June 14, 2012 at 1930. The financial report was read and

approved by the membership. Final preparations for the upcoming Field Day were discussed and all systems seem to be GO!

Split the pot earned both Bob Freeman/KD5PIX and the SAARC \$7.00 each

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

ARES E-Letter

If you are interested in Emergency Communications, please be sure to check out the monthly ARES E-Letter. You can elect to receive this monthly newsletter free of charge via e-mail by clicking the "Edit Your Profile" link on the ARRL website, and then clicking "Edit E-mail Subscriptions."

Governor Rick Perry Declares Amateur Radio Week

Texas Governor Rick Perry proclaimed the week of June 18-24 as Amateur Radio Week.

Encouraging all Texans to learn more about Amateur Radio in his proclamation, Perry also recognized the Amateur Operator's efforts in technological advances, supportive functions during times of natural disasters and commitment to community goodwill.

July Club Program de Matt Healy/W5MAT

The SAARC program for June will be presented by Buddy Parker/KD5SBE. Buddy has agreed to share with the club the results of our Field Day efforts. Buddy is compiling the statistics of points earned, persons visiting, and overall results of the hard work and long hours our members contributed to ensure success. Will we finally be able to return the boat anchor to its rightful owner? Stay tuned.

HF Nets of Note de Gary Chaffin/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

SAARC Field Day 2012

de Matt Healy/W5MAT

We found ourselves in the middle of the 2012 Field Day on June 23rd and 24th. That was the culmination of an awful lot of work by countless volunteers. And just think, the planning started way back in the early spring. There were meetings, site selections, site analysis and the pros and cons of each. During our meetings, we decided who would be doing what to actually pull this event off. There was choreography that went on behind the scenes that few really knew about.



The director of this dance was Joe Kent (W5UI) who made sure each dancer knew their steps and what their specific jobs were. There was the coordination of getting the insurance together for the Fort and we had to thank Bob Freeman (KD5PIX) for handling that detail. There were a number of meetings with Bob Bluthardt, the Fort's director. He was the one who really had to OK our final plans, location and set-up.

The weatherman was not unkind, he just delivered a taste of the hot summer days to come. With temperatures climbing over the century mark, keeping out of the sun and staying hydrated was the rule of the day.

Right at 7:30 am Saturday morning the dance began. Several folks met at the clubhouse to pick up antennas, canopies, trailers and those last minute items you always need like radios and power supplies. Someone else went by Hughbert's place to pick up the 6 meter beam. Then it was on to the Fort. The entire set-up was so well choreographed you would have thought we did it 100 times before. The Standard Times Photographer was there thanks to Bill Tarn (AE5AW), he also had the Standard Times reporter come in later in the day to actually watch what happens during the Field Day. Ron Perry (N5ZIX) Tom Green County Emergency Coordinator set up the emergency communication center for us and Mike Dominy (KD5URW) ran the GOTA station throughout the entire Field Day. Mike was able to get several new Techs on the air and there were a number of folks that stopped by that had the chance to make contacts as well.

Bob & Carol Heiser (W7IKT & N5CBQ) were so gracious in setting up their motor home again, and letting us operate their equipment. And then you found the digital and cw station set up at the west end of the parade ground. Gary Chaffin (W5ETJ) was so nice to take the rookies in the group and show them how to operate PSK31 ó Field Day has a lot to do with education. Bill Tarn had his cherry picker out at the site again this year and did a great job with his di-poles making lots of contacts both days.

The meals were absolutely wonderful. Most of the wives helped with the food and it was as good as ever. Hughbert Robinson (KC5NPC) provided breakfast for Sunday morning to get everyone kick started for the rest of the day. Everyone had plenty to eat.

Gary Pittman (KE5TXL) brought all the ice we needed for the event. Then there was this green engine that was running next to the emergency communications trailer. Everyone knew Tom Earnest (W5UFO) was making his delicious homemade ice cream. That indeed was one of the highlights of Field Day.

At 1 o'clock Sunday, the bands died. That was the signal to break everything down and haul it back to the club house. Everyone double checked the parade grounds to make sure we left it nicer than we found it and we all are looking forward to next year's Field Day.

Thanks to everyone for all you did throughout the entire Field Day period. If you weren't mentioned in this recap, it wasn't because you weren't noticed or appreciated; it was simply an oversight on our part.

A big thanks to all, and hope to see you at next year's Field Day!

SAARC Field Day 2012

Pictures by Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ & Matt Healy/W5MAT



SAARC Field Day 2012 (cont.)
Pictures by Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ & Matt Healy/W5MAT



For Sale

Coleman Powermate Generator, 6,250 Watt, excellent condition. Used one time for Field Day (approximately 36 hours). With wheel kit \$400.00; Contact Joe Kent/W5UI at joew5ui@gmail.com or (325) 896-2038.

Scanner Jack's Corner de Jack Roberts/KB5TMY

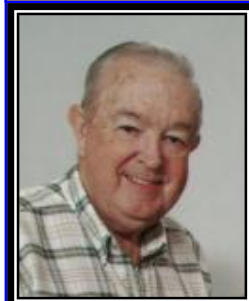


Monitor these frequencies during a power failure: **AEP TRS LCN** (1) 855.6375, (2) 858.3125, (3) 859.3125, (4) 859.3625, (5) 860.3625, (6) 856.3625, (7) 857.3375.

San Angelo Trunk Radio System (TRS) Logical Channel Number (LCN) Southland Tower: (1) 854.9625, (2) 855.2125, (3) 855.4875, (4) 855.7375, (5) 855.9875, (6) 856.2625, (7) 856.7125, (8) 856.9875.

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

Marcus D. Gilstrap (sk)



MSgt Marcus Dolan Gilstrap (USAF, Ret.), 79, lost his short battle with cancer on May 9, 2012. He went peacefully in his sleep and the gates of Heaven opened up for him to meet his Savior. Marcus was born in Tyler, Texas, on Jan. 9, 1933, to Tom and Leo (Luther) Gilstrap. He was preceded in death by both of his parents. Marcus married Bettie Joyce Ashcraft on July 5, 1952, in Tyler, Texas. As an Air Force couple, they spent the next 25 years living in Georgia, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Alaska, Massachusetts, Hawaii and Texas. After 25 years as an Air Traffic Control Radar Technician, Marcus retired in San Angelo in 1975. He continued to work in electronics at Western Communications as a mobile radio technician for several years, finally "retiring" for good after dedicating himself to SAISD and ASU as a charter bus driver for athletic and band students. "Gil" was a devout Christian and was active in Southern Baptist Churches wherever he and Bettie were stationed. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1965, while stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska. Marcus and Bettie have been active in The Heights Baptist Church for 37 years. He was a Board Member of Christians In Action for many years and his hobbies included The Gideon's, genealogy research of the Gilstrap and Luther families, past member of the Amateur Radio Association (KK5YZ) and the National Weather Service Storm Watchers. Marcus is survived by Bettie, his wife of almost 60 years, two daughters, Rhondea Gilstrap and Marcia Gilstrap Hyde, all of San Angelo; grandson J.D. Vick and wife Vicki and their children, Christina Vick, Kenneth and Matthew Meadows of Lakeland, Fla.; and granddaughters Shay Hyde, also of Lakeland, Fla., and Regina Kirby and husband Geoffery and their children, Noah, Grace, Christian and Greyson, all of Palm Harbor, Fla. Also surviving is his brother, Granville Gilstrap of San Angelo; a sister-in-law, Billie and husband Tillman Hill of Tyler, Texas; and a large number of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. A family visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 13, 2012, at the Gilstrap home. There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday May 14, 2012, at The Heights Baptist Church with the Reverends James Miller and Roger Blocker co-officiating. Inurnment with military honors will follow at 3 p.m. in Talpa Cemetery, Talpa, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that remembrances be made to Baptist Hospice at the Baptist Retirement Center in San Angelo, Texas, or The Prayer Garden at The Heights Baptist Church, or the ASU basketball, softball or volleyball funds. Honorary pallbearers will be Roger Blocker, David Cox, Granville Gilstrap, Alan Gossett, Robert Gray, Ross Jefferson, Ed Jennings, Geoffery Kirby, Charles Luker, Kenneth Meadows, Matthew Meadows, James Michulka, Charlie Morton and J. D. Vick. Special thanks to Dr. Chris Barnett and to all the nurses and aides from Baptist Hospice. As a husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather, he will be truly missed. Gil's obituary, memorial guestbook and DVD may be viewed online at www.robertmassie.com.

Published in GoSanAngelo from May 13 to May 15, 2012

Recent Programs

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
March '12	Amateur Satellite Operations, Glenn Miller, AA5PK
April '12	Let's Keep it Safe Out There, Matt Healy, W5MAT
May '12	Field Day is Just Around The Corner, Joe Kent/W5UI

Upcoming Hamfests & Conventions

Date	Event	Location	Information
07/14/2012	2012 TARS Hamfest	Texas City, TX	http://tidelands.org
08/03/2012	Austin Summerfest	Austin, TX	http://austinsummerfest.info/
08/25/2012	Gainesville Hamfest 2012	Gainesville, TX	http://gainesvillehamfest.org
10/06/2012	HamEXPO	Belton, TX	http://beltonhamexpo.org
10/26/2012	Texoma Hamorama	Ardmore, OK	http://texomahamarama.org/
11/10/2012	NC Tech 2012	Azle, TX	http://wc5c.org/
01/12/2013	2013 Amateur Radio Fiesta	Schertz, TX	http://w5sc.org

de **Billy Roberts/W5NPR**
ARRL West Texas Section Manager

I received a radiogram from Jack Roberts KB5TMY of the San Angelo Radio Club which read "San Angelo Amateur Radio Club Field Day is at 4 Concho Street and we have 9 participants". I believe the address given is at Fort Concho, which would have been a very interesting location for field day visitors. Thanks for the radiogram Jack, and to the rest of the SAARC gang!

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
6/11	KD5URW	9	10	444.350
6/18	KD5URW	10	11	444.350
6/25	KD5URW	10	10	444.350
7/2	KD5URW	10	14	444.350
7/9	W5MAT	6	20	444.350

Concho Valley Two Meter Net

<u>Date</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Check-ins</u>	<u>Duration</u>
5/28	KB5TMY	15	16 min
6/4	KB5TMY	17	17 min
6/11	KD5SBE	15	13 min
6/18	KD5SBE	17	14 min
6/25	KB5FNK	20	20 min
7/2	KB5FNK	13	13 min
7/9	KD5SBE	16	12 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



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

Get all the latest club news on the World
Wide Web at 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
(325) 949-0186 or email gchaffin@gmail.com

Article submission deadline: Ten days prior
to monthly club meeting.



Next Meeting: 7/12/12
PROGRAM: "Field Day Results"
Mathis Field Clubhouse