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Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

March 2012



President's Message

de Joe Kent/W5UI

I would like to thank Hector Guerrero/KC5BRB, NWS Forecast Office Warning Coordination Meteorologist for his excellent program at the February club meeting. Hector provided an informative talk accompanied by visual aids to help prepare us for the upcoming severe storms season. He provided links to the NWS home page for the Concho Valley and gave an update on the weather radar upgrade project.

Buddy Parker/KD5SBE designed some really impressive certificates for our National Weatherman's Day Special Event. He is the go to guy for art work and has produced many unique certificates over the past few years. His talented contributions, as always, are greatly appreciated.

Please plan on attending the annual Skywarn training session scheduled for the 10th of March at Trinity Lutheran Church. These sessions are always informative and help to prepare us for the severe storms that we have come to expect here in West Texas. Any contributions for door prizes will be appreciated. Please contact David Behrend/KB5FNK with information about any items you wish to contribute.

See you all at the March meeting of the SAARC.

February 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 February 9, 2012 at 1930. The financial report was read and approved by the membership.

Possible locations for the upcoming Field Day were discussed.

The upcoming Severe Weather Week was discussed as was the Skywarn training session planned for March 10, 2012. This training will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at Loop 306 and YMCA Drive.

SAARC President Joe Kent/W5UI offered his congratulations to Matt Healy/W5MAT on his upgrade to Amateur Extra well done Matt! Joe noted that 4 out of the 6 SAARC board members are now Extra class hams.

It was suggested that a SAARC work day be held in April in order to do some repair and spruce up work on the club house.

Joe expressed his thanks to Bill Tarn/AE5AW for coordinating the excellent media coverage of our local celebration and Special Event Station commemorating National Weatherman's Day. Joe also offered thanks to those who have stepped up to conduct the weekly Concho Valley 2M net including David Behrend/KB5FNK, Jack Roberts/KB5TMY and Buddy Parker/KD5SBE.

A Split-The-Pot drawing was held and Del Pfranger/W0DRO was the winner. The club's share from the drawing was \$12.00.

The next club meeting will be held on 8 March, 2012.

March Club Program

The SAARC program for March will be presented by Glenn Miller/AA5PK. Glenn's program will be on Satellite Communications and should be extremely interesting and informative if past experience is any indication. Glenn has been active on the satellites for many years and has amassed many thousands of contacts using this mode.

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

Special Message

de Joe Kent/W5UI

On February 29th, our amateur radio community lost one of our own, Bill Doepp/N5IOU. Bill had been an active member of our organization since moving to the Concho Valley from the Chicago area. Bill was always ready with a joke or humorous comment to lighten any situation. Bill's presence at our meetings and his fellowship with our members will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to his wife Faye and their family.



SAN ANGELO William Clarence Doepp Jr., 72, of San Angelo passed away Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012, in a San Angelo hospital. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2012, in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel, 435 W. Beauregard Ave., San Angelo, Texas 76903, followed by a private graveside service in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Mr. Doepp was born Oct. 1, 1939, in Blue Island, Ill., to Dr. William C. Doepp and Catherine Davies Doepp. William married the love of his life, Faye Doepp, in Illinois on Sept. 27, 1986. William Doepp was a police officer of Palos Park, Ill., where he served his community until he retired. After his retirement William continued to serve and protect his community through CrimeStoppers and other various boards here in San Angelo where he lived. Survivors include his wife, Faye Doepp; two sons, William C. Doepp III and wife Gail, Charles Doepp and wife Jennifer; a daughter, Catherine Graves and husband Bruce; two stepdaughters, Robin Fleming, Tammy Egger and husband David; two stepsons, Harold Page and wife Sharon, Brian Page; two brothers, Robert Doepp, Edward Doepp; uncle to many nieces and nephews; along with 13 grandchildren and three great-grandsons. William was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. William and Catherine Doepp; and sister Amy Lord-Doepp. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 13067, Alexandria, VA 22312. Family and friends can sign a online register book at johnsons-funeralhome.com (Published in GoSanAngelo from March 2 to

The City of San Angelo and Tom Green County Emergency Management, National Weather Service, and San Angelo Amateur Radio Club SKYWARN® partnered with HEB Food Stores®, Home Depot®, Lowes®, Radio Shack® at the Mall and both Wal-Marts® in San Angelo, to help our friends in the Concho Valley become better informed of National Weather Service severe weather warnings. Representatives from the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, City of San Angelo and Tom Green County and the National Weather Service were available to help program weather radios, show how to access critical information from Nixle, distribute severe weather information, and answer questions regarding weather safety.



Photographs provided by Joe Kent/W5UI

National Weatherman's Day 2012

Celebrated by SAARC with Special Event Station W5QX
"And a Great Time Was Had by All"



Pictures provided by
Joe Kent/W5UI

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
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/

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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
1/30	KD5URW	16	18	444.350
2/6	KD5URW	12	16	444.350
2/13	KD5URW	14	23	444.350
2/20	KD5URW	13	11	444.350
2/27	KD5URW	12	10	444.350

For Sale

Two wheel 8ø x 5ø trailer with 2ø ballø \$450.00; Coleman Powermate Generator, 6,250 Watt, excellent condition. Used one time for Field Day (approximately 36 hours). With wheel kitø \$450.00; GAP Titan DX Antennaø Good condition, complete \$200.00. Contact Joe Kent/W5UI at joew5ui@gmail.com or (325) 896-2038.

Scanner Jack's Corner de Jack Roberts/KB5TMY



As promised, this month I will list some local frequencies that have been in use for some time as well as some new ones that have only recently appeared.

SKYWARN:

NWS Channel 7 162.550, TGC FIPS Code 048451, REACT 462.675, Ham Radio 146.940, 146.880, 444.225

San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Traffic Control:

REACT 462.675, TX Fire Ops 1 154.280, SAARC 146.940, SAPD 02-082 OPS 1, 02-182 PS Event

Rodeo Parade TAC Frequencies:

Parade Route 464.550, Judges 464.500, Trail Boss 462.6375, Trail Riders 462.6875,

New Frequencies:

Golden Corral 462.5625, Home Depot 467.7625, TX DOT 151.1225, Crop Dusters 160.200, Angelo Plumbing & Heating 151.655

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

2012 ARRL WGD QSL Card Contest

(Reprinted from www.arrl.org)

Director Woolweaver announced today the start of the 2012 QSL Card Contest for all amateurs residing in the West Gulf Division. Effective through April 30, 2012 amateur residents in Oklahoma and Texas may submit their QSL cards for consideration in three (3) contest categories: Most Humorous, Best Graphic Design and Best Photo. QSL card may be submitted for consideration in multiple categories but must be submitted individually per category, accompanied by a submission form.

Cards may be submitted to Director Woolweaver via US Postal Service or by giving them to a WGD representative at upcoming WGD ARRL sanctioned hamfests or conventions. (See complete rules for more information.) All categories will initially be judged by a team of five judges. Each of the four Section Managers has appointed a judge and the WGD leadership has appointed one judge. The judges will declare a winner in each category. The top vote winner in each category will be announced in early May and the winning category cards will be posted on the West Gulf Division website. There division Amateurs will be able to vote for their favorite card to win the Grand Prize. All amateurs will be eligible to vote however it will be restricted to one vote per division resident call sign.

Each category winner will receive a Dual Band HT. The Grand Prize Winner will be announced during the ARRL Forum at HamCom 2012, will receive an MFJ Antenna Analyzer.

Reprinted from ARRL Letter for March 1, 2012

Thanks to the FCC's [Report and Order](#) issued November 18, 2011, radio amateurs will enjoy a number of new privileges on the 60 meter band, beginning at midnight (EST) March 5. These new privileges include a boost in effective radiated power from 50 to 100 W, as well as the ability to use CW and certain digital modes.

Late last year, the ARRL HF Band Planning Committee surveyed 60 meter operators to gather opinions about how to best use the new privileges. On the subject of creating a specific band plan, the survey results indicated little consensus beyond the fact that 5403.5 kHz should retain its status as a de facto "DX channel." On the other hand, survey respondents made a number of suggestions for general operating practices.

Based on the survey results and subsequent research, the committee declined to propose a specific band plan for 60 meters at this time. Instead, the committee created a "Recommended Practices" document (click [here](#) for the document). The [60 meter pages](#) on the ARRL website have been updated to reflect the changes brought about by the Report and Order. The April issue of QST will also include an article by ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, offering a detailed discussion of the new 60 meter privileges and recommended operating practices.

Concho Valley Two Meter Net

<u>Date</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Check-ins</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1/23	KB5TMY	16	18 min
1/30	KB5TMY	20	16 min
2/6	KD5SBE	24	20 min
2/13	KB5FNK	17	21 min
2/20	KD5SBE	15	17 min
2/27	KB5TMY	21	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

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



Next Meeting: 3/8/12

*PROGRAM: Satellite Communications
Mathis Field Clubhouse*