

# *The eKilo - What*

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

October 2008

## *President's Message*

by Joe Kent/W5JBK



I would like to thank the many club members who helped organize and execute the SAARC 84th Anniversary Party and the folks who came to enjoy the cake, ice cream and fellowship. October was another good month for our club and I would like to thank Ralph Stout/KA5ULE and Mike Dominy/KD5URW for conducting another very successful 2-day training session resulting in eight new Technician class licensees. Also, thanks are in order for the Volunteer Examiners (VEs) Glenn Miller/AA5PK, Charlie Royall/WB5T and Don Hejl/N5SVK who administered the tests. Congratulations are also in order for Mike Dominy/KD5URW and Jack Roberts/KB5TMY on their upgrade to General class licensees. I was viewing the W5QX web page the other day and want to recognize the efforts of Glenn Miller in maintaining a pleasing and informative resource for all to use. Thanks Glenn for a job well done! As many of you know, the 146.94 repeater must be relocated from the men's high rise at ASU to a site west of town. On November 13 during the regular monthly meeting of the SAARC, the membership will be asked to vote on expenditure of funds to facilitate this effort. Please try and be present for this meeting as it will most likely affect the future of this important club asset.

## *Meeting Minutes*

by Bob Freeman/KD5PIX

### **SAARC Monthly Meeting Minutes - October 11, 2008 - 84th Birthday Party**

The regular monthly meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc. was held beginning at approximately 09:00 on October 11, 2008. President Joe Kent/W5JBK and his XYL LaRae Kent/KC5KXY were getting things ready for the festivities of the day. Vice President Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ set up the HF and UHF radios in the back yard for the Special Event Station that would run all day.

There were 16 members and 12 visitors present including Tom/W5UFO and his fantastic ice cream machine.

#### **Good of the Order**

The way that Joe/W5JBK and LaRae/KC5KXY decorated the club far surpasses anything I have seen since I have been a member. For those that were not able to attend, I wish we could have saved it for all to enjoy again. Ron Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ had the honors of flipping burgers and sausage and Joe/W5JBK also gave a hand at the grill. Hughbert Robenson/KC5NPC, Mike Dominy/KD5URW, Bill Doepf/N5IOU and others helped Gary/W5ETJ on the radios.

I would like to thank the folks that are always there for bringing their (and our) favorite dishes. These included Ron/KD5WXJ and XYL Sharon, LaRae/KC5KXY, Louise Hall and Carol Heiser/N5CBQ. I'm sure that I have forgotten a few so please forgive. We could not have these successful functions without all off these folks that lend a hand.

#### **Officer's Report**

There was a club officer's meeting Thursday October 9, 2008 at Baker Street Cafe. The main topic was the 84th Birthday.

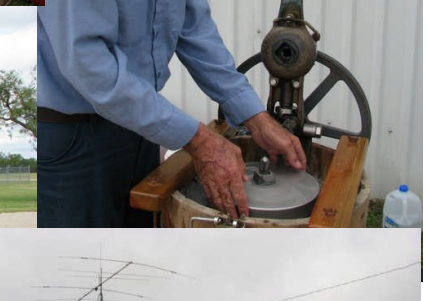
The 2009 election committee will need to know which current SAARC officers would like to be considered for another term. At the November meeting there will be an opportunity for officer nominations from the floor. Afterwards, ballots will be printed and handed out at the Eatin' Meetin' on December 11.

There is still a little time left to submit nominations for the Ham of The Year Award (HOTY). It is necessary to write a 75 to 150 word nomination letter on the person of your choice. The nomination letter should be sent to the Secretary and he will send it on to the election committee. The committee will choose a winner from those nominations received.

Most members and guests left around 1400 and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., will be November 13, 2008 at 19:30 at the clubhouse.

SAARC 84th Birthday Party

October 11, 2008



**Upcoming Hamfests & Conventions**

Date	Event	Location	Information
08 Nov 2008	Tri-County ARC of North Texas Hamfest—Azle, TX Community Center	Azle, TX	www.wc5c.org
08 Nov 2008	South Texas Amateur Radio Club Hamfest—Corpus Christi, TX Hilltop Community Center	Corpus Christi, TX	www.starc-corpuschristi.org
10 Jan 2009	San Antonio Amateur Radio Fiesta, Schertz Knights of Columbus Hall	Schertz, TX	http://w5sc.org/swapfest.htm
13-14 Mar 2009	Green Country Hamfest, Inc., Claremore Expo Center	Claremore, OK	http://greencountryhamfest.org

**Scanner Jack's Corner** by Jack Roberts /KB5TMU



This month, I am providing some of the frequencies used by the National Weather Service and other weather related agencies/entities, Tom Green County services, Angelo State University, hurricane hunters and hurricane nets, and the US Coast Guard Service. Enjoy your hobby and happy scanning!

These are the SKYWARN frequencies for the San Angelo area:

- 146.940 Weather Nets
- 146.880 Alternate
- 147.340 Weather Nets
- 444.225 Weather Nets
- 162.550 TGC NWS (PIPS code for Tom Green County is 048451)

New Frequencies for San Angelo:

- 155.910 PD Dispatch
- 154.875 Information
- ASU New Frequencies:
- 155.520 Emergency Call Boxes
- 155.820 PD Dispatch
- 155.835 PD Dispatch

ASU New Frequencies continued:

- 154.370 Input
- 154.385 Input
- Hurricane Frequencies:
- 429.925 Link
- 429.950 FD Link
- 14.325 Hurricane Net
- 3.950 Hurricane Net
- 3.905 Houston EOC
- 8.788 WLO
- 8.764 Coast Guard
- 304.8 Hurricane Hunter AM Mode
- 344.6 Hurricane Hunter AM Mode
- 3.873 ARES
- 3.895 Hurricane Net

**Antenna Replacement Project 09/12/2008**

On 12 September 2008 Gary Pittman/KE5TXL, replaced the ailing VHF vertical that sat atop our 50 ft. 20m beam with a Diamond X-50A 2m/70cm antenna. Many thanks to Gary for the hard work in that extremely elevated position. Kudos Gary for a job well done! Gary was assisted on the ground by Joe Kent/W5JBK and Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ.



*SAARC 84th Birthday Special Event Station*

The SAARC 84th anniversary Special Event Station was held Saturday the 11th of October at the SAARC clubhouse, 5513 Stewart Lane, Mathis Field. The station made a total of 37 contacts including 11 VHF and 26 SSB. Requests for certificates have been arriving almost daily and are being processed by Joe Kent/W5JBK, and Bob Freeman/KD5PIX. SAARC Member certificates will be available at the 13 November regular meeting. A number of our SAARC members operated the stations and assisted in set up and tear down operations. Thanks to all for making this another successful special event.



## Concho Valley Two Meter Net

Date	NCS	Check-ins	Duration
6 Oct	KB5FNK	21	21 Min
13 Oct	KB5FNK	16	14 Min
20 Oct	KB5FNK	19	11 Min
27 Oct	KB5FNK	19	13 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
146.94-	San Angelo PL 103.5	444.875+	Brady, TX PL 162.2
147.06+	San Angelo PL 103.5	<b>6 Meter Crossband</b>	
147.34+	Robert Lee PL 88.5	147.30/53.63	San Angelo PL 88.5



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*Hours of operation:  
Tue-Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm*

*Ron Salvato*

*1 North Milton Street, Ste. #8  
(Across from the Sherwood Way Apartments)*

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#### **2008 SAARC Officers:**

President - Joe Kent/W5JBK  
 Vice President/Special Events - Gary Chaffin/W5ETJ  
 Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Freeman/KD5PIX  
 Emergency Coordinator - Mike Dominy/KD5URW  
 Activities Manager - Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC  
 Grounds Chairman - Ron Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ  
 W5QX Trustee - Charlie Campbell/KC5EZZ

#### **Appointed Positions:**

Documents & Data Officer - Buddy Parker/KD5SBE  
 Goodwill Ambassador - David Lewis/W5DLL

**SAARC Monthly Meetings:** 2nd Thursday,  
1930, clubhouse, 5513 Stewart Lane

**Annual Dues:** \$20, Sr. & Jr. \$10

**The Kilo-What:** Edited by Gary/W5ETJ at 949-0186 or email [gchaffin@gmail.com](mailto:gchaffin@gmail.com)

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



**NEXT MEETING: 11/13/2008**

**MATHIS FIELD CLUBHOUSE**