

# *The eKilo - What*

Monthly Newsletter of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club

September 2011

## **July Meeting Minutes**

**de Bob Freeman/KD5PIX**

The regular meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was called to order by President Ralph Stout/KA5ULE on August 11, 2011 at 1940.

Introductions were made with 15 members and 1 associate member.

The July Minutes were approved as printed in the Kilo-What and the Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

## **New Business**

There seems to be a need for copies of the Monday Night Net preamble. Should someone have an extra copy, please bring it to the next meeting and we can make copies at the clubhouse.

Information was given of an individual that wanted two satellite dishes and a TV antenna removed from a tower.

The club's birthday is in October. We will have our 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday party on Saturday October 15, 2011. We will have a Special Event station for the occasion.

The Boy Scouts Jamboree on The Air will be October 15-16, 2011, They will come in the afternoon and will not interfere with our party.

It is time to think of the Ham of The Year. We will need to pick a location for our "Eatin' Meetin'".

## **Good of The Order**

There were several drawings before the Split-the-Pot. The club's share from the Split-the-Pot was \$6.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2011.

The next meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., will be Thursday September 8, 2011 at 1930 at the clubhouse.

## **License Testing Session**

A license testing session will be held Saturday, September 24, at 10 AM at the SAARC clubhouse on Stewart Lane. All levels of testing will be available.

What to bring to the testing session:

- Two forms of identification (one must show a photograph)
- The original *and* a photocopy of your current amateur radio license (if any). Info on copies available at: [http://w5qx.org/download\\_license.html](http://w5qx.org/download_license.html)
- The original *and* a photocopy of all applicable Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE)
- NCVEC Form 605 dated February 2007. Available at: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ncvec605-3.pdf>
- \$15 examination fee (cash or check/money order payable to "ARRL/VEC")

All other testing materials will be supplied. You may use an electronic calculator, if you wish.

**FMI: [www.w5qx.org/](http://www.w5qx.org/) Scroll down to License Testing link.**

## **September Club Program**

Mike Dominy, KD5URW, will be giving the program at our next meeting.

He will be talking about ARES, what it is, where we're going and how to get

## Scanner Jack's Corner

de Jack Roberts/KB5TMY

Scanner Jack's Corner will not be available for some time. Tune in to the Monday night net on 146.94 at 8 p.m. for updates.

If you have an amateur radio, scanner, all hazards (weather) radio, or digital TV converter that needs programming contact Jack at:

scannerjack1@juno.com

325-651-4840

## 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 (Pl 162.2) (N5SVK). The net can also be reached by Echolink at WB5VRM-R or Node 412402. Other frequencies are announced on Concho Valley Net at 8:00 pm.

ARES Net Report				
Date	Net Ctrl	Check-ins	Time	Freq
8/1	KD5URW	12	14 min	444.350
8/8	KD5URW	8	8 min	444.350
8/15	KD5URW	13	15 min	444.350
8/22	KD5URW	12	25 min	444.350
8/29	KD5URW	14	18 min	444.350

### Activities

Total # of ARES members: 20 Change since last month: 0

NTS liaison is maintained with the: West Texas Section

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 5

Man hours: 82.0

Total number of ARES operations this month: 5

Total Man hours: 82.0

The Tom Green County ARES group held their monthly meeting on 18 Aug 2011 with a short group meeting discussing training, city/county Emergency Operations Center (EOC) radio room operations, the remodeling of the radio room and some updated information from Bob/W7IKT on the HSMM-MESH system that the group is look at installing in the area. He was at the Austin Hamfest and they had several displays and setups about the MESH system there and had a good close-up look and some of the equipment they where using and brought back so very good information about the system.

After the group meeting, the group had a great training session on 'Messaging' from Tom Austin /K4OTM. Tom had some very good information and printouts that talked about the different types of messages, the forms for messaging and the do's and don'ts on messaging. He had some very good answers for some questions that came up on messaging. The printouts he had really showed some good information that can be used in the act of messaging for any type of emergency. The group will go over more on messaging at the next meeting.

It is still dry out there and a wildfire can start anywhere, so please be careful out there.

**Only You can Prevent Wildfires.**

The next TGC-ARES group meeting is set for 15 Sept 2011 at 7:00 PM at the San Angelo ARC club house.

**73s, Stay Safe and Happy DXing.**

## Special Events

The SAARC will have its 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday party on Saturday October 15, 2011 at the clubhouse.. We will have a Special Event station for the occasion.

## Wanted

Tower climber, Gin pole (borrow or buy)

Contact Bill at WB5ZAM at Yahoo.com.

**CQ DX - September 2011 de Bill Richards/WB5ZAM**

**Upcoming/Ongoing DXpeditions during September:** 3D; SU; OH0; 9H; IS0; CN; PJ6; TK; ZB; A2; ZK; JW; 7P; SV9; T8; 4W; KH0; 5C; FP; 3D; JW; T3; YJ. There will be an expedition to V4-St Kitts and Nevis 10/10/2011 thru 11/05/2011 by W5JON and W5HAM.

**Island of the Month-V4-St Kitts and Nevis:** With an official language of English, and ethnicity from Africa, British, Portuguese and Lebanese, St Kitts and Nevis sit at the outward end of the Leeward Islands (Eastern end of the Caribbean). In 2006 the unemployment was 5.1% and the population was in 2007 was 39,192. Independent from England since 1983, they have a Parliamentary style of government. Adult literacy is said to be 98%.

At the time of European discovery, Carib Indians inhabited the islands of St. Kitts and Nevis. Christopher Columbus landed on the larger island in 1493 on his second voyage and named it after St. Christopher, his patron saint. Columbus also discovered Nevis on his second voyage, reportedly calling it Nevis because of its resemblance to a snow-capped mountain (in Spanish, "Nuestra Senora de las Nieves" or Our Lady of the Snows). European settlement did not officially begin until 1623-24, when first English, then French settlers arrived on St. Christopher's Island, whose name the English shortened to St. Kitts Island. As the first English colony in the Caribbean, St. Kitts served as a base for further colonization in the region. The English and French held St. Kitts jointly from 1628 to 1713. During the 17th century, intermittent warfare between French and English settlers ravaged the island's economy. Meanwhile Nevis, settled by English settlers in 1628, grew prosperous under English rule. St. Kitts was ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. The French seized both St. Kitts and Nevis in 1782. The Treaty of Paris in 1783 definitively awarded both islands to Britain. They were part of the colony of the Leeward Islands from 1871-1956, and of the West Indies Federation from 1958-62. In 1967, together with Anguilla, they became a self-governing state in association with Great Britain; Anguilla seceded late that year and remains a British dependency. The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis attained full independence on September 19, 1983.



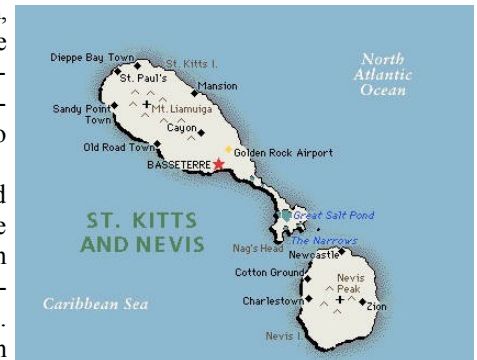
St. Kitts and Nevis was the last sugar monoculture in the Eastern Caribbean until the government decided to close the sugar industry in 2005, after decades of losses at the state-run sugar company. To compensate for the loss of the sugar industry, the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has begun exploring alternative energy uses for sugar cane. The United States and Brazil have agreed to develop biofuels programs in the region.

The economy of St. Kitts and Nevis experienced strong growth for most of the 1990s, but hurricanes in 1998 and 1999 and the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks hurt the tourism-dependent economy. Economic growth picked up in 2004, with a real GDP growth rate of 6.4%, followed by 4.1% growth in 2005. The GDP growth rate rose to 5.8% in 2006, mostly as a result of diversification into tourism and construction related to the Cricket World Cup.

Tourism has shown the greatest growth and is now a major foreign exchange earner for St. Kitts and Nevis, as evidenced by an 83% increase in foreign direct investment in a range of tourism-related projects. Recent significant investment included a 648-room Marriott hotel and convention center that opened in December 2002, as well as 2007 plans for "Christopher Harbor," a U.S. investor-funded \$500 million resort project.

The government instituted a program of investment incentives for businesses considering the possibility of locating in St. Kitts or Nevis, encouraging domestic and foreign private investment. Government policies provide liberal tax holidays, duty-free import of equipment and materials, and subsidies for training provided to local personnel. However, the debt of public enterprises has increased, and total public and publicly guaranteed debt reached \$290,740,000 in 2006. Consumer prices have risen marginally over the past few years. The rate of inflation, as measured by the change in the CPI, rose on average by 5.3% in 2006, compared with 3.6% in 2005 and 2.3% in 2004. St. Kitts and Nevis is a member of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU). The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) issues the Eastern Caribbean dollar (EC\$) for all members of the ECCU. The ECCB also manages monetary policy, and regulates and supervises commercial banking activities in its member countries. The ECCB has kept the EC\$ pegged at EC\$2.7 to U.S. \$1.

Fewer than 1000 Americans live on the islands, even though there is a top



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Recent Programs

<b>October '10</b>	SAARC's 86th Birthday Party
<b>December '10</b>	Eatin' Meetin'
<b>March '11</b>	Nets, Times, Frequencies, <b>Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC</b>
<b>April '11</b>	Skywarn. <b>Dr. Steve Lyon, NWS</b>
<b>May '11</b>	Antennas, <b>Marcus O'Quin, KF5GKC</b>
<b>June '11</b>	Field Day Planning
<b>July '11</b>	Balloon Launch with APRS, <b>Les Roblin, K7PTZ</b>
<b>May '11</b>	Antennas, <b>Marcus O'Quin, KF5GFC</b>
<b>August '11</b>	All Things Digital, <b>Ralph Stout, KA5ULE</b>
<b>September '11</b>	ARES, <b>Mike Dominy, KD5URW</b>

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notch Medical School on Nevis and a top International Veterinary school on St Kitts. The nearest Consular station for US citizens is on Barbados. Tourism declined after 9/11 but has started to rebound. There has been lots of building on the islands both in the number of hotels but also properties that are smaller but tourism focused.

They have one golf course on St Kitts that has had its ups and downs over the last 20 years. Washed out by hurricanes twice, the wrong grass was planted one year and conflicts between the hotels, had made it a course, not quite worthy of play. Current photos of the island show a thriving course now. A second much more challenging and professional course is on Nevis at the Four Seasons Resort. The St Kitts course is near the beach and suffers with the sea breezes adapting play, while the Nevis course is up the side of the central volcano and not only challenging but also very picturesque.

Snorkeling and deep water diving sites abound, hiking to either volcano is an encouraged day exercise. Both islands compete for tourist traffic, and expansions of small resorts and addition of newer large ones has increased the likelihood of finding just the right beach and accommodations. Flights are into St Kitts primarily but some inter-islands flights do go into the smaller airport on Nevis. Nevis does have some high end resorts, and paparazzi are often seen chasing royalty, as well as movie stars/starlets. Passports are required; banks are abundant so carrying large amounts of cash is not necessary. The local beer and rum are quite nice, and local food establishments abound as do some of the more common US chain restaurants/fast food places. Left hand drive, pleasant people and a clean comfortable island are the notes from recent tourists.

Ham radio is encouraged, with several operators active daily. V44KAO, V44NEF and V44KAI have all been heard or worked recently. Reciprocal licenses are easier to obtain here than elsewhere in the Caribbean.

Several Sugar Plantations have been turned into quaint resorts. Much of the west side has tranquil seas from the Caribbean current, and the east side the rougher Atlantic waters. Sea shells are still reported in over-abundance on the southern tip of St Lucia. They do have a resident monkey problem which has put heavy pressure on the native birds. The monkeys are not native. Consequently there are not many native birds left on the island.

<http://www.stkittstourism.kn/explore-st-kitts-facts.php>; <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/2341.htm>; Google Earth.

**QSL OF THE MONTH—V44KAI and V44NEF-St Kitts & Nevis:** Earl lives on Nevis (NEF) and Joel on St Kitts. Both were quite active both on 10m and 6m and the other HF bands in the past month. So if you are not active, get on the air.

**73s de Bill, WB5ZAM.**



CONFIRMING QSO WITH	DATE	UTC	MHZ	RST	MODE
WBSZAM	7 10 95	03:07	7.0	599	CW


TXN QSL  PSE QSL


## V44KAI

Radio is Friendship  
Friendship is Peace


**I Run Bare Foot.**

**ST. KITTS & NEVIS**





Joel Liburd  
Ponds Pasture  
Basseterre  
St. Kitts  
W.I.



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**NEVIS**  
STATION CALL SIGN

## V44 - NEF

EARL FRANCIS  
P.O. BOX 565  
CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS,  
WEST INDIES

CONFIRMING QSO WITH	DATE	UTC	MHZ	RST	MODE
WBSZAM 73	01 09 11	10:06	14	59	SSB

THANKS FOR THIS CONTACT

73 Paul

\* Indicating location of St. Kitts and Nevis on Map

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## West Texas Section News

### New Section Manager

Bill Roberts, W5NPR, of Alpine, has been appointed as the Interim West Texas Section Manager as of July 8, 2011. ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, made the appointment in consultation with ARRL West Gulf Division Director David Woolweaver, K5RAV.

Roberts has served as the ARRL West Texas Section Traffic Manager since 2009. He is a past president of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club and is also active as a back-up net control station for the Big Bend Emergency/West Texas ARES® Net and a net control station for the National Traffic System's Daytime Region Net 5.

John Dyer, AE5B, recently completed his latest term of office as the West Texas Section Manager on June 30. Dyer has served as the top Field Organization official in West Texas since July 2007; he previously served as Section Manager from October 2002-June 2005. Dyer decided not to run for a new term of office that began July 1, 2011. Roberts will serve as Interim West Texas Section Manager until a Section Manager is declared elected.

### New Section Emergency Coordinator

Howard Collier WB5EKW Abilene has accepted the appointment of Section Emergency Coordinator effective September 1st. He will take the reins from J.T. Caldwell WA5ZFH Midland who is retiring from the position. Thanks to Howard for accepting the responsibilities of SEC and Thanks also to J.T. for all he has done for the West Texas Section.

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## Special Event Station K5B - Plano Balloon Festival

September 16, 2011 - September 18, 2011 - Plano, Texas Celebrating the 31st annual Plano Balloon Festival, members of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub (PARK) and area amateur radio operators will be QRV as K5B during the festival. Frequencies plus or minus QRM: 7.255, 14.255, 21.355 and on the club repeater, WD5ERD on 147.180 + PL 107.2 and via Echolink at K5PRK. QSL with SASE to K5PRK .

More information formation will be available on our website at [www.k5prk.net/](http://www.k5prk.net/),

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## September 11 Special Event Stations

In remembrance of those who died in the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, several Amateur Radio Special Event Stations are being planned.

The Pentagon Amateur Radio Club, K4AF, will be on the air 7 AM-9 PM Saturday, September 10 (1100-0100 UTC, Saturday, September 10 through Sunday, September 11). Active operating frequencies will be posted during event on the [K4AF website](#). This Special Event is to honor all those lost on September 11, 2001, with special remembrance of the 184 people who lost their lives at the Pentagon and on board American Airlines Flight 77.

The Blair Amateur Radio Society, W3PN, will be operating N3U/FLT93 from September 8-15 in memoriam of United Flight 93 that crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. This year's activity will take place during tenth anniversary and the Memorial Dedication for the Victims of United Flight 93. To receive a QSL card, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Blair Amateur Radio Society, W3PN, 112 E Wopsononock Ave, Altoona, PA 16601.

The Northeast Wireless Radio Club, N2WC, will be on the air Sunday, September 11 from 12 noon until 6 PM EDT (1700-2300 UTC). NWRC members will be operating in the General class bands on Phone, CW and Digital; please check the clusters for frequency updates. You can receive a Special Event QSL card when you send a \$2 donation to Northeast Wireless Radio Club, 213-37 39th Avenue, Suite 175, Bayside, NY 11361.

The dates, times and frequencies of these Special Event Stations are listed as they were reported to the ARRL, and as such are subject to change. This list will be updated as more Special Event Stations notify ARRL HQ of their plans. We recommend that you bookmark this page and check back periodically for any additions. For a listing of all Special Event Stations, please see the [ARRL Special Event Stations web page](#).

## Concho Valley Two Meter Net

<u>Date</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Check-ins</u>	<u>Duration</u>
8/1			min
8/8			min
8/15	KB5FNK	22	18 min
8/22			
8/29	KB5FNK	22	18 min

This net meets every Monday night at 8 p.m. on the club's 146.34/.94 repeater. All amateurs licensed to

## 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)		



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### 2009 SAARC Officers:

President - Ralph Stout/KA5ULE  
Vice President - Matt Healy/W5MAT  
Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Freeman/KD5PIX  
Emergency Coordinator - Mike Dominy/KD5URW  
Activities Manager - Tom Austin/K4OTM  
Grounds Chairman - Marcus O'Quin/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 Buddy/KD5SBE at 949-7731 or email [vparker6@suddenlink.net](mailto:vparker6@suddenlink.net)

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



**NEXT MEETING: 9/8/11**  
**PROGRAM: MIKE DOMINY, KD5URW**  
**MATHIS FIELD CLUBHOUSE**