



The GroundWire

Johnny's Mailbag

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The officers of the club are working hard to develop programs & activities for the membership. Jerry Keltner and Mike Harang have volunteered to co-chair the Head For the Hills Bike Rally. Mike has the list of places and stations that need operators. Please check with Mike and pick out the spot you would like to fill. This is a fun activity and you get a free T-shirt and Hamburger to boot. The Rotary Club has praised our efforts in the past for our help in raising funds for the needy.

Mike has also taken on Field Day and the club will need to decide how and where we will conduct FD this year. The officers have discussed the classes the club might want to operate as. The amount of support club members are willing to give may determine what class and where we set up. One thought is to operate as an EOC station. I have talked to the Cedar Hill EOC and that seems to be available at this time. The DeSoto EOC mobile command center might be another. If you have any suggestions they will be welcome.

Speaking of EOC, I meet with the Cedar Hill Fire Department Chief and Assistant Chief to look at their EOC sight and discuss what is needed for the Ham Radio portion. At the present time they have an Alinco VHF only radio. I suggested they contact the county to see if one of the unused MRC boxes might be available to them. If not they will need help in deciding what is needed. It is my opinion the same box the MRC has with an additional dual band radio will be needed. I have also been contacted by Greg Johnson of the Texas Scottish Scottish_Rite Hospital for assistance in selecting radio equipment for emergency related Ham Gear for that hospital. Their needs are very close to those of the EOC sights.

The officers have discussed the possibility of taking a tour of KLIF on a meeting night and (I am writing this before the meeting) will be put before the members for their thoughts.

I know all of you have heard the good news, bad news jokes. Well all of the above is the good news. The bad news is the membership stands at only 38 paid members. Historically we will have some members pay their dues in April and



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May, which will help, but--- we need more members and all members to help with all the activities. Mike will need someone to cover the many things that come together to make the Bike Rally and Field Day successful. Radio operators will also be needed for the EOC activations. Please, if you have not, pay your dues and participate in all the fun.

73s

Johnny, KJ5LB

Attention all Ye QSL'ers and Snail-Mailers

Effective 11MAY09, the US Postal Service will increase the cost of the Forever stamp from \$0.42 to \$0.44. So, get'em before the increase and use'm *Forever*

73

Mike

K5MMH

SWDCARC Youtube.com Channel Status

For club members and hams that visit Youtube.com, many of you will probably notice that several of our videos have been removed or blocked. The reason for this regards an ongoing copywrite royalties dispute between Warner Music Group (WMG) and Youtube.com. Both companies have spent several months trying to come to an agreement as to what the new royalties arrangement will be, but since the deadline passed back in December of 2008, no progress has been made.

So, WMG in their infinite wisdom has now spent the last 2 months actively combing Youtube.com and they are blocking entire videos or removing audio from any posted videos that contain music from one of their many artists (AC/DC, Van Halen, Led Zep, and Dio, to name a few). They are the 3rd. largest music entertainment corporation in the U.S., and rather than focus on developing a new business model in tough economic times, they have decided to spend their resources by enforcing copywrite issues on a website where such videos do no harm and make no money (at least in our case). While most of the blame lies with WMG and their typical corporate stance of protecting their music copywrites at any cost, Youtube is also partly guilty for not coming to some kind of interim agreement AND for not warning it's users that WMG copywrite issues would be coming up. I guess we can't expect too much from a website basically offering a free service, but Youtube and WMG don't seem to care that all of this bickering over money is only hurting them in the long run.

I have re-edited some videos, changing out music where I felt it was possible to do that, but I no longer have the time or patience to constantly revise or update vids as they keep getting removed due to this ongoing copywrite dispute. Therefore, no more



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videos will be posted on the SWDCARC Youtube channel until further notice.

However, this isn't the end...in the coming days, I will be attempting to post these vids on other video websites, such as Vimeo, Metacafe, possibly even Facebook. When these vids have been posted, in their original format, we will let everyone in the club know and make an announcement on the website and/or in our newsletter.

Thanks for watching these videos. Keep an eye out for OK QSO Party 2009, and (someday) the vids for Field Day 2008, those vids will be posted on the other video websites some time in the near future.

Tnx...DL (N5UV)

This space for rent

Articles needed

Financial Report for March 2009



General Fund	Income	Expense	Balance	Petty Cash
Beginning Balance 3/1/09			\$1,061.24	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income-2009	\$87.50			
Transfer From Matl. Property				
Transfer Petty Cash income				
TOTAL INCOME	\$87.50			
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$87.50	\$0.00		
Ending Balance 3/31/2009			\$1,148.74	
Special Events Fund				
Beginning Balance 3/1/09			\$89.73	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Trans from General Fund				
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00			
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ending Balance 3/31/2009			\$89.73	
Material Property Fund				
Beginning Balance 3/1/09			\$1,992.16	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income - 2009	\$87.50			
Bernie-Found Cash	\$80.00			
Transfer from General Fund				
TOTAL INCOME	\$167.50			
EXPENSES				
Telephone Ck 579		\$34.54		
Transfer to General Fund				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$34.54		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$167.50	\$34.54		
Ending Balance 3/31/2009			\$2,125.12	
March Totals	\$255.00	\$34.54	\$3,363.59	

Technician and General Classes

Ben Barber K5NEB will be hosting a Technician and General classes on April 9th, 16th and 23rd. The class will be held at the LDS church in Duncanville.

For more information contact Ben at k5neb@sbcglobal.net.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS...

AMATEUR RADIO

[WWW.ARRL.ORG](http://www.arrl.org)

Minutes of Board Meeting ... March 2009



The meeting was called to order by President Johnny Roberson KJ5LB. Invocation given by Johnny Roberson. Board Members Present: Johnny Roberson KJ5LB, Mike Harang K5MMH, Jerry Keltner KB6OJE, Scott Crappa KE5NLK, Floyd Rodgers KC5QBC and Drena Cromaz KK5YC. Members Present: Rick Ellis KJ5UY, Bill Ellis N5TXN, Bernie McPartland KC5MQC, Richard Baker N5KXA, & Joe Anderson KB5YLX

MINUTES: Motion made by Jerry Keltner and 2nd by Scott Crappa to accept the minutes as posted in the Groundwire.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion made by Scott Crappa and 2nd by Drena Cromaz to accept the treasurer report as posted in the Groundwire.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPEATER: Johnny Roberson reported that both are working well. UHF/VHF are both IDing now.

MEMBERSHIP: Jerry Keltner made the motion to accept Jerry Pommer KE5YFE and Karl Rencher KR1D membership applications be approved. 2nd by Scott Crappa, motion passed.

PROGRAM: Mike Harang reported that Dave Lusk N5UV will present the March program on the Oklahoma QSO party.

OLD BUSINESS:

HAM COM: Rick Ellis has reserved 2 tables for club use at Ham-Com. Members need to start collecting items they wish to sell.

BIKE RALLY: Mike Harang reported he is still making a list of club members wishing to volunteer their time for the May 9th Head for the Hill Bike Rally. See Mike Harang to request a position. The Rally may be adding an additional rest stop this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIELD DAY: A discussion regarding 2009 Field Day options regarding classification & location was held. The board agreed to ask the general membership for this year's chairman. Mike Harang has volunteered to be co-chairman.

CHURCH MARKET PLACE: Johnny Roberson requested that a Groundwire article be written regarding this year's market place. Dates and times will be announced.

CLUB MONEY: Bernie McPartland returned \$80 to the club. Jerry Keltner made a motion and 2nd by Scott Crappa to put the money in the property/material fund. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Floyd Rodgers and 2nd by Drena Cromaz

Respectfully submitted by

Drena Cromaz-K5YC

Secretary

2009 Board Members

President

Johnny Roberson (KJ5LB)

Vice-President

Mike Harang (K5MNH)

Treasurer

Jerry Keltner (KB6OJE)

Secretary

Drena Cromaz (KK5YC)

Directors

Floyd Rodgers (KC5QBC)

Don Hickey (KD5SCZ)

Scott Crappa (KE5NLK)

Committee Positions

Repeater Trustee

Johnny Roberson (KJ5LB)

Newsletter Editor

Bill Ellis (N5TXN)

Web Master

Russ Thompson (KX5G)

2009 Field Day

Mike Harang (K5MMH)

General Membership Meeting ... March 2009



The meeting was called to order by President, Johnny Roberson KJ5LB at 6:30pm. Invocation was given by Floyd Rodgers KC5QBC. Sixteen members were present. Minutes were approved as printed in the Groundwire. Treasurer's Report was approved as printed in the Groundwire.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Repeater-Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB reported that Floyd Rodgers changed the clock on the repeater for daylight savings time. They are still exploring ways to split the call signs on the repeater.

VE Session-Paul Dryer-KD5IVP-no test session

MRC/Desoto EOC-Paul Dryer-KD5IVP reported no new information from the MRC. The Desoto EOC is running fine; the city appreciates all our efforts. Johnny Roberson KJ5LB is EOC for Cedar Hill.

Monday Net-Russ Thompson KX5G reported 11 check-ins with Todd Houvinen KB5TMD and Ted Black WB0TSX checking in via Echolink. Echolink is only up during the net.

Membership-Jerry Keltner KB6OJE reported that we have 43 paid members including those that paid tonight. Jerry Pommer KE5YFE and Karl Rancher KR1D were approved by the board of directors.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tech/General Classes-Ben Barber – K5NEB reported that classes are scheduled for April 9, 16, & 23. Flyers are being circulated.

Head for the Hills Bike Rally-Jerry Keltner-KB6OJE reported that we have permission to use our own vehicles for SAG. We have 2 of our vehicles and their club has 2. Only 1 mechanical vehicle will have a radio.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jerusalem Market Place-Paul Dryer-KD5IVP asked for volunteers. He needs 4 or 5 for parking & security. It starts at 6pm, please check in earlier. The event is April 9-11th.

Field Day-June 27-28-Paul Dryer – KD5IVP volunteered to be co-chairman with Mike Harang-K5MMH.

Richard Baker-N5KXA encouraged the membership to access Texas-on-line.com regarding legislation on the cell phone ban. Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB also requested we access HR-45 on line regarding legislation concerning our 2nd amendment rights.

PROGRAM-Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB presented a program on Citizens Emergency Response Team. The training program was described as well as the emergency kit provided to the participants completing the class. This program is designed to work your own neighborhood first.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Dryer-KD5IVP, 2nd by Scott Crappa-KE5NLK at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Drena Cromaz-KK5YC

Secretary

April



TBA

2009 NCS Schedule

April

April

6-KC5MQC

13-KX5G

20-K5NEB

27-KJ5UY

May

4-KC5MQC

11-KX5G

18-K5NEB

25-KJ5UY

**Net times are Mondays at
8:00PM**

**Primary frequency is
147.060+ (110.9 PL)
with the alternate
frequency being 444.500+**