



The GroundWire

Johnny's Mailbag

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The Cedar Hill Head For The Hills bike rally is now behind us. I thank all the Amateur Operators who participated. It was a roaring success. I have heard many compliments to the radio operators. I had a lot of fun and from what I hear so did all who participated. Jerry Keltner and Mike Harang deserve special recognition for all the time and effort they spent in making us successful.

Field Day is the next event for the club. Please sign up to bring something to the Saturday evening potluck dinner. Scott Crappa has volunteered to do the meat smoking this year. We will have breakfast Sunday morning as well so come on out Sunday morning, eat, operate and help with the tear down and clean up. The operators that have worked all night will appreciate the help. Paul Dryer and Mike Harang, the FD committee, has not made the final decision on the location for FD this year. They have narrowed it down to two or three places. I am excited about setting up in a new location this year. I read in the ARRL newsletter that we have turned the corner on sun spot activity. That does not mean we will have great conditions but at last we are on the upswing. We are hoping to have a good score but having fun and fellowship is the main goal. Last year we were a little short on operators. I am making a request for those who enjoy Side Band, CW, FM, or the Digital Modes to come out and have fun with all the hard-core folks that are there every year.

The club officers want to make the club meetings something you look forward to. With that in mind, if you have an idea for a program or want to present a program, please make it known to an officer. If you have an activity for the club you would like to see happen, speak to an officer or bring it up in a meeting.

I have been approved to be the Radio Officer for Cedar Hill and Paul Dryer is the RO for DeSoto. We would encourage those of you who have not taken the storm spotter class to do so, then get involved in weather spotting as well as the other emergency services that need amateur operators. These events give us an opportunity to use our radio skills and serve the community.

Remember, any club member is welcome at the board meetings. We would enjoy having you there to present any ideas or requests you may have.

Johnny



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Local Group Makes Amateur Radio A Hobby With A Purpose



The Texas Emergency Amateur Communicators (TEAC) is an ARRL Affiliated Amateur Radio Club serving Kingwood and the Northeast area of Harris County including Humble, Atascocita, Huffman, Porter and surrounding areas.

Many club members are also members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). They are actively involved in emergency communications and organizing, planning and training to provide communications support for events and at Served Agency locations in our communities.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) meets at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 3803 West Lake Houston Parkway in Kingwood. The meeting is open to any licensed amateur radio operator who is interested in serving the community during emergency operations. The Amateur Radio Emergency Service consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equip-

ment for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in any other local or national organization, is eligible for membership in the ARES. The only qualification, other than possession of an Amateur Radio license, is a sincere desire to serve.

Amateur Radio During and After Disasters

Amateur Radio operators set up and operate organized communication networks locally for governmental and emergency officials, as well as non-commercial communication for private citizens affected by the disaster. Amateur Radio operators are most likely to be active after disasters that damage regular lines of communications due to power outages and destruction of telephone, cellular and other infrastructure-dependent systems.

Amateur Radio Operators Help Local Officials

Many radio amateurs are active as communications volunteers with local public safety organizations. In addition, in some disasters, radio frequencies are not coordinated among relief officials and Amateur Radio operators step in to coordinate communication when radio towers and other elements in the communications infrastructure are damaged.

Major Amateur Radio Emergency Organizations

Amateur Radio operators have informal and formal groups to coordinate communication during emergencies. At the local level, hams may participate in local emergency organizations, or organize local "traffic nets." At the state level, hams are often involved with state emergency management operations. In addition, hams operate at the national level through the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service ([RACES](#)), which is coordinated through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and through the Amateur Radio Emergency Service ([ARES](#)), which is coordinated through the American Radio Relay League and its field volunteers.

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- ARES
- RACES
- SATERN
- MARS - Army
- MARS - Air Force
- MARS - Navy
- SKYWARN

Amateur Radio is recognized as a resource by National Relief Organizations Many national organizations have formal agreements with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and other Amateur Radio groups including:

- Citizen Corps - Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- National Communications System
- American Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- National Traffic System
- National Weather Service
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
- Association of Public Safety Communications Officials

Visit www.teac.net/ares.html for further information.

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Field Day: Mike Harang K5MMH reported that the church is to discuss approval for SWDCARC to use the church facilities for Field Day. It has also been confirmed that the club could use the Cedar Hill EOC. Scott Crappa KE5NLK will cook the Bar-B-Que this year. An effort to beg Bill Beal WD5HHH to cook his famous pancakes for breakfast is in the works. Rick Ellis-KJ5UY will contact the ARRL for a ruling on the mobile EOC and us using Class F.

Club Shirts: Anyone interested in obtaining a club shirt email Floyd Rodgers KC5QBC (listed under members on the club webpage). If we have enough interest we can place another order. Shirts \$25 each including embroidery.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer of funds: Jerry Keltner KB6OJE said that funds needed to be transferred from the general fund to the activity fund for Field Day. Rick Ellis KJ5UY made a motion to transfer \$230 to cover Field Day expenses with a 2nd by Scott Crappa KE5NLK. Motion passed.

Program: Log Book of the World-presented by Mike Harang-K5MMH

Motion to adjourn by Rick Ellis KJ5UY, 2nd by Scott Crappa KE5NLK

Submitted by: Drena Cromaz-KK5YC, Secretary.

Financial Report ... May 2009



May-09

General Fund	Income	Expense	Balance	Petty Cash
Beginning Balance 5/1/09			\$1,144.24	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income-2009	\$37.50			
N5SER Donation	\$5.00			
Transfer From Matl. Property				
TOTAL INCOME	\$42.50			
EXPENSES				
Tranfer to Special Events		\$230.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$230.00		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$42.50	\$230.00		
Ending Balance 5/31/2009			\$956.74	
Special Events Fund				
Beginning Balance 5/1/09			\$89.73	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Trans from General Fund	\$230.00			
TOTAL INCOME	\$230.00			
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$230.00	\$0.00		
Ending Balance 5/31/2009			\$319.73	
Material Property Fund				
Beginning Balance 5/1/09			\$2,115.58	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income - 2009	\$37.50			
Transfer from General Fund				
TOTAL INCOME	\$37.50			
EXPENSES				
Telephone Ck 582		\$34.71		
Transfer to General Fund				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$34.71		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$37.50	\$34.71		
Ending Balance 5/31/2009			\$2,118.37	
May Totals	\$310.00	\$264.71	\$3,394.84	

Upcoming Events

Ham-Com 2009

**The Biggest Hamfest in Texas
June 12 - 13**

**Be sure to bring your surplus
equipment and/or junk you
wish to sale, and put it on the
club tables.**

**Also wear your SWDCARC
shirt!!!**



June 27th and June 28th

Minutes of Board Meeting ... May 2009



The meeting was called to order & invocation given by President Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB at 6:25pm.

Board Members present: Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB, Mike Harang-K5MMH, Jerry Keltner-KB6OJE, Rick Ellis-KJ5UY, Floyd Rodgers-KC5QBC, Scott Crappa-KE5NLK, and Drena Cromaz-KK5YC.

Guests: Pat Roberson-KB5YPP, Richard Baker-N5KXA, Paul Dryer-KD5IVP, and Bill Ellis-N5TXN.

Minutes & Treasurer Report-Scott Crappa made a motion to accept minutes & treasurer report as posted in the Groundwire, 2nd by Rick Ellis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Repeater: Johnny Roberson reported that Echo Link was hooked up to the repeater and that the id problem was now fixed. Johnny Roberson will contact the ARRL for assistance in obtaining W5WB call sign for our 2nd repeater.

Membership: The membership application of Robert Eaton N5GWY was approved.

VE: Rick Ellis reported that 16 Techs, 2 Generals & 1 person that passed tech upgraded to General.of the 22 students that took the exams. There was a discussion to continue offering a complimentary 1 year club membership to those who pass the exams. Rick Ellis agreed to write a letter & offer a link for new member information.

OLD BUSINESS

Head for the Hills: Jerry Keltner & Mike Harang reported a shift in assigned positions. But we have enough people to cover the requested positions.

Field Day: Mike Harang led general discussion regarding location and options.

Ham Com: Rick Ellis has secured 2 tables and reminded members to organize the things they want to sell.

Club Shirts: Floyd Rodgers reported that so far he has orders for 6 shirts. He will try to use the same outlet as the last order. Other options are being explored.

Program: Mike Harang reported that the May program will be "Log Book of the World".

No NEW BUSINESS.

Motion to adjourn; Rick Ellis, 2nd by Jerry Keltner

Submitted by: Drena Cromaz, Secretary

2009 Board Members

President

Johnny Roberson (KJ5LB)

Vice-President

Mike Harang (K5MMH)

Treasurer

Jerry Keltner (KB6OJE)

Secretary

Drena Cromaz (KK5YC)

Directors

Floyd Rodgers (KC5QBC) -
Material Property

Rick Ellis (KJ5UY) -
Programs

Scott Crappa (KE5NLK) -
Membership

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 ... May 2009



The meeting was called to order & invocation given by President-Johnny Roberson KJ5LB. There were 13 members present and 4 guests. Guests were Matthew Dover, Don Dewberry, Lester Wong and Nancy Jenkins.

Scott Crappa-KE5NLK made a motion to approved the minutes & treasurer report as printed in the Groundwire, 2nd was made by Ben Barber-K5NEB, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Repeater: Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB reported nothing has changed. There is a CW id for the Echo link.

VE Session: Rick Ellis-KJ5UY reported that 21 test takers in April resulting in 16 Tech and 1 General license.

MRC/EOC: Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB announced that he is the official EOC radio officer for Cedar Hill.

Monday Net: Seven check-ins last night, there will be no net on May 25th due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Membership: One new member: Robert Eaton N5GWY. Welcome Robert!

OLD BUSINESS

Head for the Hills Bike Rally: Johnny Roberson thanked the co-chairmen Jerry Keltner KB6OJE and Mike Harang-K5MMH for their super job. Net control had only 1 problem and that was a short term dead key and that quickly resolved by making an announcement on 440.

Ham-Com: Rick Ellis KJ5UY The club tables should be in the same place as last year. These tables are made available for club members and please utilize them. If you have equipment to sell and are unable to attend, email Rick Ellis (listed under members on the club webpage) he will be happy to arrange to get your equipment there.

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June



Field Day Preparation

2009 NCS Schedule

June

1	KJ5UY
8	KC5MQC
15	KX5G
23	K5NEB
30	KJ5UY

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

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