



The GroundWire

Johnny's Mailbag

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I write this the day before Field Day. I have taken the day off to gather all the “stuff” I am taking to the event. I think everyone is looking forward to operating as a 3F station this year but more than that, operating in an air-conditioned building. The 3F class allows us to operate off of the building power and still get the aux power multiplier by demonstrating the emergency power capabilities for 30 seconds. The City of Cedar Hill is providing their EOC facility for us to use. They also will have one of the Fire Department officers with us for the entire event. I want to thank everyone who voiced an opinion, agreed to take part, surveyed the sights, and is furnishing equipment or food and those who have supported Field Day. Field Day and the Christmas party seem to be the two things that keep the club together.

The planning for this event was slowed until we decided where we were going to set up but we think we have the “I’s” dotted and the “T,s” crossed. We have a lack of operators signed up but hope people will show up and take a turn at the mic, keyboard or key. Scott Crappa is cooking the meat and club members have signed up to bring the side dishes.

At the present time the club has not planned another group event. I think we need to be thinking about a fall event, maybe a picnic, camping weekend, sporting event or any social type event. The Christmas dinner is also in need of someone to get the ball rolling early. And because we have the Ham of The Year at the Christmas dinner be thinking of the person that you think should be honored.

Remember we will vote on a by-law change at the July meeting so please be there to voice your opinion.

This is a short article this month because I procrastinated in getting it started and I am running out of things to write about. Please bring your ideas for club projects to the club meetings or write an article about one of your projects so my article is not so lonesome.

Johnny, KJ5LB



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You Never Know Whom Your Going to Have a QSO With In This Hobby!



Last night while practicing CW (yes, I practice) using Morse Runner, I had the most interesting QSO ever. Set for 15 minute runs, I copy as many calls and reports as possible with the least amount of error. I have been using the program for several years, but had never had this occur before. As the soundcard is playing the call, I can't believe my ears.

See below:

00:08:27	W0YHE	599 005	599 021	W0
00:08:51	IK2UZV	599 003	599 022	IK2
00:09:20	DJ7OM	599 019	599 023	DJ7
00:09:53	W4WJF	599 007	599 024	W4
00:10:13	KC4D	599 008	599 025	KC4
00:10:47	W8OLI	599 010	599 026	W8
00:11:07	IZ7FLP	599 004	599 027	IZ7
00:11:31	DJ7MGQ	599 006	599 028	DJ7
00:11:50	YE1A	599 004	599 029	YE1
00:12:52	I1RSA	599 004	599 030	I1
00:13:20	SP5BNB	599 001	599 031	SP5
00:13:53	WA8YUZ	599 008	599 032	WA8
00:14:11	9A7R	599 008	599 033	9A7
00:14:32	NE5DL	599 016	599 034	NE5
00:14:49	W5SB	599 025	599 035	W5

Second to last call for this run is our very own - Dave Lear NE5DL

Pretty Cool indeed.

Thanks Dave,

73

Mike

K5MMH

Proposed By-Law Change

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Directors have proposed an amendment to our current By-Laws to clarify who can be and what constitute an Affiliate Member.

Current Wording:

Section 2.2

(3) An Affiliate Member is any member who resides outside the geographic area specified by these Bylaws, a member designated as a Family Member, or a member who elects affiliate member classification. Such member shall have no voting rights and may not hold elective office. An affiliate member shall have full access to any provided SWDCARC repeater and phone patch functions afforded a Regular Member.

Proposed wording:

Affiliated Member (1) any member who resides outside the geographic area specified by these By-laws. (2) A member designated as a Family Member. (3) An amateur who takes and passes an amateur exam through the SWDCARC, will be eligible for free membership for the remainder of the year. (4) Any amateur or non-amateur who the Board of Directors would like to bestore membership to for service to the club. (5) A member who elects Affiliated Member classification. Such members shall have no voting rights and may not hold elective office. An Affiliate Member shall have full access to any provided SWDCARC repeater and phone patch functions afforded a Regular Member.

Proposed wording (N5TXN's version)

Affiliated Member is any member who operates CW. Also their dues shall be raised to \$50.00 per year since their QSOs count double at Field Day.

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BY-LAWS: Jerry Keltner agreed to draft an amendment to the by-laws for a clarification regarding club member designation. Specifically to include any complimentary memberships. The amendment proposal will be presented to the general membership for vote at the July 2009 meeting.

Program: Rick Ellis will present a pre-Field Day program with extra photos of the Head for the Hills Bike Rally.

Motion to adjourn made by Mike Harang with a 2nd by Jerry Keltner

Submitted by: Drena Cromaz-KK5YC, Secretary

Financial Report ... June 2009



General Fund	Income	Expense	Balance	Petty Cash
Beginning Balance 6/1/09			\$956.74	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income-2009				
Transfer From Matl. Property				
Transfer Petty Cash income				
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00			
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ending Balance 6/30/2009			\$956.74	
Special Events Fund				
Beginning Balance 6/1/09			\$319.73	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Trans from General Fund				
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00			
EXPENSES				
Field Day Meat Ck 584		\$170.31		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$170.31		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$170.31		
Ending Balance 6/30/2009			\$149.42	
Material Property Fund				
Beginning Balance 6/1/09			\$2,118.37	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income - 2009	\$0.00			
Transfer from General Fund				
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00			
EXPENSES				
Telephone Ck 583		\$34.65		
Transfer to General Fund				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$34.65		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$34.65		
Ending Balance 6/30/2009			\$2,083.72	
June Totals	\$0.00	\$204.96	\$3,189.88	

Upcoming Events

**Belton
HamEXPO! is
October 3, 2009**



Minutes of Board Meeting ... June 2009



The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm and invocation given by Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB. Board members present include Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB, Mike Harang-K5MMH, Jerry Keltner-KB6OJE, Floyd Rodgers-KC5QBC, & Drena Cromaz-KK5YC.

Guests/Members present: Bill Ellis-N5TXN, Richard Baker N5KXA, & Paul Dryer KD5IVP.

Minutes: Motion made to approve minutes by Jerry Keltner and 2nd by Mike Harang.

Treasure Report: Motion made by Jerry Keltner with 2nd by Mike Harang to approve as posted in the Groundwire.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Repeater: Johnny Roberson reported that both repeaters in good working order.

Membership: Jerry Keltner made a motion to approve membership applications for: Matthew Dozier-KF5BHQ, Lester Wong-K5ITO, & Donald Dewberry-K5DEW. 2nd by Floyd Rodgers. Motion passed.

EOC: Johnny Roberson reported Cedar Hill EOC still working on paperwork for RACES.

NET: Nothing new to report

WEBSITE: Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day: Group discussion to decide where the event will be held. Motion made by Johnny Roberson with 2nd by Drena Cromaz to use the Cedar Hill EOC. Motion passed.

Johnny Roberson agreed to contact John Ballard, Assistant Fire Chief for confirmation.

Ham Com: Members are encouraged to bring items for sale to Ham-Com. Jerry Keltner was contacted by Wayne Shier who has items to be placed on the club table.

Club Shirts: Floyd Rodgers is gathering names of those interested in obtaining a club shirt.

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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)

General Membership Meeting ... June 2009



The meeting was called to order by President Johnny Roberson KJ5LB
Invocation was given by Richard Baker – N5KXA 19 Members present.

Minutes: Motion to approve as posted in the Groundwire by Scott Crappa-KE5NLK. 2nd by Bill Ellis-N5TXN. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Motion to approve as posted in the Groundwire by Bill Ellis-N5TXN, 2nd by Scott Crappa-KE5NLK. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Repeater: Johnny Roberson – KJ5LB both repeaters working OK.

VE Session: Paul Dryer- KD5IVP no one to test tonight and reported 1 person passed last month.

EOC: Paul Dryer-KD5IVP is Radio officer for Desoto & Johnny Roberson KJ5LB for Cedar Hill.

Membership: Scott Crappa – KE5NLK reported Matthew Dozier-KF5BHQ, Donald Dewberry-K5DEW, & Lester Wong K5ITO are new members.

OLD BUSINESS

Ham Com: Rick Ellis – KJ5UY advised sales at our tables were a success. Sales totaled over \$900. Sale of donation items from W5WB netted \$150. Special thanks to Rebecca Ellis KC5FHG for her outstanding sales abilities. Monies transferred to the treasurer.

Field Day: Mike Harang – K5MMH discussed position assignments, members were asked to sign up on the food lists. Field Day location is 285 Uptown Blvd, Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill's new government building) in the back.

NEW BUSINESS

By-Law amendment: This amendment to the definition of "Affiliated Member" will be posted in the Groundwire & voted on by the general membership at the July 21, 2009 general membership meeting. Bill Ellis-N5TXN will post in the Groundwire.

PROGRAM: Rick Ellis-KJ5UY presented a video of the Head for the Hill Bike Rally Recap.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Tom Frohnapfel K5EIS has a 40 ft. tower & antenna. If you take it down you can have it. Phone or email Tom.

Motion made & 2nd to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Drena Cromaz-KK5YC
Secretary

July



Field Day Bloopers

2009 NCS Schedule

July

6-KC5MQC

13-KX5G

20-KJ5UY

27-K5NEB

Net times are Mondays at
8:00PM

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