



The GroundWire

Johnny's Mailbag

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Field Day this year was great. I want to thank Mike Harang, Paul Dryer, Jerry Keltner, Larry MacFarland, Scott Crappa and John Langridge for all their work preparing for Field Day. Please forgive me if I left out someone. Saturday morning looked like a hive of bees with all the people hard at work setting up. Because we operated from the Cedar Hill EOC we had new challenges for antenna set up. As an emergency communication exercise it was a success.



We will make some changes for next year to try and minimize the interference from one station to the next. Floyd has a preliminary contact count of 1024. He has not finished the point total at the time. I think the comment I received most was 'The A/C is Great'. I also want to thank Cedar Hill for being a great host. They gave us a lot of freedom in the way we used their facility. I think they gained some knowledge about amateur capabilities and will allow us back next year. Dave Lusk did a great job of getting news media coverage but attendance was down again this year. Part of the drop was lack of walk in visitors. We think some of this was because we did not have visibility to the street and did not have good signs in place to advertise the events location.

Scott Krappa did an outstanding job preparing the main course for the Saturday evening meal. The smoked ribs, brisket and turkey were great. Thanks to everyone who brought all the side dishes to complete the meal.

The one thing I will remember most about this Field Day is the tenacity of Sara Rodgers, Floyd's and Teresa's daughter. She worked long and hard to complete the 20 contacts needed on the GOTA station to get the point multiplier.

I disappointed a few people when I decided to end Field Day and start teardown at 10:00 AM Sunday. My thought it was already getting hot and many of us having at least an hour of clean up and put up time at home. Tear down went just under an hour, much quicker than in the past. I think it was because we had been in the A/C for FD and more members were there to help roll up and load up.

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JOTA, An Invitation For Help



Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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July 10, 2009

To all North Texas amateurs,

The youth of this generation are the future of amateur radio. Scout organizations around the world have banded together to provide a marvelous opportunity to showcase amateur radio to the scouting community. October 17, 2009 marks the start of the 52nd **Jamboree on the Air**, a day for scouts from all over to communicate via amateur radio.

In North Texas, the Circle Ten Council International Committee has asked the Irving Amateur Radio Club to help them put on a showcase JOTA event at the National Scouting Museum here in Irving. We are planning to operate six stations spanning HF phone and digital modes; VHF/UHF with IRLP and Echolink; and satellite contacts.

There are also plans to offer a Radio Merit Badge course at the event as well Circle 10 will be heavily promoting this event to all the scout groups in it's service area and will be offering free food for all as well as free admission to the museum so a good turnout is anticipated.

This event is large enough that we know that we can not do it ourselves. As a result, we are bringing this open invitation to all amateurs interested in helping us with setup, operations, informational displays, public relations, etc.

We know that many of you are committed to JOTA stations that will be set up in your communities. If you however, are not yet involved in this amazing opportunity to share the hobby we all love with the next generation of future hams, we would greatly appreciate your participation with us.

For more information about what is proposed to happen at the Scout Museum event, or to volunteer your services for planning and implementation, please contact Tom Schuessler,

N5HYP at the e-mail address below.

We look forward to working with many of you on this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Tom Schuessler, N5HYP

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It's not nice to fool with Mother Nature!!

Antenna located at the Dallas HHS Office near downtown

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At the July board meeting we voted to have a club social of some type on October 17, 2009 planned around the annual chili cook off. This will be an all day thing with a transmitter hunt and other type fun and a chance to just set in the shade and swap stories. We also decided to not have the Christmas dinner catered but to all bring food. Rick Ellis is bringing the Turkey and I will bring the Ham. Please put the chili cook off and the December meeting on your calendar as a don't miss it item.

Pat and I took the CERT training in DeSoto this year and have just completed the ICS 100 and 700 modules of the NIMS. One of the things we learned in the class was not to use acronyms to describe or name things. ("LOL") The Fire Chief gave the classes at the Duncanville Fire Training Room. The courses were designed to give emergency responders a command structure that will be the standard for all emergency responses. These are two of the several modules needed to be a member of RACES and are available on line. ICS 200 will be scheduled in the near future. I would encourage amateur radio operators to take these courses so they could be more effective helping in an emergency event.

73s - Johnny

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Fall Club Activity Day: Rick Ellis made a motion and 2nd by Scott Crappa to have a club activity day on Saturday, October 17, 2009. The motion passed. It is an all day event involving a fox-hunt, JOTA, and a chili cook-off. He is open for suggestions for other activities for that day. Rick Ellis will handle the fox-hunt.

Christmas Dinner: Rick Ellis suggested that someone furnish a turkey & someone furnish a ham for Christmas Dinner and the club members bring pot-luck for everything to go with the turkey & ham. Rick Ellis volunteered to bring the turkey and Johnny Roberson volunteered to bring the ham.

Program: The program for July: Field Day Bloopers by Russ Thompson KX5G

Motion to adjourn: 1st-Jerry Keltner, 2nd Scott Crappa

Respectfully submitted by:

Drena Cromaz-KK5YC

Secretary

Financial Report ... July 2009



General Fund	Income	Expense	Balance	Petty Cash
Beginning Balance 7/1/09			\$956.74	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income-2009	\$25.00			
Dues Income-2010 NE5DL	\$12.50			
Transfer From Matl. Property				
Transfer Petty Cash income				
TOTAL INCOME	\$37.50			
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$37.50	\$0.00		
Ending Balance 7/31/2009			\$994.24	
 Special Events Fund				
Beginning Balance 7/1/09			\$149.42	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Trans from General Fund				
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00			
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ending Balance 7/31/2009			\$149.42	
 Material Property Fund				
Beginning Balance 7/1/09			\$2,272.95	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income - 2009	\$25.00			
Dues Income-2010 NE5DL	\$12.50			
HamCom Banner	\$25.00			
KF5AZL Donation	\$7.50			
TOTAL INCOME	\$70.00			
EXPENSES				
Telephone Ck 585		\$34.65		
Transfer to General Fund				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$34.65		
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$70.00	\$34.65		
Ending Balance 7/31/2009			\$2,308.30	
 July Totals	 \$107.50	 \$34.65	 \$3,451.96	

Upcoming Events

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



Minutes of Board Meeting ... July 2009



The meeting was called to order and invocation given by Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB

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

Guests: Bill Ellis-N5TXN, Paul Dryer-KD5IVP, & Richard Baker-N5KXA

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Groundwire. Motion: 1st_Scott Crappa 2nd_Rick Ellis motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Amended to what was printed in Groundwire Motion 1st_Scott Crappa 2nd_Rick Ellis \$25 ck from HamCom for banner. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Repeater: Johnny Roberson reported all is working great

VE Session: Paul Dryer reported no tests last month & none scheduled for July.

EOC: Johnny Roberson reported that the Cedar Hill EOC was happy with the Field Day performance & have invited the club back for next year.

Membership: New member-John Langridge, KB5NJD

Net: Nothing new to report

Website: Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day: Floyd Rodgers gave preliminary contact info & advised he is compiling the final figures. Mike Harang thanked all who participated and/or donated to Field Day. Recommendations for next year are requested so we can have a jump start on planning.

By-law amendment-vote on 07/21/09 at the general membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Program: Bill Ellis has a contract pilot for the government who could do a program for the club possibly in August involving airplanes & radios. He will give name and phone number to Rick Ellis to set it up.

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 ... July 2009



Meeting was called to order by President Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB.

Invocation: Paul Dryer-KD5IVP

Guests: Jimmy Burkhalter KB5WIO and Pat Weaver KF5AZL

Minutes: Motion to approve as posted in Groundwire 1st Rick Ellis-KJ5UY, 2nd by Scott Crappa KE5NLK-motion passed

Treasurer: Motion to approve as posted in Groundwire 1st Scott Crappa KE5NLK, 2nd by Rick Ellis-KJ5UY- motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Repeater: Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB reported all working great

VE Session: Paul Dryer KD5IVP reported that no test session scheduled for tonight. He is working with the fire department to start Tech classes the first week of August.

EOC: Paul Dryer KD5IVP reported the MRC will have a drill next Friday, Paul will participate. Desoto EOC had 2 antennas repaired by Paul Dryer.

Membership: Scott Crappa KE5NLK reported no new membership applications. John Langridge KB5NJD renewed his membership.

Net: Rick Ellis KJ5UY reported that Monday night net had 8 check ins.

Website: Russ Thompson-KX5G reported all is stable.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day: Dave Lusk N5UV handed out participation certificates.

By-law amendment: This amendment was passed by the membership as posted in the *Groundwire*.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Club Activity Day: Johnny Robertson KJ5LB announced this event will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009. This will be an all day event with a Fox hunt, JOTA, chili cook-off. Rick Ellis is over the fox-hunt.

Christmas Dinner: The date for the Christmas dinner will be December 15, 2009 (membership meeting night). Rick Ellis volunteered to bring the turkey and Johnny Roberson volunteered to bring the ham . The general membership will be asked to bring a covered dish.

Texas QSO Party: Dave Lusk asked for a count of those who would participate this year.

November program: Rick Ellis announced he needs a November program if anyone has any ideas to let him know.

Program: Field Day Bloopers-Russ Thompson

Motion to adjourn: 1st Rick Ellis-KJ5UY 2nd Dave Lusk-N5UV

Respectfully submitted:

Drena Cromaz-KK5YC, secretary

August



Ray Brindle

Government Emergency
Response Pilot

2009 NCS Schedule

**See the
web-site
for Net
Control
Schedule**

Net times are Mondays at
8:00PM

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