



# The GroundWire

## Johnny's Mailbag

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The club social/chili cook off was a success for those who attended. The transmitter hunt was canceled. There were only three chili entries so every one was a winner. Several members set a HF station up and had fun; they lined up and gave a contact in the New York Qso party a lot of extra points. The time to sit and enjoy every ones company was the real winner in my opinion

At the November meeting we will be voting on moving money from the repeater fund to cover the cost of obtaining 501c3 status for the club. Jerry Keltner has the application ready to mail and has to send the funds with the application. There will be a list to sign up to bring a side dish to the December 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner/club meeting. The Ham of The Year award will be presented at this meeting so send your vote to [jkeltner@aplink.net](mailto:jkeltner@aplink.net). Voting closes at the end of the November meeting, be sure to VOTE!!!!

The election committee is working on the slate of officers for next year. If anyone has the wish to serve the club speak to one of them.

The Rotary Club has asked the club to help with the 2010 Head for the Hills Bike Rally. This is a great opportunity to do the service project needed for RACES members as well as practice net operations. I will keep the club posted when the event time gets closer.

73,

Johnny KJ5LB



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## Financial Report ... October 2009



<b>General Fund</b>	Income	Expense	Balance	Petty Cash
Beginning Balance 10/1/09			\$680.49	
<b>INCOME/EXPENSE</b>				
Dues Income-2009	\$6.25			
Donation W5GSR	\$7.50			
Transfer From Matl. Property				
Transfer Petty Cash income				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$13.75</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Postmaster Box Rent CK#590		\$30.00		
Windsor Park Baptist Ch Ck591		\$300.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$330.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$13.75</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>		
Ending Balance 10/31/2009			\$364.24	
 <b>Special Events Fund</b>				
Beginning Balance 10/1/09			\$149.42	
<b>INCOME/EXPENSE</b>				
Trans from General Fund				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
Ending Balance 10/31/2009			\$149.42	
 <b>Material Property Fund</b>				
Beginning Balance 10/1/09			\$2,241.41	
<b>INCOME/EXPENSE</b>				
Dues Income - 2009	\$6.25			
Transfer from General Fund				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6.25</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
AT&T Telephone CK#589		\$36.55		
Transfer to General Fund				
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$36.55</b>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$6.25</b>	<b>\$36.55</b>		
Ending Balance 10/31/2009			\$2,211.11	
 October Totals	 \$20.00	 \$366.55	 \$2,724.77	

### Upcoming Events

**North Central Texas Emergency Communicators' Hamfest**

**November 14, 2009**

Contact Vic Bell KC5WEN at  
(817)444-5872.

NCTECH is hosted and sponsored by Tri-County Amateur Radio Club WC5C, and is always the second Saturday in November. The Hamfest is located in the Azle Community Center, 404 W. Main Street, in historic Azle, Texas.

### Christmas Party

December 15th—6:30PM

Turkey & Ham furnished, bring a side dish. Also bring a door prize.

### Club Breakfast

#### Saturday Mornings

We begin gathering about 6:45AM but we don't order until 7:00AM. Technical discussions, war stories and lies continue until 8:00 to 8:30 or until they run us off.

***BE THERE***



### **Burgers 'N More Cafe 67**

261 S. Hwy. 67 @ Copper Exit  
Cedar Hill, TX, 75104

# Minutes of Board Meeting ... October 2009



The meeting was called to order & the invocation given by President Johnny Roberson KJ5LB.

**Board Members present:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB, Mike Harang K5MMH, Jerry Keltner KB6OJE, Drena Cromaz KK5YC & Floyd Rodgers KC5QBC.

Visitors present: Bill Ellis N5TXN and Suzanne Harang.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Drena Cromaz KK5YC & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Roberson KJ5LB to approve as printed in the *Groundwire*. Motion passed.

**Treasure Report:** A motion was made by Drena Cromaz KK5YC & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Harang K5MMH to approve as printed in the *Groundwire*. Motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Repeaters:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB reported all is working, no reports of problems.

**VE Sessions:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB reported that Byron Wells tested to obtain a General class license.

**EOC:** nothing new to report

**Membership:** Jerry Keltner KB6OJE received membership applications on Byron Wells KF5DDQ and also on Gordon Redner W6GSR. Drena Cromaz KK5YC with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Harang K5MMH to accept as new members. Motion passed. Also James Bell, Gloria Sidham, Joshua Harvey, Tim Turquette, Jim Dennehy and Todd Spencer were accepted as associate members since they passed their license exam on 10/01/09 as given by the club VE's.

**NET:** Bernie McFarland KC5MQC was net control on 10/05/09 with approximately 14 check ins.

**MRC:** Floyd Rodgers KC5QBC reported that the JAG Drill scheduled for 10/24/09 has been cancelled. He will check on the status of the 10/14/09 EOC training.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**501c3:** Jerry Keltner KB6OJE continues to work on getting this completed, he to apply for the EIN.

**Fall Club Activity Day:** Bill Ellis N5TXN to send out a broadcast message to remind the club that this event is scheduled to start at 2pm at Windsor Park Church with fox hunt, Jamboree on the Air, chili supper and social get together.

**Election Committee:** Mike Harang K5MMH reported that he, Bob Best KA5JSQ and Ben Barber K5NEB will be contacting the membership soon to see who would like to hold office next year.

**Ham of the Year:** Jerry Keltner KB6OJE reported that ballot should be available for HOTY at the November meeting. Members will also be able to vote on line.

**Christmas Dinner:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB reported that there should be sign-up sheets for food at the November meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business

**Program:** Dave Lusk N5UV will report on the TX QSO Party results. The November program is scheduled to be presented by Pat Roberson KB5YPP.

Motion to adjourn made by Drena Cromaz-KK5YC with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Harang K5MMH, motion passed

Respectfully submitted by:

Drena Cromaz-KK5YC 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)

## General Membership Meeting ... October 2009



The meeting was called to order and the invocation given by President Johnny Roberson KJ5LB. There were 17 members present and no guests

Minutes: Motion to approve as posted in the *Groundwire* made by Scott Crappa KE5NLK, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Dryer KD5IVP, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion to approve as posted in the *Groundwire* made by Scott Crappa KE5NLK, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Ellis KJ5UY, motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Repeaters:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB reported that all are working OK

**VE Session:** Paul Dryer KD5IVP reported that they tested a plethora of hams but did not have the exact figure of how many tested and passed.

**EOC:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB reported a clarification that the ARRL sent out regarding firemen & policemen using ham radio equipment while on duty. First responders to an emergency can use ham radio equipment if their equipment is not working.

**Membership:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB reported that the board approved Byron Wells KF5DDQ, Gordon Redner W6GSR, also James Bell, Gloria Sidham, Joshua Harvey, Tim Turquett, Jim Dennehy & Todd Spencer were accepted as affiliate members as awarded by the club when they passed their exams given by our VE's on 10/01/09.

**Net:** Russ Thompson KX5G reported that 5 checked into the net Monday night.

**MRC:** Paul Dryer KD5IVP reported that all drills and training have been cancelled.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**501c3:** Jerry Keltner KB6OJE reported tried on line to get the paperwork but was rejected. He will mail the paperwork in.

**Fall Club Activity Day:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB reported that they had very little participation but those that were there had lots of chili and lots of fun. All 3 chili entries placed for awards. They also reported that they were set up for JOTA and worked the **New York QSO Party**. Everyone lined up at the microphone to give New York lots of Texas contacts.

**Election Committee:** Mike Harang K5MMH reported that they are working on it. The committee consists of Mike, Bob Best KA5JSQ and Ben Barber K5NEB.

**Ham of the Year:** Jerry Keltner KB6OJE reported that so far he has received only 1 ballot. Bill Ellis N5TXN will send out a broadcast message requesting votes be sent in via email to Jerry Keltner. Dave Lusk N5UV volunteered to present the award at the Christmas Dinner with Rick Ellis KJ5UY as backup.

**Christmas Dinner:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB will bring the ham and Rick Ellis KJ5UY will bring the turkey, there will be signup sheets at the November general membership meeting so start thinking about the side dish you want to bring. It was also suggested that any member wishing to please bring a door prize because we always have fun with those.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Church Donation:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB made a motion to give the church \$300.00 to help with their food drive or anything else the church wants to use it for, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Ellis KJ5UY. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn before the program: 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Crappa KE5NLK, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Ellis KJ5UY.

**Program:** Dave Lusk N5UV – Texas QSO Party results & photos

Respectfully submitted by:  
Drena Cromaz KK5YC, Secretary

## November



### Life on A Yacht

By

Pat Roberson - KB5YPP

## 2009 NCS Schedule

### November

2-KC5MQC  
9-KX5G  
16-KJ5UY  
23-K5NEB  
30-KC5MQC

### December

7-KX5G  
14-KJ5UY  
21-K5NEB  
28-KC5MQC

Net times are Mondays at  
8:00PM

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