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### Field Day for 2004

From Notes of Stuart Rhore, K5KVH

YOU are vital to Field Day.

Some or most of you probably were at AARC for the FD survey. John, KG5O presented some results at Tues. AARC/ ARO officers meeting. There were plenty of offers to help set up. ( and we hope they come back to take down Sun.) Fewer offered to operate. Committee needs to talk to people and see what we can get them to operate. WE may need trainers other than rig owners to handle teaching logging, paper records, etc.

Many offered equipment, but if it will operate on whatever power we get, remains a question. (A TS 2000 is not a Field Day station for example.) Someone needs to see what people have vs. battery drain of it, and make a list. Also check on state of CW filters, etc. Would not hurt to have backup rigs. We actually already have enough HF rigs, and have a plan for improving the CW filtering for the TS 140 Red Cross loans to FD.

Officers accepted Joe Fisher's suggestion of an added activity and FD warm up check out. To operate ARRL VHF QSO party, and check out VHF UHF antennas and all rigs with chance for ops to come learn how they work. Set up one or more HF antenna at Anderson for this rig check out/ learning opportunity. Use club antenna trailer for easy up HF and VHF/ UHF. If contest is not 24 hours, we just need be there one day. This will be June 12th at 9am at Anderson High School. This would also be a good time to at least have one logging computer set up, and if possible test network. Also train all in back up logging which will be log sheets, dupe sheets and W5SIO pads. (scratch pads made by folding a sheet of paper in thirds, listing stations heard and worked top to bottom of each column. Check those worked.) Those give scorers a cross check of lapses in log and dupe agreement. One BIG question, how do we insure everyone who comes to operate on FD can do so when they are there?

**History:** We tried in past years to schedule every hour. Poor pre FD sign up for that. Last year sked was in 2 hour blocks for that reason. John suggested we put up schedule chalk board at each station. Ops can sign in, and when someone comes up and sees the op has already been on an hour, we will have a rule they yield the station for another op. It is an appealing idea to try. Likely,

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#### Periodic Events

Sun	6:45 p.m., Bastrop ARES net	145.35-(114.8)/443.75 + MHz
Sun	7:30 p.m., Travis ARES net	147.36 MHz + (131.8)
Sun	8:00 p.m., Travis ARES Packet	145.73 MHz -
Sun	8:00 p.m., Williamson ARES net	145.13 MHz -
Sun	9:00 p.m., ARO Swapnet	146.94 MHz -
Sun	(After Swapnet) Newslite	146.94 MHz -
Mon	6:45 p.m., Hays ARES net	147.10 MHz -
Wed	8:00 p.m. Code Pracice	146.78 MHz
Wed	11:30 a.m.-1p.m., Travis County ARES lunch @ Jim's 183 & Burnet Rd. 837-1119	
Thu	11:30 a.m. - 12:30p.m.,lunch, Waterloo Ice House	444.1 MHz+
Sat	7:00 - 8:30a.m., breakfast, Waterloo Ice House, 8600 Burnet 444.1 MHz +	
Sat	9:00 a.m., Chapter 67 QCWA QSO Net.	3.920 MHz LSB
Daily	CTTN Central Texas Traffic Net, 6:30 p.m.	147.14MHz+

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## CLUB MINUTES

### ARO Meeting, May 4, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by President Jeff Schmidt, N5MNV, at the Marimont Cafeteria on 38<sup>th</sup> at Guadalupe.

**Visitors:** Bill Morgan, N6XGX, and his XYL, Beverley.

**Monthly Drawing Winner:** Leigh Jared, KD5SPZ, won the door prize, a PC power distribution box.

**Minutes:** The April 2004 ARO meeting minutes were approved as published in the AACROVER.

**Treasury Report:** Treasurer Roger Wines, W5WIA, reported a bank balance of \$3084.72. Roger announced an incentive plan to boost club membership. Sign up a new member and get a credit. Get 4 credits and have next year's dues waived. Details will be announced at the AARC meeting next week. Roger also announced that the final modifications to the 501c3 application are to be mailed in.

**Technical Committee:** President Schmidt said that the interference on the 146.94 repeater is most likely due to the amount of RF energy on the hill where the antenna is located.

**Old Business:** None. **New Business:** None.

**Web Site:** Nothing to report.

**Ham of the Month:** President Schmidt nominated John Meaker, KR4AH, as Ham of the Month for organizing and running a hand-on GPS training exercise and picnic. The membership approved to thank John.

**Equipment Loaner Program:** The club's MFJ259B antenna analyzer and FT530 HT are available. Contact Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ, to reserve equipment and make suggestions for new equipment.

**Announcements:** Smokey Wiley, K5RDJ, said that Jeanne Burroughs, K5JZX, was back in town for a short while. A get-together to wish her well on her foreign assignment will be held on Sunday, May 9, at 3pm at Rudy's BBQ on Loop 360. Smokey announced that the informal ARES lunch that's held each Wednesday at Jim's on 183 will now be called the "Give Your Spouse a Break Day".

Smokey also announced that the QCWA will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a barbecue at Hal Henegar's house on Sat. May 15. Hal, W5MDL, lives at 901 Hollybluff St. Bring a yard chair and \$5.

Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ, is taking orders for Field Day t-shirts. The t-shirts are \$15 each. The order needs to be submitted in the next 2 weeks.

Stuart Rohre, K5KVH, mentioned that the ARRL sent another reply to the FCC regarding BPL. Stuart asked all to send an email to President Bush regarding the President's misunderstanding of BPL, to point out that BPL will interfere with emergency communications.

Smokey Wiley asked for information for a presentation on cross band repeating. He was looking for the "Do's and Don't's" that were presented a couple of years ago. President Schmidt thought that he had the lists at home.

Rick Kirchhof, KD5ABM, announced that the next "Hands-on Hamming" program at the May 11 AARC meeting will look at contest logging software. Please bring information on programs that you have used or know of.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

**Program:** Roger Wines gave a colorful slide show of his Field

## Ham Radio Volunteer Exam Results

**ARRL VEC** – The following is a summary of the ARRL VE test session held at Murchison Middle School on May 1st, 2004:

### Technician Class Licenses Processed

Anonymous Greg N. Holt  
David D. Underwood John D. Williams (Tech Plus)

### General Class Element 3 only CSCEs Processed

James G. Casto, KE5ALB Stephen D. Culp, W5SDC

### Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Pete Brunet, WS4G Tony Davee, KM5JH  
Larry Gunter, WB5BEK Jerry Jackson, N5UJ  
Joe Makeever, W5HS Herb Nolen, W5HMN  
Joe Thiel, N5SMN

### Next Two ARRL VE Test Sessions

June 5th - Murchison Middle School  
July 10th - Murchison Middle School

**W5YI-VEC** – The South Austin W5YI VE team heartily congratulates all of the following people who earned new or upgraded amateur radio licenses at our May 15<sup>th</sup> session:

### Extra Class –

Keith E. Cheney, N0VYG Kevin M. Kane, KE5BCJ

### General Class –

John D. Williams, KE5BJD

### Technician Class (all new licensees) –

Emily L. Burrough Adrian M. Davila  
Andrzej M. Stewart Robert D. Wooten  
Two other applicants earned element credit without upgrading.

Our volunteer examiner were:

Hugh Brown, NT5O Tony Lyon, KJ5XF  
John Fisher, K5JHF Jimmy Mercer, N5WDH  
Lloyd Goehring, N5TO Roger Pfluger, AC5IP  
Jim Greenwood, AB5EK Rick Trommer, W5RHT

Our next two sessions: June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 2 PM in room 109 of Fleck Hall on the campus of St. Edward's Univ. New General Question Pool goes into effect July 1st!!!

**Exam fee is \$12.00**

**Please bring two forms of identification  
plus your social security number.**

**Sessions are accessible to handicapped  
applicants.**

**No pre-registration is required.**

**Walk-ins are welcomed.**

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Please contact a club officer, attend a meeting, or mail us to join either or both organizations.

**The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc. and The Austin Repeater Organization** have combined membership dues of \$20.00/ calendar year (\$30.00 family to the same address)

**The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc.** AARC maintains a repeater with an open autopatch and emergency power on 146.78 MHz and an emergency HF/VHF station at the American Red Cross building. Persons residing or working within the coverage area are expected to join the club, if they use the autopatch. Non-residents on short visits are welcome to use this autopatch.

**The Austin Repeater Organization** ARO maintains the following repeaters: 146.88MHz (-600) with autopatch; 146.94 MHz (-600) used for Weather Net when called, and Travis County ARES. It is also used for Swapnet and Newline @ 9p.m. Sunday; 224.80 MHz (-1.600); 444.10 MHz (+5); & 145.01 <Hz packet NetROM node (KB5PM-1 or alias AUS). Persons residing or working within the coverage area are expected to join the club, if they use the autopatch. Non-residents on short visits are welcome to use this autopatch. **The 146.78 and 146.88 repeaters have open autopatches.** Please transmit your call **before** sing the phone patch. Press \* and dial the phone number to place a call. Do not unkey after the \*. When finished, press # to hang up the phone. Dial 911 (no \* needed) for emergency services.

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**Roger handles all changes for AARCOVER mailing labels & membership information & roster questions.**

# National Amateur Radio Organization Marks 90<sup>th</sup> Year -

Since its founding in May of 1914, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) -- the national association of Amateur Radio -- has worked to foster Amateur Radio communication in the United States and beyond.



The founders and early members of ARRL were on the cutting edge of wireless communication in their time, ninety years later, Amateur Radio is still around. We enjoy it, and it gives us a chance to help our communities during times of disaster.

There are more than 2000 ARRL affiliated clubs around the country. Along with public and emergency service activities, many clubs hold regular operating events, lend support to school radio clubs and share Amateur Radio technology with newcomers. Some people think that the Internet and other forms of communication would have replaced ham radio by now, that's definitely not the case.

Today there are nearly 700,000 Amateur Radio licensees in the United States and more than 2.5 million worldwide. For more information, contact on the Web at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).

## Smokey's Korner

If you're going to operate CW, you will need away to compress what you are saying into text that is smaller in size than what has been said. By abbreviating words, you can greatly decrease the text that you have to send or receive without changing the meaning or intent. For instance, OM means Old Man. After you learn the abbreviations, you still have the Q codes to fall back on. Example: QRX means wait, QTH means your location, etc. The following list is just a partial listing of some common abbreviations. Care should be used not to over use the abbreviations on an operator of unknown experience.

AA – All after	AB – All before	AB – About	ADR – Address
AGN – Again	ANT – Antenna	BCI Broadcast Interference	
BCL – Broadcast Listener	BK – Break	B4 – Before	BN - Been
BUG – Semi Automatic Keyer	C – Yes	CFM – Confirm	CK - Check
CL – I am closing my station	CLG – Calling	CLD - Called	CW - Continuous Wave
CUL – See you later	CUD – Could	DE – From	DX – Distant Station
ES – And	GA – Go Ahead	GB – Good Bye	GBA - Give Better Address
GND – Ground	HR – Hear	HV – Have	HW – How
LID – Poor Operator	MSG – Message	N – No	NIL – Nothing
NR – Number	OC – Old Chap	OM – Old Man	OP - Operator
PSE – Please	PWR – Power	PX – Press	RCD – Received
RFI – Radio Frequency Interference		SKED – Schedule	SSB - Single Side Band
SRI – Sorry	TFC – Traffic	TKS – Thanks	TT – That
TX – Transmitter	WKD – Worked	WX – Weather	WUD - Would
XCVR – Transceiver	XTAL – Crystal	XYL – Wife	73 – Best Regards

The next thing I want to discuss is “Q” signals. “Q” signals can and do have two meanings. The difference is that a “Q” sent alone is the operator of station no. 1 telling operator of station no. 2 some information. If no.1 is asking no.2 something, he will send a question mark after the “Q” signal. I hesitate to give a complete list of “Q” signals because they seem to develop slightly different meanings as the years go by. Incorporate “Q” signals in your QSO as needed after you fully understand their meaning. Let us talk now about **Readability, Strength and Tone**. Consult your own documentation for the meanings of R1 through R5, S1 through S9 and T1 through T9. After RST on CW you might see an X for the steadiness of crystal control. If you get an RST report followed by a “C” this indicates you have a chirp in your signal. A “K” means there is a click present. RST is used on CW contacts and if nothing is wrong with your signal there will be nothing after the report. If however, you receive an “X”, that means you are sending an exceptionally clean sounding signal. Most QRP rigs deserve an “X” because they use crystals to control the frequency of the transmitter.

When using phone, readability and strength is all that is used and you will not get an “X” “C” or “K”. As you can see, a lot of information can be sent in a short while, by compressing your text with abbreviations, “Q” codes and RST without distorting the meaning or intent of your QSO.

73, Smokey

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those who feel that way are not dedicated contesters—who are going to stay on air once they had a taste of it. Maybe our rates would be better if each person worked as op one hour and switched off to logging or took a break?

Part of the pre sign up is for planning how many are going to be there for meal, for how many stations to set up, how many cokes and ginger ales to bring etc. If large overnight crew, it would be nice to have a breakfast or at least donuts and coffee. It is really hard to plan if ops and attendees do not commit to the date early on!

Joe Fisher is head of BBQ and has passed the tests thereto! Now, several signed survey to help and he will need that worker list.

We need several chairs of various aspects. Mike Albritton has agreed to serve on antenna group, and I hope Bob Morgan will as well. And Jim W5SIO. Jeff has most of the VHF antennas; so hope he will serve in setting up club trailer tower. Joe, Bob and I, will have to work out with Red Cross getting gate opened on a Sat. for 12th. We need REACT to have a chair for publicity tables/ tent, and soft drink supplies and ice. Coffee pot and supplies.

We need someone to handle getting story in Austin Statesman and neighborhood papers like NW one. Maybe get a pre FD story in Anderson school paper before school is out, same for LBJ's school paper. Other schools? Need media person to hand out news releases to TV and radio, and NEWS 8. We have sample story and will prewrite news release, just need foot soldiers to take these around and glad hand real people at papers and stations. They could be locating contact people now.

We need to try to get station captains. The thinking is to adjust the number of stations to 3 or more HF, one VHF/ packet, depending on interests, ops sign ups. There have not been enough packet contacts to make having separate station in parallel for packet alone, so would ask packet and voice VHF to give each other time slices to try to work stations. Since they often co locate that should be coordinated easily. Still use a jump kit, if not tied up on logging duty.

We need a traffic chair, someone to oversee 10 messages sent out and 10 received in NTS format. Also, need to send a message to SEC, and SCM Ray Taylor. Georgetown club exchanges messages with us. I have had a request however they not all end up Sat. night at N5OUJ's station, so need someone to put them on CenTex traffic net. This is a bonus points duty.

We need someone to copy on site by RTTY or voice/ CW the ARRL Field Day msg for bonus points. Each bonus is 100 pts.

The question of an EOC station entry for FD seems to have overlooked the lock down at City Co. EOC and the fact Red Cross key holders will be at Anderson site along with Red Cross reps. This is one of those ARRL attempts at something

new that forgot about Homeland Security issues. As to Red Cross station, a number of the rigs, jumper coax, antenna tuners, are needed at Anderson, so that station will be partly stripped. The space constriction there pretty much is one VHF op and one HF op at a time, anyway so not too practical. The EOC entry does not seem feasible there. Plus there are security issues, as that is an alarmed facility, and the Police in that neighborhood consider anyone there after late dark a trespasser. The whole ARRL EOC entry has to use a pre existing EOC set up, antennas, rigs, etc, and emergency power, which Red Cross site does not have since those batteries come out to Anderson in some cases. There is no mobile provision.

IF we get station captains, should they furnish everything, or is it better to do as we have done, and use best field rigs, borrow tents from a variety of sources, use the club antenna kits, and let captains concentrate on the time and people operating problems? Our club equipment and antenna inventory is good; so I would encourage Captains to be logging and people supervisors to insure all, (most) hours are covered when bands are open.

We have a tremendous investment in Field Cases containing complete antennas, spare feed lines, accessories such as tent stakes, guy and support lines, club tri band dipole, club masts, and have a ready member source for VHF/ UHF beam, HF beam, and enough wire antennas to support a 5 or 6 station HF operation. These greatly speed up set up, as they are marked and packed ready to load From Red Cross station; and you work out of them during set up and take down. The club has tool chest that travels with the kits.

Our biggest need is for batteries, and my suggestion is to not fool with old noisy generator but rent the quiet small Honda type(s) like Lew Thompson owns.

BTW, Lew's turnkey station for a 100 watt set up will again be available (and he for its set up). This is tent, G5RV, all band 40 to 10 vertical and generator for that site, and his Band Pass filters for each band station that he might cause QRM to. He operates on one club call, and the other stations group operates on other club call.

Historically, ATV club sets up a satellite station and we have again asked them to do that. Satellite is a grim situation with an ailing AO 40, but there is hope it may recover. There is at least one VHF/ UHF satellite in low orbit that might be working. ATV and Glenn Curry have been asked to take on demo station of an 803.11 type part 97 set up.

Glenn has also taken on looking at logging programs and gathering hardware to wirelessly network logging stations. Lee Cooper is looking to get permission to use ARCHES jump kit PCs and we need help for him to insure inverters for 24 hour power off AC, as batteries in kits are only for VHF radios.

We need someone to be committee to make up 5 or 6 flat back screen shields to go around lap top screens so they can be seen

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in bright summer light of June! This would be hoods of foam board painted flat black on side toward screens to improve contrast.

Jeff, N5MNW hopes to have a keyboard CW controller working at Field Day. Jeff, remind me to see what key input connector the TS 140 has.

We need a volunteer photographer for set up day Fri., and all day Sat. and Sun. Could be several people. But, need them to take a list we have of specific needed photos for proofs of our set up and bonuses we get for solar charged battery, batteries powering stations, Hospitality/ publicity table, etc. The demo and satellite stations have to be photographed for bonus credit. We have to take pix of banners and signs at site. To establish public place.

After many years of service we need to honor Joe Canfield's request to be relived as Power manager. We need someone to get gas and oil and keep generators stocked, to recharge and swap batteries as needed with pool batteries, to make sure we have a solar charged battery prepared before FD, and to drain oil and gas from generators and change oil before returning, or as instructed by rental co.

We have need of soft drinks and ice on Fri. set up day, and noon sandwiches for workers on Sat. Also snacks for overnight, fruit, plenty of bottled water all day and night. Sun. mornings used to have Breakfast crew, volunteers? Flap jacks and donuts?

It is late but I must mention GOTA. This is a station that must be manned and erected by hams new to FD or who have not done field day in several years. Last year, it did not pan out, for the experienced but FD inactive ham who volunteered to chair, had to go on business out of town at last minute and we had no co chair. We technically have almost no one of regular club members who can do this, as they must not have been to last two field days. Does anyone think of someone who might have the Captain's ability to lead new Techs in a HF station set up? We only get bonus points if they make a certain 400 contacts, but it is a "free" station independent of our

classification. As A Club, we will have class of x number of stations followed by "A". The 100 watt station will have "1A" and be separate entry. Since last year it used W5KA, this year we will switch and it will use W5TQ, and battery entries will use W5KA. Actually, I should hasten to add officers and committee can determine if this 100 watt entry is wanted, but since Lew offered to do all the work of it, and he has few die hard 100 watt ops, I would say, why not.

A word about class entry. IF we entry again as battery for KA, it multiplies our score. More benefit and less gas and oil used. (With Honda, I could not say less noise). 2A is most populated class, so not easy to compete without contesters skilled in art there. 3A is pretty busy. 4A is easier to score in high standing, and 5 A and up gives you a top ten in class almost even if you do not man 5 stations 24 hours. Incidentally, class is maximum number of HF and VHF stations you have on at any one simultaneous time. You could do 5 as we have during day, and a couple over night. Satellite, demo and GOTA are "free"; i.e. do not count against your total entry. But every QSO from them counts My suggestion: get ops committed and see how many would operate HF on Sat. afternoon and determine class from that.

Well, there are some points of reminder and thought. Please contact me with comments, questions and offers to Captain something from this long list of needed duties. Let me know what I forgot. Let me know new ideas of motivating people. Can't do cash prizes but door prizes??? Prize for most contacts on a band? Most ops on a station? Most modes by a station? IDEAS? If we had a bell, we could keep up pace by ringing it every 50 contacts. (Each log page holds 50). Anyone for bell duty?

Thanks and talk up Field Day!  
Stuart Rohre  
K5KVH



## **The QCWA QSO**

By Keith Zimmermann, K5WX

Chapter 67 celebrated its 30th anniversary on May 15th at a great party held at the home of Hal, W5MDL, and Lois Henegar. There was more than enough Rudy's bar-b-que for everyone. Two special amateur radio operators who have been licensed for over 50 years were also honored at the party. Mr. Pete Jordahl, K5GM, and Mr. Charlie Fancher, W5TTF received the QCWA Gold Award from the National Headquarters. Congratulations!

The June meeting of Chapter 67 will be held on June 19th at Ryan's Restaurant at Parmer Lane and Metric Blvd. The meeting starts at 11:30AM. This is a new meeting location so please try to get there early so we can get organized and settled in!

Always check the QCWA Chapter 67 web site at [www.qcwa.net](http://www.qcwa.net) for meeting location and times. Remember, you don't have to be a member to attend. This is a great opportunity for folks to come together. There is also an Austin QCWA e-mail reflector at Yahoo Groups under AQCWA. Or, just call Keith, K5WX, at 258-7169 or e-mail to [K5WX@QCWA.net](mailto:K5WX@QCWA.net) if you have questions.

Day adventure in Maui last year. Roger was on a business trip with his wife Jeri and found that he could also enjoy hamming while there. After the business portion of the trip, Roger & Jeri checked into Sea Q Maui ([www.seaqlmaui.com](http://www.seaqlmaui.com)), a ham-friendly bed and breakfast on the island. Since it was Field Day weekend, Roger operated W5WIA/KH6. He got many contacts and had several pile-ups to work with that call.

The photos of Maui were enjoyable. The photos of the QTH-away-from-home were very interesting. The stories that Roger told were amusing.

Submitted by John Suchyta, KG5O - ARO Secretary

### AARC Meeting, May 11th, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President John Suchyta, KG5O, at ARL Labs, 10000 N. Burnet Road, Austin Texas

**Visitors:** KD4FBF, KE5BCJ, and WB5WAF were visitors and KD5VRU became our newest member.

**Monthly Drawing Winner:** We had three winners for our door prizes this month (We had to catch up a couple of months!) Stuart, K5KVH won a package of tie wraps. Bill, KE5ASU won an exacto knife and Roger, W5WIA won a pair of medical scissors.

Congratulations Folks!

**Minutes:** The March 2004 ARO meeting minutes were approved as published in the AARCOVER. The motion to approve was made by Jeff, N5MNMW and seconded by Lew, W5IFQ.

**Treasury Report:** Roger gave a detailed officers report this month. The current balance is \$3061.94. In the last 30 days the following expenditures were made:

Bulk Mailing Permit	\$150.00	QWCA Transfer	\$ 30.00
Mailing Labels	\$ 43.17	Newsletter Printing	\$170.00
ARRL memberships	\$ 72.00	Copying	\$ 1.35
Telephone /Patches	\$ 31.22	New Checks	\$ 15.85

**Total** **\$513.59**

**Technical Committee:** Jeff, N5MNMW reported the autopatch was down on the 146.78 machine. The problem is the controller card. There is a temporary substitute on the machine that requires a different method of use. With the current card, you need to key up, \* up, UNKEY AND LISTEN FOR A DIAL TONE, Key up again and enter your number and unkey. It is still a # down sequence to disconnect.

### Committee Reports:

**Field Day committee** announced that there will be a FD "shake out" at Anderson High School on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be a chance to get familiar with some of the equipment and the computer logging software. There may be some food too!

**Radio Roundup committee** announced that the Radio Roundup swap meet will be on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Friday night banquet with guest speakers, BBQ & other activities on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**501c3** – The paperwork has been resubmitted and we hope to hear on it soon.

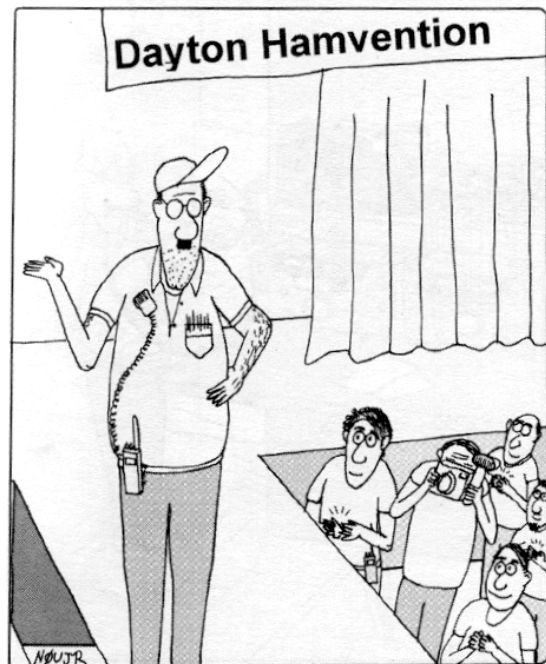
**Membership committee** - The membership committee announced a membership drive contest. The contest will run for the next four months (end of August). The idea is to get current

members to sign up new, or renew old members (That have lapsed for at least 2 years), and get them to fill out a membership application and put their name on it also. New members must attend the club meeting the night they

become a member. Bring in 1-3 new members and get an honorable mention in the AARCOVER. Bring in 4 or more members and get your membership paid for the next year Bring in 8 or more new members

## NØUJR and His Friends

By Greg Trook, NØUJR



Over PA system: "Here we see the latest fashion from Newington...the classic polo shirt, baseball cap, and jeans, accented with a pocket protector, HT, and speaker/mic."

and get your membership paid for the next two years.

**Announcements:** Lee, W5LHC announced that May is the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ARRL and the 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Austin Amateur Radio Club. Lee sent out press releases to all the local media outlets.

Lori, KM5MQ announced she needed the money for any Field Day T-shirt and Pin orders that night. She needs to send in the order to ARRL. Shirts are \$15 each.

Travis County ARES will be holding a Net Control class on Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> at Seton NW hospital. All interested in Net Control operations are invited to attend.

Smokey reminded folks of the Wednesday Ham lunch at Jim's 183 & Burnet road from 11:30 until about 1:00 PM. All Welcome!

Mitch London, KD5HCV, needs articles for the newsletter.

**Old Business:** None **New Business:** None

**Web Site:** The website, [austinhams.org](http://austinhams.org), has current information, the latest Swapnet and the current AARCOVER online. Check us out.

### Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

**Program:** Rick Kirchof, KD5ABM, presented a discussion on computer logging software that is being looked at for Field Day. He presented three programs the W3IKM, Getlog 5.39 and the N3FJP FD Netlog 2.0 for consideration. After review and general discussion it was decided that we would use Netlog for this years FD logging.

## **ARO/AARC Meeting Info.**

### **Austin Repeater Organization**

**June 1** - It's time to get ready for Field Day 2004! Hear the latest information about this years event!

### **Austin Amateur Radio Club**

**June 8** - It's time to get ready for Field Day 2004! Hear the latest information about this years event!

### **Upcoming Amateur Exams**

#### **ARRL VEC- June 5 & July 10**

9a.m. at Murchison Middle School on North Hills Drive  
Contact Joe Makeever, W5HS (345-0800) or Joe Thiel,  
N5SMN (832-0450) for information. \$12 examination fee.

#### **W5YI VEC- June 19 & July 17**

2p.m. in room 109, Fleck Hall, St. Edwards University. Contact  
Jim Greenwood, AB5EK@arrl.net, (327-6184)

<http://texasparadise.com/w5yi-austin> for more information.  
\$12 examination fee.

### **Student Membership Proposal**

#### **John Suchyta, KG5O**

In an effort to attract new members to Amateur Radio and the club, the AARC Executive Committee has proposed making dues for students \$5 instead of \$20. The proposed student membership would include all member privileges except receiving a mailed copy of the newsletter. The general membership will be asked to vote on this proposal at the next business meeting in June.

## **Calendar of Events**

**Jun 3-6 Republic of Texas Biker Rally** at Travis County Expo Center MSET-TX looking for volunteers to help with comms, handle traffic w/EMS, Security, and event staff  
ray@mset-tx.org

**Jun 18-19 Arlington Ham-Com** West Gulf Division  
www.hamcom.org Barry WA5KXX chairman@hamcom.org  
214-361-7574 or 972-596-4669

**Jun 12 VHF QSO Party** Anderson High (Field Day shakedown) 9AM-tropo ending Joe Fisher K5EJL@arrl.net

**Jun 25-27 Field Day** setup and operating weekend  
AARC/ARO/many other clubs at Anderson High  
Stuart Rohre K5KVH@arrl.net

<b>Jun.</b>	<b>Jul.</b>	<b>Austin Meetings/Happenings</b>	
1	6	ARO Meeting, Marimont Cafeteria	7:00p.m.
12	10	Austin QRP Club, Owens on I-35 N	11:30 a.m.
8	13	AARC Meeting, ARL Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
15	20	ATV Club Meeting, Marimont	7:00 p.m.
19	17	QCWA Meeting Owens Restaurant	11:30a.m.
28	26	Travis Co. REACT Denny's on Burnet	7:00 p.m.
No	27	Travis County A.R.E.S., Marimont	7:00 p.m.

Visitors are welcome whether they are licensed hams or not. Other meetings or activities are listed under the headings for Calendar and for Periodic Events.

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