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Red CROSS TRAINING AVAILABLE

I have received an Excel chart of training Red Cross is offering the rest of 2008.

With Hurricane season upon us, if you think you might like to help out in shelters, or in Damage assessment, or with Red Cross response vehicles or Logistics, there is a course for you.

All specific topic course require Red Cross Orientation, and Introduction, which are pre requisites. If anyone wants to review the chart, I would be happy to send it as an email attachment.

Red Cross of Central Texas is also in need of additional Administrators on Call. This is akin to being an ARES duty officer, but the term is one week per month. You receive Fire and Disaster call ins from 9 counties of Fire and Police Agencies, and direct the nearest Red Cross Disaster Assistance Team to respond. You are provided a list of people to contact for each county, usually one on call. A cell phone can be provided for the week of duty.

As background for this duty, ARES experience and the ARES level I course from ARRL are helpful, as is FEMA 100 and any other of the NIMS training. On the Red Cross side, Introduction to Disaster, after Orientation, and some knowledge of Red Cross organization is helpful. But, there is always a person you can call to determine exact response for special cases. Anyone can contact me for more information.

Stuart Rohre, K5KVH - Administrator on Call, Am. Red Cross

Periodic Events

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	146.64 MHz - (162.2)
Sun	9:00 p.m.	ARO Swapnet	146.94 MHz -
Sun	(After Swapnet)	Newsline	146.94 MHz -
Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Hays ARES net	444.150 + (114.8)
Tues.	8:00 p.m.	Bastrop ARES Net	443.750 + (114.8)
Wed	11:30 a.m.	Ham Social Luncheon, Jim's	146.94 MHz -
Thu	9:00 p.m.	2m SSB Net	144.250 (USB)
Thu	11:30 a.m.	Lunch, Waterloo Ice House	444.1 MHz+
Fri	8:00 p.m.	6m SSB Net	50.230(texasvhf.org/)
Sat	7:00 - 8:30a.m.	Breakfast @ Waterloo Ice House	444.1 MHz +
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Chapter 67 QCWA QSO Net.	3.920 MHz LSB
Daily	6:30 p.m.	Central Texas Traffic Net	147.14MHz+

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Please contact a club officer, attend a meeting, mail us to join the organization, you can also join or renew online.

The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (AARC) has annual membership dues of \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per family. AARC maintains the following repeaters:

FREQUENCY	AUTOPATCH	USE
146.780	Yes	General
146.880	Yes	General
146.940	No	Most popular, WX, Swapnet & Newslite
224.800	No	
444.100	No	
146.480/+1.0	No	2m D-Star Repeater (Cedar Park Area)

Persons using the repeaters are asked to join the club to help support these valuable resources. To use the autopatch, announce your call sign, press * and dial the phone number then release the PTT. When finished, press # to hang up the phone. Dial 911 (no * needed) for emergency services.

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For Changes in your ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER or CALL SIGN:

See Jay Hoffman, KA5OST (512) 388-4404 ka5ost@arrl.net

Jay handles all changes for membership information .

AARC Meeting Minutes: July 1, 2008

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm by President Don Dudley, AC5YK.

Visitors: Joe Honovich, WJ5H.

New Members: Paul Mott, KE5TWQ.

Upgrades: Lee Cooper, W5LHC is now an Extra.

Minutes: last meetings minutes approved as written in the AARCOVER.

Ham of the Month: Lew Thompson, W5IFQ (for News8 interview at Field Day)

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Austin Maker Faire is Back!

Maker Faire returns to Austin, Texas for its second year. This two-day, family-friendly event that celebrates the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) mindset and features interactive exhibits organized by individual enthusiasts, hobbyist groups and clubs as well as student groups. It's for creative, resourceful folks who like to tinker and love to make things. Maker Faire is an opportunity to share what you do with others.

Organized by the staff of Make and Craft magazines, Maker Faire is a newfangled fair that brings together science, art, craft and engineering plus green, food and music in a fun, energized, and exciting public forum. The aim is to inspire people of all ages to roll up their sleeves and become makers.

The Austin Amateur Radio Club has been asked to participate again this year. You may remember that the AARC won one of the presenter awards last year for its demonstration and was featured in several articles.

Jeff and Lori have offered to coordinate the event for us. It will be held on the weekend of October 18-19th. The plan again this year is to ask folks to sign up for shifts on either Saturday or Sunday so folks get some time to see the exhibits and also so you are not spending the entire weekend at the table.

Look at your calendar and please consider helping us out, and stay tuned for future updates from Jeff, N5MNV.

Btw, Last year was one pretty cool event!

Thanks,
Lee Cooper, W5LHC

Taking Aim at Restrictive Covenants in Texas

More and more hams live in residential subdivisions governed by deed restrictions, sometimes known as Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs), that prohibit the operation of ham radio stations and that prohibit the erection of ham radio antennas.

The West Gulf Division believes these restrictions unreasonably infringe the rights of its members. Accordingly, on June 14, 2008, the West Gulf Division announced at its Convention Meeting at Ham-Com in Plano, Texas that the West Gulf Division Legislative Affairs Group intends to introduce legislation in the 2009 Texas and Oklahoma legislative sessions to eliminate CC&Rs that prohibit the operation of ham radio stations and the erection of ham radio antennas in residential subdivisions.

Coy Day (N5OK), Division Director, conducted the Division Board Meeting before the Convention Meeting to brief all Section Managers. The Section Managers for West Texas (John Dyer AE5B) and Oklahoma (John Thomason WB5SYT) attended the Board Meeting and pledged their enthusiastic support for this legislative effort. This legislative effort will be conducted by the West Gulf Legislative Affairs Group, led by Dr. David Woolweaver (K5RAV), West Gulf Vice Director and Division Legislative Action Chair. John Robert Stratton (KE5ISX) will coordinate all legislative action in Austin. But to successfully pass this legislation, the Legislative Affairs Group needs information and help from you. If you are affected by CC&Rs, or if you want to help make it possible to enjoy ham radio without unreasonable CC&R restrictions, please send an email to K5RAV@arrl.org AND KE5ISX@arrl.net. Include your call sign, physical address and a copy of the sections of your deed restrictions/CC&Rs that limit your ability to operate or erect antennas in the email. Please send the CC&R copies as PDFs. If you can't email the copy of the sections of your deed restrictions/CC&Rs that limit your ability to operate or erect antennas, please mail them to:

CCR Investigation
PO Box 2232
Austin, Texas 78768-2232.

The Legislative Affairs Group will be forwarding updates once the legislation is introduced and throughout the 2009 legislative session.

Thanks for the help.
73

Recent Ham Radio Activity

Field Day - June 28-29, 2008



Cub Scout ISS Contact July 4, 2008



Upcoming events: Summerfest (8/1 & 8/2); Belton Ham Expo

FIELD DAY REPORTS:

Stuart Rohre, K5KVH: preliminary totals for contacts are 128 CW, 11 digital, and 323 phone; the GOTA station accounted for 100 of the phone contacts; our total score of 2528 breaks down to 1198 QSO points, 1000 bonus points, and various other points; they was very bad propagation, but we did fairly well considering.
Lew Thompson presented Stuart with a Field Day 2008 T-Shirt for all his efforts.
Jeff Schmidt, N5MNW, talked about the 6M antenna he built and 6M band/contacts.
Roger Wines, W5WIA, reported the Guest Tent had 22 visitors.
Other various comments were made concerning the logging program and the equipment.

Announcements:

Don't forget ARES meetings. The ARISS contact will be July 4 at ~11:26am. Hopefully it will be simulcast on Echolink and two of the club repeaters. An ICOM IC7000 will be raffled off again this year during the Radio Roundup, and only 250 tickets will be sold (max 10 per household). A General License class will be held mid-August. Someone had a box of free ham related items and books. A thank-you was given to Austin Energy for the use of their Solar Trailer. A thank-you was given to FlexRadio for the use of the GOTA station radio and monitors.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:27pm

Presentation: County Hunting, by Bob Allen, KK5MI.

RadioShack Recalls Power Supplies Due to Electrocution and Fire Hazards

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: 13.8V DC Power Supplies
Units: About 160,000
Importer: RadioShack Corp., of Fort Worth, Texas
Hazard: The recalled power supplies are wired incorrectly, posing electrocution and fire hazards.
Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves RadioShack 13.8V DC Power Supplies, catalog numbers 22-507 and 22-508 with date codes from 08A04 through 01A08.

Date code format is MMYY where MM is the month and YY is the year. The catalog number and date code are located on the back of the power supply. Power Supplies with a green dot on the product and the product's packaging have already been repaired and are not included in the recall.

Sold at: RadioShack stores nationwide from October 2004 through January 2008 for between \$50 and \$85.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should unplug the recalled power supply immediately and take it to any RadioShack store for a free repair. Registered owners of the recalled power supplies will be mailed a notice.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact RadioShack at 800-843-7422 anytime, or visit the firm's website at:
<http://www.radioshack.com/recall>

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtm108/08319.html>

ICOM IC-7000 HF Mobile Radio Raffle

Austin Amateur Radio Club ICOM IC-7000 Raffle

ONLY 250 TICKETS TO BE SOLD!
DRAWING TO BE HELD AT AUSTIN RADIO ROUNDUP
SWAPFEST ON DECEMBER 6TH, 2008

The Austin Amateur Radio Club is having a fundraising event this year. We are raffling off a brand new ICOM 7000 Mobile HF Radio! This is the latest offering from ICOM. We will be selling just 250 tickets so your chances are good. The drawing will be held at the AARC Radio Roundup Swapfest in Austin Texas on December 6th.

Winners need not be present to win.

If we receive any entry forms over the 250 allotted we will return your coupon and entry fee to you. In event of last minute receipts, postmarks will be used to determine order of receipt.

WWW.AUSTINHAMS.ORG



Important:

Raffle available to residents of TEXAS only. Winner will be required to provide a valid Social Security Number and will be issued an IRS Form W-2G for tax purposes.

Come join us at our 6th Annual Radio Roundup Swapfest to be held Saturday Dec 6th. Winner will be drawn then.

www.austinhams.org for details

AARC ICOM IC-7000 Raffle

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Contact:
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Name & Call sign _____
Address Line 1 _____
Address Line 2 _____
Phone _____ Email: _____



RAFFLE TICKET PRICE \$10 / ENTRY

Radio Roundup December 6th 2008

Fill in one form for each entry — Limit 10 entries per household.

Mail to:

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ICOM 7000 Raffle
PO Box 4739
Austin, TX 78765-4739

AARC Meeting Info.

Waterloo Icehouse

8600 Burnet Rd. South of 183

Officers Meeting

**August 19th 6pm Waterloo Icehouse
(unless otherwise mentioned)**

Regular Business Meeting

Come Eat at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00pm

August 5th - Transmitter Hunting Basics

2008 Upcoming Amateur Exams

ARRL VEC- August 2nd (Summerfest, www.austinsummerfest.info for time) & September 6th 9a.m. at The Quarries. Contact Joe Makeever, W5HS (345-0800) or Joe Thiel, N5SMN (832-0450) for info. \$14 fee.

W5YI VEC- August 16th & September 20th 2p.m. in room 106, Fleck Hall, St. Edwards University. Contact Jim Greenwood, AB5EK@arrl.net, (327-6184) <http://texasparadise.com/w5yi-austin> for more info.

2008 Calendar of Events

Aug 1-2 Austin Summerfest Texas State Convention
Wyndham Garden Hotel 3401 South IH-35
Talk-In: 146.34/.94 (no tone)
Contact: Joe Makeever, W5HS w5hs@arrl.net
www.austinsummerfest.info
Oct 4 **Belton Ham Expo** Mike WA5EQQ mlefan@vvm.com
www.beltonhamexpo.org www.tarc.org
Oct 11 **Paris Texas Radio Group Hamfest** Red River Valley Fairgrounds, Paris, TX. Talk-In: 147.040+ (PL 100)
www.paristexasradio.com
Oct 11-12 **Houston QRP Hamfest** www.hfi2008.com
Oct 24-25 **Texoma Hamarama**
The Ardmore Convention Center
www.angelfire.com/tx5/TexomaHamarama/

Aug.	Sept.	Austin Meetings/Happenings
5	2	AARC Meeting Waterloo Ice House** 7:00 p.m.
9	13	Austin QRP, Alvin's Sandwich Shop 11:00 a.m.
12	9	ARES Training -CTECC 6:30 p.m.
13	10	High Speed Multimedia SIG Red Cross 7:00 p.m.
19	16	ATV Club Mtg. Mangia Pizza 6:30 p.m.
16	20	QCWA Denny's on Burnet Rd. 1:00 p.m.
25	22	Travis Co. REACT Denny's on Burnet 7:00 p.m.
26	23	Travis County A.R.E.S., ARL Aud. 7:00 p.m.
27	24	Packet Set-up Lab @ Red Cross* 7:00 p.m.

****AARC Business Meeting is at Waterloo Ice House 8600 Burnet
Come early and grab dinner before the meeting.**

Return Service Requested
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