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Merry Christmas!

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Jesse Copeland Scholarship Applicants Wanted

Are you a student ham in need of college or vocational school funds? Are you FCC amateur licensed and a member of AARC, or a student ham in the Greater Austin area? (Generally, the counties touching Travis County). Are you a club member who has a student relative or knows a worthy ham student who has excelled in their activities and grades? Are you a student with a B average or above? If so:

Now is the time for student hams to apply for the Austin Amateur Radio Club Scholarships, or at least get their application filled out so that when their latest Official Transcript is ready, it can be requested to be sent to Austin Community Foundation before Jan. 31, 2009, and they can accompany it with the rest of the application's required items. These include a complete application form from the ACF web site, (for the Copeland -Austin Amateur Radio Club Scholarship), and supporting materials including a copy of the ham license. If the student does not have web access, an application from ACF can be requested of them by telephone. They are listed as "Austin Community Foundation". Applications must be sent to ACF, not the club directly.

Note that the Official Transcript of the previous semester's work, or grades upon last graduation, MUST be other than a web posted transcript. IE, to be "Official" it must bear the seal and signature of the school officer who issues transcripts. If a sealed envelope, it needs to remain sealed when sent to ACF. Be sure the student's name and Copeland Fund application are on the outside of the envelope.

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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 & Newsline
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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See Jay Hoffman, KA5OST (512) 388-4404 ka5ost@arrl.net
Jay handles all changes for membership information .**



2008 Christmas Party!

By Jeff Schmidt, N5MNV

The annual AARC Christmas party has been scheduled for Tuesday Dec 2nd at the Church of the Resurrection hall on 2200 Justin Ln., just off Burnet Rd.

We will have catered dinner and musical entertainment, quite possibly the Austin Harmony's Holiday Chorus (Ladies Sweet Adelines "Barbershop" acapella harmony- Darlene WD5DAR and Lori KM5MQ are members).

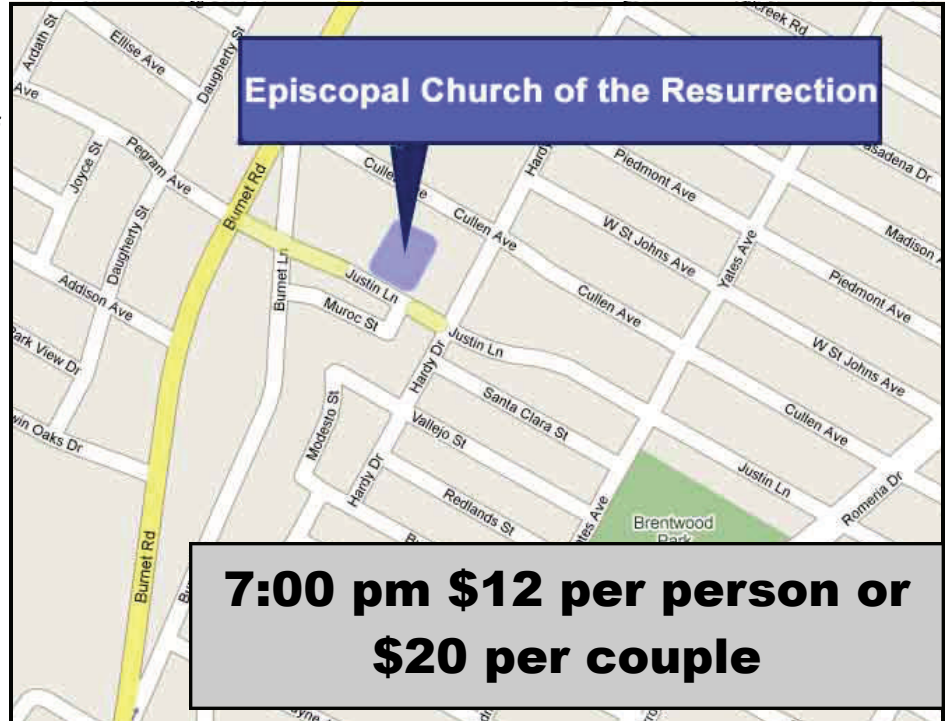
The annual QLF, tabletop decoration and dessert potluck will be featured. I hope you all are looking forward to my (MNW's) lively defense of the 2007 QLF trophy...

Please come join us! Although not required, we would appreciate an RSVP if you are coming. The club will pre-purchase 100 meals unless we get an indication that more than that are planning on attending. Email treasurer (@) austinhams.org.

The IC-7000 raffle winner will be drawn that night, so please come join us! Dinner menu will be Roast Turkey and Roast Beef, Potatoes, Stuffing, Vegetable and Ice Tea. Attendees are asked to bring a dessert to share.

We have traditionally had folks bring something to decorate their table, and have seen some pretty creative ideas in years past. I believe we will be doing a silent auction again this year if you would like to bring something to donate.

Cost is \$12 per person / \$20 dollars per couple Festivities kick off at 7 pm.



2008 Trail of Lights

Needs Volunteers

There have been a number of changes to the Trail of Lights for this year. Although most of the changes do not effect our operation to any degree, they should be helpful in administering the trail. A special note to those that have worked before. There will ONLY be ADULTS on the displays this year.

A couple of things different this year from previous times is that we have been asked to supply communication monitors for the 5K run/walk on Saturday evening slated for 18:30 (6:30p.m.). We will need to arrive at the start point under the large Christmas Tree in Zilker Park at 17:30 to be dispatched to locations along the trail. We need 20 radio operators for this event.



On December 14th - 14:30 (2:30) there will be a Trail Captain Meeting at the I-Hop 1101 So MoPac Blvd at Bee Caves Road/2244 in the back room where we met last year. Parking passes will be distributed at that time, and final operational instructions along with assignments will be completed. Those working the evening on the trail will then move to the trail in preparation for the opening. We need to be on the trail at 16:30 (4:30) for this first day.

Once the trail is open to the public, which is December 14th, it will run through the 23rd. We will need at least 8 volunteers a night to work as Trail Captains, Rover, Assistant Net Control, & Net Control. As much as possible all information to volunteer and other requests should be through e-mail.

It has been requested that the CERT group take Monday - December 22 as a project to be the volunteer group to man every display for the evening. The time is 17:30-22:30 (5:30-10:30). This would require 42 volunteers in addition to the few that might also be serving as Trail Captains for the evening.

The schedule is as follows:

Nov 4, 5, 6th - Request for volunteers goes out

Nov 6-Dec 5 - Reply to volunteer @ w5wia@arrl.net or 453-2193 with name telephone #, & e-mail

Dec 7 - 18:00 (6:00) Zilker Large Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Dec 12 - 19:00 (7:00) "Director's Night" preview night (of the trail) - workers invited to attend

Dec 13 - 18:30 (6:30) 5K Run/walk (communications volunteers needed - arrive @ 17:30)

Dec 14 - 14:30 (2:30) Trail Captain's meeting - I-Hop

Dec 14 - 16:30 (4:30) Trail Captains report for the evening on the trail

Dec 14 - 17:30 (5:30) VIP to go through the trail

Dec 14 - 18:30 (6:30) The opening parade through the trail

Dec 14 - 19:00 (7:00) T.O.L. open to the public - close at 22:00 (10:00)

Dec 14-23 - Trail captains on site 17:30-22:30 (5:30-10:30)

Dec 22 - 17:30-22:30 CERT (5:30-10:30) volunteers to staff all displays (21x2=42 volunteers needed)

Quite a schedule of fun events and lots of requests for volunteers to help. This is a fun event, and a great service to all the people of Austin and those that come from far off to visit. The Trail of Lights is listed as one of the top ten events like this in the world. Come enjoy and be a part of it.

Roger Wines - W5WIA w5wia@arrl.net or 453-2193

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ICOM IC-7000 HF Mobile Radio Raffle

Last Chance!!!

Austin Amateur Radio Club

ICOM IC-7000 Raffle

ONLY 250 TICKETS TO BE SOLD!
DRAWING TO BE HELD AT AUSTIN XMAS PARTY
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 Christmas Party in Austin Texas on December 2nd. See website for details www.austinhams.org

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.



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.

ICOM IC-7000 Raffle

Austin Amateur Radio Club
ICOM 7000 Raffle
PO Box 4739
Austin, TX 78765-4739

Contact:
Jay Hoffman, KA5OST
E-mail: ka5ost@arrl.net

AARC ICOM IC-7000 Raffle

Name & Call sign _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

Phone _____ Email: _____



RAFFLE TICKET PRICE \$10 / ENTRY
AARC Xmas Party December 2nd 2008
Fill in one form for each entry — Limit 10 entries per household.

Mail to:
Austin Amateur Radio Club
ICOM 7000 Raffle
PO Box 4739
Austin, TX 78765-4739

(Continued from page 1) Copeland Scholarship

The Copeland Scholarships, named for Jesse Copeland, W5TQ, (sk), are funded from investment earnings from the endowment provided by Mr. and Mrs. Copeland. Of course, with today's uncertainties in the stock market, we may not be granting as many, or as large a scholarship to applicants, as in high market years. And with more schools being advised of this generous scholarship availability this year, it will be the earliest applicants who receive grants if all other things, grades and activities are equal. The deadline for filing is Jan. 31, so that the latest official transcripts from the Fall 08 term may be included, but if at all possible, applicants should pick up an official transcript at their first opportunity and mail the completed application then. No application postmarked after Jan. 31, 2009 will be considered for that year's program.

To allow a greater than average scholarship grant typical of other local clubs, The Copeland Scholarship board gives a limited number of scholarships, such as 10, so that each one can be \$1000 or more. When the market earnings allow, as much as \$30,000 in annual scholarships have been granted. To date, the Copeland Fund has granted in the neighborhood of \$250,000 in scholarships over its existence.

Remarkably, the main requirement for one of these scholarships is to be a FCC licensed amateur radio operator and connected to the AARC, or Greater Austin area. This is one of the largest scholarship programs of any local amateur radio club, and the grant amounts equal or exceed those of other ham radio groups. Some of our distinguished scholars have also concurrently received FAR (Foundation for Amateur Radio) Scholarships or those of the Quarter Century Wireless Association.

The Copeland Fund board consists of 6 members of AARC plus the club President. They meet after applications are collated by Austin Community Foundation, after Jan. 31 of each year. Scholarships are granted by the May graduations of that year and can be used in a Summer term, or Fall/ Winter term of accredited, generally brick and mortar Colleges and Vocational Schools. No scholarships are granted for short term courses, on line only courses and schools, or for purposes not meeting the educational tradition of the Copeland Funds. (We don't fund "work at home" correspondence schools, etc.). The scholarships can be requested by students older than average, but generally have been high school seniors, or returning scholars of Copeland Fund who must maintain a B or better average and reapply each year.

With ever rising costs of education, this is a not to be missed opportunity for Austin amateur radio operators.

The ARRL Letter
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November 14, 2008

WorldRadio to Cease Print Publication: In a joint statement, WorldRadio Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, and CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, announced that WorldRadio magazine will no longer be published as a print magazine. According to the announcement, CQ Communications Inc has acquired WorldRadio and plans to continue it as an online publication on CQ's Web site. WorldRadio subscribers will have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.





Club Minutes

AARC Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2008

Meeting called to order: 7:01pm by President Don Dudley, AC5YK.

Visitors: John Benavides, N0XRR. Not visitors, but members making their first meeting (in a long time) were Anthony Lanni, AE5JQ, and Juathenia Kinney, KA5TXK.

The agenda was briefly discussed (no slides available) with emphasis moving quickly so to get to the Officer Elections.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer: The club took in \$340 last month. Checking Account is at \$1764. Equipment Fund remains at \$8547. Membership stands at 146 Individual and 25 Family. We have sold 130 of the 250 raffle tickets.

President: Reiterated the “what and why” of the raffle. We are raffling an ICOM-7000 radio at \$10/ticket, and only 250 tickets will be sold. This raffle is truly the only activity to raise funds for the club outside of membership dues. Support the club and buy a ticket.

Vice-President: An antenna will be included as part of the ICOM-7000 raffle prize. Next month’s meeting will be the Christmas Party at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection (details under Announcements). January’s meeting may be held at a special location since we are hoping to have a special speaker, watch the website for details and location.

Announcements: The Decker Challenge Race (Dec. 7), the Trail of Lights (Dec. 14-23), and the TOL 5K Walk/Run (Dec. 13) need communication volunteers. Coming up in the next few months: SkyWarn Appreciation Day (Nov.), SkyWarn Training, and Landing Zone Training. ICS 100 & ICS 200 classes (Dec. 6). Both classes are now required for all First Responders looking to participate or be “called-out” during emergencies handled by any governmental agency. The Christmas Party is \$12/person or \$20/couple. Any two persons can pair up to receive the couple’s rate, even at the door (hint). A member of the church will provide a choice of three meats and several sides, all cook in the church’s kitchen. Activities include the centerpiece competition, QLF contest, silent auction, door prizes, and the ICOM-7000 raffle drawing. The ARRL License Exams will now be held at the Bethany United Methodist Church. Debbie Brase, N5MHB, will pay the facility fee so the club gets the discounted member’s rate. We want to pay for her membership in the club, not comp it, as our thanks; so, please donate \$1 or \$2 for her membership dues.

The above items and other upcoming events are listed in the AARC Swarnet newsletter, at www.austinhams.org, or at the Yahoo user group.

Ham of the Month: Lee Cooper, W5LHC.

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Treasurer: Jay Hoffman, KA5OST, was nominated. Jay accepted and was elected. **Secretary:** Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ, was nominated. Lori declined. Jeff Schmidt, N5MNW, was nominated. Jeff accepted and was elected.

Vice-President: Lori Schmidt and Alan Russell, KE5DTR, were nominated. Both accepted. Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ, was elected. The vote was 15-13.

President: Alan Russell and Lee Cooper were nominated. Both accepted. Lee Cooper, W5LHC, was elected. This vote was not as close.

Jeff Schmidt, Don Dudley, and Alan Russell all expressed a reminder to the membership that the officers are elected to help run the club, not to be the club and do all of the work. The membership should be expected to participate and/or volunteer to help in all facets of the club, whether being on a committee, helping with an activity, or just helping the officers with the day to day needs of the club. It is the members, their ideas, and their participation that make the club, not the officers.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43pm

Presentation: “TxDOT HF SSB Emergency Radio System” by Paul Gilbert, KE5ZW.



**You said we were going
to a candy store!**

The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Form for the year ending December 31, 20 _____

Application for: (check applicable box and enclose payment)

- AARC Individual \$20 _____
 Family (all with same mailing address) \$30 _____
 Student rate (thru 12th grade, no mail) \$ 5 _____
- ARRL Individual ARRL (new or renewal) \$39 _____
 Senior ARRL (new or renewal) \$36 _____
 Family member ARRL(at same address) - \$8ea x _____ = _____
 First time ARRL discount -\$15 _____
 ARRL renewal with AARC Membership -\$ 2 _____
- Total Enclosed _____

Mail this form with payment to:

AARC – P O Box 4739 – Austin, TX 78765-4739

- Check One:** New member Renew membership
 Information change

ARRL member **Y N** License class **E A G T+ T N** Year first licensed _____

Call sign _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mail Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Hm Ph _____ Cel Ph _____ Wk Ph _____

Pager # _____ e-mail _____

Please list additional family members here and check the family member box above.

2nd Call _____ Name _____ ARRL mem **Y N**

3rd Call _____ Name _____ ARRL mem **Y N**

4th Call _____ Name _____ ARRL mem **Y N**

I/WE have interest in the following:

- | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Transmitter Hunts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talking on 2 mtrs | <input type="checkbox"/> DXing | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Holding Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting programs | <input type="checkbox"/> CW | <input type="checkbox"/> Net Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Comm's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holding ARRL office | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Working w/Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ | | | |

----- (for office use only) -----

Rcvd ___/___/___ Amt \$ _____ Ck ___ Cash ___ Dep ___ Post ___

JMH 02/01/2008

2009 Dues !

If you have not paid your 2009 AARC Club Dues then now is a great time! Just cut out this form write a check for the appropriate amount and mail to the address at the bottom of the form.

You can also apply online at www.austinhams.org/join

Help the club grow and foster new ham radio operators by becoming part of the Austin Ham Radio Community.



JOIN



AARC Meeting Info.

Waterloo Icehouse

8600 Burnet Rd. South of 183

Officers Meeting

December 16th 6pm Waterloo Icehouse

(unless otherwise mentioned)

Regular Business Meeting

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

December 2nd - AARC Christmas Party See Page 4 for Details.

2008 Upcoming Amateur Exams

ARRL VEC- December 6th 9a.m. at The Quarries. Contact Joe Makeever, W5HS (345-0800) or Joe Thiel, N5SMN (832-0450) for info. \$14 fee. *See Page 2 for new location for Jan. 09*

W5YI VEC- December 20th & January 17th 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.

*******2009 DUES ARE DUE!!! *******

Dues must be paid by April 15, to be included in the annual Roster. Contact Jay Hoffman, KA5OST (512) 388-4404 or ka5ost@arrl.net or you can pay dues online at... www.austinhams.org/join

Calendar of Events

Dec 2 Austin Amateur Radio Club Christmas Party

7-10PM \$12 each or \$20/couple Church of the Resurrection Hall 2200 Justin Ln, See Page 4 for details

Dec 7 Decker Challenge <http://decker.austinrunners.org/>

Dec 7 Austin Harmony Sing-out at Capitol Rotunda 12noon

Dec 13 Austin Harmony/Chord Rangers "O Holy Night"

Shows 4:00PM & 7:30PM

Contact Lori KM5MQ@arrl.net or 632-6789

www.austinchordrangers.org/ticket

kpillmore@austin.rr.com or call 512-477-7664(SONG)

Dec 14-23 Zilker Park Trail of Lights

About 8-10 ops per night

Roger W5WIA @ arrl.net 453-2193

Dec. Austin Meetings/Happenings

2**	6	AARC Meeting Waterloo Ice House*	7:00 p.m.
13	10	Austin QRP, Alvin's Sandwich Shop	11:00 a.m.
9	13	ARES Training -CTECC	6:30 p.m.
10	14	High Speed Multimedia SIG Red Cross	7:00 p.m.
16	20	ATV Club Mtg. Mangia Pizza	6:30 p.m.
20	17	QCWA IHOP 183 Near Duval	1:00 p.m.
22	26	Travis Co. REACT Denny's on Burnet	7:00 p.m.
23	27	Travis County A.R.E.S., ARL Aud.	7:00 p.m.
24	28	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.*

*** AARC Christmas Party - See Page 4 for details!*

Return Service Requested
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