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Field Day Preliminary Totals Calculated

By Stuart Rohre, K5KVH

The I's were dotted and T's crossed in our supporting documents and they were mailed July 26. On July 25, the following electronic entry was posted to the ARRL web robot, after scouring our logs and papers for every contact we could find.

We came in just under my estimate of 3000 as our score. (I had thought we had more CW contacts than turned out to be the case). It does again point out that CW contacts are the bread and butter of scoring and also the use of digital modes such as RTTY and PSK. RTTY and PSK have always been somewhat scarce on Field Days, and perhaps we should attempt more CW. We only had a couple or three CW operators actually make contacts. We missed out on 100 points for an invited elected official from City Council or a judge, and despite valiant efforts of Mitch and Alan, we did not make a satellite contact for another 100 points. All possible other bonuses were earned. We got some contacts on a reluctant 15 meters, while 10m did not play well during the FD period after showing hope earlier. 6 meters made a showing while 2m and up were few contacts to nil.

My Hat is off to Pete Jordahl who made the majority of the CW contacts as always, and to Lew Thompson for providing many digital contacts. Phone contacts on the SSB station did exceed the CW total this year, and my thanks to all who helped there. The GOTA contacts were all phone,

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 -
Mon.	7:30 p.m.	STX ARES Net	3.873 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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Ham Radio Exams Results

The following are the results of the ARRL VE Test Session held on July 11th, 2009 at the Bethany United Methodist Church:

Technician Class Licenses Processed

Jessica B. Gonzalez, KF5CCP Corinna L. Morris, KF5CCQ Patrick Peralta, KF5CCO
Brian Zwiener, KF5CCN

General Class License Processed Paul T. Martin, KD5YDM

Extra Class Licenses Processed Zacary M. Brown, KD5IEF Russell C. Nelson, AE5NN

Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Howard Glueck, K5ZUA Curt Goodson, W4QBU Gene Hinkle, K5PA
Joe Makeever, W5HS Jack Stankus, W2JS Joe Thiel, N5SMN

The following are the results of the ARRL VE Test Session held on July 8th, 2009 at the Transportation Security Agency Main Office at 6800 Burleson Road, Austin, Texas:

Technician Class Licenses Processed (Anonymous) KF5CAW (Anonymous) KF5CAP
Nathan C. Brackmann, KF5CAT Maravel Davila, KF5CAL Jared F. Gralinski, KF5CAU
Adam L. Jones, KF5CAQ Edward G. Lara, KF5CAO Roger Melton, KF5CAR
Johnny D. Rigsby, KF5CAS (Anonymous) KF5CAM (Anonymous) KF5CAN
Terry W. Zweschper, KF5CAV

Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Curt Goodson, W4QBU Larry Gunter, WB5BEK Joe Makeever, W5HS
Jack Stankus, W2JS Kees Talen, K5BCQ Joe Thiel, N5SMN

Next ARRL VE Test Sessions

August 8th - Austin Airport Marriott South, 4415 South IH-35 Austin, TX78744. This test session is held as a part AUSTIN SUMMERFEST, the ARRL Texas State Convention. Check in at the convention registration desk by 1230 to find out which meeting room the testing will take place in. Registration for the convention is not required for taking the exams. September 5th - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Bldg. Room 213TNX ES 73 DE W5HS
Joe

7-18-2009

The South Austin W5YI VE team heartily congratulates all of the following people who earned new or upgraded amateur radio licenses at our July 18th session:

Extra Class – Steven G. Lively, K5SGL

General Class – Robert W. Briscoe (new)

Technician Class (all new) – Jarred L. Jasper Bini O. Rajan
Everett A. Thomas William C. Tyler

Our administering volunteer examiners were:

Hugh Brown, NT5O Jim Greenwood, AB5EK Lloyd Goehring, Jr., N5TO Jimmy Mercer, N5WDH
Gary Popp, AE5JR

Our next two amateur radio exam sessions will start at 2 PM on August 22nd
and September 19th in room 106 of Fleck Hall on the campus of
St. Edward's University. The exam fee is \$14.

For additional information regarding our amateur radio examination sessions,
please contact Jim, AB5EK at (512) 327-6184 or by e-mail to
hamradioexams@hotmail.com or visit our web page at <http://texashams.org/w5yi-austin/>

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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 .

Over the WWWaves.

A Collection of Various Websites sent in your friendly neighborhood hams...

<http://www.zs6kmd.za.net/vidi/zs1el.htm>

These paddles are available in various colors. The price was quoted as \$25, and I take that as US dollars.

Stuart Rohre, K5KVH

Looking for something that has not been made in years and years?

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/05/technology/personaltech/05basics.html?_r=2

Rick Herndon, K5FNI

and a good total. They made 180 GOTA bonus points.

Conditions as most know, were the bottom of the solar cycle. The QSO rate for CW and 20m phone were neck and neck at the beginning of the FD period. This probably reflects the difficulty with the automated CW contact program which was supposed to log from the keying of the calls and report. We need to make the logging laptop available to the station Captain and first operator earlier than Field Day day to give training time to them. We also lacked the most recent version of the rules as reflected in the program inputs for its summary report. They still had a demo mode, as a bonus, when it is now and educational activity. Thus the N3FJP software needs updating before next FD.

Overall, the 40m efforts of the GOTA station had about the same QSO rate over the whole period as the phone station on SSB 20m. This is a tribute to Ronny and Debra for keeping newer hams on the radio and slogging away for every contact they could pull out. The SSB station like most, lacked signed up operators for the whole time period and was especially lacking overnight operation, when I had to leave the site.

We submitted to ARRL some wonderful photos provided by Lew Thompson and Ronny Risinger. (Some should make QST's FD story). We picked the people oriented pictures showing GOTA activity such as one kid waiting their turn while another operates. We also had photos of PR in action during the visit of Channel 8. Our information tent and table was nicely documented with shots of our brochures along with hams gathered for hospitality. And our Chef Joe Fisher, K5 E JL was shown, and a great shot of Lew W5IFQ, sampling the first morsel of BBQ.

One of these info tent photos included our furthest distance traveled FD visitor, Alexandre Castellane, F5SFU, visiting with local hams Glenn and David. We also sent in photos of the Red Cross and American Flags, and Chapter house. Finally, we included the Sunset- Birds' "Happy Hour" photo, where they are all gathered on the Red Cross tower and antennas.

There was a minor oversight on the GOTA report, the operators list did not show the calls of the licensed GOTA operators. Later I found them on the paper sign in sheet done at the GOTA tent. We will amend our entry as needed.

Web Entry: (Note total score is bonus points earned plus contact points) Total = 2864 points ■

Is Your Morse a Mess?

By Staurt Rohre, K5KVH

Have your code skills gotten a bit of moss on them? Are you looking to practice code with students wanting to improve or learn Morse code skills?

Let the AARC officers know of your interest, and maybe a list of students can match up levels of skill and time schedules to have one on one practice. Some students do better in a live code receiving session than with traditional tapes or CDs. Some need the incentive of fellow students to push them into regular code practice.

Several code learning aids are found on the Web. One of the most faithful and bright teachers of code skills is Chuck Adams, founder of the Nortex QRP Club, who now is retired in Prescott, AZ. K7QO is the fourth fastest code receiver in the world in speed tests, where the record is 160 wpm. But if you just want to get to 15 wpm consistently or 20 wpm, Chuck has both a CW Code course on his web site suited for an MP 3 player or computer practice, and he has a unique idea in code receiving practice. He has transcribed a couple of classic out of copyright books to Morse. Things like "The Time Machine" can be copied at various speeds once downloaded from his web site. Just Google search "K7QO"

Bob Templin, W5OE (SK)

Folks I am in shock upon receiving the following email about Bob Templin, the President of the ATV club in Austin. We all just saw him last Tues. night and had a nice visit. Bob was a great ham, and generously was passing on his vast collection before moving to smaller retirement quarters.

His passing on the TV mast truck to Glenn, was a great service to the club Field Day this year. For many years, Bob brought out satellite radios to Field Day and made our bonus contact with a satellite for bonus points. His schedule had precluded that in recent Field Days, but we are in gratitude for his many years of service to Austin hams, for that, and for the ATV club TV repeater that was the mainstay of that mode for a number of years.

Bob was a technical giant from his days in the auto industry with General Motors and others. He was the expert witness that established USA "prior art" on the invention of the hybrid auto, and now the world owes US companies a royalty for every hybrid that has been built or will be built.

-Stuart
K5KVH



Bob Templin, W5OE in front of "The Big Ear" Radio Telescope in Ohio, October 1997.

Austin Summerfest is Coming Soon!

By Mitch London, KD5HCV

For over 25 years, Austin Summerfest has been a gathering place for hams to swap stories with old friends and have a chance to make new ones. Whether you prefer sitting outside in the tailgating area, inside listening to the Technical Sessions or you are there to shop for some the latest and greatest, to the oldest and moldiest, Austin Summerfest has something for you. Oh, and don't forget about door prizes. All kinds of door prizes, big and small, are up for grabs, provided you have the winning ticket of course.

Some highlights of this years Summerfest will be the ARRL Forum with the new Director of the West Gulf Division. David Woolweaver, K5RAV. Keith Pugh, W5IU, will lead a discussion on Amateur Radio Satellites. One of the big draws at Summerfest is the yearly weather discussion group. Troy Kimmel, KE5BCK will host again this year and in attendance will be a number of weather gurus from the area, some you may have seen on TV! There will also be the Summerfest License Exam for thos of you who want to upgrade to the next level of the ham radio ladder of knowledge!

If you are coming from out of town, not to worry, for directions as well as more information including a registration form, go to **Page 7** for more info. If you want the latest information about Austin Summerfest, go to **www.austinsummerfest.org**.

Want to help out?

Volunteers are needed to help with Talk in, and controlling the parking in the tailgate area. These are not high stress positions, but they do need to be filled. If you are interested in helping please contact Dallas, KD4HNX. E-mail him at mylastname@yahoo.com

WALTER CRONKITE, KB2GSD (SK)

Legendary CBS newsman Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, who held the title of "Most Trusted Man in America," passed away Friday, July 17 after a long illness. He was 92. The avuncular Cronkite anchored the CBS Evening News for 19 years until 1981 when he retired. During that time, he reported on such subjects as the Kennedy assassinations, the Civil Rights movement, the Apollo XI lunar landing, Vietnam and the Vietnam-era protests, the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, Watergate and the Begin-Sadat peace accords.

Cronkite, an ARRL member, narrated the 6 minute video "Amateur Radio Today" (<http://www.arrl.org/ARToday/>). Produced by the ARRL in 2003, the video tells Amateur Radio's public service story to non-hams, focusing on ham radio's part in helping various agencies respond to wildfires in the Western US during 2002, ham radio in space and the role Amateur Radio plays in emergency communications. "Dozens of radio amateurs helped the police and fire departments and other emergency services maintain communications in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC," narrator Cronkite intoned in reference to ham radio's response on September 11, 2001. "Their country asked, and they responded without reservation."

Walter Leland Cronkite was born in St Joseph, Missouri on November 4, 1916, the only child of a dentist father and homemaker mother. When he was still young, his family moved to Texas. "One day, he read an article in "Boys Life" about the adventures of reporters working around the world -- and young Cronkite was hooked," said his obituary on the CBS Web site. "He began working on his high school newspaper and yearbook and in 1933, he entered the University of Texas at Austin to study political science, economics and journalism. He never graduated. He took a part time job at the Houston Post and left college to do what he loved: report."

(<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/07/17/eveningnews/main5170556.shtml>)

In 1963, it was Cronkite who broke into the soap opera "As the World Turns" to announce that the president had been shot -- and later to declare that he had been killed." CBS called it a "defining moment for Cronkite, and for the country. His presence -- in shirtsleeves, slowly removing his glasses to check the time and blink back tears -- captured both the sense of shock, and the struggle for composure, that would consume America and the world over the next four days."

One of Cronkite's enthusiasms was the space race. In 1969, when America sent a man to the moon, he couldn't contain himself. "Go baby, go." he said as Apollo XI took off. He ended up performing what critics described as "Walter to Walter" coverage of the mission -- staying on the air for 27 of the 30 hours that astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong were on the moon. In 2006, NASA honored Cronkite by giving him their Ambassador of Exploration Award. "His marathon, live coverage of the first moon landing brought the excitement and impact of the historic event into the homes of millions of Americans and observers around the world," NASA said in a news release announcing the award. Cronkite was the first non-astronaut and only NASA outsider to receive the award. (<http://www.arrl.org/?artid=6130>.)

Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, was Cronkite's radio engineer at CBS for many years. "I had many chances to discuss my favorite hobby, ham radio, with 'the world's most trusted anchor man,'" he told the ARRL. "Gradually, his interest increased, but on finding that he had to pass a Morse code test, he balked, saying it was too hard for him; however, he told me he had purchased a receiver and listened to the Novice bands every night for a few minutes. At the CBS Radio Network, Walter would arrive 10 minutes before we went on the air to read his script aloud, make corrections for his style of grammar and just 'get in the mood' to do the show. In those days Rich Moseson, W2VU, was the producer of a show called "In the News," a 3 minute television show for children voiced by CBS Correspondent Christopher Glenn. On this day, Rich was at the Broadcast Center to record Chris' voice for his show and had dropped by my control room to discuss some upcoming ARRL issues." At the time, Mendelsohn was the ARRL Hudson Division Director.

"When Walter walked into the studio, I started to set the show up at the behest of our director, Dick Muller, WA2DOS," Mendelsohn recalled. "In setting up the tape recorders, I had to send tone to them and make sure they were all at proper level. Having some time, I grabbed "The New York Times" and started sending code with the tone key on the audio console. For 10 minutes I sent code and noticed Walter had turned his script over and was copying it. We went to air, as we did every day, at 4:50 PM and after we were off, Walter brought his script into the control room. Neatly printed on the back was the text I had sent with the tone key. Rich and I looked at the copy, he nodded, and I told Walter that he had just passed the code test. He laughed and asked when the formal test was, but I reminded him that it took two general class licensees to validate the test and he had just passed the code. Several weeks later he passed the written test and the FCC issued him KB2GSD."

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AUSTIN SUMMERFEST 2009

August 7 & 8, 2009

Austin Airport Marriott South
4415 South IH-35

Austin, Texas
78744

Continuing a Ham tradition for over a quarter century!

Once again it's time for fun in the sun in central Texas as we make the Capital City the place to be in the middle of the Texas summer. Come and enjoy old friends, the swapfest, and all the events at Austin Summerfest 2009, the ARRL Texas State Convention. And as always, we also host the Summer Meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society.

New location,
more room !!!

Check out
www.austinsummerfest.org
for late breaking news!

Schedule

All the activity is concentrated on Friday night and Saturday, to allow you flexibility in your weekend travel plans. But do come early, as things fire up at 6 Friday evening and go 'till 9, and start up again Saturday at 8 am, with swapping 'till 3:30 and dealers & sessions 'till 4:30.

The Texas VHF-FM Society meeting will run from 1 to approximately 3 pm, so mark your schedule.

Dealers

There'll be our usual fine contingent of dealers, ready to help you with their knowledge of the latest products, and a great selection of them too. Think of those little odds and ends that you've been thinking of getting for the shack—well, here's your chance to get them while they're on your mind.

Prizes

Prizes Galore! You have a chance at three *Premium Prizes*: Grand prize is a **Yaesu FT-450AT** HF/50 MHz 100W all-mode transceiver with built-in automatic antenna tuner.

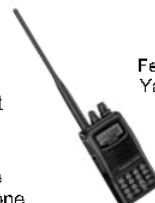


- Our Featured Prize is a **Yaesu FT-60R** heavy duty 2M/70CM dual band 5W FM handheld.
- This year we offer a **Yaesu VX-170** 2M 5W handheld as a bonus prize.
- Finally, if you register in advance by mail you have a shot at another prize—yet another **Yaesu VX-170**!

With your registration you get one ticket good for Saturday's door prizes and the Premium Prizes, and you can buy more at \$1 each. Plus, if you rent a room at one of the Convention Hotels, you'll get five bonus tickets for each room-night, up to a total of ten tickets.

Advance Registration and
Bonus Prize,
Yaesu VX-170

(See next page for Prize rules)



Featured Prize,
Yaesu FT-60R



Grand Prize,
Yaesu FT-450AT

Swapfest

For lots of folks, our main event—wall-to-wall goodies of every description, brought to you in carpeted, air-conditioned comfort on Friday evening and Saturday.

Rules:

- Full-sized tables: 6 feet by 30 inches. \$10 each, limit of 3 to a customer. First come, first served.
- AC power is available at an additional \$5 per customer, through advance registration only.
- We'll attempt to honor requests from groups of sellers for adjacent tables, if we receive your registrations in the same envelope.
- If you advance register for swap tables, we'll attempt to notify you in advance if they are unavailable due to being sold out (a rare occurrence). Be sure to give us your email address so we can notify you that way.

- Your table(s) will be held for you until 10 am Saturday.
- Swapfest hours are 6 to 9 pm Friday and 8 am to 3:30 pm Saturday.
- Buyers and sellers must be registered at the convention.

We'll be holding a Tailgate Swapfest on the east side of the Marriott hotel. You need not be registered at the Convention to sell at the tailgate, but of course you'll want to attend the indoor swapfest and sessions, so it would be a good idea to register: indoor swapfest and sessions, so it would be a good idea to register.

Technical Sessions

- New director of the ARRL West Gulf Division David Woolweaver K5RAV conducts this year's ARRL Forum, and welcomes a special guest from League Headquarters.
- A representative of **ARRL HQ** will be on hand to discuss his area of expertise, and Ham topics of national importance.
- The Central Texas DX & Contest Club, widely recognized for its excellent Summerfest presentations, has yet another outstanding program lined up for us.
- Gerald Youngblood K5SDR gives us the latest on his **Software Defined Radio** project.
- Find out how to do "the mostest with the leastest" in our **QRP workshop**.
- The **Roadrunners Microwave Group** hold their annual meeting and host a session on the latest topics on the "high end."
- Keith Pugh W5IU leads a wide-ranging discussion on communications through **Amateur Radio Satellites**.
- Joe Fisher K5EJL, District Emergency Coordinator, hosts a session on **Emergency Communications**.
- **Weather?** Learn about the latest in forecasting technology, and learn about recent weather events with leading Austin meteorologists. Hosted by Troy Kimmel KE5BCK of Austin Radio and the University of Texas and featuring a host of experts from Central Texas.

License Exams

An exam session Saturday afternoon will cover all elements. Bring a photo ID and one other form of identification, and \$15.00; if you're upgrading, bring your current license, any applicable CSCE's, and a photocopy of each. For more info email Larry Gunter WB5BEK at wb5bek@arrl.net

After the exams, Jeff Schmidt N5MNV and Ron Hambric N5SBN have just what you need: **A Welcome and Information for New Hams**.

Amenities

Come on up to our hospitality suite—that's where you'll find your old friends and new ones too. There are soft drinks and munchies on Friday night, and refreshments on Saturday morning. Saturday evening we'll serve soft drinks, munchies and eyeball QSOs lasting into the night.

Administration Matters

Exchange views with West Gulf Division Director David Woolweaver K5RAV, and other ARRL representatives. Find out what's going on and offer your opinions and insights. The ideal way to get or stay involved!

As always, we host the Summer Meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society, scheduled for 1:00 Saturday afternoon.

Craft and Skills Events

FREE! FREE! FREE!

Come and enjoy making different beaded bracelets. No prior experience required. Come for a short while or the whole session and take home a beaded bracelet. Did we mention, no charge? Children are welcome, but an adult must be with the children to supervise and help them with their bracelets.

Directions

The Austin Marriott Airport South is at 4415 South IH 35, Austin TX 78744. The SpringHill Suites are in the same complex, at 4501 South IH 35. Talk-in is on 146.34/94 and 449.1/444.1 MHz.

IH 35 Southbound: Take Exit 239, go 1.3 Mi. to E. Stassney Lane and turn left. Turn left again onto IH 35 northbound service road and travel 1.0 Mi. to Marriott Hotel.

IH 35 Northbound: Take Exit 229/228 and travel 2.3 miles north on IH 35 service road to Marriott Hotel.

US Hwy 71 East or Westbound: At intersection with IH 35 go south on IH 35 service road 1.3 Mi. to E. Stassney Lane and turn left. Turn left again onto IH 35 northbound service road and travel 1.0 Mi. to Marriott Hotel.

Prize Rules:

We'll award door prizes throughout the day Saturday, until noon. For these, you must claim your prize within one (1) hour of the announcement. We'll post your name/call or ticket number at the prize drawing area.

At 1:00, we begin drawings for any remaining unclaimed door prizes. Then come our Premium prizes, culminating in the Grand Prize.

For the Premium and Advance Registration prizes, you need not be present to win. If you're a winner, we'll post your name and hold your prize. If you haven't claimed it by the end of the day, we'll send it to you.

AUSTIN SUMMERFEST 2009 Advance Registration

**Mail before
July 29, 2009 !!!**

Name _____ Call _____
 Name _____ Call _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Day Telephone (____) _____ Evening Telephone (____) _____
 E-Mail Address _____

	Each	Qty	Total
General Admission	\$8.00	_____	_____
<small>(Per individual. Includes all hams and guests. Admission at door will be \$10.00. Children 17 and under admitted free.)</small>			
Swafest Table Friday (6-9) and Saturday (8-3:30)	\$10.00	_____	_____
Electrical Power	\$5.00	_____	_____
<small>(Limit of 3 tables to a registrant; first come first served; tables unclaimed by 10:00 A.M. Saturday will be released.)</small>			
Extra Prize Tickets	\$1.00	_____	_____
		TOTAL	_____

Representatives of the Texas VHF-FM Society will be on duty to collect your dues at the Convention.

Make check or money order payable to **AUSTIN SUMMERFEST** and mail before July 29, 2009 to:
 Austin Summerfest, 8609 Tallwood Drive, Austin, TX 78759-8126

Advance Registration

Simply fill out the form above, indicating all options you desire, and mail in your form and payment to the address shown above. You save \$2 a head, and get a chance at the advance registration prize of a Yaesu VX-170 2M 5W handheld, by registering in advance. Note: No confirmation of advance registration will be sent.

Accommodations

Enjoy the facilities of the Austin Airport Marriott South, or its sister facility in the same complex, the SpringHill Suites Austin South.

If you're visiting Austin, please consider staying at one of these hotels for the special Convention rate of \$85 per room night. (As a bonus, the SpringHill Suites have a complimentary continental breakfast.) Showing support for our hotels helps to ensure that we can continue to stage our Convention in high-quality surroundings.

The hotel needs your reservation July 24th to guarantee room availability at the convention rate.

Phone the toll-free Marriott reservation center at 1 (800) 228-9290; request rooms at either the Austin Airport Marriott South or the SpringHill Suites Austin South, and that you are requesting a room in the Austin Summerfest block, to get the Convention rate.

Further Info

Write to:

Joe Makeever
 8609 Tallwood Drive
 Austin, TX 78759-8126

Call:

(512) 345-0800

Email:

w5hs@arrl.net

Go to:

www.austinsummerfest.org

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The Austin Amateur Radio Club presents:

The ARRL Texas State Convention

The Texas VHF-FM Society Summer Meeting



A word about our special guests...

The Texas VHF-FM Society is a group of several hundred amateurs with a special interest in the design and operation of VHF and UHF repeaters. Starting with a small group of hams over 40 years ago, the Society now counts as members the licensees or technical custodians of nearly all the repeaters in Texas. It is affiliated with the ARRL. The Society initiated frequency coordination in Texas. Today, it continues in that role, minimizing intercommunity friction and helping the maximum number of amateurs operate and use repeaters. The Society educates, mediates, and arbitrates all matters of frequency coordination brought to its attention. The members of the Society invite you and your friends to join us; we know you will find it fun and rewarding to be a part of this organization.

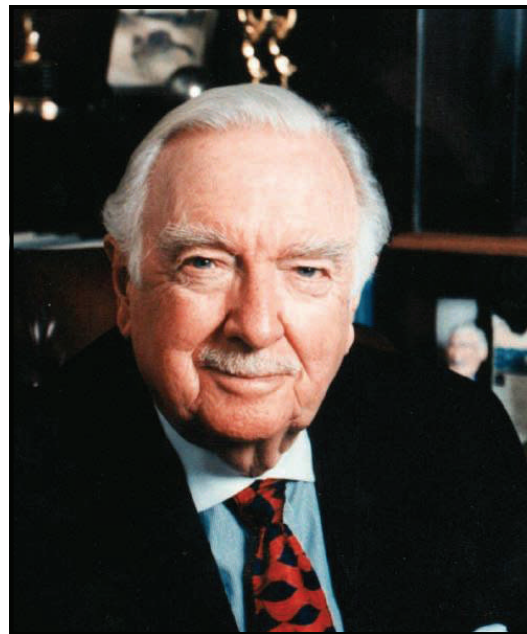
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Mendelsohn helped Cronkite make his first Amateur Radio contact: "Having passed the licensing test, Walter was now ready to get on the air. His first QSO was on 10 meters about 28.390 MHz. He was nervous and I called him on the phone to talk him through his first experience. As we talked on the air, a ham from the Midwest come on and called me. Acknowledging him, I asked the usual questions about where he was from, wanting to give Walter a bit of flavor of what the hobby was about. I turned it over to Walter, and following his introduction, the gentleman in the Midwest said, 'That's the worst Walter Cronkite imitation I've ever heard.' I suggested that maybe it was Walter and the man replied, 'Walter Cronkite is not even a ham, and if he was, he certainly wouldn't be here on 10 meters.' Walter and I laughed for weeks at that one."

In 2007, ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, presented Cronkite with the ARRL President's Award. This award, created in 2003 by the ARRL Board of Directors, recognizes an ARRL member or members who "have shown long-term dedication to the goals and objectives of ARRL and Amateur Radio" and who have gone the extra mile to support individual League programs and goals. Cronkite was selected to receive the award in April 2005 in recognition of his outstanding support of the ARRL and Amateur Radio by narrating the videos "Amateur Radio Today" and "The ARRL Goes to Washington" (<http://www.arrl.org/pio/VTS-video.wmv>.) "It was quite a thrill to make this presentation to Cronkite," Fallon said. "He has long been recognized as the 'most trusted man in America,' so lining our causes to his face, name and voice has been a great help."

Cronkite is the recipient of a Peabody Award, the William White Award for Journalistic Merit, an Emmy Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the George Polk Journalism Award and a Gold Medal from the International Radio and Television Society. In 1981, during his final three months on the CBS Evening News, Cronkite received 11 major awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1985, he became the second newsman, after Edward R. Murrow, to be selected for the Television Hall of Fame.

A private memorial service was scheduled for July 23 in New York City. Cronkite will be cremated and his remains buried in Missouri next to his wife Betsy, who passed away in 2005. A public memorial service will be held within the next month at Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Walter and Betsy Cronkite Foundation through the Austin Community Foundation (<http://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/>), which will distribute contributions to various charities the couple supported.



As Cronkite said on March 6, 1981, concluding his final broadcast as anchorman:

"Old anchormen, you see, don't fade away, they just keep coming back for more. And that's the way it is."

Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD (SK) 1916 - 2009

AARC Meeting Info.

Waterloo Icehouse

8600 Burnet Rd. South of 183

Officers Meeting 6 pm

August 18th

Regular Business Meeting 7 pm

August 4th - ARISS Event Planning by Lee Cooper, W5LHC. Amateur Radio on the International Space Station. They talk to kids; but how, why and when?

Drop in Early and grab a bite to eat! 25 cent chicken wings are a usual special!

2008 Upcoming Amateur Exams

ARRL VEC- August 8th(Summerfest -see page 7) and September 5th 9a.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church. Contact Joe Makeever, W5HS (345-0800) or Joe Thiel, N5SMN (832-0450) for info. \$15 fee.

W5YI VEC- August 22nd September 19th 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 Calendar of Events

Aug 7-8 Austin Summerfest Austin ARC & Texas VHF FM Society Texas State Convention Austin Airport Marriott South 4415 South IH-35 www.austinsummerfest.org
Talk-In: 146.94(-)107.2 Joe W5HS w5hs@arrl.net

Aug 22 Cooke County Amateur Radio Club Gainesville Civic Center, Gainesville, TX www.gainesvillehamfest.org
Aug 17-21 IEEE EMC Society Symposium on EMC Ed Hare, W1RFI, ARRL Laboratory Manager and BPL Guru will speak. www.emc2009.org Tim kd5wml@gmail.com

Aug 20 Special AARC Presentation 7-9PM at ARL 10,000 Burnet Rd. IEEE EMC Society Symposium Keynote speaker/ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI

Aug 21-26 Guadalupe Valley Amateur Radio Big Bend Portable KE5HLS Robert and KE5DFK Carlos in Big Bend Natl. Park. ke5hls@arrl.net ke5dfk@yahoo.com

Aug	Sept.	Austin Meetings/Happenings
4	1	AARC Meeting Waterloo Ice House* 7:00 p.m.
8	12	Austin QRP, Alvin's Sandwich Shop 11:00 a.m.
11	23	ARES Training -CTECC 6:30 p.m.
26	15	HSMM/Packet SIG at Red Cross \$ 7:00 p.m.
18	28	ATV Club Mtg. Mangia Pizza 6:30 p.m.
15	19	QCWA IHOP 183 Near Duval 1:00 p.m.
24	28	Travis Co. REACT Jim's 183&Burnet 7:15 p.m.
25	22	Travis County A.R.E.S., ARL Aud. 7:00 p.m.
27	23	CERT Meeting CTECC 6:30 p.m.

**AARC Business Meeting is at Waterloo Ice House 8600 Burnet
Come early and grab dinner before the meeting.
\$ Correction to this meeting has been made*

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