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Happy Easter

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What To Do With All Your Junk! A Project

Dennis Kippa, W5DPK

Suddenly I am 65 years old and I am thinking "How the heck did this happen?" I find myself reading the list of SK's in QST and I know some of them! Holy crap, I must be getting old. This leads me to the subject I decided to write to you about.

The average age of the Ham radio population must be well over 50 years of age. We are a dying breed. And as we die off, we leave our treasure chest of radios and junk for our next of kin - usually our wife - to sort through and get rid of. And if you are a good husband you have given your XYL a detailed list of everything you have and how much it is worth. Yeah, RIGHT!!!



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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 -
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	11:00 a.m.	Lunch, Pokey Joe's 183&Great Hills	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 March 2nd at Bethany United Methodist Church:

Technician Class Licenses Processed

Chris J. Hansen KF5UFL

Ethan B. Waldo, Sr. KF5UFH

George J. Hill KF5UFK

Shawn H. Williams KF5UFI

Bryan R. Hunt KF5UFJ

General Class Licenses Processed

Aften A. Giotis KF5TSC

Jerome A. Malinski KF5UFM

Extra Class Licenses Processed

Joe M. Bryan K5BRY

Bryan W. Novak AF5IU

George K. Cambron KC1ATT

Blaine W. Kubesh K5KUB

Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Dave Anderton AE5XY

Steve Lang WB5ZIL

Larry Gunter WB5BEK

Joe Makeever W5HS

Bruce Harrell KJ5LW

Joe Thiel N5SMN

Next ARRL VE Test Sessions

April 6th - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Bldg. Room 203/204

May 4th - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Bldg. Room 203/204

TNX ES 73 DE W5HS

Joe

3-16-2013

The South Austin W5YI VE team heartily congratulates the following persons who earned their new or upgraded amateur radio licenses at our March 16th session:

Extra Class –

Billy J. Duke, -new-

General Class –(none)

Technician Class - (new)

Barrett W. Floyd

Stevan Pavitt

Charles R. Fuller

Stephen Kuehn

Our administering volunteer examiners were:

Craig Bean, AC5KW

Scott Bryan, W5TS

Jim Greenwood, AB5EK

Sam Mihalik, KM5MY

Gary Popp, AE5JR

Our next two sessions are set for April 20th and May 18th
in Fleck Hall room 118 on the campus of St. Edward's University.
All sessions are walk-in and the exam fee is \$14.

For additional information regarding our amateur radio examination sessions,
please contact Craig AC5KW 512-474-6443 or by e-mail to
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<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	No	
146.880	Yes	General
146.940 107.2 PL Tone	No	Most popular, WX, Swapnet & Newslite
224.800	No	
444.100	No	
440.650 +5	No	70cm D-Star Repeater [W5KA]
146.480/+1.0	No	2m D-Star Repeater [W5KA C]
1293.200/-20	No	23cm D-Star Repeater[W5KA A]
1248.200	No	23cm D-Star DD (data, simplex/reversible) [W5KA A]

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

ka5ost@arrl.net

Jay handles all changes for membership information .

Club Dues for 2013 are Due!

The new year is almost here and you might as well get a jump on things by paying your dues for the 2013 year.

Besides the admiration of your friends, you also get guilt free use of all club repeaters, access to club equipment, online help through the use of the Austin Hams Yahoo group and much more! Be the first on your block to be a new member in 2013!

You can pay online at- <http://www.austinhams.org/join.htm>

Just fill out the .pdf form and mail to:

The Austin Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 4739
Austin, TX 78765-4739



(Continued from page 1) Ham Radio Junk

No, what happens is that your family is stuck with a bunch of radio stuff they know nothing about and they have no clue what it is worth. They have a yard sale or put it on Craig's List and get pennies on the dollar for your treasured TS-2000. Now you're rolling over in your grave because some CBER just put your rig on channel 35. Bummer! But what if there was a way for your family to contact someone who could guide them in what the value of your old equipment really is and could help with getting the most from your old gear?.

Here is where your local Ham radio club members can perform a service for the deceased Ham's family and help recover the most money possible for the widow and/or family members.

What I propose is that your club form a committee. It should be made up of older and younger members who can be contacted by a widow or the family of a club member [or non-member; your club can decide who to offer this service to]. This committee would survey the SK's gear, make a list, and assign a suggested value to the piece of equipment to help the family understand that all that junk is worth a lot of money. Every one loves a bargain, but I think that returning the true value of a piece of equipment to the family is the right thing to do for the amateur radio fraternity.

In your club, as in my club, there are folks who know about the value of this gear and take a special interest in following how the price of gear goes up and down as technology changes. Tap into these people and use their expertise to help a SK's family recoup all they can from the estate.

How do you get the word out to the Ham community about this service?. Well. your club members will be easy to reach and share the information, but non members will be a little harder to get to. I suggest a general mailing of post cards, announcements in Ham magazines and nets, papers, internet and at Hamfests. The idea is to make folks aware that the service is there to help. A Ham can pick up a flyer at a Hamfest and give it to his wife and tell her to put it in a safe place because she may need it someday.

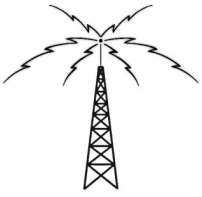
"OK, so what is in it for me?" you ask. Well for openers, you are truly helping your fellow Ham community in their time of need. Let's help our own! Next you'll know that your own family will be helped when it is their turn to decide what to do with YOUR stuff. And lastly, you will have a possible first crack at some equipment you may want , or another member of your club may find what they may need.

Remember FAIR MARKET VALUE!!! If your club is a 501C3 you might suggest a donation to the club for your consulting work. Or if the family wants the club to handle the sale of the gear a 10% donation fee may be in order. Run it by your members and see what they are comfortable with.

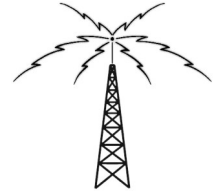
If we do not take care of our own how can we possibly take care of someone else in their time of need?. So before you go to that GREAT HAMFEST IN THE SKY, form a group and take care of your unfinished business. Make sure your family gets their fair share when you part ways with your equipment. Besides, your XYL and her new boyfriend will need the money for their cruise to the Bahamas. HI HI

73

Dennis W5DPK



Over the WWaves...



A Collection of useful and interesting Websites sent in by our readers
(All links have been checked by editor)

Texas State Parks on the Air—Like a mini Field Day for Texas— Great chance to visit Texas Parks and Operate Ham Radio.

<http://www.tspota.com/site/index>

An honest to goodness, brand new Wile E. Coyote - Roadrunner cartoon made with today's technology (but all of the old humor). Enjoy!!

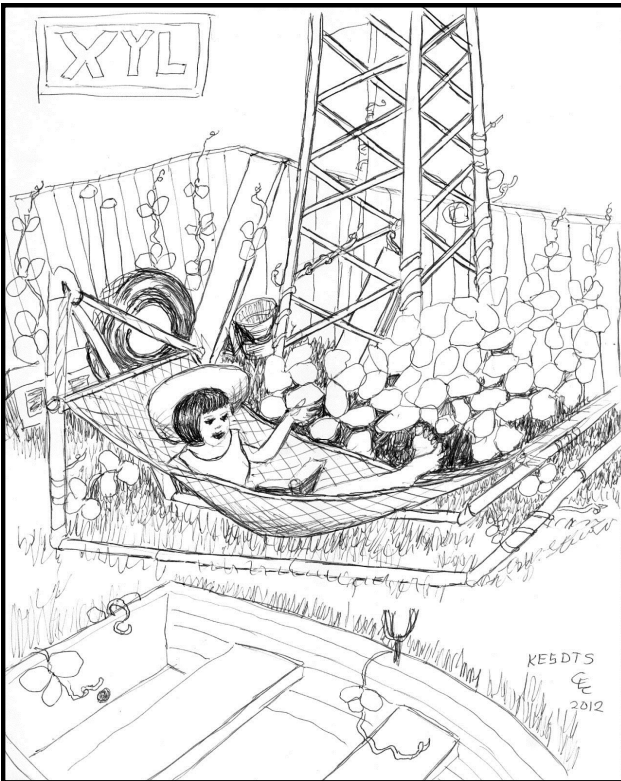
This is the first Roadrunner done with computer graphics. Lots can be done with computer graphics that will be far less expensive to complete than those old Disney style drawn animations. The computer graphics look good, and the video still has that Roadrunner fun. Only 3 minutes, but 3 minutes of fun! Be sure to go to full screen mode.

<http://www.wimp.com/looneytoons/>

Forwarded by Rick Herndon, K5FNI

XYL

By Carolyn Canfield, KE5DTS



**“Yard problems are solved.
I planted Kudzu vines!”**



Jeff Schmidt, N5MNW fills the minds of students with all things ham radio in this latest Technician Class. For more class information, be sure to check out www.austinhams.com!

HAM RECIPES



Calling all hams! Here is the new section in the AARCover. A page dedicated to recipes sent in from our members. These can be your favorite recipes or a some family secret recipes. We will print one or two recipes per month. Recipes can also be holiday related such as the **Luck 'o the Irish Brownie** recipe below. You can either scan in a picture of your recipe or type it up and email it or you can mail it. E-Mail recipes to editor@austinhams.org
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4 Pepper Deviled Eggs

(Alton Brown)

Ingredients:

6 hard boiled eggs, cooled and peeled
1 teaspoon whole pink peppercorns, divided
1/2 teaspoon whole white peppercorns
1/2 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
1/2 teaspoon whole green peppercorns
1/2 teaspoon caper liquid
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
Pinch sugar



Directions:

Slice the eggs in half from top to bottom. Scoop the yolks into a medium mixing bowl and lay the whites aside. Place all of the peppercorns, except 1/2 teaspoon of the pink peppercorns, into a spice grinder and process until ground well. Add the ground peppers, caper liquid, mayonnaise, mustard, salt and sugar to the egg yolks and using a fork, stir to thoroughly combine. Place the mixture into a zip-top plastic bag and cut a small hole at one of the corners. Pipe the mixture into each of the white halves. Coarsely grind the remaining 1/2 teaspoon of pink peppercorns and use to garnish the top of each egg.

Chill for at least 1 hour in the refrigerator before serving.

Read more at: <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/alton-brown/4-pepper-deviled-eggs-recipe/index.html?oc=linkback>

Club Minutes

AARC Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2013

Meeting called to order: 7:02pm by President Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ.

Meeting started with a welcome, acknowledgement of 1 birthday and 6 new hams.

We had 45 in attendance, 9 visitors, and 2 new members. No upgrades were reported.

Minutes: February's minutes approved as written in AARCOVER.

Announcements/Past Events: congrats to all the new hams from latest Tech Class; Ham Cruise went well with many contacts made (a presentation is being worked on); no packet stuffing this year for Cap10K (we will be looking for another fundraiser to replace it); Red Cross Drill took place and they used hams to transmit data & ~300 messages, big thanks to all the volunteers; same day, ARES did some needed work on the Red Cross radio room and antenna tower; & Copeland Fund Committee is in process of meeting and working on the applications.

Upcoming Events: Georgetown WCARC Hamfest (3/16); 2013 Skywarn WX Training (3/30); Cap10K (4/7), volunteers needed; Belton Hamfest (4/20); BP MS150 (4/19-21); 2013 Membership Dues due; club Polo & Tee shirts are still available; & ARES net and meeting. These items, other upcoming events, and scheduled presentations are listed in the AARC Swapnet newsletter, at www.austinhams.org, and on the Yahoo user group.

REPORTS

Treasurer: we are in a good position moneywise.

Editor: added recipe section to newsletter; received a huge stack of vintage newsletters and they are being scanned and loaded onto the website; (late announcement) we are planning a memorial transmitter hunt in honor of Smokey Wiley, K5RDJ.

ARES: had a report during the Red Cross Drill of trouble getting into the repeater in some spots, but a change of radio helped; please report any repeater problems you have.

No Old or New Business discussed.

Ham of the Month: Joe Fisher, K5EJL.

Door Prizes: Steven Laird, no call – AARC Handbook; John Frimpter, KC5OLD – Wx Station; Andy Howell, KF5JLJ – repeater directory.

Space Wx: SC24 is declining, but may rise again becoming a double peak cycle. We had 7 sunspots and one threw an M-flare. Strength reports and the forecast were covered. Visit the Texas Army/MARS and other solar weather websites for more info.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57pm.

Presentation: “What’s Available on HF-VHF-UHF in the ATX Area?” by Jeff Schmidt, N5MNW.



AARC Meeting Info.

Waterloo Icehouse

**8600 Burnet Rd. South of 183
(Come early and have dinner!)**

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

April 2— TBA

Officers Meeting 7:00 pm

April 16 - Officers meetings are open to club members.

2013 Upcoming Amateur Exams

ARRL VEC— April 6th & May 4th 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- April 20th & May 18th
2p.m. in room 207, Fleck Hall, St. Edwards Univ.
Contact Craig Bean, AC5KW @arrl.net,
(474-6443) for more info.

<http://texashams.org/w5yi-austin/>

2013 Calendar of Events

Apr 6-7 Texas State Parks On The Air
<http://tspota.com> Park fees may apply!

Apr 7 Cap 10K Footrace & Fun Run

Staff has decided not to utilize Ham Radio nor MSET for the 2013 event.

We will make polite, rational contact with them and try to change this decision but for now, please stand by
Contact Jeff N5MNW@arrl.net

Apr 19-21 BP MS150 Houston to Austin Bike Tour

Register at <http://bpms150hams.org>
Mike Hardwick N5VCX (at)att.net
713-826-6917

Apr 20 Belton Hamfest

Talk-in 146.82(-)PL 123.0

www.beltonhamexpo.org/

Apr 20 7290 Texas Traffic Net Picnic

4 PM SPJST Hall #48 in Beyersville
Talk in Frequency 145.450(-)162.2PL

[www.7290trafficnet.org/ mxroot/ page 10801.html](http://www.7290trafficnet.org/mqxroot/page_10801.html)

Upcoming Meetings...

Apr	May	Austin Meetings/Happenings	Time	Address
2	7	AARC Meeting Waterloo Ice House*	7:00 p.m.	8600 Burnet Rd.
13	11	Austin QRP, Alvin's Sandwich Shop	11:00 a.m.	12200 Research Blvd.
15	20	ATV Club Meeting La Palapa %	7:00 p.m.	6640 Hwy 290 E
20		QCWA Tres Amigos \$	1:30 p.m.	7535 U.S. 290
24	22	Digital Wednesday at Red Cross	7:00 p.m.	2218 Pershing
22	27	Travis Co. REACT Jim's 183 & Burnet	7:30 p.m.	9091 Research Blvd.
23	28	Travis County A.R.E.S., ARL Auditorium	7:00 p.m.	10000 Burnet Rd.
25	23	CERT Meeting, CTECC	6:30 p.m.	5010 Old Manor Rd.
22	27	CTDXCC Meeting Old Quarry Library	6:30 p.m.	7051 Village Ctr Dr.

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

% New Meeting Location for ATV

\$ QCWA Now meets quarterly visit <http://www.qcwa.org/chapter067.htm> for info