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Copeland Scholarship Deadline

If you know a ham who is going to college this coming summer or Fall, this is a reminder that the counties that touch Travis Co., and Travis County, are eligible to have students apply by Jan. 31 each year to Austin Community Foundation, for the amateur radio scholarship known as the Jesse Copeland Austin Amateur Radio Club Memorial Scholarship.

Amounts granted each year depend on the earnings of the endowment each year, and no guaranteed amount can be assured.

The application form and instructions are on the "Austin Community Foundation" web site, and you just enter the quoted name in Goggle Search.

The requirement basics are: that the applicant must hold any active amateur radio license. A copy of the license must be attached to their application papers. They must submit a certified latest transcript from the last school attended. Previous ACF scholars must reapply each subsequent year. They must submit an essay and goals, and college they have applied to, and been accepted.

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Periodic Events

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|-------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sun | 7:00 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 | 147.100 + |
| 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+ |
| Thu | 11:45 a.m. | Lunch Whataburger Oltorf & Burleson | 146.94-(107.2) |
| 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 January 3rd at Bethany United Methodist Church:

Technician Class Licenses Processed

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| John C. Bader KG5FJN | David A. Brown KG5FJQ | Ryan C. Knippa KG5FJP |
| Theodore J. Owens KG5FJO | Elvin D. Rodriguez-Cruz KG5FJR | |

General Class Licenses Processed

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| James W. Harrison III KF5ZXG | Jaylon D. Loyd KD5FKR | Thomas F. McNelly KG5FJT |
| Alexander Nicolson IV KG5FJS | | |

Extra Class Licenses Processed

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Joe Farley AF5VK | Nolan J. Posey Jr. AF5VL | Cynthia S. Wells K5CSW |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|

Examiners Participating in this Test Session

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Steven Bonds NQ2S | George Csahanin W2DB | Larry Gunter WB5BEK |
| Ted Iglehart KF5END | Joe Makeever W5HS | Joe Thiel N5SMN |

Next ARRL VE Test Sessions

February 7th - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Bldg. Room 203/204
March 7th - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Bldg. Room 203/204

TNX ES 73 DE W5HS
Joe

1-17-15

The South Austin W5YI VE team heartily congratulates the following people who earned new or upgraded amateur radio licenses at our January 17th session:

Extra Class

Scott Dupuie, KA8HLX

General Class

Philip Satrin III (NEW)
Stefano Nerozzi (NEW)

Technician Class (NEW)

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Gary Bowers | William Komar, Jr. |
| Lee Lukehart | Aadil Pappa |
| Parker Woodruff | Daniel Zahara |

Our administering volunteer examiners were:

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Craig Bean, AC5KW | Gary Popp, AE5JR |
| Bill Duke, AF5JD | Wally Marusa, KF5WLY |

Our next two amateur radio exam sessions will start at
2 PM on February 21st and March 21st Janin
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 at (512) 474-6443 or by e-mail to
hamradioexams@hotmail.com or visit our web page at
<http://texashams.org/w5yi-austin/>

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| TC ARES PIO | Steven Polunsky | W5SMP | | tcares-pio@gmail.net |

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, simp./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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Members and other readers are encouraged to submit material for publication. Call Mitch London, if mailed submissions are required. Electronic files are encouraged! Submissions may be edited for publication.

Deadline is the 22nd of the month.

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**For Changes in your ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER or CALL SIGN:
See Jay Hoffman, KA5OST [ka5ost @ arrl.net](mailto:ka5ost@arrl.net)
Jay handles all changes for membership information .**

END OF ERA SALE!

AARS will be CLOSING the doors at 5310 CAMERON RD, AUSTIN TEXAS February 28, 2015. **Inventory**

Clearance Sale begins January 2, 2015.

BLOW OUT SALE

STARTS FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015 - 10:30 AM TO 5:00PM

**10% -50% OFF REGULAR PRICED MERCHANDISE – in stock
only! No special orders.**

EXCLUDES RADIOS - Mfg coupons and rebate savings apply on radio purchases as usual. Hurry in or call/

email for best selection!

IMPORTANT: The website aaradio.com will NOT reflect sale prices. We apologize but we simply do not

have time for all of the updates.

TO PLACE AN ORDER - Call [800- 423-2604](tel:800-423-2604) or [512-454-2994](tel:512-454-2994) or email aars-jp@sbcglobal.net. Information about

available stock and current sale prices will be available by phone or email. Due to expected high volume of calls, email will be the best method. Requests will be processed in the order received. **Shipping charges will apply! NO free shipping.**

***** AARS remains available FOR SALE** at a reduced price in the low \$100's, includes inventory, fix-

tures and furniture. Contact Grace Paul at [512-470-5171](tel:512-470-5171) for details. Serious inquires only please!

[Go to aaradio.com for more detailed information.](http://aaradio.com)



Ham-burgers at Watt-a-burger

A small group of Hams meet every Thursday (that doesn't fall on a holiday) at the Whataburger at the intersection of E. Oltorf St. and Bulerson Rd.

We gather from 12:00-1:00 for lunch and most grab a burger for lunch, hence the name Ham Burgers at Watt-a-burger. Topics run the full gamut of Amateur Radio.

Feel free to join us and bring your show-n-tell items.

Send Dallas your e-mail and you will get reminders. mylastname (at) yahoo.com

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They must download and fill out the AARC Scholarship application form from the ACF website, and then mail in the completed application and supporting copies to be post marked by Jan. 31, 2015. Mail these to Austin Community Foundation, NOT AARC or individuals. After review by ACF, the applications are referred to the Copeland Fund Board for consideration. The Board selects scholars before the May graduations of area schools. ACF will notify selected scholars by mail. Money is sent directly to the college that has accepted the applicant. Money not spent in 2015 must be returned by the school to ACF.

The scholarships are primarily for undergraduate education. Special consideration will be given to post graduate, or vocational education plans; but the scholarships are for accredited "brick and Mortar" public and private college schools. No on-line, or commercial institutions are eligible.

Over a quarter of a million dollars have been given out over the life of this Scholarship Fund. The fund was made possible by a grant from Jesse Copeland, W5TQ and his wife's wills. While they had no children of their own, their wish was to benefit amateur radio and this program was selected as a way to keep Amateur Radio in the minds of today's students.

Stuart M. Rohre, K5KVH
Copeland Fund Board

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 _____
- TEXAS HAMPAC (Political Action Committee) \$ _____
- Total Enclosed _____

Mail this form with payment to:

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

Check One: -New member -Renew membership -Update Info

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:

- Monthly meetings Field Day Working Events Transmitter Hunts
- Talking on 2 mtrs DXing Newsletters Holding Office
- Presenting programs CW Net Control Emergency Comm's
- Holding ARRL office Education Public Awareness Working w/Youth
- Others _____

Rcvd ___/___/___ Amt \$ ___ Ck ___ Cash ___ Dep ___ Post ___
(for office use only)

JMH 20110315

Austin Amateur Radio Club General Meeting January 6, 2015

Start time: 7:02 pm

Attendance: 60

Birthdays: Six birthdays in January. Happy Birthday!

Visitors in attendance:

Mike Reed, W5MWR

Alex Nicholson, new ham (general) - not in the database yet

Gary White, K5ANM

New hams: Alex Nicholson (general) - not in the database yet

New members: none

Upgrades: Angie Steelman, KF5ZXI, extra

Call sign changes: none

Approval of minutes: as written in AARCover newsletter

Announcements:

Jan 10 Radio Fiesta at Schertz Civic Center - refer to swap net newsletter for address

2015 dues are due - see Jay Hoffman, KA5OST

T-shirts and polos are available - see Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ

Officer reports

president: none

vice-president: request for presentations

what topics would you like to see for a presentation

what topics would you be willing to present

treasurer: none

secretary: none

Other reports

newsletter:

Mitch London, KD5HCV, was not present, but Alan Russell, KE5DTR, reminded everyone to keep sending in articles

technical:

Stuart Rohre, K5KVH: 146.940 repeater was down; use the austinhams.org website to report any problems with the repeaters EXCEPT the ARES repeater (privately held)

as an aside - newsletter topic suggestions: first contact, first antenna (working or non-working), repeater stories, and DX contacts all make nice articles

ARES: none (Mark Esslinger, W5MAE, was not present)

BBHN: meetings start up again in January on the 4th Wednesday

AARC ladies: none

Old business

Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ, thanks Mary Steelman, KG5EXJ, for helping sign people in

Announcements

Steve Hicks, N5AC, from Flex Radio Systems

Flex Radio is conducting a research project to watch people and how they use radios

If interested in participating, please fill out survey

If selected, someone from Flex Radio Systems will come and watch you operate -

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take notes, maybe photos/video and you will receive a \$75 Visa gift card
Steve will leave forms if anyone is interested
Observations will be scheduled at user's convenience

Roy Walker, WA5YZD

After listening on the repeaters before Christmas and Thanksgiving, asked if anyone would be interested in attending an open house regarding repeaters. If so, then he would try to put something together.

Result: on schedule for tomorrow (Wednesday, Jan 7) at 5:00 pm

Mark Stennett, NA6M, will also take people to Austin A and B towers, which are in use by various FM stations as well as the ARES repeater

location: 2400 Waymaker Way; no children under 12

number for entrance: 512-461-0220

Joe Fisher, K5EJL

The oldest club station call sign is W5KA which belonged to Paul Hargis whose birthday was Jan 12. So, on 12 Jan at 7:00, Joe will be buying first round to chew about club history and such.

New business

Fusion system repeaters:

Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ, put in paperwork for a new Fusion repeater from Yaesu and as of yesterday (January 5, 2015) it has been approved by Yaesu.

The frequency assignment will be 146.88

The plan is for it to be reserved for analog use during drive time

3-6 wks out to get one in hand

Lori was told by Grace Paul that she would like to have Johnny Paul remembered and the plan is to use his call sign for the repeater

For anyone interested in purchasing a Fusion radio, Grace will place a single large order soon but it needs to be prepaid

Question: What is a Fusion radio? Jeff Schmidt, N5MNW - described the Fusion system and who is using them; how it is **NOT** DSTAR

Lori thanked the board and Grace for their help in this project

Jay Hoffman, KA5OST

K5LBJ is raising money to buy an HF amp; a link to make a donation can be reached via the austinhams facebook page

Ham(s) of the month

Rick Chapman - Don Dudley - Bob Morgan

Door prizes

book: entry 57

mousepad: entry 41

Space weather

Report given by Lew Thompson, W5IFQ

Meeting adjourned

7:52 pm

Presentation

Jeff Schmidt, N5MNW: Ham Radio 101

From the Austin Hams Yahoo Group

Austin's First ARRL-VEC Class

Thanks to Rick Herndon, K5FNI, Bill Byrom, N5BB, Pete Jordahl, K5GM for these emails and for donating to the Austin History Center

As the 30th Anniversary of the first ARRL-VEC Exams rolled around. Some hams started discussing the Austin exams and their origins. These excerpts are from those e-Mails . Pictures were obtained at the Austin History Center where a large number of AARCOVERS donated by just a few hams are kept.

I saw on the cover screen of the new QST that the ARRL VEC is celebrating 30 years. Anybody recall the ACTUAL date of that historic first exam? I'd like to get some mention of it into the AARCOVER.

Rick -- K5FNI

I believe I organized the first volunteer exam in Austin, Rick. It was with the new ARRL-VEC in 1984, to the best of my memory. I think I turned over all my old Volunteer Examination records to Steve Runyan in 1987 when I moved north to Irving. I was the Austin ARRL-VEC test organizer from 1984 to 1987. That means I ordered the paperwork, got the VE's together, and worked with others to organize a location. We used the old Texaco/Jefferson Chemical Company boardroom on North Lamar (near the Airport Blvd intersection) for many of the VE exams, but one or two were held at the state EOC secure room underground at DPS headquarters! I had some old photographs of some test sessions, but don't know where those photos are hiding.

Just now I tried to find any web-searchable reference to the early VEC exams or the first Austin VEC exam, but no luck.

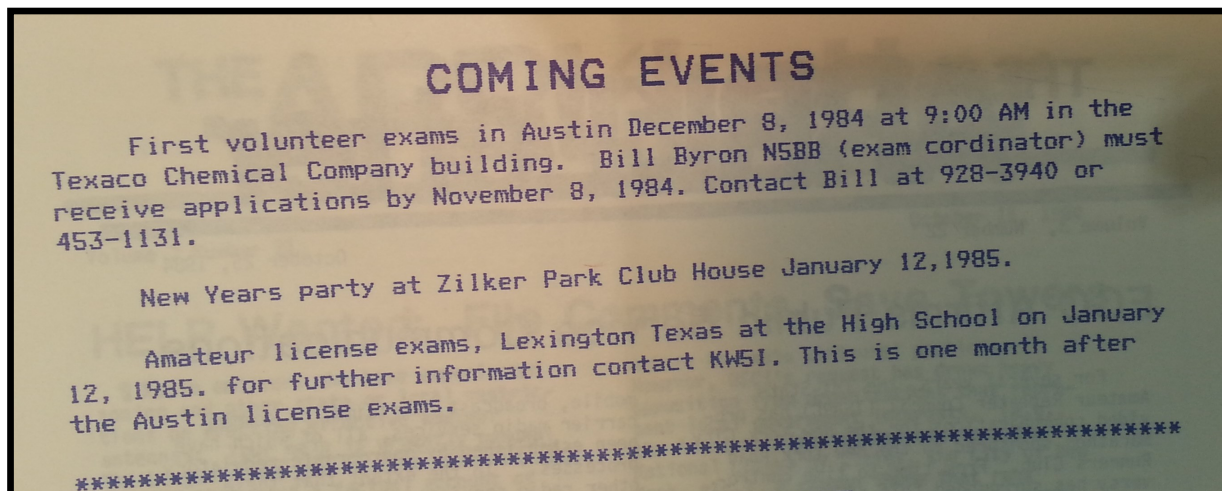
The answer is probably to be found in old AARCOVER issues from 1984. Many years ago I think I gave a lot of old AARCOVERS to Pete Jordahl, but I just found an email Pete sent me in 2006 where he laments giving his old AARCOVERS to the Austin library without keeping any records. There is a small chance that I might have some old issues from that year which I would come across as I'm cleaning out my house here in Irving in preparation for a tear-down/rebuild. I will keep a look out for old VEC information.

Bill

Joe Canfield said it was in November of '84. It was definitely as you said there. I recall going over to Pancho's Restaurant after the exam was over to finalize the paperwork. I was struck by two of the calls that resulted: N5HPC and N5HPD. I kept thinking Howard Payne College and Houston Police Department. <g> Seems like Miles was in that sequence, too, but I can't recall his call sign. And I think another fellow who helped me move from my Parkdale Dr. residence with Curt was in the sequence, too. Right this minute, I can't dredge his name or call up.

Thanks for your recollections, Bill. I'd surely like to have those photos for an article.

Rick



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SECOND VOLUNTEER EXAM IN AUSTIN ON FEB 16
LIMITED NUMBER OF WALK-INS ALLOWED
by Exam Manager Bill Byrom, N5BB

The Austin Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring regular volunteer amateur examinations in Austin. During 1985, we plan to give an exam every two months. At our first exam (December 8, 1984), fourteen persons came away with either a new license or a code credit certificate. Our pass rate was 41% on the 49 examination elements given. This rate is close to the national average.

Our second local amateur examinations will be given on Saturday, February 16, 1985. The test site is Texaco Chemical Company, 7114 North Lamar Blvd, in north central Austin. All applicants must arrive by 9:00 AM. The tests should be completed by about 1:00 PM. Although the pre-registration deadline has passed, we are now allowing a limited number of walk-in applicants to take the tests. If you wish to take a local exam in February (or at any later exam), you now have the following options:

- 1 > Register at least 30 days in advance of the test date by filing a FCC Form 610, a photocopy of your license, and a \$4.00 check or money order payable to ARRL-VEC. Mail to AARC, PO Box 13473, Austin, TX 78711. You will be GUARANTEED a seat and will be mailed a confirmation letter.
- 2 > If you fail to make the above deadline, you can still mail your Form 610, license photocopy, and \$4.00 to the AARC PO Box. If we receive your application before the exam AND IF WE HAVE AVAILABLE SPACE AND TESTS you can take the test. This is a first-come, first-served situation; we will reserve test materials for you if others have not beat you to the draw. If we receive your application at least one week before the exam, we will mail you a confirmation letter. NO GUARANTEES!
- 3 > You can walk in to the test site without any pre-registration. We are trying to order enough extra test materials to handle several walk-in candidates for each type of exam, but we are only guessing how many of you will show up! Please be sure to bring along a photocopy of your existing license and \$4.00. NO GUARANTEES!

Whew! I hope we didn't lose too many of you in that explanation. As you can see, the walk-in process complicates things a bit. If at all possible, please mail your application to us so that we get it at least 30 days before the exam. You may also deliver your application in person to N5BB, Bill Byrom. I will be glad to answer any questions about the volunteer exam process. Call me at 928-3940(home) or 453-1131(work), or drop your application in the mail slot at my work address (Lepton Systems, 6448 Hwy 290 East #C110, Austin, TX 78723). Note that you must use a NEW style form 610 (June 1984 or later version). Please call me at one of the above numbers or send a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) to me at the Lepton Systems address if you need a form 610. A generous supply of form 610's is also available at each AARC club meeting.

The third amateur exam sponsored by the AARC will be in Austin on Saturday, April 13, 1985. Pre-registration deadline is March 13. At the present time, our fourth exam is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 1985; deadline for this fourth exam will be on May 15.

I went down to the Austin History Center today to do a little research.

The first exam was December 8, 1984 as was posted in the upcoming events of the AARCover. I have attached a pic of that and of the following months exam which had more info.

Mitch, AARCover editor

Hey, Mitch,

Thanks so much for the search.

I looked up the call sign of the other fellow: Andberg, John W. Call Sign, N5HPB

And now, for something completely different: Curt left his call sign for a vanity call, WR5J, Mr. Jalapeno But, now a fellow has completed a vanity request for N5HPD!

Banks, Jr, Billy J, N5HPD (Vanity), Radio Service, HV - Vanity. Status, Active, Auth Type, Regular. Dates. Grant, 02/07/2012

**73,
Rick**

Mitch,

Were you looking in the set of AARCOvers that I donated to the library at Joe Fisher's request (insistence)? I wish I had had the means of easily copying at least the membership directories that were included. Those would be good archival material for the club.

Rick,

Miles' call is N5KOB (or it was the last time I heard). It is good to hear that someone is using the old AARCOvers!

73, Pete



AARC New Meeting Location!

Baby A's near the Arboretum

Our next meeting is February 3rd starting at 7:00 p.m. – drop by at 6:00 p.m. and grab a bite to eat!

Baby Acapulco's

[9505-B Stonelake Blvd.](#), Austin, Texas 78759 Click the map for a Google Map Link!



Club Dues for 2015 are Due!

The new year is here and you might as well get a jump on things by paying your dues for the 2015 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 renewing member in 2015!

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

24th Annual Lou Withrow SKYWARN Austin / South Central Texas Severe Weather Spotter Training Session

*ACC Eastview Campus, Building 8500
3400 Webberville Road, Austin, TX 78702*

*Saturday / 21 February 2015
8:15 am to 4:15 pm / BASIC & ADVANCED TRAINING*

Sponsored by:

*Austin Community College (ACC)
National Weather Service / Austin - San Antonio
Midland Electronics
L C R A
3M Austin Amateur Radio Club
American Red Cross - Centex Chapter
City of Austin Watershed Protection*

Session Chairperson:
Troy Kimmel ([Email](#))

Session Asst Chairperson:
Bob Rose

Technical Chairperson:
Mark Murray

Session Hosts:

Larry and Barbara Gensch

ASSOCIATED PUBLICATIONS:

[South Central Texas SkyWarn Spotter Manual \(pdf\)](#)

REGISTRATION:

No advance registration required. This session is FREE of charge (other than lunch on your own).

Plenty of Free Parking.

Sign in / Registration starts at 8:15am the day of the training (please do not arrive before 8:15am).

A certificate of completion will be presented to those participants, at the end of the day, for those completing the entire training session.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This training is open to the general public.

Those involved in public safety and severe weather safety / recognition, such as amateur radio operators, first responders (police officers, firefighters and EMS officials), emergency management officials and media representatives (reporters, photojournalists) are encouraged to attend this important session.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE:

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

.... Basic and Advanced Spotter Training

8:15 - 9:00 am.... Session Registration

**9:00 - 9:15 am.... Session Welcome by Troy Kimmel and Bob Rose
Facility Guidelines and Reminder - Larry & Barbara Gensch**

**9:15 - 9:35 am.... National Weather Service Welcome
Joe Arellano, Meteorologist in Charge, NWS/Austin-San Antonio**

**9:35 - 9:40 am.. South/Central Texas SkyWarn Spotter Guide Troy Kimmel
(found at: <http://www.utexas.edu/depts/grg/kimmel/skywarnbook.pdf>)**

**9:40 - 10:05 am.... Citizen Participation in Flood Warning
Matt Porcher, City of Austin Watershed Protection**

**10:15 - 12:00 noon.... Basic SkyWarn Training Session
Paul Yura, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS/Austin-San Antonio**

12:00 noon - 1:15 pm.... LUNCH - On Your Own

**1:15 - 2:15 pm.... KEYNOTE MEETING SPEAKER - TBA
Dr. Kevin Kloesel, Director, Oklahoma Climatological Survey**

**2:15 - 3:45 pm.... Advanced SkyWarn Training Session
Paul Yura, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS/Austin-San Antonio**

3:45 - 4:15 pm.... SkyWarn Exercise and Session Close



AARC Meeting Info.
Baby A's near the Arboretum
 9505-B Stonelake Blvd.
 (Come early and have dinner!)

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

February 3rd—TBD

Officers Meeting

Officers meet via Skype and meetings are open to club members. Contact an officer for more information.

2015 Upcoming Amateur Exams

ARRL VEC— February 7th & March 7th 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- February 21st & March 21st 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/>

2015 Calendar of Events

Feb 21 24th Annual Lou Withrow SkyWarn Training Session

Eastview Campus of Austin Community College
 Hosted by Troy Kimmel KE5BCK
www.utexas.edu/depts/grg/kimmel/skywarn.html

Mar 14 WCARC SWAFFEST

Georgetown Community Center in San Gabriel Park

Mar 28 Greater Houston Hamfest

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds- Rosenberg, Tx
www.houstonhams.org

Apr 17-18 Belton Hamfest

Admission \$5 (Includes a \$2 Raffle Ticket)
 Talk-in 146.82(-)PL 123.0
www.tarc.org/hamexpo/
www.beltonhamexpo.org/

Upcoming Meetings...

| Feb | Mar | Austin Meetings/Happenings | Time | Address |
|-----------------|-----|--|-----------|-------------------------|
| 3 | 3 | AARC Meeting Waterloo Ice House | 7:00 p.m. | 8600 Burnet Rd. |
| April 18 | | QCWA Tres Amigos | 1:30 p.m. | 7535 U.S. 290 |
| 25 | 25 | Digital Wednesday at CATRAC | 7:00 p.m. | 4100 Ed Bluestein Blvd. |
| 28 | 28 | Travis Co. REACT Jim's 183 & Burnet | 7:30 p.m. | 9091 Research Blvd. |
| 24 | 24 | Travis County A.R.E.S. Pickle Research Ctr | 7:00 p.m. | 10000 Burnet Rd. |
| 26 | 26 | CERT Meeting, CTECC | 6:30 p.m. | 5010 Old Manor Rd. |
| 24 | 24 | CTDXCC Meeting Old Quarry Library | 6:30 p.m. | 7051 Village Ctr Dr. |

New Meeting Location for TCARES

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

If your club is listed here and has incorrect time or dates, please let us know!

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