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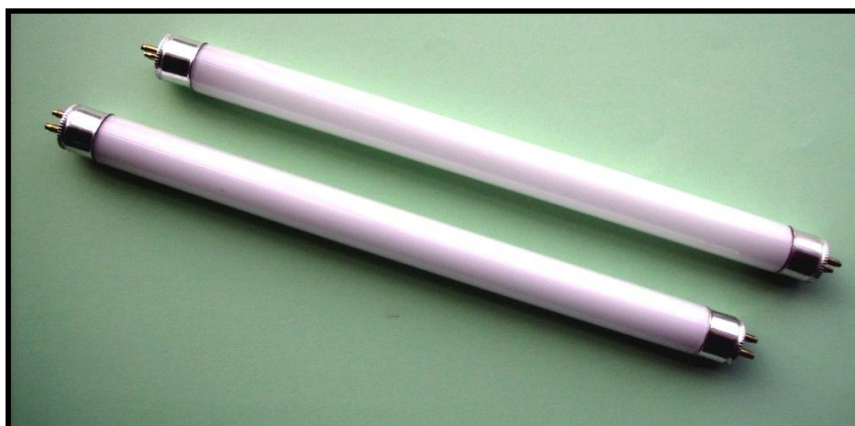
Field Day 2015 This Weekend!

Getting Ready!

Have you had noise when you tried to work on 6 meters? Do you have newer solid state ballasts for your glow lamps? Jeff, N5MNW found those to be the cause of RFI to the 6m band around Red Cross buildings this week. Instead of an inductor based ballast circuit, newer ballasts have solid state components in a kind of switching power supply. Naturally a noise source is formed when those lights are on.

We will likely try to ring battery powered, and non glow tube lamps to Field Day to ease the chances of working a good opening on 6meters.

If you plan to help out at the 6 meter/ 15 meter operating room or any of the other operations desks, and you have an incandescent desk lamp, (not a glow



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Periodic Events

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 June 6th at Bethany United Methodist Church:

Technician Class Licenses Processed

Anon. KG5HZC	Anon. KM4LEE	Jason F. Hughes KG5HZA
Marcus J. Ickes KG5HZG	Max M. J. Lesser KG5HZE	Anon. KG5HZD
Stephen E. Sheftall KG5HZF	Anon. KG5HZZ	Daniel K. Yantis KG5HYZ

General Class Licenses Processed

Michael D. Airhart KG5HZH	David N. Groves KG5CAQ	Barry A. Presley KF5YMF
Leonor White KF5YTZ		

Extra Class Licenses Processed

Gregory A. Dew AF5ZB	Dale L. Sadler KG5AUT
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Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Dave Anderton AE5XY	Larry Gunter WB5BEK	Jack Hendrickson K5JDH
Ted Iglehart KF5END	Joe Makeever W5HS	Tom Nevue W2MN

Next ARRL VE Test Sessions

July 11th - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Bldg. Room 203/204
August 8th - Austin Summerfest Convention @ Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12:30 PM

TNX ES 73 DE W5HS

Joe

5-16-15

The South Austin W5YI VE team heartily congratulates the following people who earned new or upgraded amateur radio licenses at our June 20th session:

Extra Class

Barry Presley KF5YMF Will Wasson KF5TGK

General Class

Kurt Young KD5OYP Janet McCracken (NEW)
Nathan Baldwin (NEW) Richard Davis KG5GAU
Molly Black (NEW)

Technician Class (NEW)

Kevin Long	David Weller
Barry Banks	Gospel Ibe
James McCaslin, Jr.	

Our administering volunteer examiners were:

Craig Bean, AC5KW	Gary Popp, AE5JR
Keith Watson N9TX	Wally Marusa K5WLY
Sam Mihalik KM5MY	

Our next two amateur radio exam sessions will start at
2 PM on July 18th and August 15th in
Fleck Hall, room 118 on the campus of St. Edward's University.
All sessions are walk-in and the exam fee is \$14 (cash or check).

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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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
146.880 107.2 PL Tone	Yes	General
146.940 107.2 PL Tone	No	Most popular, WX, Swapnet & Newsline
224.800	No	
444.100	No	
440.650 +5	No	70cm D-Star Repeater [W5KA]
146.780/+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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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 @ arri.net](mailto:ka5ost@arri.net)

Jay handles all changes for membership information .

W5KA Upgrade

By Stuart Rhore, K5KVH

An on and off project has completed stacking all replacement tower sections at W5KA, after the old tower was removed. Numerous rain delays pushed the completion of the tower conversion to June 20. Four 8 foot sections were raised in two hours with only a 3-5 person crew today.

The old tower was a hybrid, born of a freak wind storm in the 1970's. Unknown to most club members, who have called it a BX tower for years, it was not all BX. The bottom sections were partly a BX model, but the higher sections were less strong, AX model sections, now out of production. Weather had taken its toll, and it was realized that for safety, the old tower must be repainted in place, or replaced.

A phone rings and a generous offer is made to the club of an presently unused "BX" tower. Upon inspection of the tower site by Bob Morgan and Stuart Rohre, it was realized this tower was the same height and base footprint as the club tower at Red Cross. However, a valley had protected it against the most severe weathering as about half of its height was on the side of a hill below street level.

A tower climbing and take down crew was organized by Mark Esslinger, Travis Co. ARES EC. Two large beams were lowered from the gift tower as well as a rotator, and remains of a HF doublet. Then, section by section, the tower later found to be a heavier duty model HBX, was lowered and hauled from NW Austin to the Red Cross Chapter. The tower jobs had to await a Red Cross construction project, and touch up coating work, and finally, work started in the Spring on old tower take down and erection to follow on the new tower.

And then the rains came, and came, and came. At least 7 weekends were lost to either faulty weather forecasting or accurate forecasting of heavy rains. Finally, working around the weather patterns, with early bird days of tower take down, followed by early bird days of tower building, the crews were able to complete stages of tower progress.

Unrealized by the average ham, is that the club station utilized over a dozen antennas on the old tower, in addition to other tower antenna users. Thus, a major part of the project time was tower climbing by Bob Morgan, WB5AOH, aided by Stuart Rohre, K5KVH, as ground "crew", to take off antennas and feed lines and document them, before any tower sections could come down. Red Cross graciously provided room in their corral to "park" the towers and parts. Coating of the new tower to touch up its galvanizing consumed 3 day sessions, for coating and curing of coatings. Rik Chapman, K5RIK, assisted Stuart on a Marathon day of coating. Bob contributed designs and ideas to Stuart's desire to lower the antenna loading upon the club tower. A breakthrough was the realization, that a new mounting system for the antenna mast and rotator was needed. Retiring the old short mast, and lowering the rotator to a custom shelf designed by Bob Morgan, to transfer the center of mass, (load) to lower heavier duty sections of the tapered tower, was completed. Another wonderful discovery, was the HBX tower was designed to be free standing and unguyed. Ineffective guying designs from the 1970's were thus able to be replaced. The tower area at Red Cross will not have guys coming near sidewalks.

Ideas on weight saving have run the gamut from retiring unneeded antennas to designing a light weight splitter, to feed a VHF and a UHF antenna through ONE coaxial line instead of two.

The project was well along before research by Bob Morgan revealed the difference in the two



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towers, AX and BX, and even that the donated tower was a third type, the Heavy Duty HBX.

An interesting part of the story, is that on a busman's holiday for 9 Red Cross hams who had come from TN, New England, and a number of other states, took their day off the flood disaster to come help build the replacement HBX tower and learn more about tower raising safely.

Unlimited Thanks needs to go to Bob Morgan for the preliminary climbing on the old tower, and on the new. And, to Mark Esslinger for climbing on the new tower during its raising, assisted by Bob Morgan, and one of the best ground crews ever, who came together as a talented team to make all this happen. Thanks to Mark for teaching the safety ground handling school to both local hams and the visitors from out of state.

The project will continue as a series of antenna raisings. If you want to help let us know. Most work will be on weekends. ■

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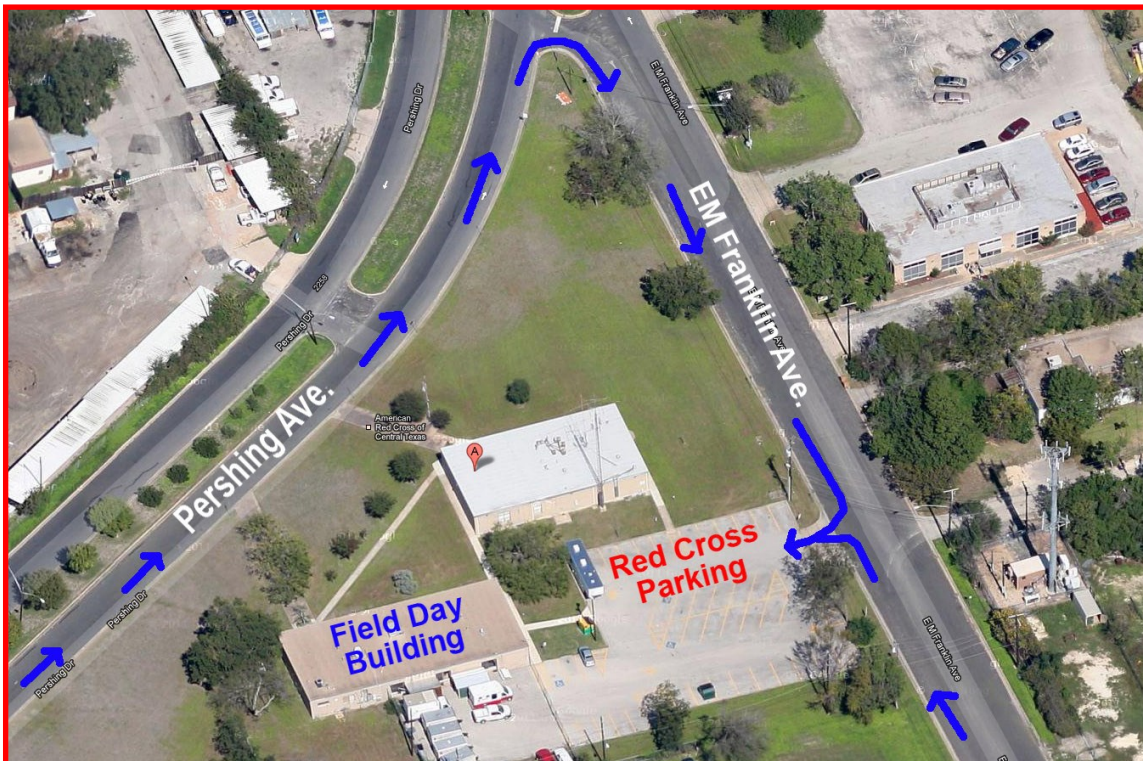
lamp) contact the station captains if you are willing to loan some non RFI prone lighting.

We will mute the hall lighting glow tubes during FD as well.

How do you test for glow tube ballast RFI? Simply identify the buzzing sounds on your 6m receiver with a simple rubber duck antenna by taking the receiver to different rooms. Turn off the overhead glow lamp switch, or other glow lamp switch, and the noise goes away. Turn it on and it comes back, and there you have your culprit.

Field Day Location

Field Day will be held at the American Red Cross Building 2218 Pershing Drive.



The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Form - DATE _____

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
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 Family member ARRL (at same address) - \$8ea x _____ =
 First time ARRL discount -\$15
 TEXAS HAMPAC (Political Action Committee (\$10 Max)) \$ _____
 Total Enclosed _____

Mail this form with payment to:
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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
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 Holding ARRL office Education Public Awareness Working w/Youth
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Membership Application

New Renew Previous Member Unlicensed
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 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Email _____
 Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Phone _____
 My Family Member is Joining or Renewing:
 Name _____ Call Sign _____
 Name _____ Call Sign _____
 Please Note My New Address!

Your Annual Membership Dues - Circle Your Choice/s.

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	
Regular	\$39	\$76	\$111	Monthly QST via standard mail for US members
Canada	\$49	\$93	\$132	Monthly QST via standard mail for Canadian members
Intl QST	\$62	\$118	\$167	Monthly QST via air mail for international members
Intl CD	\$39	\$76	\$111	Annual CD-ROM (QST, NCJ and QEX) for international members
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If you are 21 or younger a special rate may apply. Contact ARRL for more details. Additional membership options available online at www.arrl.org/join.

\$ _____ TOTAL

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AUSTIN SUMMERFEST 2015

Summerfest is approaching and you're invited!

**NEW!!! Online Registration
and Payment!**

**Broadband
Hamnet
Workshop!!**

**DOOR
PRIZES!!!**

And much more!

A word about our special guests...

The Texas VHF-FM Society is a group of several hundred radio amateurs with a special interest in the design and operation of VHF and UHF repeaters. The first meeting of The Society was held on August 8, 1965 on the picnic grounds of Zilker Park in Austin, Texas. Forty-five licensed hams were in attendance, including five XYLs. The Society now counts as members the licensees or technical custodians of nearly all the repeaters 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.

AUSTIN SUMMERFEST 2015

August 7 & 8, 2015

Crowne Plaza - Austin
6121 North IH-35
NE Corner of IH-35N & US 290E

Austin, Texas
78752

Our 32nd Anniversary!

Same hotel as
last year !!!

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 2015, the ARRL South Texas Section Convention. And as always, we also host the Summer Meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society.

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.

Prizes

Prizes Galore! You have a chance at a slew of them, including these Major Prizes:

- Grand prize is a **Yaesu FT-857D** HF/6M/2M/70CM compact all-mode transceiver.
- Our *Featured Prize* is a **Yaesu FT-7900R** 50W/45W 2M/70CM mobile transceiver.
- A special *Bonus Prize* is a **Yaesu FT-60R** 2M/70CM 5W heavy-duty handheld.



Bonus Prize,
Yaesu FT-60R

Furthermore, if you register in advance by mail you have a shot at still one more prize—another **Yaesu FT-60R!**

With your registration you get one ticket good for Saturday's door prizes and the Major Prizes, and you can buy more tickets at \$1 each. Plus, if you rent a room at the Crowne Plaza, you'll get five bonus tickets for each room-night, up to a total of ten tickets. (See next page for prize rules.)



Grand Prize,
Yaesu FT-857D



Featured Prize,
Yaesu FT-7900R

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. Opening times are for both sellers (for setup) and shoppers.
- Buyers and sellers must be registered at the convention.

We'll be holding a Tailgate swapfest on the east side of the Crowne Plaza 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.

Technical Sessions

- ARRL West Gulf Division Director **Dr. David Woolweaver K5RAV** conducts this year's **ARRL Forum**, with Vice Director **John Robert Stratton N5AUS**. This year's special guest speaker is **Bob Inderbitzen NQ1R**, manager for marketing at ARRL. Bob has been with ARRL since 1991 and he and his staff are responsible for ARRL membership and publication marketing. Bob collaborates with other staff, contributing to benefits, services and products enjoyed by all ARRL members.
- **FlexRadio Systems** will give us the latest information on Software Defined Radios.
- The **Roadrunners Microwave Group** hold their annual meeting and host a session on the latest topics on the "high end."
- **Frank Aguilar N5SSH**, South Texas Section Emergency Coordinator, hosts a session on **Emergency Communications**.
- The **Central Texas DX & Contest Club** will present **Jim George N3BB** covering The World Radiosport Team Championship and **Wayne Mills N7NG** speaking on recollections of DX'ing. There will be a CW Pileup competition on Friday evening and Saturday, with prizes to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
- Find out how to do "the mostest with the leastest" in our QRP workshop.
- **Troy Kimmel KE5BCK** along with other leading Austin meteorologists will conduct a program on the latest in forecasting technology and recent weather events in the central Texas area.

Driving Directions

The Crowne Plaza is at 6121 IH-35 North at US 290, Austin, TX, 78752. Phone (512)323-5466. Talk-in is on 146.34/94. Tone: 107.2Hz

Northbound on IH-35: Take Exit 238-A (RM 2222). Continue on the frontage road over US 290. Turn right into the west entrance of the Crowne Plaza parking lot.

Southbound on IH-35: Take Exit 238 B-A, marked East 290 Houston West 2222. As you go up the ramp, it splits. Bear right at the fork, taking the West 2222 ramp. As you get back down to ground level, stay in the left lane and take the U-turn under IH-35 to the northbound frontage road of IH-35. Get to the right side of the northbound frontage road as soon as possible and take the first right turn into the west entrance of the Crowne Plaza parking lot. If you miss the first turn into the lot, take the second one into the northmost end of the hotel parking lot and work your way back to the front of the hotel.

Westbound on US 290: Take the IH-35 North (Waco) exit. Shortly after the exit ramp, bear to the right; turn right into the south entrance of the Crowne Plaza parking lot. This turn comes up quick; if you overshoot, just follow the turn lane to the right onto the northbound frontage road and turn right into the west entrance of the Crowne Plaza parking lot.

Summerfest will be held in the hotel's convention center in the southeast side. The tailgate swapfest area will be made available Saturday morning in the parking lot section in the southeast corner of the hotel property.

Prize Rules

We'll award door prizes throughout the day Saturday, until noon. For these, you must claim your prize by 12:45 pm Saturday. We'll post your name/call or ticket number at the prize drawing table. Prize tickets are only valid for persons registered at the convention.

At 1:00, we begin drawings for our three Major Prizes.

For the Major 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.

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

On Saturday morning **Jeff Schmidt N5MNW** and **Ron Hambric N5SBN** have just what you need: **A Welcome and Information for New Hams**.

Amenities

Come on up to our hospitality suite. Room 505—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.

The Crowne Plaza will serve a special buffet lunch on Saturday priced at \$9.99.

Administration Matters

Exchange views with West Gulf Division Director **David Woolweaver K5RAV**, Vice Director **John Robert Stratton N5AUS**. 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

Sandy Talen hosts our crafts session. No prior experience required. Come for a short while or the whole session and take home a completed crafts project. Did we mention, no charge? Children are welcome, but an adult must be with the children to supervise and help.

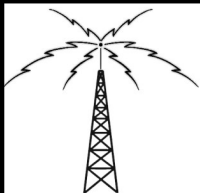
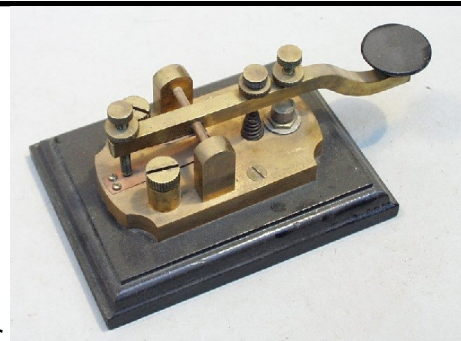
Silent Key

Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF (SK)

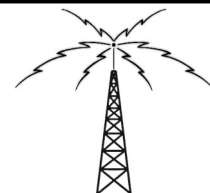
A well-known voice in the Amateur Radio news media has gone silent.

Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, of Santa Clarita, California, died June 11 following a period of ill health. He was 73. Pasternak was co-founder (with Jim Hendershot, WA6VQP) of Amateur Radio Newsline(tm) (formerly The Westlink Report) ham radio news webcast and a frequent presence at Amateur Radio conventions. Pasternak served as Newsline's managing editor and occasional newscaster for the program. Even while hospitalized earlier this year, he kept his ear to the ground for news from the Amateur Radio community, so he could pass it along to those who had taken over Newsline during his illness - discovered after he broke two ribs in a fall. ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director Brian Mileschosky, N5ZGT, got acquainted with Pasternak at the Albuquerque hamfest and in 1997 was named Newsline's "Young Ham of the Year" (YHOTY).

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Sharon, KD6EPW.



Over the WWWWaves...



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

I ran across this 'antenna' briefing and found it very informative. It could be a useful reference for us *new* hams.

Lots of information packed in a short .pdf.
Forwarded by Don Lewis KG5CID

http://www.cvarc.org/new-wp/download/technical/antenna_myths.pdf

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

Austin Amateur Radio Club General Meeting

June 2, 2015

Start time: 7:03 pm

Members in attendance: 55

Birthdays: Lew Thompson, W5IFQ

Visitors in attendance: Bob Jones, KG5HLO Wyatt Walker, KF5DTX Greg Walker
Thomas Kaschmieder Rodney Warner, KG5DWX Deborah Warner

New hams: none

New members: none

Upgrades: none

Call sign changes: none

Approval of minutes: approved as written in newsletter

Announcements

Past events:

* Maker Faire report from Jeff Schmidt, N5MNW

Upcoming events:

* June 12-13: HamCom in Irving, more info at austinhams.org

* June 27-28: Field Day at Red Cross

* July 4: Round Rock Parade, people needed for the float and for communications, more info on swapnet

General announcements:

* 2015 dues are due, see Jay Hoffman, KA5OST, or Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ

* T-shirts are available, see Lori Schmidt if interested

Officer reports

* president: none

* vice-president: none

* treasurer: none

* secretary: none

Other reports

* newsletter: Mitch London, KD5CV is not here; please send articles

* technical: Stuart Rohre, K5KVH: no reports of not working repeaters. If there is a problem with a repeater, go to www.austinhams.org and fill out the form. Roy Walker, WA5YZD, reported that they're one step closer to connecting SAMC.

* ARES: Mark Esslinger, W5MAE: nothing. JOIN ARES!

* BBHN: 4th Wednesday at 7pm at CATRAC

* AARC ladies: Lori Schmidt: need kitchen help for field day

Old business none

New business none

Ham of the month

Rodney Warner, KG5DWX

Door prizes

46: Mickey McInnis, WX5U, notebook

13: Paul Fenrich, KA5FZU, project board

34: Lynn Foster, Yaesu hat

Space weather

Lew Thompson

Meeting adjourned

7:34 pm

Presentation

Field day updates from Stuart Rohre and Jeff Schmidt

AARC New Meeting Location!

Baby A's near the Arboretum

Our next meeting is June 2nd 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 Past 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

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

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

August 4th—TBD (Tune in to the on air swapnet for latest on meeting topics)

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— July 11 & August 8th (Summerfest)
 See page 9 for test details.

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- July 18th & August 15th

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

Jul 4 Round Rock Parade Float & Comms
 Rochelle KA5HHZ RochelleKinter@gmail.com

Jul 18 Tidelands Hamfest

Doyle Convention Center, located at 2010 5th Ave. N. Texas City, TX Tidelands Amateur Radio Society
 Talk-in 147.14(+)/167.9 (B/U 442.025(+)/103.5)
<http://tidelands.org>

Jul 20- Aug 24- ARRL EC-001 Class

Monday Nights 6-10pm July 20 & 24, Aug 3, 10, 17, 24. Jester Annex on Old Settlers Blvd
 Jim K5KTF has setup a page to provide information and a sign up sheet for an ARRL EC-001 class
www.k5ktf.com/ec001/
 There is a book for the class, available online from the ARRL.
 It is \$24.95 and can be ordered here:
www.arrl.org/shop/Introduction-to-Emergency-Communication-Course/

Jul 23-26 49th Annual Central States VHF Society Conference

Denver Marriott Westminster Denver, Colorado
 Sponsor- Rocky Mountain Ham Radio.
 Proceedings and Speakers chair: John Maxwell, W0VG
w0vg@arrl.net
 Conference schedule: <http://2015.csvhfs.org/conference-schedule/>
<http://www.csvhfs.org>

Jul 24-25 OK Ham Holiday Oklahoma Section Convention Bricktown Hotel/Conference Center, I-40 & Martin Luther King Ave., Oklahoma City Talk In: 146.82MHz(-) 151.4Hz <http://hamholiday.com/>

Upcoming Meetings...

July	Aug	Austin Meetings/Happenings	Time	Address
7	4	AARC Meeting Waterloo Ice House	7:00 p.m.	8600 Burnet Rd.
		QCWA Tres Amigos	1:30 p.m.	7535 U.S. 290
22	26	Digital Wednesday at CATRAC	7:00 p.m.	4100 Ed Bluestein Blvd.
25	22	Travis Co. REACT Jim's 183 & Burnet	7:30 p.m.	9091 Research Blvd.
28	25	Travis County A.R.E.S. Pickle Research Ctr	7:00 p.m.	10000 Burnet Rd.
23	27	CERT Meeting, CTECC	6:30 p.m.	5010 Old Manor Rd.
28	25	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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