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Supporting Hurricane Disasters

by Rodney Baden, K5YKC

Jerry Garrett K5JLG, Deputy Fire Marshal with Denton County Emergency Services, will present Denton County's response to Hurricane Ike at our January 28th Club meeting. He will focus on Amateur Radio's role in their response and the private-government partnership with the county.

Denton County Emergency Services includes the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Management and Fire Marshal's Office.

Four employees and two vehicles were part of Task Force Ike and Strike Force Orange. They spent 12 days providing emergency communications and command support. Denton County had three volunteer ham operators accompany the deployment.

Cities within the county also sent a large contingency of fire fighters, paramedics, trucks and specialty equipment for search and recovery operations.



President's Corner

by John Chamberlain, AC5CV

Happy New Year!

Here we go!! Off and running with a new year of fun with the best hobby in the world! I am honored to serve as your President this year, along with great Officers and Directors! 2009 ended on a wonderful note with the excellent turnout for the HOTARC Christmas luncheon. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with family, food—and lots of football! ☺

As we start off with a new year, we have several things on [our calendar](#) right off the bat, so “hold on to your hats,” and please save these dates in your appointment book:

- The McLennan County Skywarn training: **Saturday, February 6**
- The Baylor Bearathon special event: **Saturday, March 20**
- The Komen Race for the Cure special event: **Saturday, April 24**

Of course, these events are all meant to direct our energies to preparedness for real emergencies. To that end, don't forget the [weekly ARES training net](#). And our guest speaker this month should also get us into the right mood for the 2010 storm season! See you at the meeting!



John AC5CV

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HOTARC President

For the Record...

HOTARC Meeting of Members December 3, 2009

HOTARC's December Meeting was called to order by Rodney Baden K5YKC Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 7:01 pm at the Kultgen Automotive Center of the TSTC Waco campus. Chaplain Dell Bredemeyer KE5MZS opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present were 14 full members, 1 associate member and 2 guests. Guests were Stewart Carroll and Jay McPhail KD0JHC.

A motion to approve the Minutes for the October meeting as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from John Hulbert KE5DFM, with second by Jim Judd KA5QKL. The motion was approved by the members.

A motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from Jim Judd KA5QKL with second by Mike Ross N5MVL. The motion was approved by the members.

Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** K5YKC reported that Ed Hynan KC5KNI needs some net control help for the coming year.
- **Trailer:** No News
- **Repeater:** K5YKC reported that the new 440 repeater is working well.
- **D-Star:** No News
- **Web page:** John Chamberlain AC5CV reported that everything is running well.
- **ATV:** David Bush KC5UOZ reported that the power supply is still having issues.
- **Education:** No News
- **Public Relations:** No News
- **Special Events:** KA5QKL reported that the Bearathon will be coming up on March 20, 2010. Volunteers will be needed.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Scott Schafer KD5MLY, with second by KA5QKL to spend \$25 more for door prizes.
- A motion was made by N5MVL, with second by Scott Hamilton K5ZOH to spend \$117.55 for a power strip.
- A motion was made by Paul Holroyd KE5MZF, with second by AC5CV to spend \$44 for our PO Box renewal.

New Business

- A motion was made by AC5CV with second by KA5QKL to accept the application for Jay McPhail KD0JHC. The motion was approved by the members.
- AC5CV made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$100 for some new chairs for the trailer with second by Clint Anderson AE5CA. The motion was approved by the members.

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report, Nov-Dec 2009

Beginning Account Balance \$ 5,490.06

Income

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| WWWC donation | \$ 500.00 |
| Dues | 240.00 |
| Interest | <u>0.46</u> |
| TOTAL Income | \$ 740.46 |

Expenses

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 yr P.O. Box rent | \$ 44.00 |
| Christmas Luncheon door prizes | 75.00 |
| Field Day gasoline | 29.00 |
| 440-repeater power strip | <u>\$ 169.95</u> |
| TOTAL Expenses | \$ 265.55 |

Ending Account Balance \$ 5,964.97

Uncleared activity (as of 1/24/2010)

Debits: none

Credits: Dues \$45.00

Amount in account: \$6,009.97

(includes Flower Fund: \$102.99)

Submitted by
Norris Martin, KB5SLI
HOTARC Treasurer

- K5YKC opened the floor for further nominations for each position. Hearing none, nominations were closed following a motion from KE5MZF and second from KD5MLY, and a unanimous vote by the members present. Seeing only one nominee for each open position, the Secretary was directed to cast a vote for the single nominees, following which the candidate was declared the winner.
- Our elected Officers and Directors are as follows:
 - **President:** John Chamberlain AC5CV
 - **Vice-President:** Rodney Baden K5YKC
 - **Secretary:** Jeremy Neal KE5PRG
 - **Treasurer:** Norris Martin KB5SLI
 - **Director (expiring 2012):** Clint Anderson AE5CA
 The Past-President and remaining Directors positions will remain the same.



Motion to adjourn was recognized from AC5CV at approximately 8:00pm.

Submitted by:
Jeremy Neal KE5PRG
HOTARC Secretary

Severe Weather Season 2010

by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

Bakers Dozen Weather Net activation procedures remain the same as last year. National Weather service will request spotter activation when observed or potential severe weather threatens the area. The net is automatically activated any time a severe thunderstorm or a tornado warning is issued for McLennan County. As the storm season nears, please be aware of conditions that could lead to net activation. Monitor local television, radio, and the National Weather Service Weather Radio for potential severe events. The net will be activated from the Waco-McLennan County EOC or by one of the ARES Net Control Stations until the EOC can be opened.



Things can happen fast when spotting. Since activation is the result of a warning, **reports should relate directly to the type of warning issued.** For severe thunderstorms, winds of more than 50 mph and any size hail (using coins for size) should be reported with exact location and time of occurrence. **Please note that the size of hail for a thunderstorm to be considered SEVERE has been changed from ¾ inch to 1 inch.** Please continue to report all occurrences of hail when spotting for the Bakers Dozen. This gives us an indication of which cells are producing hail and could be an indicator of larger hail to come. For tornados, wall clouds, wall clouds with rotation, funnel clouds, and tornados on the ground, insure that time of occurrence are reported immediately. In the case of an actual tornado on the ground, direction and speed of movement are needed. Report any visible damage and/or injuries associated with either type of storm. All other weather related reports should be held until requested by net control.



SKYWARN 2010 will be held on 6 Feb 2010 at the new [McLennan Community College Emergency Services Building](#) on Steinbeck Bend Road (click link for map) As you head to the Waco Regional Airport from Waco, instead of heading north on Karl May Drive (past the skeet range towards the terminal), continue southwest on Steinbeck Bend. Basic SKYWARN will start at 0900 – coffee and donuts available from 0830 – and run until about noon. The Advanced Class will start about 1300 and should be done by 1530. All Bakers Dozen Weather Net Storm Spotters should attend a SKYWARN session at least every other year. We had 25+

in attendance last year.

Good training and continued excellent spotter participation should see us through the severe weather season.

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2010 Board of Directors

Back: KD5SMC, KC5KNI, KC5NT, AE5CA
 Front: AC5CV, K5YKC, KE5PRG, KB5SLI

Club Repeaters

145.15 MHz (input at -600 kHz, tone 123 Hz)
 146.98 MHz (input at -600 kHz, D-Star)
 442.875 MHz (input at +5.0 MHz, tone 123 Hz)
 ATV: 421.25MHz (Cable 57), input 439.25 MHz (Cable 60)

VE Testing

Next session is scheduled for **Saturday February 20, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Location:** Baylor's [Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Bldg](#) (#70 on the map), Room 109. **Bring: 1)** testing fee of \$15 (cash only); **2)** a photo ID (two for first-time licensees); and for already licensed amateurs: **3)** current license *and photocopy of it*; and **4)** photocopy of any relevant CSCE. **Contact:** Linda Hynan, AC5QQ at 666-4873 or Linda.Hynan@UTSouthwestern.edu.

Meeting Notice

The next Meeting of HOTARC Members will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday January 28 in the [Kultgen Automotive Center](#) of the TSTC Waco Campus. Visiting hams, family members, and prospective hams are welcomed!

Storm Spotter Training at SKYWARN 2010: February 6

(See inside for more details.)

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