



The **HOTLINE**

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It's Annual Meeting Time: 2009 Elections

by Terry Williams KD5KJU

I hope everybody has had very happy and safe Thanksgiving. As chairman of the Nominating Committee I am happy to report that this was an easy year to get a slate of officers. Everybody that was currently holding office agreed to stay for the next year. So, your slate of officer nominees for 2009 will be as follows:

- President.....Rodney Baden, K5YKC
- Vice PresidentTerry Williams, KD5KJU
- TreasurerNorris Martin, KB5SLI
- SecretaryJeremy Neal, KE5PRG
- Director (2011).....Ed Middlebrook, KC5NT

I would also like to say a big thank you to Mark AC5DE and Jim KA5QKL for serving on the Nominating Committee with me. It's one of those jobs that someone must step up to do, and they did a great job of getting things together. Kudos to them.

Thanks to all,
Terry KD5KJU



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President's Corner

by Rodney Baden, K5YKC

Well, 2008 has been a momentous year. We all have accomplished a lot for our community and HOTARC. We have worked, with everybody pulling together, and that is important. Adding new members, having radio classes, helping each other learn, and plain good old fun has been the norm his year. I would like to thank everyone for their stick-to-it attitude and getting the "JOB" done.

The Annual Meeting this month is very important because we will elect the officers that will carry on the Club's work in 2009. We'll also discuss dues for 2009—technically, it's due January 1. The Directors will make a recommendation setting the amount for 2009. We hope to see all of you that can attend. Please come and join us. We need you.

Finally, we are going to have our annual Christmas Luncheon at the *Summer Palace* on Valley Mills Drive. Please check the website for time and address. There will be door prizes, lots of good food, and fellowship. Members and their families are very welcome. Please come and join us.

Finally, let me wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

Rodney Baden, K5YKC
HOTARC President



Rodney, K5YKC

For the Record...

HOTARC Meeting of Members October 23, 2008

HOTARC's October Meeting was called to order by Rodney Baden K5YKC on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:07 pm at the Kultgen Automotive Center of the TSTC Waco campus. James Jud KA5QKL, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present were nineteen full members, 3 family members and 2 visitors. Our visitors were Glenn Yerger KD5BCM of Northcrest and Mitchell Plough KE5VME of China Spring.

A motion to approve the Minutes for the September meeting as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from James Jud KA5QKL, with second by Ed Middlebrook KC5NT. The motion was approved by the members.

A motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from Jerry Tollison KD5JML, with second by KA5QKL, and approved by the members.

Committee Reports

- **ARES:** No News
- **Trailer:** Mike Ross N5MVL reported that a dual fuel generator may not be the way to go and that Honda's 2 cylinder water cooled generators looked very nice. The two models of interest are the EV4010 and EV6010.
- **Repeater:** Norris Martin KB5SLI reported that the W5ZDN call has been renewed until October 2018 and that we have relinquished the 146.88 frequency.
- **D-Star:** No News
- **Web page:** No News
- **ATV:** No News
- **Education:** No News
- **Public Relations:** No news
- **Special Events:** No News

Announcements

- The *Alta Vista Texas Night Out* is scheduled for October 7th.

New Business

- **New Members:** A new member application was received from Glenn Yerger KD5BCM. A motion to accept was made by KC5NT with second by Bill Cox W5JRM. The motion was approved by the members.

Motion to adjourn was recognized from Mark Plough AC5DE at approximately 7:59 pm.

Tonight was "HOMEBREW" night and we saw interesting projects from David Bush KC5UOZ and Rusty Keyes AD5JY.

Submitted by:
Jeremy Neal KE5PRG
HOTARC Secretary

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report, October 2008	
Beginning Account Balance	\$ 4,716.05
Income	
HamComm website banner	\$ 25.00
Interest	<u>0.95</u>
TOTAL Income	\$ 25.95
Expenses	
HOTARC trailer tires	\$ 220.00
P.O. Box rent (1 year)	42.00
Vanity Callsign application fee	<u>12.30</u>
TOTAL Expenses	\$ 274.30
Ending Account Balance	\$ 4,467.70
Outstanding (as of 11-30-2008)	
<i>Credits:</i> Flower fund donations, \$160.00; 2009 Dues, \$30.00	
<i>Debits:</i> Flowers for W5TAH, \$92.01	
<i>Actual cash on hand:</i> \$4,565.69	
Submitted by Norris Martin, KB5SLI HOTARC Treasurer	



David Bush KD5UOZ



Rusty Keyes AD5JY

Request for ARES Net Control Station Volunteers—HELP!

by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

With so many new Club members, it is time to get some new folks joining in the fun of being a Net Control (NC) for the weekly training net. So far, I got responses from Mark AC5DE and Jim KA5QKL. Thanks schedule. How about the rest of you? The only response I got from last year's NCs was from the rest of the current NCs? Can I count on you again for another year? Please let me know

The ARES/Bakers Dozen Training Net is held each Monday night at 8 PM on the 145.15 Repeater. If you would like the opportunity to serve as a weekly Net Control please let me know via e-mail: KC5KNI@arrl.net. You can let me know if there are any Mondays that would not be convenient (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and/or 5th).

For those who would like to volunteer, I will add you to the 2009 schedule and provide you with a copy of the preamble, log sheet, and the ARES/Bakers Dozen Training Net Operating Instruction. If you want to participate, **please let me know by 10 December 2008**. I request that you respond via e-mail since I can not be at the Annual Meeting—a little something called *ROTC Parents Night* at school! And again, I also need to hear from the 2008 Net Control operators, to let me know if they would like to continue to serve. This is what amateur radio is all about: preparation for emergency service.

If we have additional volunteers, each NC would be scheduled to call the net no more than 6 times a year. Please let me hear from you.



HOTARC Christmas Luncheon

by John Chamberlain, AC5CV

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the annual HOTARC Christmas Luncheon. This year we have arranged to meet together at noon on **Saturday December 13** at the [Summer Palace](#) in Waco, at the corner of Valley Mills Drive and Bosque Blvd.

This is a simple Dutch treat* gathering for some pleasant fellowship, and a few simple door prizes to make it fun. The Summer Palace has a wide assortment of hot, tasty food served buffet-style, both Oriental and American entrées, salads, and desserts, so there's no reason to go away hungry. Make plans now to attend—you and all your "significant others!"

*Everybody pays for their own meal.



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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 December 20, 2008 10:00 AM. **Location:** Baylor's [Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Bldg](#) (#70 on the map), Room 109. **Bring:** **1)** testing fee of \$14 (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 Annual Meeting of HOTARC will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday December 4, 2008 in the [Kultgen Automotive Center](#) of the TSTC Waco Campus. Visiting hams, family members, and prospective hams are welcomed!

Annual Meeting: Electing 2009 Officers

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