

# The **HOTLINE**

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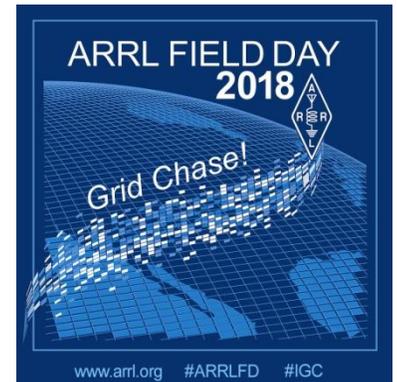
## **Field Day 2018 Is Coming!**

*Clint Anderson, AE5CA*  
*HOTARC Past President*

**Ham Radio Field Day is June 23 and 24.** For our Club meeting program this month, we will be organizing our preparations for the 2018 Field Day. There is a lot to work for a successful Field Day and most of that work happens well before Field Day. Personally I started preparing a month ago. I hope you will come to the meeting on Thursday and find a place to serve to help make our 2018 Field Day the best one yet!

Some Amateurs say Field Day weekend is the most fun of the entire year! Others look forward to visiting with folks they don't see any other time. For me personally, it is a time to combine enjoyment and knowledge. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs will gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations in this annual summer event that is both educational and operational, and also a public relations. At the end of the weekend, it really is ALL about FUN!

The official objective is "To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands), and to learn to operate in abnormal situations, in less than optimal conditions." Many amateurs treat it as a contest, while others see it as an opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. HOTARC also Field Day as an opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio's



abilities to the organizations that we might serve in an emergency, such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Waco/McLennan County Emergency Services, government representatives, and even the general public.



HOTARC will set up our equipment at **Hewitt Park starting about 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 23rd**, officially be "on the air" at 1 p.m., and operate continuously **until 1 p.m. Sunday**. If you would like to be part of the fun, come on over any time between

those hours—and bring your friends! Anyone can talk on the radios or, if you are just a bit shy, you can still have a good time talking with other amateurs.

## **For the Record**

### **HOTARC Meeting of Members** **March 22, 2018**

Past President Clint Anderson, AE5CA called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the W5NCD Workshop Meeting Room.

Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW opened the meeting with a prayer.

15 members were present. Two visitors were also present: Brad Hyde W5BK and James Malinak KG5YQS.

Barbara Leutwyler, KG5YQW application for full membership was accepted to the Club; Ed Hynan moved for accepting into the club, seconded by Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW and approved unanimously by the members.

Clint Anderson, AE5CA reviewed the status of Bearathon support by HOTARC and discussed some options in case there was not enough volunteers to be assigned to all water stations. More details were provided during the Program after the meeting.

**Last Meeting Minutes.** A motion to accept the Minutes of the February 2018 as published in the HOTLINE was made by Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS; seconded by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's report.** Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS moved to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Dwan Needham KE5JWY and was approved by the membership.

## Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** Ed Hynan, KC5KNI reported that four members have access to the Emergency Operations Center and that more members are needed in case of an emergency. To get access requires a background check. If you are interested in being a member of ARES and participate in EOC support activities, contact Ed at KC5KNI@arrl.net or 254-722-4578.
- **Trailer Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA indicated that there were three good work days for trailer repairs. Dave Bush KC5UOZ provided a report on recent repairs and current trailer status and a few recommendations for improvements. Discussion regarding painting the trailer and signage was tabled for a later discussion. April 14 was selected for the next work day for continuing trailer repairs.
- **Repeater Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA reported that repeaters are working.
- **Broadband Hamnet:** No change in the current status.
- **Website:** John Chamberlain, AC5JC reported the website working fine.
- **ATV:** No change in status.
- **Education Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA reported a recent class concluded with seven students that also passed their tests.
- **Public Relations:** Dwan Needham, KE5JWY reviewed the announcement prepared for distribution to the community about the Field Day event. T-shirts will be made for the event; Custom Creations has provided costs and can meet HOTARC needs. Name badges will also be made for all club members. Several options were reviewed however the laminated business card option represented by Clint Anderson's AE5CA personal badge was chosen. Dan Hapenny AG5HF will manufacture these for the membership.
- **Special Events:** Field Day is the next club event.

## New Business

- **Trailer License Registration.** Norris Martin KB5SLI requested approval to pay both trailers at one time.

## The Treasurer Reports...

### Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report, March 2018

<b>Starting Balance</b>		\$10,951.31
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	225.00	
Interest	0.08	
<b>Total Income</b>		\$255.08
<b>Expenses</b>		
Education Committee	(52.32)	
Trailer Repair	(123.34)	
PayPal	(5.43)	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		(\$181.09)
<b>Ending Balance</b>		\$11,025.30
<b>Uncleared activity:</b>		
PayPal	(2.66)	
Skywarn refreshments	(17.20)	
Trailer Registration	(122.50)	
Dues	30.00	
Flower fund	50.00	
<b>Amount in acct. as of</b>	4/16/2018	<b>\$10,962.94</b>
<b>Includes Flower Fund:</b>	\$215.26	

**Submitted by  
Norris Martin, KB5SLI  
HOTARC Treasurer**

This was moved by Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW; seconded by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI and passed unanimously.

- **Vinyl Wrap Trailer.** Keith Adams, KG5AWC recommended the club vinyl wrap the trailer. John Chamberlain AC5JC moved that the club vinyl wrap the trailer spending up to \$3000; Seconded by Mike Needham WB7SKK. After much discussion the motion was approved by the membership.

## Meeting Adjournment

Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW moved for adjournment. Clint Anderson, AE5CA adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by  
Dan Hapenny, AG5HF  
Secretary

## ARES Update

by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI  
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

ARES is alive and well. We currently have 25 active members. If you provided an update and didn't get your card, let me know and I will get it to you. I usually have undelivered cards at the monthly meetings to pass out (to save on postage).

Remember, access for all our local disaster response is being **handled through the Waco-McLennan County Emergency Management volunteer program**. If you want to work disaster response, you will need to contact Frank Patterson at Emergency Management to schedule your background check and fingerprinting. You will also need to provide Frank documentation of required training. The basic training requirements are the same as have been required by ARES for involvement in actual disaster response, but are now managed by Emergency Management. We have made progress in that the *Monday Net Controls* will now have access to the EOC. But, as I have said before: **Don't wait until the disaster happens to apply. You will be too late.**



As I look over the names of the current ARES members, I see members of HOTARC that are not ARES members. I can't understand why every member of HOTARC is not a member of ARES. The price is right: **FREE!** All that is required is a valid ham license and a willingness to help. If requested to assist in an event or emergency situation, participation is still voluntary. If you feel that you don't have the time and/or membership conflicts with the job, remember we may face a situation where your job is affected by the emergency and/or things that routinely occupy your time may in fact be cancelled! The ARES application has several options for availability: 24/7, nights & weekends, and general. You can pick the one that best suits your schedule.

A real emergency is going to take all the resources that we have, and after the event happens is not the time to join ARES. **Remember those wanting to work disaster response must have completed four of the FREE FEMA courses** (see links on the [HOTARC web site](#)):

- **National Incident Management System (NIMS): IS-700**
- **Incident Command System (ICS): IS-100 and IS-200**
- **The National Response Plan (NRP): IS-800**

**Current Net Controls are considered major players for disaster response and especially need the courses.**

Without these basic courses you will not qualify for access to secure and/or restricted locations—again, now managed by our County Emergency Management. Our support will most likely be needed in the Emergency Operations Centers, Incident Command Posts, Police or Fire facilities, and hospitals just to name a few. If you are not a member, go to [hotarc.org/ares](http://hotarc.org/ares) click the *ARES Application* link, fill out the application, send it in, and **become a registered ARES member!** I also have applications at all club meetings. Links to the FEMA Courses are also contained on the HOTARC web site.

Remember, it is not *IF* it will happen, but *WHEN* it will occur. It is better to be a small part of the solution rather than a big part of the problem. Get involved! You'll be glad you did.

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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)

## VE Testing

The HOTARC VEs will NOT conduct a test session in April or May...maybe in June, at which time test takers will need to provide **1)** testing fee of **\$15** (cash only); **2)** a **photo ID** (two for first-time licensees). Additionally, already licensed amateurs also must provide: **3)** [Reference copy](#) or **photocopy** of current license; and **4)** **photocopy** of any relevant CSCE. **Contact:** Linda Hynan, AC5QQ at 254-666-4873 or [Linda.Hynan@UTSouthwestern.edu](mailto:Linda.Hynan@UTSouthwestern.edu).

## Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its *Annual Meeting of Members* at 7:00 pm on Thursday April 26 at the [W5NCD Workshop, 12772 Chapel Rd in Lorena](#). Meetings generally last about 75 minutes consisting of fellowship, general Club business, and an interesting program and discussions. Visiting hams, family members, and prospective hams are welcomed!

**Field Day 2018 is coming!**  
**Mark your calendars!**

## June 2018

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