



The **HOTLINE**

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From the President

WOW, I can't believe that it's April already—and it's almost over! Is everyone ready for Field Day?

I do want to take this opportunity to say CONGRATULATIONS to all that passed their test at our Ham class testing in March, and we hope to see you all at our April meeting.

I must confess that this is probably going to be the shortest letter I've ever written, but I'm really late in getting this to our webmaster John Chamberlain and I fear I'm going to get my fingers slapped for being so late.

Confession time, John, I know you asked for details on the program for this meeting, but alas I don't know what we are doing! Talk about True Confessions!

My prayer for everyone is that you all have a Blessed Easter and let us all rejoice that Jesus has risen.

HAPPY EASTER AND I'LL SEE YOU Thursday

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Dwan Needham, KE5JWY
HOTARC President



For the Record

HOTARC Meeting of Members March 28, 2019

President Dwan Needham KE5JWY called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the W5NCD Workshop Meeting Room.

The President led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW gave an invocation.

19 members were present. 4 visitors were also present: Ken Ezzell KI5DNJ, Renee Ezzell, Don Daze N5DD and Dane ?

Previous Meeting Minutes. A motion to accept the Minutes from February 2019 published in the HOTLINE as corrected was made by Mark Plough AC5DE; seconded by Jim Jud KA5QKL and unanimously approved. Corrected spelling of Ezzell.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurers Report for February 2019 as published in the HOTLINE was filed.

Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** None.
- **Trailer Committee:** Trailer needs to be tested before Field Day. Mike Needham WB7SKK and Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS will do this.
- **Repeater Committee:** The Club repeaters are all working.
- **Web Committee:** Web site is working.
- **ATV:** No change.
- **Education Committee:** A Technician class is being held on 3-30-2019 beginning at 8:00am. A test session is scheduled for 3:00pm.
- **Public Relations:** No report.
- **Special Events:** The Bearathon last weekend was successful. Upcoming events are: Field Day June 22nd and 23rd, Waco Wild West 100 bike race September 21. Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy these events with us. Ken Ezzell volunteered to coordinate food and drinks for Field Day.

Unfinished Business

President Dwan Needham KE5JWY would still like suggestions for future programs.

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report: March 2019	
Starting Balance Mar 1	\$ 8,716.28
Income	
Interest	\$ 0.07
Dues	\$ 300.00
Total Income	\$ 300.07
Expenses	
PayPal fees	\$ (8.94)
Total Expenses	\$ (8.94)
Ending balance Mar 30	\$ 9,007.41
Uncleared activity (as of 4/21)	
Interest	\$ 0.08
Dues	\$ 120.00
WWW100 Donation	\$ 1,000.00
PayPal fees	\$ (3.51)
SKYWARN	\$ (30.98)
Insurance	\$ (300.00)
Trailer registrations	\$ (122.50)
Amount in Acct (as of 4/21)	\$ 9,670.50
includes Flower Fund	\$ 66.35
Submitted by John Chamberlain, AC5JC HOTARC Treasurer	

New Business

- Robert Scott KC5PRG donated a MFJ269 to the Club. Clint Anderson AE5CA moved that this item be set aside for use with the club trailer and use of the members, Mark Plough AC5DE seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS moved to accept the application of Ken Ezzell KI5DNJ for full membership in the club, John Chamberlain AC5JC seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjournment: Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW moved for adjournment. President Dwan Needham, KE5JWY adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

After the meeting a presentation about the Emergency radio system (BMERS) for resilient communication services to medical facilities during disaster-related infrastructure loss. was given by Jim Jud KA5QKL and Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW.

Submitted by
Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS
HOTARC Secretary

Who Are You?

by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

A major disaster has occurred and communications are disrupted. You pack your equipment and drive to the scene of the incident, only to be turned away for lack of *identification*. The ARES ID Card provided to all registered ARES members is the first step in the process. Local emergency personnel have been briefed on the capabilities of ARES and are aware that all registered members have been provided ID Cards. Know where your ID Card is—keep it with you or in your vehicle. The card is valid with your signature on the reverse. You may be asked to show additional ID to verify who you are. This card documents your amateur status and your willingness to help. You may add your photograph and laminate the card if you desire.



The second step in disaster response requires *registration* with Waco-McLennan County Emergency Management. The Waco/McLennan County volunteer program has been revamped and formalized. Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) is ongoing again. CERT has many avenues in which to participate. CERT Teams, Fire Corps, Medical Corps and, in our case, Emergency Communications Teams are some of the avenues that need volunteers. Requirements to get involved are basically the same as the training required by ARES for disaster response with a few additional requirements. There are benefits of being an official Waco/McLennan County volunteer. Contact Waco-McLennan County Emergency Management for more details, at **254-750-5911**.

If you are not a member of McLennan County ARES, you can find an application on the HOTARC web site: hotarc.org/ares. Follow the directions for completing the application and returning it to me. The time to join ARES is **before** a major event occurs, **not after** the fact. Should an event occur, all efforts would be directed to assisting wherever ARES can help. Processing new requests for membership will have to wait until the situation has returned to normal.

Hamvention Opening Gates to All on Final Day of 2019 Show

From [ARRL News 4/16/2019](#)

Hamvention® has announced that it will open the gates to **all, without charge**, on the final day of the annual gathering at Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio. Hamvention 2019 General Chair Jack Gerbs, WB8SCT, said the idea is to encourage the curious to see what attracts some 30,000 visitors to Hamvention each spring.

“We have decided to open the doors to Hamvention to the public on Sunday, May 19, without buying a ticket,” Gerbs said. “This will make it a little easier and cheaper for someone with just a little interest in Hamvention to see what all the excitement is about.”

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In addition to the features and equipment that attract radio amateurs, non-ham visitors will get to see vendors selling a variety of other electronic equipment, including computers and accessories, security devices, networking supplies, tools and other items of interest to the general public. Those visiting the flea market area may be surprised at what’s available, often at a small fraction of its original cost.

Gerbs pointed out that Sunday is Hamvention’s lightest traffic day, making it convenient for anyone who just wants check out what’s there. Many vendors offer last-minute specials on a variety of items. The many food trucks offer a wide selection of menus, providing attendees with an opening to make Hamvention 2019 a family outing.

Hamvention 2019 starts Friday, May 17, and wraps up Sunday May 19. Hamvention will be open on Friday and Saturday, the gates will be open from 9 AM until 5 PM, and on Sunday from 9 AM until 1 PM. While some parking will be available at the Fairgrounds, much of it is weather dependent. Visitors are urged to use one of the remote lots with free shuttles. Visit hamvention.org for information and details.



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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 are NOT scheduled to offer a test session during May. **Stay tuned for June** testing plans, and possibly earn your license in time for Field Day! Test takers will need to provide **1)** testing fee of \$15 (cash only), and **2)** a photo ID (two for first-time licensees). Already licensed amateurs must also 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.

Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its monthly *Meeting of Members* at 7:00 PM on Thursday April 25 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!

**Springtime is a great time for
amateur radio preparedness!**

