



The **HOTLINE**

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President's Corner

It's that time once again. I welcome everyone to the August meeting of the Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club. We just finished up Field Day 2017 and now we are getting ready for two more events.

On September 30 is the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and HOTARC is ready to support the cause by providing communications for the event. This year's course is simple staying mainly on University Parks. Volunteers can expect to be onsite for about three hours.

The next event is the Waco Wild West 100 Bike Tour. This is a good time to put our skills and equipment to the test. For this race we put our APRS trackers to good use. Now is the time to pull them out and make sure they still work. Clint will be setting up the configuration for this year, so get with him to get your tracker ready.

I would encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the nice, if a bit warm, weekend and help provide communications for these events. I look forward to seeing each of you this meeting.

Live Long and Prosper,

Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU
HOTARC President



For the Record

HOTARC Meeting of Members July 27, 2017

Vice President Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. in the W5NCD Workshop Meeting Room.

Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW also opened the meeting with a prayer.

13 members and 3 visitors present: Kristy Huston, Timothy Huston, and Sam Huston.

Meeting Minutes. A motion to accept the Minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting by Larry Ed Hynan, KC5KNI and seconded by Arthur Brown, K5RMI, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report. Norris Martin, KB5SLI reviewed expenses with the members. Dwan Needham, KE5JWY made the motion to accept the Treasurers Report and seconded by Clint Anderson, AE5CA. Report accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** Ed Hynan, KC5NI reported that we are in the process of verifying the ARES information. Once verified new ID cards will be issued. If you are interested in being a member of ARES, contact Ed at KC5KNI@arrl.net or 254-722-4578.

James Jud, KA5QKL reported that the Hospital Net is in the process changing to a new organization and the new Director is interested in using the similar structure of the current system.

- **Trailer Committee:** Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW inquired about problems associated with use of the trailer during Field Day. Clint Anderson, AE5CA reported VSWR measurements on a couple cable runs to antennas were an issue. Bill volunteered Clint to send an email to the committee to conduct a “fix the antenna party” to resolve the problem.
- **Repeater Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA reported that
 - **Voice Repeaters** are working
 - **D-Star Repeater** is working but the gateway is suspect
 - **BBHM:** couple of nodes up and running.
- **Website:** Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW reported that website is working fine.
- **ATV:** David Bush, KC5UOZ indicated work has been accomplished but still under construction.
- **Education Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA reported that a small group did testing and did well. James Jud, KA5QKL mentioned that the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) might be sending technicians for training/testing in the future.
- **Public Relations:** Dwan Needham, KE5JWY reported satisfactory Field Day attendance and reviewed some lessons learned that will guide next year’s methodology and strategy. Social media is a tool to be used next year to create awareness.
- **Special Events:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA reported that the next event will be the Waco Wild West in October. At least 15 volunteers will be needed.

Old Business

- **Field Day 2017.** Discussion of details was deferred to after the meeting.
- **440 D-Star module.** Notes from Lynn Gustafson, KE5UBL indicated no change.
- **Moxon Antenna building session.** Will be reviewed and scheduled at a later date.
- **HT APRS building session.** Will be reviewed and scheduled at a later date for those members wanting to build their own.

New Business

- **Waco Wild West Century Bike Ride.** Discussed earlier in Special Events by Clint Anderson, AE5CA.
- **Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council (CATRAC).** James Jud, KA5QKL reviewed this earlier in earlier discussions.

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report, July 2017

Starting Balance		\$10,600.96
Income		
Interest	\$0.09	
Field Day dinners	\$20.00	
Total Income		\$20.09
Expenses		
FD shirt- Larry Parham	(\$15.00)	
2 fire extinguishers	(\$53.78)	
Total Expenses		(\$68.78)
Ending Balance		\$10,552.27
Uncleared activity:		
PayPal fees	(\$0.52)	
Field Day steaks	(\$84.50)	
Field Day dinner	\$10.00	
Amount in acct. as of	8/11/2017	\$10,477.25
(Includes Flower Fund)		
Flower Fund Balance	\$135.26	
		Submitted by
		Norris Martin, KB5SLI
		HOTARC Treasurer

Reminders

- **ARES Training Net** each Monday night at 8:00 p.m. Opportunity to check out your radio is operating satisfactorily.
- **APRS Trackers** should be checked out. Can use [APRS Digipeater](#) located with John Chamberlain, AC5CV. Clint Anderson, AE5CA reviewed a future digipeater installation for HOTARC.
- **Austin Summer Fest** will be August 5 and 6.

Motion to adjourn by Drew Dickerson, KE5UBO was recognized by Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW at 7:22 pm.

Post Meeting Program

1. Clint Anderson, AE5CA provided a summary of Field Day and an overview of the problems and scoring Results.
2. Jim Jud, KA5QKL provided a presentation of WINLINK for the attending members.

Post Meeting Special Discussion

There was concern for non-payment of steak dinners consumed at Field Day as there was no apparent collection procedure. In earlier discussion it was decided to inform members to pay for their dinners by making payment of \$10 via PayPal or directly to the Treasurer by next meeting. In the June 22 meeting it was moved and approved to reimburse Clint \$135 for the purchased steaks. Clint offered to excuse reimbursement and a motion was made to forget reimbursement. After discussion on the motion to negate reimbursement, it was unanimously rejected. The result is that Clint Anderson, AE5CA will be reimbursed in accordance with the June 22 meeting agreement. Directors will send an email to remind members to pay the Treasurer for their steak dinners and reimbursement to Clint will be made. Special meeting was promptly adjourned.

Submitted by
Dan Hapenny, AG5HF
Secretary

CQ, CQ All YLs!

by Linda Hynan, AC5QQ
HOTARC Member

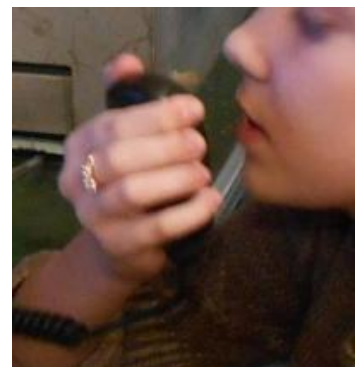
The 63rd Anniversary Birthday Party for the *Texas Young Ladies Round-Up Net* (TYLRUN) will be in [Seminole, OK](#) on **Friday & Saturday, October 6-7, 2017**. Beth Pearce KC5RWW will be the hostess for this year's party. We'll start around 4 pm on Friday with a social, dinner, and white-elephant gift exchange. On Saturday, we hold a short business meeting, and have cake and coffee/drinks before we adjourn around 2 PM. OMs are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The purpose of this organization is to foster, encourage, and advance the hobby of amateur radio telephony among licensed female amateur radio operators. TYLRUN was organized November 1954 in District 5 by Pat Parks W5TTU. Pat was an invalid who was homebound, and did not travel often. With the help of several YLs and others in Dallas, YLs were contacted on the air and by post card and invited to meet on the air. The outcome was TYLRUN. Alma Lang AB5BA (SK) of HOTARC was a long-time member of TYLRUN.

Membership is open to any YL holding an amateur radio license; the annual fee is \$5. YLs with a General Class license or above meet on the air, **Thursday mornings at 8 AM on 3947 KHz**, with Judi Jaksa W0JJ serving as Net Control.

If you are interested in additional information about this group or information about the Annual Party, please contact [Linda Hynan AC5QQ](#).

TYLRUN



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 might be all you need to gain access to the site and begin to help in the recovery efforts. 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.



Additionally, participation 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.

McLENNAN COUNTY A.R.E.S. APPLICATION
(Do NOT complete form in browser. Download, fill out, scan, and then print out as directed below.)

CALL SIGN	LICENSE CLASS	YEAR FIRST LICENSED	APPLICATION DATE (mm/yyyy)
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE ZIP
EMAIL ADDRESS	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	PAGER
EMPLOYER	POSITION/TITLE	WORK PHONE	
EMERGENCY CONTACT	CONTACT PHONE	RELATIONSHIP	

If you are not a member of *McLennan County ARES*, you can find an **ARES Application** on the HOTARC web site (hotarc.org). 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.

Special Events

by Clint Anderson, AE5CA
 HOTARC Past-President

The *Waco Wild West 100 Bike Tour* is coming up **October 7**. This is the biggest HOTARC event of the year and requires the most support. Typically we staff 13 Rest Stops, a lead car, and Net Control requiring a *minimum* of 14 operators. Please make plans to help us with the WWW100 this year. For those of you with APRS Trackers, it is time to get them out and make sure they are working. If you need some help with your tracker please let me know.



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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 conduct a test session on Saturday September 16, at the [W5NCD Workshop](#) (12772 Chapel Road in Lorena). 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.

Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its *Annual Meeting of Members* at 7:00 pm on Thursday August 24 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!