



The **HOTLINE**

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From the President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and safe New Year's Day, and are ready to get underway with 2019!

First of all, thank you (I think!) for electing me as your *first female President*. I hope you are ready, and that I will make you proud.

Allow me to share a little bit about myself. I am a proud native-born Texan. I was born in Paris, TX and grew up in Dallas. I have lived mostly around the DFW area until 2010, when Mike and I moved to Hewitt. I got my ham ticket while we lived in N. Richland Hills. It took me 3 tries and, trust me, there were cheers from several of our local hams when that happened! I'm not as versed on the electronic side, often get lost when things are being taught, and often afterwards, I have to seek out help and explanations.

So you might be wondering, "What kind of President will she be?" That's a very good question, and hopefully I can shed some light on that. I am enthusiastic, excited, and passionate about our hobby. I will be looking for much of the same from the members. Especially when it comes to preparing for special events, presenting programs, and welcoming/recruiting new members. Speaking of events and programs, I will be looking for members to step up and volunteer (or be delegated) to get things done. I'm all about having fun, but let's not forget that we have to work to get to the fun part. I know that many of your spouses support your hobby, but I would love to have them come and visit or even help out on occasion. So, please invite them to come with you from time to time. For the other female hams out there, I ask that you come to the meetings when you can—I would love to meet you, get to know you, and hopefully work with you, too!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting of 2019!

73's everyone!

Dwan Needham, KE5JWY
HOTARC President



HOTARC Annual Meeting of Members November 29, 2018

President Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU 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. One visitor was also present: Greg Walker, KE5YXL.

Last Meeting Minutes. A motion to accept the Minutes for October 25, 2018 as published in the HOTLINE was made by Dwan Needham, KE5JWY; seconded by Jeb Leutwyler, KG5WHS and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report for October 2018 as published in the HOTLINE was made by Jeb Leutwyler, KG5WHS; seconded by David Wilkins, KF5YAH and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** Ed Hynan, KC5KNI reported there are four volunteers for Net Control for 2019; expecting a schedule to be published mid-December. Also there will be a small change to how HOTARC responds to SKYWARN and other warnings. HOTARC will continue to activate the Net when there is a warning published but depending on the severity of the warning the Net may not become activated at EOC but from a Net Controller's radio station. Clint Anderson, AE5CA offered that it is more important to get the Net up and running as soon as possible instead of waiting for the EOC to become manned.

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:** Trailer Committee: Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU indicated nothing further has been done on the trailer.
- **Repeater Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA reported all repeaters were working fine. Also, additional antennas have been installed at W5NCD to be used for future applications.
- **Web Committee:** John Chamberlain, AC5JC said the web site is working satisfactorily. Also, he reported that the monetary gift to Paul Chamberlain was gratefully appreciated. Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW inquired about the Saturday morning breakfast meeting announced in the web site. Clint Anderson, AE5CA confirmed that these meetings still take place and requested the meeting time published on the web site be changed to 8:00am.
- **ATV:** David Bush, KC5UOZ reported that projects are progressing well.
- **Education Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA thanked the volunteers who helped during the Radio Merit Badge class for the local Boy Scout Troops, October 27 and December 10. The class members experienced a chaotic but FUN elongated 10+ minute of On-The-Air time. This was hosted by the Baylor Merit Badge

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report, Nov/Dec 2018		
Starting Balance		\$8,343.05
Income		
Interest	\$ 0.14	
Dues	240.00	
Flower Fund	20.00	
Total Income		\$ 260.14
Expenses		
PayPal	(\$ 6.50)	
Flower Fund	(176.75)	
Total Expenses		(\$ 183.25)
Ending Balance		\$8,071.36
Uncleared activity:		
(none)		
Amount in acct. as of	12/31/2018	\$8,071.36
Includes Flower Fund:		\$21.35
Submitted by Norris Martin, KB5SLI HOTARC Treasurer		

Cooperative. Twenty scouts were in attendance for the Radio Merit Badge.

A new Technician class will be scheduled after the next SKYWARN training in February.

- Public Relations: No new report.
- **Special Events:** Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU reminded all about the Christmas lunch party Saturday, Dec 1 at the Golden Corral.

Old Business

- **DMR Repeater:** This topic is tabled for next year.

New Business

- **Membership Dues:** Based on the recommendation of Norris Martin, KB5SLI, Treasurer, the HOTARC Board approved that next year's dues remain at \$30 for the full membership.
- **Officers Nominating Committee:** Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU identified the Nominating Committee of new officers for next year, 2019. Committee volunteers were Norris Martin, KB5SLI as the Director; Paul Collins, KG5DHS; and Jeb Leutwyler, KG5WHS. The nominees recommended were

President	Dwan Needham, KE5JWY
Vice-President	Mike Needham, WB7SKK
Treasurer	John Chamberlain, AC5JC
Secretary	Jeb Leutwyler, KG5WHS
Director (2021)	Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW
Past President	Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU

As a quorum of the membership was present, Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU opened the meeting to other nominations from the attending membership. No new nominations were made. John Chamberlain, AC5JC moved to close the nominations process; seconded by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI and approved by the membership. Motion was made by Jeb Leutwyler, KG5WHS to suspend the rules and elect the above members as nominated by the Nominating Committee by acclamation; Dan Hapenny, AG5HF seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the membership. Congratulations was made to the new officers. New Officers will begin January 1, 2019

Meeting Adjournment

- Dan Hapenny, AG5HF moved for adjournment. President Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Submitted by

Dan Hapenny, AG5HF
HOTARC Secretary

by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI
McLennan County
Emergency Coordinator

SKYWARN 2019

Make your plans to attend **SKYWARN 2019 on Saturday, February 2, 2019**, at the McLennan Community College Emergency Service Education Center. According to the schedule posted at the [Fort Worth NWS Skywarn web site](#), our basic session will run from 9AM until Noon and the advanced session will start at 1PM and run until 4PM. Mark Fox and staff from the Fort Worth Office of the National Weather Service will travel to Waco-McLennan County to present the annual severe weather training program. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Plan to attend, even if you have attended in the past. A refresher on storm spotting and reporting techniques will benefit everyone and will serve to prepare the spotters of the Baker's Dozen Weather Net for another storm season. Baker's Dozen storm spotters should plan on attending at least every other year.



NOTE: Due to the ongoing government shutdown, **STAY TUNED** for possible schedule changes. The [Fort Worth NWS Skywarn web site](#) is probably your best source of information. As you can see, even now January sessions are being postponed.

Notification of Spotter Activation by National Weather Service (NWS):

Mark Fox provided the following instructions for collecting data to notify spotters who are ready to be activated. If you are not currently receiving notifications of activations, please go to the link below.

Please fill out this form: <https://goo.gl/RtqCxw>

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

Street Sense for Emergency Communication

From the January issue of
[ARES E-Letter](#)

Duane Mariotti, WB9RER, has spent 30 years as a biomedical engineer supporting hospitals and been involved in communications during numerous disasters. He is currently the coordinator of the [Kaiser Permanente Amateur Radio Network \(KPARN\)](#) in California—amateur radio operators who volunteer time and technical expertise to support the emergency preparedness through redundant communication technologies.

He wrote the following disaster response tips, based on his extensive experience.

1. We are not first responders. The disaster will last—*drive safely to your assigned location.*
2. We need to “lean forward” at times—*lean forward to prepare to respond.* Listen on the designated response frequency. Have gas in your car, etc.
3. Safety is always priority number one—*do it safely or do not do it.* Hazardous work situations involve setting up antennas, working around downed wires, walking in water (holes, currents, etc.) and so on.
4. *Dress appropriately*—make a positive first impression versus an impression.
5. *Know your area’s risks and their scope*—The Midwest has tornadoes and floods; California has earthquakes and wildfires; the Gulf States and eastern seaboard have hurricanes and Nor’easters.
6. *Fit training to your assignment.* If you serve Red Cross shelters, know their requirements in advance of need—minimal training may be acceptable, but you need to be sure. If you are supporting a hospital or an EOC, different and possibly more demanding tool and skill sets may be required. EOC and hospital staffs have people who work together routinely—you are the outsider who needs to integrate with them and know what they want.
7. *You cannot just show up at the hospital and use your radio*—they have special regulatory requirements for all staff and volunteers. You may need to be pre-certified with orientation, HIPAA requirements and other subjects.
8. Remember, we are an invited participant to support responses and events; *managers can always NOT invite us.*
9. *Get the message across*—sometimes it is easier to hand the microphone to the shadowed official and let them talk to the other end.
10. Since 9/11 there are entire college curricula to teach and train students in emergency management. There are now many professional emergency managers with Master’s degrees managing incidents, not the old sheriff or fire chief of a generation ago. Accordingly, *new generation managers expect more* from their staffs and volunteers, including radio operators.

Duane has even more tips that will be published next month!

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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 hold a test session at **10:00 AM on Saturday February 16** at [Baylor University Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building](#), meeting upstairs in **Room 207**. 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 January 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!

It's a New Year to practice and enjoy a new facet of amateur radio! Come join us!