



The **HOTLINE**

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Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its monthly *Meeting of Members* at 7:00 PM on Thursday January 25, 2023 **in person at 921 Lake Air Dr.** and via the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform. Please check your email or the Members Only section of the website for login information.

HOTARC Meeting of Members

November 30, 2023

President Seth Boren KI5QEH called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in person and in the ZOOM Meeting Room. Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW gave the invocation.

President Seth Boren KI5QEH led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 members present and 3 visitors: Rusti Smith, Josie Halvorsen, and John Hines.

Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS moved and Jim Jud KA5QKL seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented in the HOTLINE. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurers Report for October 2023 as published in the HOTLINE was filed.

Committee Reports:

- ARES/RACES: Closing out the year and looking for new apps. Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW is holding a Hospital Net on Dec 15 at 4PM
- Trailer: Jason is selling his truck and we need someone with a truck big enough to tow it. Looking at temporarily storing at Jeb Leutwyler's KG5WHS.
- Web: Working

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business

New Business: Annual meeting, elections, dues.

Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS moved and David Halvorsen KA5DAH seconded to leave the dues at \$30. Motion carries.

Field Day locations: EOC, Health Dept, Old Hillcrest Parking Lot, Lawson's Point, Speegleville Park, Brazos Park East.

Christmas Lunch: No door prizes

Nominating committee nominates: Aaron Gustafson KI5PCQ President, Drew Dickenson KE5UBO VP, Mike Davis NA5X Secretary, and Kevin Mullins K5KTM 2026 Director. Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS moved and Paul Coallins KG5DHS seconded accepting nominating committee's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. As there were no other nominees, the officers are elected as filed.

Meeting Adjournment: President Seth Boren KI5QEH adjourned the meeting at 07:38pm.

Submitted by Mike Davis NA5X
HOTARC Secretary

The Treasurer's Report

Heart o' Texas Amateur Radio Club			
Treasurers Report: December 30, 2023			
Starting Balance	October 30, 2023		\$ 10,352.73
Income			
Received for Membership Dues	\$	150.00	
Cash Received Pay Pal	\$	390.00	
Total received	\$	540.00	
Total Income			\$ 540.00
Expenses			
Pay Pal	\$	14.66	
Total Expenses			\$ 14.66
Ending Balance	December 30, 2023		\$ 10,878.07
CD			\$ 7,000.00
Ending Balance	December 30, 2023		\$ 3,878.07
Mike Ross New Ham Radio Fund	\$	300.00	
Flower Fund Total	12/30/2023	\$	287.47
Submitted by Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW			

McLennan County A.R.E.S.

by Paul Collins KG5DHS
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

Hi HOTARC!

I just posted the 2024 ARES calendar and roster. It should be live on the website soon. As we start a new year I would like to invite all new HOTARC members as well as those that have been around to join us every Monday night at 8. You don't have to be an ARES member (or HOTARC for that matter) to join in.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

73,

Paul KG5DHS

As always the ARES team is ready to deploy if needed. Thanks to everyone who is part of the team!

If you are interested in becoming a member of McLennan County ARES, go to the HOTARC Web site under the frequently asked questions and download the application.



E-mail or mail the completed application according to the instructions listed at the bottom of the application. Your application will be processed and you will receive an ARES ID Card. As always, the ARES team is ready to deploy if needed. Thanks to everyone who is part of the team!

Baker's Dozen counties



Texas RACES

by Mike Davis NA5X
Texas RACES DRO-11

On January 13, 2024, Texas RACES held a Go Kit activation. The District 11 Go Kit is stored at the TDEM HQ on Crest Dr., next to the DPS office. The Go Kit consists of radio box pictured here as well as



several antenna choices. Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW submitted the following report:

At least 7 people showed up.

We talked to Park Rangers, Police, and many just park users.

All of them got to hear about HAM Radio.

We had one little girl that wanted to adjust the location of our antenna tie down.

There was much support for erection of the inverted V antenna.



Extra stakes were needed to tie the legs of the antenna down.

Later in the day we moved the legs to widen the V.



We made several voice contacts to check the antenna and the signal.

Got several good signal reports.



We connected with the P2P voice net to get a check in time for the P2P documents we were sending. We made 7 P2P contacts all over the state.

We could not reach Houston, Conroe, or Amarillo.

Throughout the day we had sandwiches, Pepsis, and potato chips.

In Summation:

All in attendance seems to have a good time. There were no major accidents and no extreme catastrophes. We all went away before it got cold. I got the go kit in the house and all the equipment put up until I need to take it back to put it in store. Until the next time we need to test the go kit.

If you have any interest in joining Texas RACES, applications can be found at <https://www.tdem.texas.gov/response/races> There are two forms that must be filled out and returned to Mike Davis NA5X mike@na5x.com More information can be found at Texas RACES [groups.io](https://groups.io/g/TexasRACES/)



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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

Contact HOTARC at hamradio@hotarc.org if you would like information on our next testing session.