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Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its monthly *Meeting of Members* at 7:00 PM on Thursday January 23, 2024 **in person at 921 Lake Air Dr.** and via the Video Conferencing. Please check your email or the Members Only section of the website for login information.

Hello fellow HOTARC members!

I hope this message finds you well and your 2025 is off to a good start. I've been a member of HOTARC since 2008 when I first got my license. One of our past presidents Rodney Baden visited my job around that time and I showed him where the hospital's 2m radio was. We got to talking about radio and I commented that I'd been interested and even tried to learn Morse in preparation to take the test in the past and he let me know the code requirement had recently been dropped and invited me to a HOTARC class the following Saturday. From there I began studying for my Tech license and John Chamberlain, another former member, mentioned that if I was comfortable with Tech I should study for General as well and try to take both tests the same day. I did that and became KE5UBO around the summer of 2008. I've since, at long last, learned to be a CW operator. I'll say that my goals now are to become a GOOD CW operator! HF tends to be my preferred flavor of amateur radio so that's where I'll be generally found when I have time to play radio.

This year we're hoping to bring back some interesting programs to the meetings and further the streamlining of the "business" section that has been started previously. I'll personally try to work up a few interesting programs and I know a few others have ideas as well.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at an upcoming meeting.

Drew Dickenson
KE5UBO
HOTARC President



HOTARC Meeting of Members

Special Meeting HOTARC Meeting of
Members
January 16, 2025

President Aaron Gustafson KI5PCQ called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in person and in the ZOOM Meeting Room. Mike Davis NA5X gave the invocation.

President Aaron Gustafson KI5PCQ led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

Proposed Bylaw Change to allow for online voting.

2025 Director is needed. Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS moved to nominate Jim Jud KA5QKL for the position, Paul Collins KG5DHS seconded. The motion carried unanimously

Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS moved that all nominees for Officers and Directors be accepted. The list is President: Drew Dickenson KE5UBO; VP: Dave McClure N3DMC; Treasurer: Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW; Secretary: Mike Davis NA5X. Jim Jud KA5QKL seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 7:07PM

Submitted by
Mike Davis NA5X
HOTARC Secretary

The Treasurer's Report

Heart o' Texas Amateur Radio Club			
Treasurers Report: December 31, 2024			
Starting Balance	December 1, 2024		\$ 11,193.92
Income			
DEC 6 Dues Cash		\$ 65.00	
DEC 6 WWW100		\$ 2,500.00	
DEC 19 Dues Paypal		\$ 240.00	
DEC 27 Dues Paypal		\$ 30.00	
Total received			\$ 2,835.00
Total Income			\$ 2,835.00
Expenses			
DEC 19 Paypal Expense		\$ 8.72	
DEC 27 Paypal Expense		\$ 1.09	
Total Expenses			\$ 9.81
Ending Balance	December 31, 2024		\$ 14,019.11
CD			\$ 8,000.00
Ending Balance	December 31, 2024		\$ 6,019.11
Mike Ross New Ham Radio Fund		\$ 180.94	
Flower Fund Total 12/31/2024		\$ 287.47	
Submitted by Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW			

McLennan County A.R.E.S.

by Paul Collins KG5DHS
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

Hi HOTARC!

New Year and new ARES roster. I just finished the NET Control assignments for 2025 and they should be posted shortly. We have had good participation in 2024 and look forward to even more this year!

Are you a member of HOTARC? Awesome!! Are you a member of ARES? You should be!! I will bring blank applications to the club meeting!

What about SKYWARN? Here is the latest information:
McLennan County
Wednesday, February 19 11:00 AM
Letterwinners Lounge, McLane Stadium, Baylor University
1001 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Waco, TX, 76704, USA

**Scan QR Code
to Register!**



Baker's Dozen counties

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!

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

73,Paul
KG5DHS

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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.