



# The **HOTLINE**

Official Newsletter for the  
**Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club**  
Waco, Texas

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## ***Meeting Notice***

HOTARC will hold its monthly *Meeting of Members* at 7:00 PM on Thursday February 27, 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.

Greetings HOTARC members!

February will be the club's final meeting at the Lake Air location that we've been at since we moved from the clubhouse on Chapel Road. We will be discussing new and interesting meeting places and we may even try out a few to see which we like best (unless everyone loves the first one of course).

We have representatives from Baylor joining us this month to talk about the Bearathon (March 29th, a Saturday this year). The signup sheet is [here](#) if you're viewing this from the web. If you are not and need the link please reach out to me and I'll get it to you via email.

Drew Dickenson  
KE5UBO  
HOTARC President

BAYLOR STUDENT FOUNDATION PRESENTS



THE TOUGHEST HALF IN TEXAS

 Baylor University

# HOTARC Meeting of Members

January 23, 2025

President Drew Dickenson KE5UBO called the meeting to order at 7:01PM 12 members and 1 guest were in person and in the ZOOM Meeting Room. Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW gave the invocation. President Drew Dickenson KE5UBO led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the HOTLINE, Jim Jud KA5QKL seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurers Report for December 2024 as published in the HOTLINE was filed.

Trailer Committee: Repairs are coming along, Dave McClure N3DMC is moving it to his place to complete the repairs. Discusses future storage ideas. Tabled to a later date after more information on pricing.

Repeater Committee: Repeater is offline again. Drew Dickenson KE5UBO has some server grade PCs we need to set up to replace the consumer machines at the sites.

ARES: SKYWARN coming up on February 19 at Baylor. New member applications.

Education: Tested two applicants before meeting using new online in-person testing. Both passed.

## New Business:

Meeting place needed. Dave McClure N3DMC is investigating locations.

Bearathon is at end of March.

Need committee members to head up this years projects.

Meeting Adjourned 7:16PM

After the meeting: Drew Dickenson KE5UBO presented an introduction to Winlink.

Submitted by  
Mike Davis NA5X  
HOTARC Secretary

## The Treasurer's Report

Heart o' Texas Amateur Radio Club			
Treasurers Report: January 31, 2025			
<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>January 1, 2025</b>		<b>\$ 14,019.11</b>
<b>Income</b>			
JAN 27 Paypal		\$ 225.00	
JAN 24 Cash		\$ 30.00	
<b>Total received</b>			<b>\$ 255.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$ 255.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
DEC 19 Paypal Expense		\$ 8.42	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 8.42</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>January 31, 2025</b>		<b>\$ 14,265.69</b>
CD			\$ 8,000.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>January 31, 2025</b>		<b>\$ 6,265.69</b>
There is one outstanding check			-54.38
Mike Ross New Ham Radio Fund		\$ 180.94	
Flower Fund Total	1/31/2025	\$ 287.47	
Submitted by Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW			

# McLennan County A.R.E.S.

by Paul Collins KG5DHS  
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

Hi HOTARC!

Looks like winter weather is going to stick around a little longer!! It's time to start getting ready to get your ham gear out of hibernation. As soon as I get a sunny weekend day I plan on pulling out the generator and firing it up. It's a good time to check batteries, check antennas and coax. Clean all the ground points. Do all the general maintenance that is needed for emergency operations. It's a good time to update the repeater information as there are some new repeaters in the area that have come online in the last few months, March

is almost here and the spring storms are coming too. Hurricane Season starts on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's all get ready!



**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](mailto:hamradio@hotarc.org) if you would like information on our next testing session.