



The **HOTLINE**

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From the President

Welcome to Spring 2021

We are finally going to be meeting in person on Thursday April 22, 2021. It has been more than a year since we had the opportunity to meet in person, but we now have that opportunity. Many of us have been vaccinated against CoVid 19 and some have an immunity from recently having the disease. Please join us at the W5NCD workshop, if you feel comfortable meeting in person. Join us via Zoom if you don't. Masks are optional. I hope to see you either way.

Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS



Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its monthly *Meeting of Members* at 7:00 PM on Thursday April 22, 2021 **in person** at the Clubhouse and via the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform. Please check your email or the Members Only section of the website for login information.



For the Record...

HOTARC Meeting of Members March 25, 2021

President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS called the meeting to order at 7:02pm in the ZOOM Meeting Room.

Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW gave an invocation

President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS led us in the pledge of allegiance. Initially, 6 members were present, as quorum was not met, no official club business was conducted. 12 members were present in total later in the evening.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurers Report for March 2021 as published in the HOTLINE was filed.

Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** Paul Collins KG5DHS announced ARES had first call out with 10 participants. No major weather issues. Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW worked with Ft. Worth National Weather Service to adjust issue with EchoLink
- **Trailer Committee:** Drew Dickenson KE5UBO is planning a trailer workday. He recommends wenches that lock and ratchet in both directions. A cable needs replacing. There is a 12V problem with the jack
- **Repeater Committee:** No update
- **Web Committee:** Drew Dickenson KE5UBO is working with Paul Chamberlin to transfer the HOTARC domain to Drew's account. Working with ARRL to transfer the Club Trustee info.
- **ATV:** no update
- **Education Committee:** Linda Hynan is still waiting for clearance to resume testing. We'll keep club posted on alternatives.
- **Public Relations:** no update
- **Special Events:** Fox Hunt on hold until more interest. President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS proposed meeting in person for the April meeting. David Bush KC5UOZ okayed returning to the clubhouse. Zoom will continue to be utilized for those that are uncomfortable meeting in person. **Field Day 2021** President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS is looking for locations to hold an in person field day. Clubhouse is possibility.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: James Jud KA5QKL led a discussion regarding need for Winlink setup in light of internet being down during recent freeze. Several options were discussed. Tabled until a later date.

Meeting Adjournment: President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

After the meeting: Drew Dickenson KE5UBO led a discussion on VOIP telecom service Hamshack Hotline.

<https://hamshackhotline.com/>

Submitted by
Mike Davis KI5EIW
HOTARC Secretary

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart o' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurers Report: March 31, 2021	
Starting Balance March 01, 2021 (in bank)	\$ 6,040.85
Income	
Interest	\$ 0.04
Paypal Deposit 21 Mar	\$ 60.00
Paypal Deposit 24 Mar	\$ 60.00
Paypal Deposit 25 Mar	\$ 15.00
Paypal Deposit 27 Mar	\$ 30.00
Total dues from PayPal	\$ 165.00
160.00 Dues (5 full 1 associate)	
Total Dues	\$ 165.00
Paypal Dep Flower Fund 21 Mar	\$ 50.00
Total Income	\$ 215.04
Expenses	
PayPal Fees	\$ 6.83
Total Expenses	\$ 6.83
Ending Balance March 31, 2021	\$ 6,249.06
Includes FF 31 March 2021	\$ 280.61
Total in Flower Fund 28 Feb 2021	\$ 280.61
Submitted by Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW	

by Paul Collins KG5DHS
McLennan County Emergency
Coordinator

McLennan County A.R.E.S.

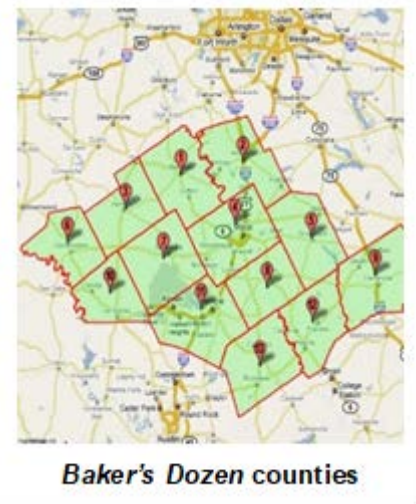
Hi, HOTARC!

Here is a note from Greg Evans, **K5GTX**, North Texas ARES Section Emergency Coordinator

As a reminder, the Spring 2021 SET is coming up quickly on May 10th. Again this year, we will be working closely with our partner, the American Red Cross.

The primary objectives for the SET are:

1. Provide communications support for the American Red Cross using their preferred method of communication, Winlink.
2. Activate local ARES assets and establish communications nets.
3. Provide status reporting to District Emergency Coordinators and the North Texas Section



This exercise is on a Monday. When I get more information, I will pass it on.

If you are interested in becoming a member of McLennan County ARES, go to the HOTARC Web site <http://www.hotarc.org/> 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. Check in to the Weekly McLennan County ARES net every Monday at 8:00 PM on the 145.15 repeater (tone 123.0). If you have a sincere desire to help, registration is necessary before the next emergency, not after it occurs. We are also beginning to include our 70 cm repeater 442.875 MHz (input at +5.0 MHz, tone 123 Hz).

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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)