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ARRL to Extend Field Day Rule Waivers from 2020, Add Class D & E Power Limit

The COVID-19 pandemic-modified [ARRL Field Day](#) rules from 2020 will continue this June with the addition of a power limit imposed on Class D (Home Stations) and Class E (Home Stations-Emergency Power)

participants. The news from the ARRL Board's Programs and Services Committee comes as many clubs and groups are starting preparations for Field Day in earnest. Field Day 2021 will take place June 26 – 27.

"This early decision should alleviate any hesitancy that radio clubs and individual Field Day participants may have with their planning for the event," said ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE.

For Field Day 2021:

- Class D stations may work *all other* Field Day stations, including other Class D stations, for points. This year, however, Class D and Class E stations will be limited to 150 W PEP output.
- An *aggregate* club score will be published — just as it was done last year. The aggregate score will be a sum of all individual entries that attributed their score to that of a specific club.

ARRL Field Day is one of the biggest events on the amateur radio calendar. Last summer, a record 10,213 entries were received.

"With the greater flexibility afforded by the rules waivers, individuals and groups will still be able to participate in Field Day, while still staying within any public health recommendations and/or requirements," Bourque said.

The preferred method of submitting entries after Field Day is via the web applet. The ARRL Field Day rules include instructions on how to submit entries, which must be submitted or postmarked by Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

The [ARRL Field Day](#) web page contains for complete rules and entry forms, as well as any updated information as it becomes available. Join the ARRL Field Day [Facebook page](#). (<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-to-extend-field-day-rule-waivers-from-2020-add-class-d-and-e-power-limit>)

Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its monthly *Meeting of Members* at 7:00 PM on Thursday May 27, 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 April 22, 2021

President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS called the meeting to order at 7:07pm in person and in the ZOOM Meeting Room.

Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW gave an invocation

President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS led us in the pledge of allegiance. 10 members were present (7 in person, 3 via ZOOM) and 4 visitors.

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 severe weather event involving hail. The net had a good turnout. More severe weather is expected this week.
- **Trailer Committee:** No report
- **Repeater Committee:** No Report. David Bush KC5UOZ proposed taking the DSTAR repeater off the air and sell the repeater. It is working but the gateway is not connected.
- **Web Committee:** No update
- **ATV:** Adding racks. Not yet ready for a work day but that could be coming. Duplexer cans are on the ground and the brackets are missing so new brackets had to be manufactured. Replacing the power generator control board.
- **Education Committee:** No update
- **Public Relations:** No update
- **Special Events:** No Bearathon, WWW hopefully still a go for October.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Visitors were introduced. Clarence Hammer KL7CH; Seth Byas; Ralph Hays; and Zach Bolin W5ZAK. Zach Bolin W5ZAK had a completed membership application. Upon a motion by Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW, seconded by Paul Collins KG5DHS, and a unanimous vote, Zach Bolin's membership application was accepted and he is now a full member.

Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW moved and Mike Davis KI5EIW seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented in the HOTLINE. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW moved that the club approve funds of less than \$200 for Club Trailer registration. One invoice had been received for \$61.25 with the second one not far behind but believed to be slight less. Paul Collins KG5DHS seconded. The motion carried following a unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjournment: President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

After the meeting: Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW led a brief Echolink discussion

Submitted by
Mike Davis KI5EIW
HOTARC Secretary

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart o' Texas Amateur Radio Club	
Treasurers Report: April 30, 2021	
Starting Balance April 01, 2021 (in bank)	\$ 6,249.06
Income	
Interest	\$ 0.05
Paypal Deposit 23 Apr	\$ 30.00
Total dues from PayPal	\$ 30.00
30.00 Dues (1 full)	
Total Dues	\$ 30.00
	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 30.05
Expenses	
Trailer registration	\$ 61.25
PayPal Fees	\$ 0.96
Total Expenses	\$ 62.21
Ending Balance April 30, 2021	\$ 6,216.90
Includes FF 30 April 2021	\$ 280.61
Total in Flower Fund 30 April 2021	\$ 280.61
Submitted by	
Bill Feltenberger	
KD5UEW	

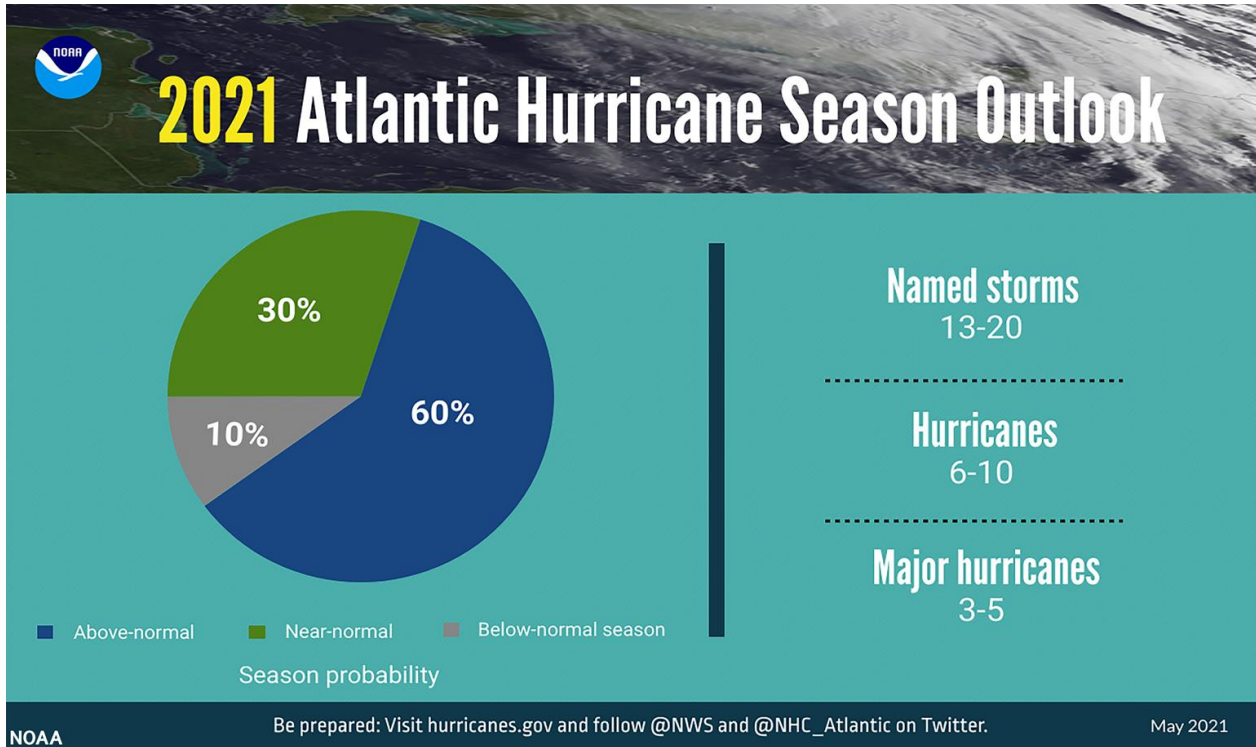
by Paul Collins KG5DHS
McLennan County Emergency
Coordinator

McLennan County A.R.E.S.

Hi, HOTARC!

As we approach Memorial Day we are already experiencing the first tropical depression to hit our Texas coast. The official start of the 2021 hurricane center is June 1st, but we have already had a tropical depression and a named tropical storm. This season may well be an active one.

NOAA has issued their predictions for the upcoming hurricane season. See the chart below.



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 <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)