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EmComm-Training Operation "Ashfall" Semi-Annual Drill – After Action Report

Mike Davis – NA5X

I participated in the EmComm Training Semi-Annual Drill in May 14, 2022. The objectives were: Amateur radio stations, in an imaginary disaster scenario where the conventional infrastructure is compromised, will compose and send forms/emails using the Winlink "email over radio" system to ETO clearinghouses, create an added drill component to compose and send messages/forms by Winlink P2P ("Peer-to-Peer"), include additional tasks for participants in messaging, including the finding of additional information to be included or analyzed, continue to emphasize digital modes for achieving accuracy and timeliness of messaging, encourage partner organizations to participate in their own local operations during the drill, and prepare and train amateur radio operators to effectively use the Winlink system. I was successful in sending the proper form to both my ETO clearinghouse as well as one P2P target. It was my first Vara HF peer-to-peer attempt so I am pleased to see that work. In the future, I would like to attempt more P2P targets during the exercise to insure I am able to reach multiple targets. More info regarding EmComm Training exercises and their Winlink Thursday training can be found at <https://emcomm-training.org/index.html>. Thanks to Bill KD5UEW for making me aware of this exercise.

Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its monthly *Meeting of Members* at 7:00 PM on Thursday May 26, 2022 **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 28, 2022

President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS called the meeting to order at 7:02pm at the W5NCD workshop and on the ZOOM Virtual Meeting Room.

Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW gave an invocation.

President Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS led us in the pledge of allegiance

9 members were present. 3 visitors were also present: Aaron Gustafson KI5PCQ, John Foster KI5UMD and Roland Anderson call sign pending.

A motion to accept the Minutes from March 24, 2022 as published in the HOTLINE was made by Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW seconded by Seth Boren KI5QEH and unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s report. The Treasurers Report for March 2022 as published in the HOTLINE was filed.

Committee Reports:

- ARES/RACES: Paul Collins KG5DHS gave an update on ARES and 2 recent weather net activations. Paul is still accepting applications for ARES membership.

- Trailer Committee: Drew Dickenson reported the trailer needs a new wench and cable before Field Day. Paul Collins KG5DHS moved to appropriate \$500 for a new wench, cable and associated safety gear for the trailer. Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Repeater Committee: No report.

- Web Committee: The website is working.

- ATV: Nothing to report

- Education Committee: No report

- Public Relations: None

- Special Events: Field Day is coming up June 25th and 26th. The committee will be holding a planning meeting soon and is wanting input from all members. The WWW100 is tentatively scheduled for October 1 weekend. Please save the date to help us support this event

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW moved to approve paying \$61.25 for the trailer registration. Drew Dickson KE5UBO seconded the motion which passed unanimously

Two of our visitors applied for club membership Aaron Gustafson KI5PCQ and Roland Anderson (call sign pending). Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW moved to accept these two new members. Ralph Patterson KI5LDR seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart o' Texas Amateur Radio Club			
Treasurers Report: April 30, 2022			
Starting Balance	April 1, 2022		\$ 7,348.80
Income			
Dep from Cash & Checks	4/11/2022	\$	15.00
Deposit from Paypal	5/2/2022	\$	75.00
		\$	-
		\$	-
Total received		\$	90.00
Total Dues		\$	90.00
		\$	-
Total Income			\$ 90.00
75.00 dues(3 people 2 full 1 associate) 15.00 Donation			
Expenses			
Trailer Registration Randy Riggs		\$	61.25
PayPal Fees		\$	2.97
Total Expenses		\$	64.22
Ending Balance	April 30, 2022		\$ 7,374.58
Includes FF	4/30/2022	\$	330.61
Flower Fund Total	4/30/2022	\$	330.61
Submitted by			
Bill Feltenberger			
KD5UEW			

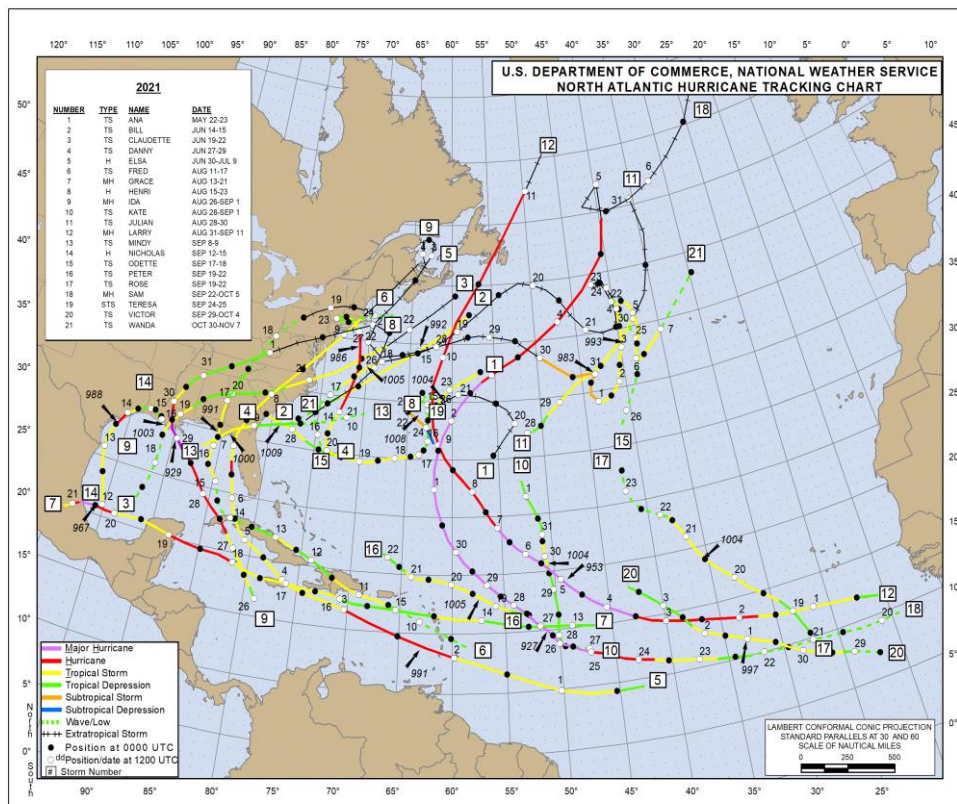
Submitted by Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS

by Paul Collins KG5DHS
McLennan County Emergency
Coordinator

McLennan County A.R.E.S.

Hi, HOTARC!

McLennan County has experienced one Severe Thunderstorm Warning the last three months running. Even though we have experienced several dry months, we still get storms this time of year. We are entering Hurricane Season on June 1st. Early tropical storm forecasts are predicting between 16 and 21 named storms, six to nine hurricanes, with three to five major hurricanes for the upcoming season. The number of named storms looks to be above the 25-year average, and would be the seventh straight, above-average hurricane season. According to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the average for tropical cyclones in the Atlantic between 1991 and 2020 is seven hurricanes, three of them major, and 14 tropical storms.



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. 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)