



The **HOTLINE**

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October Meeting Is Home Brew Night

The program for October is **Home Brew Night**. Bring your projects (usually electronic, not beverages) to show.

From the President

Our Club's plans and preparations for the Waco Wild West 100 Bike Ride were pulled off perfectly. Sadly, Texas weather was not as cooperative. With the massive amount of rain that we had this month, the Bike Ride committee opted to cancel the event. Hopefully next year the weather will be a little more accommodating. I would like to thank everyone that helped get the trailer ready and volunteered to help with the race.

As is our custom, the **October meeting is Home-Brew**. At this meeting everyone is invited to bring something that they have built, modified, or just think is awesome. It really doesn't matter if it is your own creation or someone else's. This is a great way to inspire others to get creative and you get to show off your shack toys.

This month will be the next to last meeting of the year! At this meeting we will make plans for the HOTARC Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 1st at noon. If you have items to donate as door prizes, let me know. Finally, we will appoint a Nominations Committee for the 2019 Officers and Directors who will be elected at the Annual Meeting on November 29. Please step up and volunteer to serve as officers of our Club as it moves forward into next year.

Lynn KD5DZU
HOTARC President



Make plans to attend the
HOTARC 2018 Annual Meeting
on Thursday following Thanksgiving,
per our Club's bylaws.
November 29, 2018



For the Record

HOTARC Meeting of Members September 27, 2018

President Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the W5NCD Workshop Meeting Room.

Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW opened the meeting with a prayer.

19 members were present. Five visitors were also present: Kevin Snow, KD6LYG and Debbie; Mike Anderson, K5CKX; Darin Maxwell, KI7VAD; and John Clarke, KE5JJT.

Last Meeting Minutes. There was a typographical error in the minutes which was corrected verbally by the Secretary. A motion to accept the Minutes for August 23, 2018 with the correction was made by Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW; seconded by Jeb Leutwyler, KG5WHS and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report. Jeb Leutwyler, KG5WHS moved to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Drew Dickerson, KE5UBO and was approved by the membership.

Committee Reports:

ARES: Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU reported that Elizabeth Thomas is taking over training for the Community Emergency Reaction Team (CERT). There is a meeting October 9 to review the training and goal expectations for CERT. If you are interested in being a member of ARES and participate in EOC support activities, contact Ed at KC5KNI@arrl.net or 254-722-4578.

- **Trailer Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA trailer is ready for operation. Clint Anderson, AE5CA recommended that the trailer be checked out before the Waco Wild West event. Trailer committee will convene on a couple of weekends to exercise and checkout the trailer readiness.
- **Repeater Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA reported 442.875 and 145.15 are working fine. Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU reported the D-Star repeater is working well. Norris Martin, KB5SLI reported that the K5ZDN license has been renewed.
- **Web Committee:** John Chamberlain, AC5JC reported web site is working satisfactorily.
- **ATV:** David Bush, KC5UOZ reported that projects are progressing well.
- **Education Committee:** Clint Anderson, AE5CA indicated that because of his work schedule he will not be able to conduct a class until about March 2019; however, he invited other members to take the lead if they desired. John Chamberlain, AC5JC indicated that teaching materials are available on the Members Only web page and encouraged all who would like to teach to review this material.
- **Public Relations:** No new report.

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report, September 2018		
Starting Balance		\$8,342.98
Income		
Interest	0.07	
Total Income		\$ 0.07
Expenses		
(none)		
Total Expenses		\$ 0.00
Ending Balance		\$8,343.05
Uncleared activity:		
Website hosting	(\$150.00)	
Interest	0.07	
P.O.Box rent	(\$82.00)	
Amount in acct. as of	10/16/2018	\$8,111.12
Includes Flower Fund:	\$178.10	
Submitted by Norris Martin, KB5SLI HOTARC Treasurer		

- **Special Events:** No report. 2018 Waco Wild West 100 Mile Bicycle Tour is scheduled for October 20 and was covered in detail in the post meeting program.
- **Belton HamFest:** John Chamberlain, AC5JC reported that the Belton HamFest will be October 9. Information is on the HOTARC website.

Old Business

- **DMR Repeater:** Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU reminded that after last month's meeting a guest speaker, Toby Driscoll, N5SIM presented the Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) systems. Clint Anderson, AE5CA has acquired some equipment to experiment with this technology.

New Business

- **Paul Chamberlain:** Paul Chamberlain provides a service to host and maintain the HOTARC web activity. Dwan Needham; KE5JWY made the motion to donate \$150 to Paul Chamberlain for his services; Dan Hapenny, AG5HF seconded and the motion was approved by the membership.

Meeting Adjournment

- Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW moved for adjournment. President Lynn Gustafson, KD5DZU adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Submitted by
Dan Hapenny, AG5HF
HOTARC Secretary

by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI
McLennan County
Emergency Coordinator

McLennan County ARES—Where Do We Stand?

PROS:

- We practice with weekly training nets—with generally good response.
- We have dedicated Net Control support for events—keeps things running smoothly.
- We provide support to National Weather Service upon activation—and McLennan County.
- We participate in public service events which provides real time non-scripted training.
- We require specialized training for storm spotting and disaster response.
- We explore new technologies that can have direct impact on disaster response.
- We have a process for amateurs to register for disaster response support .



CONS:

- We have only about 20% of our membership qualified to support disaster response operations through either DPS or Emergency Management.
- Every member of HOTARC is NOT a registered member of ARES.
- There seems to be a reluctance to volunteer to serve as an ARES Net Control.

We have more pros than cons. But waiting for a disaster to happen is not the time to realize that we have to follow-through and complete the process to insure that we will have sufficient operators to fulfill required positions in support of our local community should a disaster happen here. *Every member of HOTARC should be a member of ARES.* Those wanting to work disaster response must complete the process of registering with DPS and/or Emergency Management to get the necessary background checks and credentials so that **WHEN THE DISASTER HAPPENS** we can slip into the necessary positions and support our community. Every member of ARES should be able to act as a Net Control station. Members participate in the nets and special events and are familiar with the responsibilities of the Net Control. That is what the Monday night training nets are about—practice for the real thing. Get involved—volunteer to be a Net Control.

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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

The HOTARC VEs will hold a test session at **10:00 AM on October 27** at [Baylor University Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building](#), meeting upstairs in **Room 207**. Test takers will need to provide **1)** testing fee of **\$15** (cash only), and **2)** a **photo ID** (two for first-time licensees). Already licensed amateurs must also provide: **3)** **Reference copy or photocopy** of current license; and **4)** **photocopy** of any relevant CSCE. **Contact:** Linda Hynan, AC5QQ at 254-666-4873 or Linda.Hynan@UTSouthwestern.edu.

Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its *Annual Meeting of Members* at 7:00 pm on Thursday October 25 at the [W5NCD Workshop, 12772 Chapel Rd in Lorena](#). Meetings generally last about 75 minutes consisting of fellowship, general Club business, and an interesting program and discussions. Visiting hams, family members, and prospective hams are welcomed!

Homebrew Night is a chance to inspire!
Bring your latest project
to the October meeting!