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Home Brew Night

by Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW
HOTARC Director

At the October Meeting of Members, we will have what we call *Home Brew Night*. I look forward to this meeting every year. I like to see what the rest of the Club is building, trying out, and has working! In the past I have brought simple antennas along with my mobile rig to show and demonstrate. I have seen other's work and efforts demonstrated—and been inspired to try again myself.

This year I am looking forward to (hopefully!) a demonstration of Digital Television via amateur radio. I expect to see some projects on which I had no idea someone was working. So, I believe Home Brew Night is my favorite meeting of the year! I hope you will attend. I hope you will share one or more of your projects. Your project does NOT have to be ham-radio related. That should make it even easier for you to bring something!



From the President

TRICK OR TREAT

I can't believe that it's October already and the holidays are just around the corner! I hope everyone is getting ready. The kiddos will be ringing the doorbells soon. I don't know about ya'll, but we get the biggest kick out of the kid's costumes.

Speaking of holidays, after this month's meeting, we only have one more meeting, and then our annual Christmas party. However, there is something else we must focus on and that is ELECTIONS. Yes, it's time for our election of officers! As some of you know, we are on the lookout for several positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and, lest we forget, also the non-elected positions of WebMaster and our County Emergency Coordinator (aka ARES rep). Hopefully, by now, those positions have been filled. But, if not, and you are feeling the desire to fill ANY of these positions, I hope you will rise to the occasion, and speak up loud and clear. I will be forming an Election Committee to start adding to the list of nominees any members that have put their hat in the ring, or approaching those members that others think could and would be a good fit for the open positions.

I will be talking more about that at the meeting, as well as where to hold our Christmas party. So please be sure to be at the October meeting this Thursday night.



For the Record...

HOTARC Meeting of Members September 26, 2019

Vice President Mike Needham WB7SKK called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the W5NCD Workshop Meeting Room.

Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW gave an invocation.

Vice President Mike Needham WB7SKK led us in the pledge of allegiance

15 members were present. 3 visitors were also present: Mickey Dalrymple AC5MD, John Bennett KI5FQK and Gabriel Summer.

Previous Meeting Minutes. A motion to accept the Minutes from August 22, 2019 published in the HOTLINE was made by Drew Dickenson KE5UBO seconded by Jim Jud KA5QKL and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurers Report for August 2019 as published in the HOTLINE was filed.

Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** We have 9 ARES members at this time. Paul Collins volunteered to be the new Emergency Coordinator.
- **Trailer Committee:** The trailer worked well at the WWW100. The rotator wiring still needs repair and the left taillight is out.
- **Repeater Committee:** No report.
- **Web Committee:** The Website is working. There are a few email issues being addressed.
- **ATV:** Still working on simplex ATV repeater. Have 4 stations built.
- **Education Committee:** No report.
- **Public Relations:** No report.
- **Special Events:** See HOTLINE for WWW100 summary. Some members are waiting for their trackers to come back.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- **Membership.** We received three (3) new applications for membership: Kirk Lieder K5KCL, Claude Dalrymple AC5MD, and John Bennett KI4FQK—all applied for Full Membership. Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW moved that they be accepted. John Chamberlain AC5JC seconded the motion. Each of the applications was approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjournment. Bill Feltenberger, KD5UEW moved for adjournment. Vice President Mike Needham WB7SKK adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

After the meeting John Chamberlain AC5JC conducted an auction for the equipment from silent key James Mortimer KE5TOK (SK) of Bruceville, raising over \$1000 dollars for the family.

Submitted by
Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS
HOTARC Secretary

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report: September 2019

Starting Balance September 1	\$ 9,482.31
Income	
Interest	\$ 0.08
Dues	\$ 30.00
HOTARC caps	\$ 10.00
Auction	\$ 1,030.00
Total Income	\$ 1,070.08
Expenses	
PayPal fees	\$ (1.59)
Auction proceeds	\$ (1,030.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (1,031.59)
Ending Balance September	\$ 9,520.80
Uncleared activity (as of 10/20)	
Interest	\$ 0.08
Amount in Acct (as of 10/20)	\$ 9,520.88
includes Flower Fund	\$ 121.35
Submitted by John Chamberlain, AC5JC HOTARC Treasurer	

Request for ARES Net Control Station Volunteers for 2020

by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

I have eight individuals serving as Net Controls for 2019. Ideally, every member of ARES should be able to act as a Net Control station in an emergency.

The ARES/Bakers Dozen Training Net is held each Monday night at 8 PM on the 145.15 Repeater. I would like to provide this excellent training opportunity to all current members of McLennan County ARES.

Veterans are KC5KNI, KA5QKL, AE5CA, AC5JC, KD5KJU, KG5DHS, KE5UBO and KG5WHS. These individuals have done an excellent job and the nets have run very smoothly this year. Please contact me and let me know if you want to continue in 2020 or if you want to be removed from the schedule. **I NEED TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE.**

For any other members, if you would like the opportunity to serve as a weekly Net Control, please let me know via e-mail—KC5KNI@arrl.net. Let me know if there are any Mondays that would not be convenient (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and/or 5th).

For those who would like to volunteer, I will add you to the 2019 Net Control schedule; provide you with a copy of the preamble, log sheet, and a letter of Instruction. If you want to participate, please let me know by 1 December 2019. This is what amateur radio is all about—preparation for emergency service.



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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 have NOT scheduled a test session during November at this time. **Check [our website](#) for info about the next testing session.** 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 monthly *Meeting of Members* at 7:00 PM on Thursday October 24 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!