Majors Field Amateur Radio Club Greenville, TX

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Meeting Reminder

Thursday, July 31th -

We are looking for presenters for the next couple of meetings (July and August). If you are interested in presenting something that you are working on or a topic that might be of interest with the club, please contact Michael Ketchum – K5MDK.

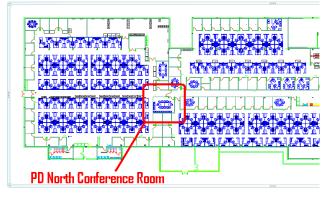
The **<u>Product Development North</u>** (PD North) Conference Room has been reserved the rest of the year for our club meetings. We shall continue to use this as our club meeting location until further notice.

The meeting dates for the rest of this 2014

year is as follows:

| »July 31 st | »October 30 th |
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| »August 28 th | »November 20 th (H) |
| »September 25 th | »December 18 th (H) |

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Ticket Upgrades Announced

It is always good to hear reports of folks in the hobby getting a ticket upgrade. So, we're pleased to report the following operators getting their license upgraded:

K5WEN Wendy Gruber

Wendy has had a GENERAL class license for many years. Recently, Wendy was able to take the EXTRA class license exam at Ham-Com and passed it! Wendy is married to an avid contester (Jay - K5FO), when she was compelled by interest in her husband's hobby to find out what it's all about. After years of being involved in various aspects of Ham Radio, Wendy finally took the Extra exam, which will also serve as a stepping stone into getting her GROL (General Radio Operators License) certification. When this commercial element is achieved, it will provide her professional certification that she can use on the job, such as Radar certification.

During Wendy's research, she discovered that the study work for her Extra exam covers a significant amount of work for the GROL, which she plans on taking at Ham-Com next year. Congratulations Wendy!

KG5CDW Jae Stutzman

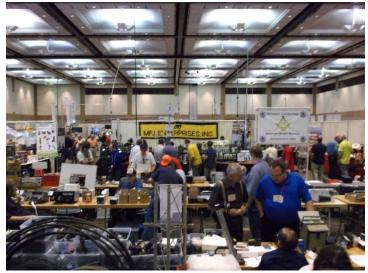
Jae upgraded to a GENERAL class license at Ham-Com and then continued on to take the

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HAM-COM 2014

Ham-Com 2014 was another success and many MFARC members were there for the experience. Here are some photos from that event.





Victor Paul - WB0TEV Victor got a chance to present his DXPedition to Swaziland – 3DA0ET at Ham-Com



Mark Rice - KK5MR browsing for new ideas



Mark Bushnell - AE5FG & Michael Ketchum - K5MDK

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Peter - KA5YDC and James - WF5C, the Van Horn Brothers. I don't know that guy in the middle.



Stephen Denison - W5SMD Stephen is giving a presentation about the Summits on the Air (SOTA).



President Dennis Cobb – WA8ZBT and Joe Wolf – N5UIC from the Rockwell Collins Amateur Radio Club



Doug Kilgore – KD5OUG from the Richardson Wireless Club and President Stephen Denison – W5SMD of the Sabbine Valley Amateur Radio Association at Ham-Com.

Ticket Upgrades Announced - continued

test for an additional upgrade to EXTRA at a recent SVARA meeting.

Jae also got a new vanity call sign. He will now answer to **K5JAE**.

Congratulations, Jae!

KG5CDX Nathaniel Stutzman

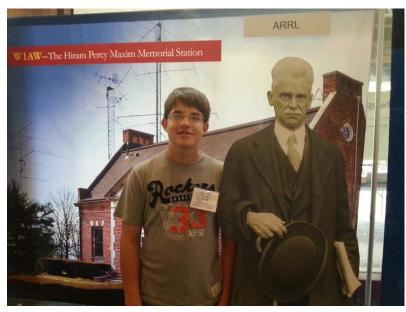
Nathaniel, Jae's son, passed the GENERAL examination in order to upgrade his license class as well.

Nathaniel has also applied for a vanity call sign, **K5NJS**, which should be approved any day now.

Way to go, Nathaniel!



Nathaniel Stutzman - K5NJS and dad Jae Stutzman - K5JAE at Ham-Com after passing General Exam at HamCom



Nathaniel Stutzman – KG5CDX at ARRL Centennial Exhibit

UHF Repeater Update

The club is very close to having the antenna for the UHF Repeater installed and connected. A location was provided at the Fire Station tower that will allow our club to mount the antenna. Heliax has already been routed from the tower to the radio closet on the second floor of the Fire Station.

All that is needed now is for the antenna to be installed so that club members can complete the installation work. More information will soon be available when we will be ready for a work party to complete the setup.

The folks with the North Central Texas Connection are quite interested in our progress. They are eager to reestablish the link between the DFW area and Sulphur Springs. We hope this new location provides good coverage to enable that link.

Thanks to David Kessinger for his help in raising our antenna.

Submitted by Michael Ketchum – K5MDK

Calendar

| | ARRL Centennial QSO Party. W1AW WAS portable operations and points contest. http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party for more info. |
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| July 9 | ARES HF Net – 8:30pm – 9:30pm 3860 kHz – John Galvin N5TIM |
| 17 | SVARA Meeting |
| 31 | MFARC MEETING. 11:45 in the PD North Conference Room (LOCATION CHANGE). 30 minutes. |
| August 9 | Hot Rocks Bike Ride – Scott Hammond KK5PP@arrl.net |
| 21 | SVARA Meeting |
| 28 | MFARC MEETING. 11:45 in the PD North Conference Room (LOCATION CHANGE). 30 minutes. |
| REGULAR ACTIVITIES | |
| Daily | DFW Early Traffic Net (NTS) at 6:30pm 146.88 – PL 110.9Hz |
| Daily | DFW Late Traffic Net (NTS) at 8:30pm 146.72 – PL 110.9Hz |
| Daily [| DFW CW Traffic Net (NTS) at 7:00pm and at 10pm on 3541 KHz www.k6jt.com |
| | Gabine Valley Amateur Radio Association Net Every Thursday night at 7:00pm on the K5GVL/R 146.780 MHz (+) PL 114.8Hz |
| Friday Majors Field Amateur Radio Club Talk-In Net Every Friday morning on your way in to work on the WD5GSL/R 147.160 MHz (+) PL 100.0Hz | |



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Club Station

Club Station: TBD

VHF Repeater: WD5GSL/R 147.160 MHz (+) PL 100.0 Hz *Friday Morning Talk-In Net*

UHF Repeater: WD5GSL/R (CURRENTLY OFF AIR) 444.625 MHz (-) PL 151.4 Hz

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