

AIRWAVES



VE Team Recap

Our Volunteer Examiner team has been busy this year. We sponsored 2 Technician Classes and conducted 3 test sessions, adding 25 newly licensed Amateur Radio Operators and 2 upgrades. The fall technician class had 17 attendees and all but one passed the Element 2 Technician test.

We started out the year by investigating the various Volunteer Examiner Coordinators to determine which would meet our needs. The club elected to go with the Laurel Amateur Radio Club VEC from Maryland, due to the fact that it is the VEC used by the Commerce, Texas Radio group, and they did not require a fee for test sessions.

Our VE team was organized in February and consists of: Stephen Denison, W5SMD; Jae Stutzman, K5JAE; Michael Ketchum, K5MDK; Mark Rice, KK5MR; Scott Davis, KK7JS, and David Hunter, KC7CEX. Our Spring Technician Class consisted of several short classes over a period of a few weeks. The Fall Technician class was a Friday night and Saturday class.

Some of the things that we would like to accomplish in 2016 is to have at least one Technician class, as well as a General class, and to host at least three Test sessions throughout the year.

If anyone is interested in attending a class, teaching part of a class, or becoming a Volunteer Examiner, please email classes@wd5gsl.org.



Officer Elections

Nominations for Club officers are currently being accepted, and will continue to be accepted until the club meeting on December 17th. If you would like to serve in one of the officer positions, or you would like to nominate another member of the club, please send an email to stephen.denison@l-3com.com with the name of the nominee.

Elections of the club officers for 2016 will take place at the December club meeting in accordance with the club bylaws. If you are unable to attend that meeting and have paid dues for the year, you may vote absentee by sending an email to stephen.denison@l-3com.com.

Presentations

We are looking for presenters to present a short topic on Ham Radio at our monthly club meetings. Presentations may include, but are not limited to:

- Building or Modifying Station Equipment
- Different types of Digital Operation
- Software used for Ham Radios
- Emergency Radio Equipment
- Ham Radio Activities, such as contests or events

If you would like more information on a particular topic, and would like someone to do a presentation on it, you may suggest it as a topic. Please email Michael Ketchum at k5mdk@ketchums.info to sign up to present a topic or to suggest a topic for presentation.

We will be looking for presenters for each monthly meeting in 2016.

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Special points of interest:

If you are interested in upgrading your license, please contact

classes@wd5gsl.org

Instructors are needed for the Technician Class in November

November Club Meeting Minutes

Michael Ketchum – President, opened the meeting at 11:45.

Announcements were made.

President's Report:

MFARC is now a part of E-Club organization.

Old Business:

Remote HF Project:

- Antenna is connected with poor VSWR on 15m. Other bands look good.
- David Kessinger to tune it a bit later with Victor – WB0TEV
- USB CAT Cable arrived.
- Jae – K5JAE has tried to get IT approval for HRD Software. Now having to escalate.

VE Class and Session:

- VE Class on Friday and Saturday, November 20 ~ 21 with VE Session to follow.

Membership:

- No new members at this time.
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Repeater Upgrade:

- Still need cables and announcement programming done.

New Business:

No new business.

Discussion:

- Instead of end-of-year party, make a get-together in January around a contest or something.
- Victor will follow-up with David Kessinger regarding HF antenna tuning.
- We need to operate as a CLUB. Please plan several events this next year.
 - FIELD DAY for sure
 - Send out e-mail to club to get a consensus of which contests to do this.
- HF Remote Station still has IT issues. Can we find a work-around?

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS:

- Victor Paul nominates John Nelson Jr. as Secretary. Mark Bushnell seconds.
- Mark Bushnell nominates Michael Ketchum for Vice-President. Will Sanitate seconds.
- Victor Paul nominates Stephen Denison for President. Will Sanitate seconds.
- Victor Paul moves to close nominations. Will Sanitate seconds this motion.
The motion passed by voice vote – no opposition.

INTRODUCTIONS:

We went around the room and each attendee introduced themselves.

- Larry Smith – K5XB, works in 136B in Special Programs
- George Tan – KF5JCP, is almost in between tasks between 208 and 136-A
- Scott Joseph – K5BGL, now a Lab Monitor/Mgr in the SCIF.
- Bob Yakel – call coming soon, works in the certification lab in 113 as Lab Monitor/Mgr.
- Mark Bushnell – AE5FG EMI team in 136A
- Jon Titzell – KF5PUR, works with Scott Davis in MPA products.
- Will Sanitate, works in 208 with Jon Titzell.
- Stephen Denison – W5SMD, works in Electronic Packaging as an ME
- Scott Davis – KK7JS, works IR&D with Jon Titzell.
- Victor Paul – WB0TEV, works in Systems in 139.
- Michael Ketchum – K5MDK, works in 136A.

Adjournment at 12:36

Motion made by Victor Paul – WB0TEV seconded by Will Sanitate.

Motion passed by voice vote – No objections.

ATTENDANCE:

1. Mark Bushnell - AE5FG
2. Scott Davis - KK7JS
3. Stephen Denison - W5SMD
4. Scott Joseph - K5BGL
5. Michael Ketchum - K5MDK
6. Victor Paul - WB0TEV
7. Will Sanitate
8. Larry Smith - K5XB
9. George Tan - KF5JCP
10. Jon Titzell - KF5PUR
11. Bob Yakel

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Your article submissions are welcomed. Please submit to Stephen Denison

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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
444.625 MHz (+) PL 151.4 Hz
Temporary Antenna Position Limits Range Currently

December

- 17 MFARC Meeting PD North Conference Room at 11:45am
- 17 SVARA Meeting at 7:00pm at Baker's Ribs, 2711 I-30 Near Exit 87

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
- Thurs Sabine Valley Amateur Radio Association Net Every Thursday night at 7:00pm on the K5GVL/R 146.780 MHz (+) PL 114.8Hz
- FridayMajors 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