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Meeting Minutes

Majors Field ARC Meeting Minutes 1/10/2019

- Meeting was called to order @ 1150

Officer Reports

- Meeting minutes for December meeting are in the latest edition of "Airwaves".
- Treasurer Report delivered by John Nelson. **Time to pay yearly dues**

Subcommittee Reports

- Repeater updates.
- Internet access now available at the club trailer.

Upcoming Events

- List of upcoming monthly club meetings, contests, and hamfests.
 - SVARA meeting on Jan 17th will feature OXFAM presentation.
- Call for "rovers" to participate in an upcoming VHF contest.
- Winter Field Day at Rains EOC to be held at the end of January.

Old Business

- N/A.

New Business

- General class license class and testing event to be held on May 9-11th.

Presentations

- N/A.

Attendees

- John Nelson - W7JOY
- Scott Joseph - AG5QQ
- Chris Rutz - K5RTZ
- Michael Ketchum - K5MDK
- Joe Lum - KE5ZBL
- Wesley Sparks - WS5GPA
- John Pizzicaroli - N7CDL
- Larry Smith - K5XB
- Stephan Kelley -
- Mark Bushnell - AE5FG

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- Scott Davis - K5PS
- Will Sanitate - KG5QCQ
- Cabe Cook - W5TTX (conference)
- Victor Paul - WB0TEV (conference)

Written by Secretary Scott Davis – K5PS

President's Letter

There are Days!

Yep, there are days these days, here in February, where you can comfortably get outside and do things. Things like new antenna projects or installing mobile radios in your car.

We had a great time at the end of last month at Winter Field Day. I see David Rogers is preparing a report on that for the upcoming meeting.

Meetings

This month's meeting, as I mentioned, we'll talk about our experience with the Winter Field Day. We also need to talk up our General Class license session. Remember the current question pool expires July 1 this year. After the "gavel falls" on the February meeting, there are only four more meetings until Summer Field Day. Even closer, Texas State Parks on the Air is in April, and we usually try to activate a local state park for that. All that needs to be "worked over" in varying detail this month, and we need your input.

As always, feel free to bring your ideas for club activities to the meetings. We'd love to hear what's going on at your shack. Remember you get an extra ticket for the end of year drawing when you present a program at a regular monthly meeting.

Club Projects

With our internet access at the club trailer, we can start thinking about remote HF operation. We've found out that it is very simple to achieve this with a laptop computer and a rig as affordable as the IC-7300. Let's kick that idea around.

I have received some suggestions on the elmering/mentoring effort, such as a local "beginner's net". This is a very worthy effort and I hope every active member will take part. The goal is to make sure that new hams that take our licensing study/test sessions and pass the test, get on the air and at least make one if not more QSO's as quickly as possible after his or her call sign is issued. We might not be able to hold their long-term interest, but we need to make sure they have the chance to enjoy what they have earned. We will start this month building a list of volunteer elmers.

What else would you like to see your club do? HF station? Contesting? Kit building? PCS fundraiser? Bring your ideas to the meeting and let's get something started.

ARRL

Remember I you join or renew your ARRL membership through MFARC, and MFARC gets a "cut".

See you at the meeting Thursday. Bring a friend, and feel free to bring your lunch.



73,
Larry
K5XB
MFARC President

Written by President Larry Smith – K5XB

Texas Legislation – SB-43

Legislation is pending in the Texas State Senate that put additional requirements on drivers who are also Amateur Radio Operators who are in motion in their vehicles. The revision to the current law will treat amateur radios like cell phones in regards to operation while in motion. If you are concerned about your right to operate your mobile radio on the amateur bands while in motion, then you may want to voice your concerns with your Texas State Senator. I was able to contact my senator, Senator Bob Hall. Bob wrote me a nice reply, confirming his views to vote NO on SB-43.

LINK TO ARTICLE: <https://w5wx.net/2018/12/28/texas-legislature-sb43/>

LINK TO FIND YOUR SENATOR: <https://fyi.capitol.texas.gov/Address.aspx>

Written by Editor Michael Ketchum – K5MDK

January 2019 VHF Contest

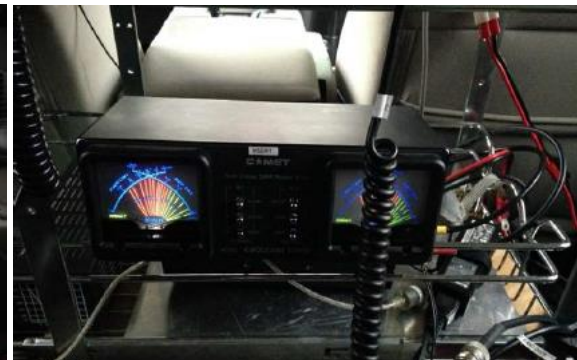
This past weekend Ross K5SRT and I worked to prepare the K5SRT/R (rover) for next weekend's Saturday and Sunday January VHF contest. Two full days were spent installing a mobile power buss, operating positions and of course antennas. So, how does one design and safely fit mobile FM, SSB, CW and Digital modes for 50 MHz, 144 MHz, 220 MHz, 440 MHz, 900 MHz and 1.2 GHz into a Ford F-150 truck? See: okrover.info for more details. C U in the contest.

73, Bob K3NT & Ross K5SRT (See following pictures)

Provided by Bob Kirby – K3NT

Thanks to the Signals Newsletter of Rockwell Collins ARC – Richardson, TX W5ROK

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More information on the OKRover team is available at: www.okrover.info - select the "About Us" tab. If you would like to follow our pictures and preparations and general rover information (dynamically) please follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1766056970371203>

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Calendar

- Feb 9 USS Midway Museum Ship Special Event: Mt. Surabachi Flag Raising
- Feb 11-15 ARRL School Club Roundup <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>
- Feb 13 2019 Daytona 500 Special Event Station n4dab.com
- Feb 16-17 ARRL International DX – CW <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>
- Feb 23-24 North American QSO Party – RTTY <http://njcweb.com>
- Mar 2 Irving Amateur Radio Hamfest <https://irvingarc.org/>
- Mar 2-3 ARRL International DX – Phone <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>
- Mar 10 North American Sprint – RTTY ncjweb.com
- Apr 6 Ham EXPO Spring 2019 – Belton, TX <http://TARC.org/hamexpo/>
- Apr 27 ARRL NTX Mentorfest 2019 – Garland, TX <http://www.arrlntx.org/mentorfest/>

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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 <http://www.k6jt.com>
Mons. Rains/Hopkins Co combined NET at 7:30pm 146.92 – PL 88.5Hz
Tues. Rockwall ARC Net at 7:00pm 441.525 + PL141.3
Thurs SVARA Net Every Thursday night at 7:00pm on 146.780 MHz (+) PL 114.8Hz

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Club Repeaters

- Club Station:** TBD
- VHF Repeater:** W5NNI/R
147.160 MHz (+) PL 100.0 Hz
- UHF Repeater:** W5NNI/R DMR
444.625 MHz (+) Rx-SQ PL 151.4 Hz

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