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Meeting Minutes

No minutes were taken this month.

It was a Skype meeting, however. There were several in attendance. Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum booked for Field Day 2020.

MFARC Bank Statement for May

Beginning balance:	\$2,328.89
Income:	
Club Dues from Mark Rice – KK5MR	\$10.00
Club Dues from Robert Hite KF5OLB	\$10.00
Expenses:	
Check #1057 to K5MDK for Shipping to W5ZIT	(\$14.76)
New balance:	\$2,334.13

Provided by Treasurer John Nelson Jr – W7JOY

Presidential Musings and Memos ...

FIELD DAY JUNE 27/28: The heat of summer is upon us (it is 101 degrees outside as I type this), and that means it is time for Field Day. This year, we will return to the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum, just East of Greenville, along Interstate 30. The plan is to set up two HF stations: Victor Paul and Scott Davis will be operating an all-modes station with a 43ft vertical antenna. Chris Rutz and I will be setting up a voice-only station, using a 40m OCF dipole and an EFHW. Scott Joseph will be shooting for the stars with his 6m/2m rig set-up that may be able to make a few satellite contacts.

FIELD DAY, Part II...HELP!!! In order to do this correctly, and not die of exhaustion, we will need some assistance. We will be meeting Friday after work, around 5pm, to set things up. Historically, this takes about 3 hours. Please, purty please, if you can help set up, we'd love the help. The same holds true of breaking things down on Sunday. We usually start breaking down around Noon, with full shut down at 1pm. Again, we could use all of the help we can muster.

FIELD DAY, THE FUN STUFF: Once we get things set up on Friday, we will return around 9am Saturday to finish up. Then, come 1pm, the fun begins. We "go-live." This is where you can operate a station, or log contacts, or just socialize. We hope to be on the air as much as possible for the 24hr period. Once again, your presence would be much appreciated.

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FIELD DAY, the TECHNICAL STUFF: In order to run logging software on multiple computers, we need to make sure those computers can talk to each other. In the past, we've had some folks with the club who were great at setting up that part of the operation. Unfortunately, some of those folks are gone. So, we now need folks who are WiFi Tech savvy to help with the logging and software aspect of the event.

If you are interested in taking part in Field day, please send me an email at david.a.rogers@L3Harris.com.

LINKED AGAIN: Thanks to Jim Nelson (W5ZIT) and our own Michael Ketchum, the 2m repeater and the 443.900 repeaters are back on speaking terms. The link radio has been modified and re-installed, giving us a 3-minute link. So, no more dropped signals because the 443 repeater timed out. This is handy for the weekly 2m NET for those who may not be able to hit the 147.160 repeater. We hope to see you this and every Tuesday at 11:45.

Well, I do believe I have perused all of the yellow sticky notes that clutter my desk. So, until next time, be safe, mi amigos.

David Rogers
KG5KPU

Written by President David Rogers – KG5KPU

NOAA All Hazard Radio – Cumby Station

Earlier this year, the NOAA National All Hazards Radio Station, KWN31 operating at 162.500MHz in Cumby, Texas was struck by lightning. After the strike, it damaged the antenna's power divider, causing the power output to be diminished. The announcement went out, regarding the degraded performance in April. One of the Technicians from the Fort Worth weather office was dispatched to survey the damage and he ordered some parts. After the initial site visit, the station went completely off the air. After some parts were ordered and installed, the KWN31 station was back up at full power again. The parts included a new power divider and coax. Four of the antenna elements were also repaired. The station is located about 120' on a 300' tower located in Cumby, TX. The power output at full power is about 1KW.

Thanks to Jason, KG5TMP, of the National Weather Service in Fort Worth for the scoop.

Written by Editor Michael Ketchum – K5MDK

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Congratulate NASA astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley!



Did you know astronaut Bob Behnken is a ham? He (KE5GGX) and Doug Hurley made history when they blasted off from Kennedy Space Center last Saturday, May 30. It's the first time astronauts have launched from American soil since the final Space Shuttle flight in 2011.

I would very much like to send both of them your ham radio greetings, which is where I need your help.

Will you send your congratulatory message to them?

You can send each of them a unique piece of traffic, or send them both one piece of traffic. When you route them to my station, I will print it out and Priority Mail it and everyone else's traffic to NASA on the first of July to try and get it there before the July 4 holiday.

Why send these to me? I am committing to personally printing these out and paying the Priority Mail postage to get these all to NASA in Houston, and I will share with you all the messages we send to them.

Here's how you can address your radiograms:

To send traffic to Bob Behnken:

BOB BEHNKEN KE5GGX C/O K8AMH
PO BOX 479
LITTLE ELM TX 75068

To send traffic to Doug Hurley:

DOUG HURLEY C/O K8AMH
PO BOX 479
LITTLE ELM TX 75068

To send traffic to both in one piece of traffic:

BOB BEHNKEN KE5GGX AND DOUG HURLEY C/O K8AMH
PO BOX 479
LITTLE ELM TX 75068

Thank you for your help in putting together what I know will be an awesome showing of ham radio greetings to our latest astronauts to launch into space!

73,

Aaron | K8AMH

Written by Aaron Hulett – K8AMH



Calendar

- Jun 11 Majors Field Amateur Radio Club Meeting – Lawson CR at 11:45am.
- Jun 13 Rains ARA Meeting at 9:00am at 146.92 video chat.
- Jun 13-15 ARRL June VHF Contest
- Jun 16 Rockwall ARC Meeting at 7:00pm at Soulman’s BBQ in Rockwall.
- Jun 18 Sabine Valley Amateur Radio Association Meeting – ZOOM MEETING 7:00pm
- Jun 20 ARRL Kids Day
- June 27-28 ARRL Field Day
- Jul 9 Majors Field Amateur Radio Club Meeting – Lawson CR at 11:45am.
- Jul 11 Rains ARA Meeting at 9:00am at 146.92 video chat.
- July 11-12 IARU HF World Championship
- Jul 16 Sabine Valley Amateur Radio Association Meeting – ZOOM MEETING 7:00pm
- Jul 21 Rockwall ARC Meeting at 7:00pm at Soulman’s BBQ in Rockwall.
- Aug 1-2 ARRL 222MHz and up Distance Contest
- Oct Belton Hamfest – so far it is on! <https://www.tarc.org>

[Jun 2020 Contest Corral – CLICK HERE](#)

[Jul 2020 Contest Corral – CLICK HERE](#)

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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>
Mon Hopkins Co NET at 7:00pm 146.680 – PL 151.4Hz
Mon Rains Co NET at 7:30pm 146.920 – PL 88.5Hz
Tues. Majors Field Lunch time Net at 11:45am 147.16 + PL100Hz
Tues Rockwall ARC Net at 7:00pm 441.525 + PL141.3Hz
Tues K5VOM Net at 8:00pm. News Bulletin at 7:30pm, Allstar 49668 - 441.800 (+) – PL 100Hz
Thurs SVARA Net Every Thursday night at 7:00pm on 146.780 MHz (+) PL 114.8Hz
Thurs QRP Fox Hunt http://www.qrpxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm
2nd Wed of each month – ARRL NTX ARES Net 8:30pm local on 3860

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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 D-Star Fusion
444.625 MHz (+) Rx-SQ PL 151.4 Hz

AirWaves is a production of the Majors Field Amateur Radio Club

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