

VOTING UPDATE 12/156/2024

2025 Officer Elections

President

Mark Hetherington

Keith Mumaw

Vice President

Dr. Mike Durbin

Jeff Jones

Treasurer

James Hunt

Secretary

Sarah Richardson

AND... of course our TRUSTEE remains Dr. Mike Durbin.

The club will be voting for 2025 officers at the December, monthly meeting. It is being held at the Feed Sack in Windom.

If you have anyone else you would like to nominate, please use my personal email to send me the information.

Also, please see Article VIII of the club's by-laws for more information in regard to "Election of Officers". You can send me your absentee ballot to PO Box 553, Bonham, TX. 75418.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

73,

Sharon

KK5SM

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club



President- Keith Mumaw KI5VNL Vice-President- Sharon McEachern- KK5SM Secretary-Sarah Richardson- KI5PZF

Treasurer- James Hunt- KI5DQ Trustee- Dr.Mike Durbin - K5MJJ



December "2024 K5FRC Treasury Report

Saturday 23 November - Spirit of Giving, record amount of Smiles, hotdogs and drinks were abundant. The K5FRC club provided the refreshments @ \$166.24. The TXB Velero store donated the food handling gloves.

Currently, the club has a balance of \$2458.95 in its checking account and a balance of \$225.37 in its savings account. Since our last club meeting, the club has had the following deposits and expenditures:

A deposit of \$85.00 (cash) memberships and \$153.00.

The club has had 1 expenditure since last month's meeting, Check 1083 @ \$166.24.

The year '2024 is nearing an end.

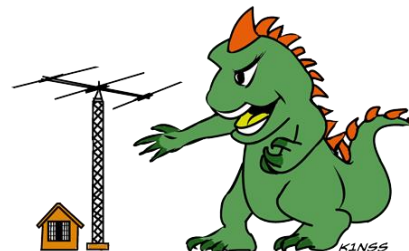
The holidays are here,

Many articles are available to ease your stress.

This link is one of many:

<https://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/articles/ways-to-sidestep-holiday-financial-stress>

73's,
James
KI5DQ



K5FRC REPEATERS

**145.470 (100Hz tone; -600Khz offset)
C4FM or Analog; IRLP 3602;
ECHOLINK 143903**

Tuesday Night Net 8:00 PM

442.525 (100HZ TONE; +5.0 Mhz offset)
C4FM or Analog;

443.750 (100Hz tone; +5.0Mhz offset)
C4FM or Analog;

CROSS BAND IN BONHAM IS ON
445.200 SIMPLEX WITH 100Hz.TONE

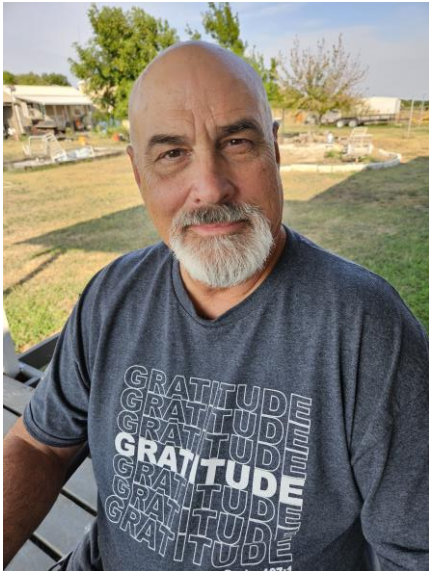
FCARC meets every third Saturday at
9:00 AM at the Bois D'Arc Creek
Cowboy Church

ZOOM sessions are held every Tuesday
at 7:00 PM CST before the net on the
145.470 Mhz repeater. Website:

www.k5frc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/K5FRC/
Mark, KF5KUW is the administrator.

Website: www.k5frc.org



“December President’s QSO”

I can’t believe it’s been a year since I was elected to be your 2024 President, and what a year it’s been. Right out of the shoot we had our 2024 “Winter Field Day” at the Pavillon located at Lake Bonham, where Fannin County Judge and club member, Newt Cunningham (KI5YDF) won first place in our annual chili cook-off. It was also a great time for making contacts around the country, and quite a few if I remember right.

During the ensuing months we had a visit from our district ARRL representative along with several weather nets to help keep our community safe. During this time, I progressed in my radio journey by passing my “General Test” and started experiencing the wonders of “HF Radio”, not to mention the deflated wallet to do so, but what an experience. It’s one that I want to share with many and hope to do so in the future and I am currently studying for the “Extra License”.

Our summer field day, held at the “Bois D Arc Creek Cowboy Church”,

was also a tremendous success with our club Vice-President, Sharon McEachern (KK5SM) becoming the deva of the airwaves. Sharon racked up the highest number of contacts during that event, and rightfully so.

September saw a few of us participating in the “Heritage Day Event” held at the Sam Rayburn family farm. This too was a great event and a perfect opportunity to expose others to the world of “Ham Radio”. It was also a great roundtable of idea’s for making our club better and increasing our membership to attract folks who want to participate in the world of “Ham Radio”.

October brought out a few “Go Boxes” and some boy scouts as we held our annual “Go Box Day” combined with the “SOTA Event” (Scouts on the Air) where 2 young lads made a couple of contacts. Although participation numbers weren’t that great, we still had a great time.

November saw a club record of 500 hotdogs and bottles of water being served at the “2024 Spirit of Giving” event sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Bonham. For those members who participated, we experienced a feeling service that can only be describe as “awesome”. It was a true honor to serve the community with such a simple thing as a free hot dog.

And now as we enter December, we not only ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ready ourselves for a new year of club events and activities.

We also elect new officers to guide and help move us forward, and that is why I am asking for your vote of confidence once more. Over this past year I have had the privilege of listening to many of you as to what you want our club to do and become. Through all of these conversations was the underlying statement, “I want to learn, grow and be part of what ham radio is and can be.

To that end, I hope to see the members of this club asking and desiring to have monthly items such as “How to Make Your Own Coax Cables”; “How to Understand and Use An Antenna Analyzer”; “How To CW (Morse Code)”; “How To Understand and Operate Repeaters” (which Dr. Durbin, K5MJD is currently doing); “Introduction to FT-8” and many other useful and insightful topics. I hope to see a “Mentoring Program” to guide new ham operators through the maze of licensing tests to achieve the goal of becoming an “Extra Elmer”.

And although R.A.C.E.S. and ARES are not “club dependent”, I hope to see their place secured to further our usefulness to our community. If you’re interested in either of these, Mark Hetherington (KF5KUU) can introduce you to R.A.C.E.S. and I can fill you in about ARES, just ask.

But to achieve these goals, it takes ALL of us participating and showing our community that we are far more than a group of preppers or dooms day activists. We are a vital part of our community who enjoy a hobby that can benefit so many people, if only they would take a deeper look into what ham radio is all about.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our December meeting and luncheon and can't wait to hear what you have to say and how you want our club to grow.

Keith Mumaw – 2024 President
KI5VNL



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2024-VP REPORT
SHARON MCEACHERN
KK5SM

DECEMBER 2024
VICE PRESIDENT REPORT
SHARON MCEACHERN



Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice President of the Fannin County Amateur Radio Club. It has been my honor and pleasure.

The year has been filled with many activities that have helped us to further our knowledge of ham radio, but also it allowed for service and outreach to our community.

As I ready myself to hand over the position, I can't help but think how I have grown simply by rubbing elbows with my fellow officers and with other club members. I do hope I've been a good steward of the club's time. If you are teetering on the edge of whether or not to run for office, I encourage each and everyone to give it a try.

I could rattle on and on about this club, but I do think you all know how I feel about it. It has blessed my life tremendously!!

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SARAH RICHARDSON
KI5PZF
SECRETARY
SUBMITTED BY DUNCAN BERRY KG5NDO
"THANK YOU FOR TAKING NOTES, DUNCAN!"



Fannin County Amateur Radio Club – Meeting minutes for **11/16/2024**.
Meeting at the Bois d’Arc Creek Cowboy Church, Bonham, TX.
Recorded by Duncan Berry, KG5NDO

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM.
Prior to the meeting Mark Hetherington, KF5KUW, shared samples of QSL cards by the following vendor. Originally shared via Fanninhams group.
Invocation lead by Duncan Berry, KG5NDO and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Jim Thomas, N5OMD.

Officer’s Reports:

President Keith Mumaw, KI5VNL.

Keith shared a membership flyer for proofreading and comments. There are over 200 licensed ham radio operators in Fannin County. (According to QRZ. Com) We should make an effort to reach out to Hams operating in the county to participate in the club and club sponsored services like RACES and Skywarn. To this end, we should be advertising and hosting events to attract current Hams and also students and younger adults.

Vice-President Sharon McEachern, KK5SM.

Sharon shared a handout listing the nominees for club officers.
The nominees for 2024 -2025 K5FRC club officers are:

- President Mark Hetherington, KF5KUW
 Keith Mumaw, KI5VNL
- Vice-President Ralf Borgart, KI5LVS
 James Hunt, KI5DQ
 Jeff Jones, K5JSJ
- Treasurer Jessie Brown, KF5SOX
- Secretary Sarah Richardson, KI5PZF
- Club Trustee (not elected position) Mike Durbin, K5MJD

The club election will be held at our December club meeting and Christmas Party. The party will be at the Windom Feed Sack starting at 11 AM, December 21st, 2024.
The vice-president’s report can be viewed in the November newsletter published at K5FRC.org
Sharon expressed gratitude for the new format of the newsletter. Thank you Dr. Durbin!

Treasurer's Report, James Hunt, KI5DQ:

The current club bank account balances can viewed in the treasurer's report published in the November club newsletter published at K5FRC.org. James reviewed the current bank account balances and noted the following:

- The club checking account has a balance of \$2268.68 and the club savings account has a balance of \$225.37
- The club savings account was almost closed due to inactivity. \$1 was added to the account to keep it current.
- The bank lost the current signature card and needs this needs to be updated before out current or future treasurer can make transactions at the bank.
- James shared a copy of insured club assets. The list needs more information: makes, models, serial numbers. The information needs to be collected and added to the database.

Secretary's Report, Sara Richardson, KI5PZF

- Sara was not present. Duncan Berry, KG5NDO, took notes.
- Sara's report can be found in the secretary's report published in the November club newsletter published at K5FRC.org.

Club president, Keith Mumaw called for a motion to accept the October club meeting minutes. Club Trustee, Mike Durbin made a motion to accept the minutes and Sharon McEachern, KK5SM, seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Club president, Keith Mumaw called for a motion to accept the October club treasurer's report. Club Trustee, Mike Durbin made a motion to accept the minutes and James Yost, KA8FRK seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Trustee's Report, Mike Durbin, K5MJD.

- The new club repeater controller is due to be delivered soon. It will be installed on the club's white trailer. Club repeater classes will begin soon. The propane generator is already installed and running.
- Anybody is welcome to come view the new trailer after the meeting. The new trailer's repeater will be a stand-alone repeater and will be crosslinked to the other club repeaters.
- The club equipment inventory will be complete by next week. The club's blue trailer is currently housed in Duncan Berry's (KG5NDO) shop in Dodd City.
- A new log book (thank you Ralf) for the Iwanhoe repeater. Please record everything done to or with the repeater when you visit. There is a list of to-do items posted in the room.
- The Bailey repeater still needs to be inventoried but is inaccessible. Rayburn Electric changed the lock and needs to be contacted to gain access.

Old Business

- The new repeater will be operational very soon.
- The Jamboree on the air/ go box event at the FM 897 Bois d'Arc Lake boat ramp was successful. Two scouts attended and contact with a West Virginia scout troop was acknowledged with a club QSL card.
- Spirit of Giving at the Bonham First Presbyterian Church is November 23rd. We will have 500 hotdogs to serve. James Hunt will be bringing a propane grill and other grills would be appreciated. Sharon will be obtaining paper goods and foil wrappers for the hotdogs. James

Hunt will check with Bonham Fix 'n Feed for bottled water donations and we will ask for donations of hot dogs and rolls from Brookshires.

New Business

- Winter field day will be at Dr. Durbin's in Honey Grove. The "man cave" is also the "Honey Grove EOC" which means we can get EOC points. There will be a chili cook off this year. Winter Field Day is January 25th and 26th, 2025
- Mark Hetherington, KF5KUW, outlined the role of RACES in emergency communications. A discussion followed concerning the role of the club in emergency communications, our relationship with the county EOC, and possibly adding ARES as a club activity.
- Sean Dobbles was net control for October, 2024. We need more folks step up for Tuesday night net.
- Mike Rice, WB5KWK, made the following observations:
 - The club is mostly older members and missing younger people.
 - The same people are always active and we need more to participate. Can we form a membership committee?
 - Club members can be assigned to help other club members get set up. An "Elmer" helper!
 - Can we meet twice a month with one session reserved for Elmer workshops?

Discussion:

- The North Bonham Farmer's Market has table space. We can set up the new trailer to get attention. The next market is December 14th.
- It is hard to get young people to participate with other things they are involved in.
- Utilize the white trailer for more in-person programs besides meeting times.
- Can we get space in the new county justice center? Contact with County Judge needed.
- James Yost: An Arizona high school class involves students with both ham radio and electronics by making foxes. Perhaps we can involve students at Sam Rayburn the same way.
- Keith Mumaw: A call for sharing program ideas to attract new/ youth/ younger members. Please share your ideas through the club email.

Motion the adjourn

Mark Hetherington made a motion to adjourn, James Yost seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11.05

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FANNIN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

WANTS YOU!

WHEN

**3rd Saturday of every
month
9am to 11am**

WHERE

**Bois D'Arc Creek Cowboy Church
3375 South Hwy 121, Bonham, Texas 75418**

FEATURING · Fellow Ham Operators and enthusiasts

WEB ADDRESS: WWW. K5FRC.ORG

FACEBOOK.COM/K5FRC

EMAIL: K5FRC1@GMAIL.COM

NET NIGHT

Every Tuesday at
8pm on the
145.470 MHz repeater

K5FRC REPEATERS

145.470 (100Hz tone; -
600Khz offset)
C4FM or Analog;
IRLP 3602; ECHOLINK
143903 442.525 (100HZ
TONE; +5.0 MHz offset)

C4FM or Analog;
443.750 MHz (100Hz tone;
+5.0Mhz offset) C4FM or

Analog; CROSS BAND IN
BONHAM IS ON 445.200 MHz
SIMPLEX WITH 100Hz.

ZOOM SESSIONS ARE HELD
EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM CST
BEFORE THE NET ON THE 145.470
MHZ REPEATER.

MEMBERSHIP:

Individual: \$24
Family: \$36

FCARC
P.O. Box 553
Bonham, Tx 75413

"I AM COMPLETELY OPERATIONAL AND ALL MY CIRCUITS ARE OPERATING NORMALLY"

A HOLIDAY POEM FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ARRL

'Twas the night after the Sweepstakes Contest and all thru the shack
The rig was turned off and the key was slack.

The antenna rotor had made its last turn,
The tubes in the linear have long ceased to burn.

I sat there relaxing and took off my specs,
Preparing to daydream of armchair DX,
When suddenly outside I heard such a sound
I dashed out the door to see what was around

The moon shone down brightly and lighted the night -
For sure, propagation for the low bands was right.

I peered towards the roof where I heard all the racket,
And there was the ARRL guy in a red, fur-trimmed jacket.

I stood there perplexed in a manner quite giddy.
Just who was this stranger - di di dah dah diddy ?

He looked very much like an FCC guy,
Who'd come to check up on some bad TVI.

I shouted to him, "OM ! QRZ ?"
" Hey you by the chimney, all dressed in RED ! "
I suddenly knew when I heard the sleight bells jingle,
The guy on the roof was **KRINGLE** from the **ARRL**.

He had a big sack full of ham gear,
Which was a big load for his prancing reindeer.
Transmitters, receivers, for cabinets and racks,
Some meters and scopes and a lot of Co-AX.

He said not a word 'cause he'd finished his work.
He picked up his sack, then he turned with a jerk.
As he leaped to his sleigh, he shouted wid glee,
And I knew in a moment he'd be QRT.

I heard him transmit as he flew o'er the trees
"CFO FOREVER to all, and to all SEVENTY-THREE."



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MERRY CHRISTMAS DE K5MJD
