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Fannin County Amateur Radio Club K5FRC

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FUN STUFF

June 2024 K5FRC TREASURER'S

Currently, the club has a balance of \$3239.84 in its checking account and a balance of \$225.25 in its savings account. Since our last club meeting, the club has had the following deposits and expenditures:

A deposit of \$24.00 from Single membership.

The club has had 3 expenditures since last month's meeting, Check: 1045 / -149.16, 1046 / -95.00, 1047 -344.24.

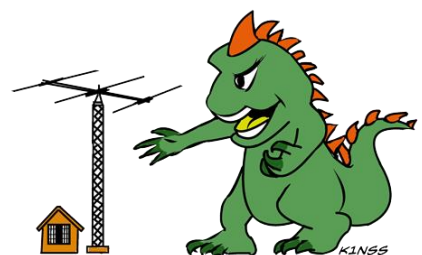
I will also send out an updated roster prior to our next meeting to include our new members.

Reminder: If you need to renew your ARRL membership, you can do so through the club and the club will receive a commission from ARRL. I will have the forms at our next meeting.

73's, James
KI5DQ



SURE NEEDED THIS DURING THE
LAST MONTH'S SUN ACTIVITY



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;
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

President's Report

June President's Report
"Who's that Call Sign?"

Can you believe it, June is here and so is our "Summer Field Day" to be held June 21, 22 and 23 at the Bois D Arc Creek Cowboy Church. I hope everyone is looking forward as much I am, and I am especially excited about the "Weather Round Table."

It's no secret that we have had a busy storm season this year, with the potential of more to come. As we embark on our "CQ CQ, this is K5FRC, any stations listening", have you ever wondered to whom the responding call signs belong too? Recently a co-worker of mine brought me a stack of license plates he found in the garage of a house he had purchased. Every one of these plates, and there were about ten of them, all had the same inscription, "K5REL". These Texas license plates went from 1976 back to 1960, but most of the were pretty rusted except for the 1976 plate.



Being the curious individual that I am, I went to QRZ.com, logged in and did a search. "K5REL" belongs to Joe Alcorn of Henrietta, Tx and has been a ham since 1959. Since this encounter with a small piece of history, I have made it point to search the call signs when I see them. It's a matter of curiosity that I do this, but it also gives life to that call sign on the license plate, or that radio contact.

On a side note, I plan to mail a copy of our newsletter to Mr. Alcorn just to let him know that he made a contact in Fannin County, whether he called "CQ" or not. Try doing this someday and you might, just might have new ham radio experience.

"73" for now and I will see each of at the club meeting and at our summer field day.

Keith Mumaw (KI5VNL)
FCARC President

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

JUNE 2024, VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SHARON MCEACHERN-KK5SM This article was previously published in one of the club's newsletters, but I found it worthy enough to republic it. ENJOY AND 73'S.

Did You Know



There are few, if any radio amateurs alive today who remember the excitement that greeted the official announcement authorizing Amateur Radio after the conclusion of World War I.

The return of Amateur Radio after the "Great War" was by no means guaranteed. There were many powerful forces aligned against Amateur Radio. However, the outstanding value of a pool of trained men with a background in basic radio technology and radiotelegraphy had been proven during the war and could not be denied. Thanks to these wartime contributions and the work of the ARRL, Amateur Radio was allowed to return to the air.

The lifting of the ban on Amateur Radio communications would usher in the golden age of radio. New technologies developed during the war would be used by radio amateurs to lay the foundation of modern radio communications, including the development of vacuum tube CW transmitters, radiotelephony, broadcasting, police radio, the exploration of the short waves and more. The fertile expansion of Amateur Radio during the "Jazz Age" created the basic structure of the Amateur Radio Service we enjoy today.

The original "pink card" announcing the lifting of the World War I ban on Amateur Radio communications was made on September 26, 1919 and published in QST magazine the following month. From the collection of WB8SIW

SECRETARY REPORT

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club – K5FRC
Minutes - Regular Meeting 18 May 2024
Bois D'Arc Creek Cowboy Church

President Keith Mumaw called the meeting to order at 0905. Mike Jeter led the invocation; Ralf Borgardt led the pledges to get the meeting underway.

Officer Reports:

President Keith Mumaw had only that he has been checking in to surrounding county club's nets.

Vice-President Sharon McEachern shared a lot of history in the newsletter.

Treasurer James Hunt reports balances of: Savings \$225.25, Checking \$3,639.08. Deposit of \$24 for dues, Expenditures of \$528.99, \$104.85 and \$146.16. Motion to accept Treasurers report made by Roy Riales, seconded by Ralf Borgardt, motion carried.

Secretary Sarah Richardson asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes as posted in the newsletter or corrections were needed. Mike Jeter moved to accept the minutes as posted, Mark Hetherington seconded, motion carried. Publicity for the club is ongoing, Sarah asked if there were venues that could be utilized for the purpose other than the Leader and e-News give her an email, text or call.

Trustee Dr. Mike Durbin reports the Ivanhoe tower has been separated for the higher antenna to receive, with the lower antenna to transmit. Please let him know of any problems. The Sam Rayburn House will have a camp June 27 and he will be speaking on archeology, the club has been invited to be there. The trailers: blue trailer is painted, have to re-ground the lights. The White trailer generator does work, it was built for NASA for the MARS Car.

Old Business

Grants – Duncan Berry has been researching grants. ARRL has a focus on the under-18 can wind up getting licensed for free by way of reimbursement, in the Youth Programs Youth licensing grant program. Other grants are available if we can show the need, have good recordkeeping and accountability. Brenda Jeter volunteered to help Duncan in this project.

TMC-Bonham testing. Bob said that McKinney was heard somewhat – something about switch modes but message not clear. Keith will contact McKinney.

Event @ FCSO – Sharon remarked that when at the SO feel like hands are tied learning the equipment. She thinks the club does, and can do, a lot for the community. Sharon, Bob and DeeDee all remark that when Troy Hudson calls, we respond. A possible grant to upgrade the equipment at the SO, the radio is current a Yaesu 700 dual band. The event at the end of April had Fannin County club members called to assist Delta County, with members going to Enloe from Dodd City (Bob & DeeDee Yakel), Commerce (Fuzzy Vaughn), Paris (Leo ?). In the past, FCARC has been dispatched to surrounding counties. Keith remarked that working with other counties is beneficial before the need arises for emergency needs.

New Business:

Keith Mumaw brought up that our Trustee Dr. Mike Durbin made a long, expensive trip to retrieve the white trailer, and the club needs to show appreciation to Dr. Mike. Dr. Mike mentioned that it was work related to retrieval and no reimbursement is needed, the job paid for the trip. We do appreciate all that Dr. Mike does for FCARC and its members.

Mark Hetherington asked if anyone was following the solar reports he was sharing, is this something we want to see, with the response being an emphatic YES. The information is also on the club website.

Dr. Mike Durbin brought up our friend Richard from Paris and the repeater at Ivanhoe being used for several different nets. After discussion, we agreed to limit him to his Saturday net, unless the repeater is needed for Skywarn.

James Hunt is going to give a Tech Talk about ferrite core/ beads after the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Mark Hetherington, seconded by Fuzzy Vaughn, motion carried.

Trustees' report

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NOW MY USUAL FUN/INFO STUFF

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

HOW TO COOK A HAM

(SCROLL DOWN FOR INSTRUCTIONS)

INGREDIENTS:

**1 ea HAM RADIO OPERATOR FULLY SEASONED,
WITH A TECH, GENERAL OR HIGHER LICENSE**

1 ea PARABOLIC REFLECTOR (100 FT DIAMETER)

1ea 1 MEGAWATT TRANSMITTER

1ea FCC (EXPERIMENTAL PERMIT)

1ea POUND BROWN SUGAR

PROCEDURE:

**PLACE 1 ea HAM INTO MAIN LOBE OF DISH AT THE FOCAL POINT AS IN PICTURE
BELOW AND SECURE WELL.**



BREAK, BREAK, BREAK!

**COVER HIM WELL WITH BROWN SUGAR...
(It is sometimes best to start with a coating of honey)**

TUNE TRANSMITTER TO 100GHZ FM,

**APPLY FULL POWER UNTIL EYES OF HAM
START GLOWING GREEN....**

MOVE BACK...THERE WILL BE YELLING AND SCREAMING! (Protect your ears!)

**....CONTINUE RADIATING UNTILL HE YELLS
I'M QRT!**

(Recipe courtesy of a Freebander who failed his Tech exam!