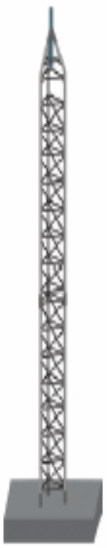
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JANUARY 2026
NEWSLETTER

7290 Traffic handling class moved..
TRAINING MOVED TO AFTER THE FEBRUARY 21st CLUB MEETING.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW 2026 OFFICERS

President - Duncan KG5NDO

Vice-President - Keith KI5VNL

Secretary -Sarah KI5PZF

Treasurer– James KI5DQ

Trustee - Mark - KF5KUW

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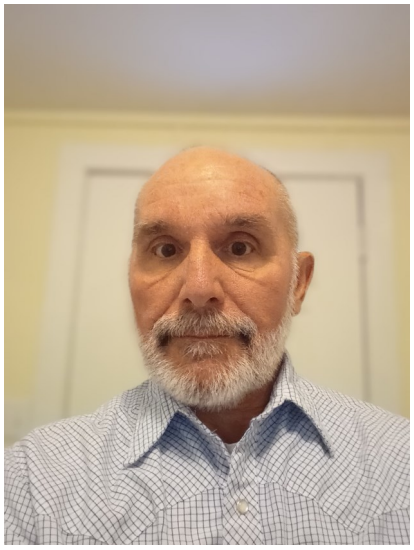
Special points of interest

January 24 & 25 2026 WINTER FIELD DAY!!
Get your chili ready!!!

We'd like to wish you a very Happy New Year! May 2026 bring you clear bands, solid propagation, and plenty of rare and exciting DX. We wish your antennas to stay strong, your rigs to behave nicely, and every new QSO to bring joy and great emotions. May your logs fill with interesting contacts, your shack stay warm and cozy, and your home be full of health, peace, and happiness. Thank you to everyone who shared the bands with us this year — you make the hobby alive and amazing!

73's and 88's de K5MJD

January 2026 President's QSO



President's Report, January 2026.

"Active growth includes: stepping out of your comfort zone, learning something new every day, service, and being a mentor."

It's a new year and a chance to step up and take advantage of new opportunities. This year I'm hoping to extend our outreach activities to scouting groups and local school districts. Needless to say, I have a "tough act" to follow. Last year was very successful in terms of new club events and teaming up with other Ham Radio clubs. I'm encouraging all of us to support our club by attending our monthly meetings, and, coming out for all of our club-sponsored activities. Congratulations to our newly elected or re-elected club officers. Keith Mumaw, Vice -president; Sarah Richardson, club secretary; and James Hunt, club treasurer. Together, I'm hoping to make a difference.

I've held positions in several nonprofit organizations over the years and my favorite guiding statement is from scouting: "Service, education, advancement, and fun."

Winter Winter Field Day is on January 24-25, at the Bonham Lake Recreation area. The annual chili cook-off will be on Saturday night. And, yes, you can have beans in your chili. (My chili won 1st place last year and judges did not mind the beans.) Our next club meeting is Saturday January, 17th at the Bois d'Arc Creek Cowboy Church. After the meeting we be hosting a "tech time". Although at this writing the idea has not been put into action, it was suggested that we have a handheld directional antenna workshop.

I constructed a tape-measure and PVC pipe antenna that I used for a fox hunt at Fannin Lake a few years ago. After our next meeting we could have a "build it yourself" clinic followed by a fox hunt. If we can pull this together by the next meeting we will let you know. Check out the following links and provide some feedback either by direct email or the Fanninhams group:
https://www.jpole-antenna.com/2017/02/07/build-it-2-meter-tape-measure-yagi-beam-antenna/
https://www.instructables.com/The-Tape-Measure-Antenna/

We will be looking for ideas for the future club meetings but we can also use the time for:

- Help programming equipment.
- Trouble shooting equipment.
- Help setting up mobile stations.
- Help preparing for FCC license testing.
- Help tuning, setting up, or repairing antenna.
- Ares, Races, and Emcom breakout group meetings.
- Mentoring time for old Hams and newbies..

Any Ideas? Please share on the Fanninhams group. I'd like to make our meetings learning and activity oriented.

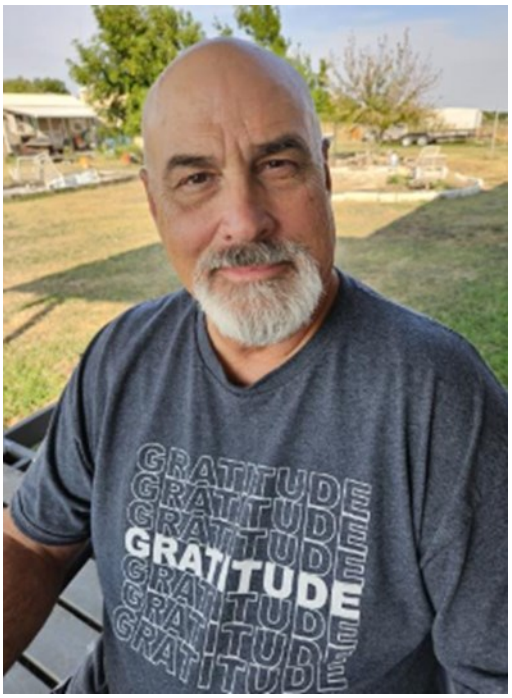
Finally, on February 21st after our meeting there will be training for the 7290 Traffic net with JoAnn, KA5AZK.

See at the January Meeting. -73

Duncan, KG5NDO.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

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January Vice-President's QSO
"A New Beginning"

Hello and welcome to 2026! What year 2025 was and the year before us promises to be better than ever. It seems that I will be starting this year as I did last year, with yet another surgery to replace my left knee, but all is well.

We have a new club President and I have full faith and confidence in Duncan Berry (KG5NDO) to lead us to new heights. Congratulations go out as well to Sarah (KI5PZF) in her continuation as club secretary and James (KI5DQ) in his continuation as club treasurer. And yes, I have the honor of being the VP and look forward to this new role.

Our first event of the year is coming up on January 24th and 25th as "Winter Field Day" makes its arrival. Unfortunately, I will have to attend from the QHT, but will make every effort to contribute as many contacts as possible to the club total. If you cannot attend, I want to encourage you to work from the house as well.

I look forward to what lies ahead of us and am eager to get started.

Keith
2026 Vice-President - FCARC
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SARAH RICHARDSON

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club
20 December 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes and Officer Election
Windom Feed Sack, Windom Texas



President Keith Mumaw (KI5VNL) called the meeting to order, and led the invocation. Duncan Berry (KG5NDO) led the pledge. President Keith shared remarks regarding the November Ham fest, and that Rains County ARC is interested in partnering with us for a future event. He hopes the 50/50 will continue, and outreach for the Scouts and Trail Life groups as well as schools will allow youth to develop interest in ham radio. Thanks for letting him serve two years as president.
Vice President Dr. Mike Durbin (K5MJD) reminded us that elections are today. He misses being up as much as he was, can hear the 443 repeater, and is working on getting the antenna up high enough to make connections. He proceeded to pass ballots to members for the Secretary Sarah Richardson (KI5PZF) reminded the members that due to the rapid pace of the November Tailgate Ham fest, there were NO MINUTES for November. However, we do need to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Duncan Berry (KG5NDO) moved to approve, Jody Lindsey (KE5GIB) seconded the motion, motion carried.
Treasurer James Hunt (KI5DQ) Thanks the club for the support given him due to health and life events. No report on balances but appreciates Shelly Vega (KJ5LOK) stepping up with money help at the Ham fest, and Spirit of Giving. He reminds us that dues are due and we voted to increase them to $35 Individual, $50 Family, with associates staying at $20.

President Keith Mumaw awarded certificates of appreciation to the 2025 officers, Trustees, and Shelly Vega recognized as Volunteer of the Year. Shelly passed her Technician exam in June and has been in the thick of helping the club be successful in every activity since joining the club.



Ballots passed out by Dr. Mike were gathered and counted. Officers for the 2026 year are:
President Duncan Berry (KG5NDO)
Vice President Keith Mumaw (KI5VNL)
Secretary Sarah Richardson (KI5PZF)
Treasurer James Hunt (KI5DQ)
Paul Ivy (K5IVY) moved to adjourn, Shelly Vega (KJ5LOK) seconded, motion carried.

Members in Attendance
K5MJD Dr. Mike Durbin
Jean Durbin
N5OMD Jim Thomas
KD5UNY Mike Lindsey
KE5GIB Jody LIndsey
KI5PZF Sarah Richardson
KI5VNL Keith Mumaw
Marti Mumaw
Diana Ivy
K5IVY Paul Ivy
KA8FRK James Yost
KG5NDO Duncan Berry
Ruth Berry
KI5DQ James Hunt
KJ5LOK Shelly Vega
Johnny Vega
Winter McLain
W5FZY Fuzzy Vaughan
KF5KUW Mark Hetherington
Gena Hetherington
KK5SM Sharon McEachern
KG5OGC Mike Jeter
KG5OMG Brenda Jeter
KI5LVS Ralf Borgart

January '2026 K5FRC Treasury Report



Thank you everyone with the '2026 Treasurer re-election.

Yes – a gentle reminder, it is time for year '2026 club dues. It is $35 for individual or $50 for family. You're welcome to meet the Treasurer at the club meeting or mail to the club address.

One of many of the K5FRC club member benefits is the availability on loaned radio equipment. We have HF transceivers, VHF radios, power supplies, CW Keyers for member use. Also have some coax. Please contact a club officer on availability.



This photo displays part of the K5FRC radio gear available for loan. Sorry – the test gear is not included.

The City of Bonham has provided use of the Pavilion at the armory, rent free – Thank You!
Although they did require a Security Cleaning Deposit of $600, a check was mailed 10September 2025. Waiting on the feedback/deposit return.

Currently, the club has a balance of $5772.11 in its checking account and a balance of $228.65 in its savings account. Since our last club meeting, the club has had the following deposits ($430.00) from club members. No expenses were noted.

73's,

TRUSTEES REPORT

January 2026



Winter Field Day is upon us… The temperatures are supposed to turn colder soon… Are we sure its January with 80 degree afternoons? But wait, we are in Texas, as soon it will be below freezing once again…

I don't know about you, but I am getting cabin fever with these warmer days. I want to go hang new antennas, erect a small tower and put my hexbeam back on the air. I am also eager to get my satellite antennas back up. Suddenly, this fever is getting too warm… I guess I will take it one at a time…



K5FRC CLUB INFO

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;

(LINKED TO 145.47)

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

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

Tuesday Night Net 8:00 PM

ZOOM sessions are held every Tuesday at 7:00 PM CST before the net

on the 145.470 Mhz repeater.

Website: www.k5frc.org Email K5frc1@gmail.com

FCARC meets every third Saturday at 9:00 AM

at the Bois D Arc Creek Cowboy Church

(unless noted in newsletter of a different location or special event)

3375 S. Hwy 121, Bonham, TX, United States, Texas

K5FRC

K5FRC does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.



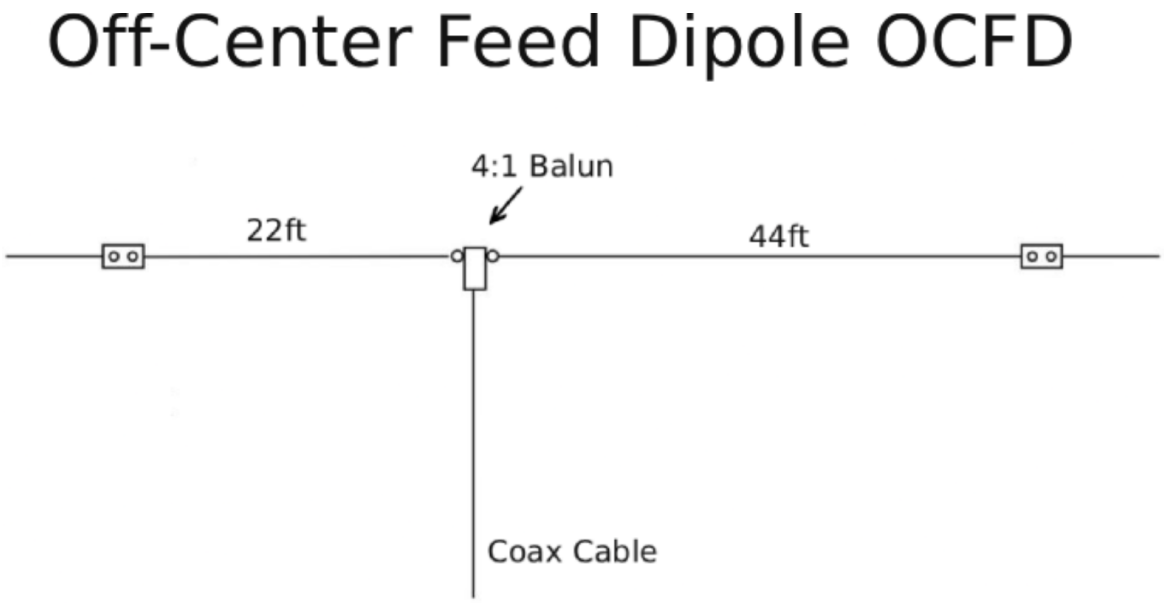
MEMBERS INPUT

MORE AIR FRYERS



WHAT IS an Off-Center Fed Dipole (OCFD)

If you're tired of glowing YouTube thumbnails and antennas that never quite match the hype, the off-center fed dipole (OCFD) is a refreshing reality check. It's a simple, rugged wire antenna that quietly covers multiple HF bands without fancy traps, motors, or mystery black boxes.



An off-center fed dipole is exactly what it sounds like: a dipole where the feedpoint is intentionally moved away from the physical center. That off-center feedpoint sees a higher impedance than a classic 50 Ω center-fed dipole. With the right **4:1 current balun** and feedpoint location, you get several bands with reasonable SWR on a single piece of wire.

Unlike many "random-wire" antennas, the OCFD is repeatable and predictable. A common 80 m design around 135 ft long, fed roughly one-third from one end, gives useful coverage on 80, 40, 20, 17, and 10 meters — often without a tuner on at least one or two bands. Add a tuner and it becomes a very capable all-around HF antenna for the prepared operator.

A perfectly flat, level dipole is nice, but real yards rarely cooperate. The good news: OCFDs tolerate bends and slopes quite well.

CAN ALSO BE BUILT TO FIT YOUR YARD

Flat-top: Best overall if trees or masts are available.
Inverted-V: Easier on small lots and sheds snow and ice well.
Sloper: Handy when you only have one tall support and a lower end point.

DE K5MJD

FCARC 2026 Calendar of Events and typical participating things and other HAM things

January
- 17 Regular Club Meeting
- 24-25 Winter Field Day and Chili Cookoff
- 31 Hugo Ham fest at Choctaw Agricultural Event Center

February
- 10 NWS Storm Spotter Training at Grayson College at 6p
- 21 Regular Club Meeting
- ?? Emergency Preparedness event with LDS of Bonham

March
- 21 Regular Club Meeting

April
- 18 Regular Club Meeting
- 22 or 28 Homeschool Day Sam Rayburn House Historical Site

May
- 16 Regular Club Meeting

June
- 20 Regular Club Meeting

July
- ?? Tour de Paris - helping fellow club RRARC with comms
- 18 Regular Club Meeting

August
- 15 Regular Club Meeting

September
- 19 Regular Club Meeting
- 26? Sam Rayburn House Farm Heritage day
- 26? Davy Crockett Day at Honey Grove
- ** How cool would it be to have a trailer at each event so that even if the bands didn't cooperate we can still demonstrate radio?

October
- 3 Autumn In Bonham Bike Rally
- 17 Regular Club Meeting ** typically "Go-Box" focus and the Scouts JOTA is at this time

November
- 14 HAM fest at Civic Center/Armory
- 21 Regular Club Meeting/Spirit Of Giving is this day for 2026

December
- 19 Regular Club Meeting/Christmas Party/Officer Elections