

September 2022



**IRLP NODE 3602**

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**WE HAVE IT ALL!!!**

**FANNIN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB      K5FRC**

**OPEN REPEATERS: 145.470, 443.775, AND 442.525**

**CLUB MEETING IS EVERY 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY AT THE BONHAM COWBOY CHURCH 9 AM  
WEEKLY NET (OPEN TO EVERYONE) TUESDAYS 8:00 PM ON 2 METERS 145.470**

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**From the President**



**KF5KUW**

Summer has officially ended, and wow did this cooler weather come as a great treat and surprise. And at the same time, we have had some good and some bad HF propagation, but that was more influenced by our sun's activities. And as we cool down, it's time to start thinking about our upcoming activities.

- September 24<sup>th</sup> – Sam Rayburn Farming Heritage Day – we will be doing a Parks On The Air event at the Sam Rayburn House on Hwy 56 with the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club. This event runs from 10:00 until 3:00, and we are planning to be setting up around 9:00 am.

- October 15<sup>th</sup> – Radio In The Park and October club meeting will be held at the Lake Coffee Mill campground. We will have our club meeting starting at 9:00 am, followed immediately with our Radio In The Park event, which this year is focused on your personal go-box. What do you have set up, or can set up, in the event of a disaster or emergency? Everyone is encouraged to bring what they have, and let's share with one another ideas and things that we might want to consider adding to our own setup. We have a committee who is handling this event, and they will be sharing more on this event at our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- December 17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party and club meeting at 11:00 am at the Windom Feed Sack restaurant. We have a room reserved for us, and the Feed Sack will be providing their buffet meal for our dining pleasure. Please get with Mike (KD5UNY) and Jody (KE5GIB) if you have any food allergies or special needs, so they can pass this along to the Windom Feed Sack. And during the club meeting, we will be holding our officer elections for 2023, so don't forget to get your nominations in to our Vice President, James KI5DQ, who is responsible for handling these nominations. Also at this special club meeting event, we will have some door prizes...
- January 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Winter Field Day. This event will be held out at Lake Bonham, where we have enjoyed being able to operate from for this event in past years. This is an event that runs from early Saturday afternoon continuously until Sunday afternoon, allowing us a great chance for comradery, socializing, and playing radio!

Changing topics, did anyone hear Mike (K5MJD) and I when we were marine mobile on Lake Texoma? We had a great time playing with Mike's HF radio while we were out floating on Lake Texoma. And WOW! Can Mike's radio get out with that Hustler mobile antenna he uses... I was getting excellent signal reports from everyone I talked to that night. Mike even talked to Italy! And to make this even better, I have received a QSL card from one of the stations that I had a QSO contact with, who was so excited to make a marine mobile contact, and have sent him a QSL card back. And for those who were wondering about the fishing, I let back into the lake all the catfish I caught, so we can have fun catching them again another day.

On another topic, I would like to ask for some volunteers to help out some of our club members with their antenna issues. We have some of our members who are more physically limited, or have other things that they have to take care of, and haven't been able to devote the time to getting themselves set up to be on the air. I have had several club members mentioning to me that they could use some assistance, and a couple that do not like to ask for help (pride is hard to overcome). But I think of our club as our family, and if we are able, let's help out our family members so that they are able to have proper communications in case of an emergency, as well as a chance to enjoy those other fun things our hobby has to offer.

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### *VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

## **Fall Safety Tips and Activities**

Finally, the outdoor temperatures are beginning to fall, which allows us to spend more time outside.

**Keep your hydration up, along with sun-screen.**

Lack of water can lead to dehydration, which leads to impaired normal functions, including draining your energy and making you tired. The average male needs about 15.5 cups and female about 11.5 cups water per day. Sun-screen, 30spf or greater is recommended.

<http://www.mayoclinic.org>

#### **Outdoor Activities**

Earlier this year - 11June2022, the K5FRC club was on Treasure Island, Lake Texoma for many hours as K5E. Many have expressed interest on doing this again.

The 15October K5FRC meeting will be at Coffee Mill Lake (Caddo National Grassland). We are planning family time with radio readiness by portable power. There is a very good chance of marine mobile on the lake during the event. Place is also a very good fishing opportunity.

The 74<sup>th</sup> annual Texoma Hamarama is 21 – 22 October 2022 <http://www.hamarama.org> .

15 September2022  
K5FRC Vice-President  
K5FRC Safety Officer  
James Hunt - KI5DQ

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### **SECRETARY'S REPORT** **Meeting Minutes**

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### **TREASURE'S REPORT**

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#### Treasurer's Report

The current balance of the club's checking account is \$5286.53. This includes one outstanding check from Gail Young's office for \$59.75 to cover the cost of tags for the club's trailer.

The savings account balance is \$223.86.

I appreciate everyone taking the time to look over the club roster. I'll have hardcopies on Saturday.

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### **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

**NEW GENERATOR, AIR CONDITIONER, AND UPS ARE FULLY OPERATIONAL**

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# **ARTICLES FROM THE FIELD!! & MEMBERS COMMENTS?**

## **THINGS TO DO WITH THE REPEATER WHEN IT IS VERY QUIET..**

To access IRLP (RF only) [www.irlp.net](http://www.irlp.net)

1. Identify yourself
2. PTT then enter the node number.
3. Release and wait for voice message.
4. PTT to talk with remote node (pause before speaking after each PTT).
5. PTT and enter 73 to drop link.
6. Identify.

To access Echolink (RF or computer/internet link) [www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org)

1. Identify.
2. PTT then enter # plus the remote node number.
3. Release and wait for voice message.
4. PTT to talk with remote node (pause before speaking after each PTT).
5. PTT and enter #73 to drop link.
6. Identify.

To check your audio on K5FRC 2 meter repeater.

1. Identify.
2. PTT and enter A7.
3. Release PTT and wait for voice prompt.
4. PTT and do your audio test.
5. Release and listen to the recording playback.
6. Test ends automatically.
7. Repeat (PTT and A7) as needed.
8. Identify.

Key Pad Test

1. Identify.
2. PTT 5 plus keys to test.
3. Release PTT and listen to results.
4. Note – a good signal is required to decode the touch tones.
5. Identify.

QUESTIONS CALL K5MJD

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***Be the first in 2022 to submit an article for the newsletter!!***