



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

2019

KCARC Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2019, 7 PM
Cobb Rec Center
2302 State St.
Abilene, TX

WEEKLY NET TIME

Thursday, 8 PM on 146.76 repeater
(146.2 Hz tone)

Club Website:

<http://kc5olo.org/>

2019 Officers:

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ, President,
Lynn Bailey, K5AVJ, Vice-President,
Jacob Bachmeyer, KE5WHG, Secretary,
Peg Richard, KA4UPA Treasurer

..CQ CQ CQ... Notes from the President

This month is our usual business meeting. There will be some important items that we need to discuss and take care of. Before we begin our business though, we will have a very important guest – John Stratton. He is the West Gulf Division Director and Representative from the ARRL. Mr. Stratton will take a few moments to inform everyone about what is happening within the ARRL as well as other important information. We may have some visitors from other surrounding ham radio club to hear Mr. Stratton as well.

Then we will need to nominate officers for the next year. Please carefully consider who you think will do the best jobs as your elected leaders. Nomination and election of officers is very important so I hope that everyone will attend this important meeting.

Lastly, we need to make a final decision concerning our website. We have been discussing this a long time and it is time to make a decision about what we want to do. Your input and vote is important so that we can inform everyone what our club is doing and to grow our wonderful hobby.

Speaking of website if you have any information as to who might have the source document for the logo of the KC5OLO site please let me or Mike Roche or Bill Gauthier know.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Until then, “73 everyone!”

Thanks!

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ

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UpcomingHamfests:

10/05/2019 | [HamEXPO Fall 2019](#)

Location: Belton, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Temple Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.tarc.org/hamexpo>

10/19/2019 | [South Texas Hamfest & Electronics Expo](#)

Location: Sinton, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: South Texas Hamfest Association

Website: <https://southtexashamfest.org/>

10/19/2019 |

[Socorro Amateur Radio Association Hamfest](#)

Location: Socorro, NM

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Socorro ARA, Tech ARA, City of Socorro

Website:

<http://www.socorroara.org/hamfest.html>

10/25/2019 |

[Texoma Hamarama](#)

Location: Ardmore, OK

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: The Texoma Hamarama Association

Website: <http://www.hamarama.org/>

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Pegged by Peg ...

Reminder that 2019 dues are payable at \$20.00 per family, all living at one address, or \$15.00 per individual for the year.

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CONTESTS:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

August 2019

3-4 [222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#)

17-18 [10 GHz & Up – Round 1](#)

18 [Rookie Roundup – RTTY](#)

September 2019

14-16 [September VHF](#)

21-22 [10 GHz & Up - Round 2](#)

21-22 [EME - 2.3 GHz & Up](#)

October 2019

21-25 [School Club Roundup](#)

19-20 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

November 2019

2-4 [Nov. Sweepstakes – CW](#)

16-18 [Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone](#)

16-17 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

December 2019

6-8 [160 Meter](#)

14-15 [10 Meter](#)

15 [Rookie Roundup–CW](#)

31-Jan 1 Straight Key Night

For a more extensive Ham Radio Contest Calendar, check this website:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

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EXAM SESSION

Sponsor: Key City ARC

Date: November 2, 2019 (Saturday)

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Peggy Richard

(325) 672-8889

Email: ka4upa@suddenlink.net

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: Berry Lane Baptist Church

1515 Lakeside Drive

Abilene TX 79602-4123

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E-Mail Blast from WTX Section Manager

Subject: West Gulf Division Director Election

Folks - This week you will be receiving a ballot from ARRL to vote for the West Gulf Division Director. The person elected will serve a term of three years.

As in all elections voters should be well informed about each candidate and vote for whom they feel would do the best job.

Enclosed is a link to the debate between John Stratton, N5AUS, the incumbent and Madison Jones, W5MJ, the challenger. I encourage you all to view this video before casting your vote. If you have any questions or need clarification from either candidate, please contact them directly

Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7c7vUXwOTY> to view the video.

73, Dale - W5WI

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Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Minutes

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer,
KE5WHG

July 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1903 by Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ. The invocation was given by Lynn Bailey, K5AVJ. Members introduced themselves. There were 23 members and no guests present.

The minutes of the April 8th meeting were read by Jacob Bachmeyer, KE5WHG. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dale Durham, W5WI and seconded by Scott Keating, KG8DSK. The motion was carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Peg Richard, KA4UPA and filed for audit.

Old Business

Field Day Report

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ reported a good Field Day at the Shriners Hall. We had more than 200 contacts, 100 bonus points for sending a radiogram to the section manager, and 500 bonus points for media invites.

Lynn Bailey, K5AVJ reported that a visitor arrived who had read about the event in the newspaper. John Dyer, AE5B mentioned that we had another 100 bonus points for making satellite contacts.

John Dyer, AE5B told a brief story about the panhandle amateur radio club W5WX and their comeback from near-collapse.

New Business

Better Communication with Members

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ raised the issue of lack of effective communication with the club members. Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ prompted Bill Gauthier, KG5ZRC for a report about the club's current Web site. The site is on the domain KC5OLO.ORG, which was set to expire next year as of the meeting and is currently registered to Ron Harden, Jr, WT5X with the hosting provided by Jerry Peterson, KD5YCY.

Bill Gauthier, KG5ZRC offered to take over maintenance of the site and rebuild it, if the Web hosting is transferred to GoDaddy, at a cost to the club of about \$100 per year. Ron Harden, Jr, WT5X voiced objections to this plan as presented. Additionally, the domain KC5OLO.COM is available.

A motion to acquire the KC5OLO.COM domain was made by Dale Durham, W5WI and seconded by Ron Harden, Jr, WT5X.

The motion was carried.

Randy Robinson, N5JZH requested that we ensure that the new domain is registered in the club's name.

The club has a Facebook page, although there has been much confusion on the topic. Randy Robinson, N5JZH reported that the Facebook page is moderated and he is a moderator able to approve posts, but does not know who is the administrator of that page. Dale Durham, W5WI asked why the

Facebook page is moderated, and the problem of Internet spam was explained and weighed against the costs of moderation, particularly in the delays associated with approving posts. Jacob Bachmeyer, KE5WHG suggested whitelisting club members to permit direct posting, but requiring posts from “outside” the club to be approved by a moderator. John Dyer, AE5B reported that a Yahoo group email list for the club is configured in that way. No decision was reached.

There is an email address <kcarc@gmail.com>, but who receives messages sent to that address is unknown.

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ proposed posting the meeting minutes on the club’s Web site and Facebook page to avoid needing to read the minutes at every meeting.

Non-profit Status of the Key City Amateur Radio Club

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ reported that the Key City Amateur Radio Club is exempt from Texas franchise tax since May 1, 1980, but is not exempt from Hotel Occupancy tax and that this is the club’s only status as a tax-exempt organization. In particular, the club is not a 501(c)3. Randy Robinson, N5JZH reported that there had been an effort to gain 501(c)3 status at the time that he first joined the club, but those efforts were ultimately unsuccessful. In the end, the issue is moot because the club has never had enough income in a year to matter.

Section Manager’s Announcements and Discussion

Dale Durham, W5WI reported that Steve Ayers, KE5ES, in addition to resigning as President of the Key City Amateur Radio Club, also resigned as the Callahan County Emergency Coordinator. A replacement is sought.

Dale Durham, W5WI described a proposal to reallocate 144–146 MHz in ITU Region 1 for aeronautical uses. The proposal has drawn fierce opposition and is expected to fail, since that is the entire 2-meter band in Region 1.

Dale Durham, W5WI also described an ongoing controversy about Winlink, but explained that the controversy is mostly bogus. The complaint concerned a related system called “sail mail” that operates in the business band using a similar protocol, but does not involve amateur radio in any way.

Dale Durham, W5WI asked ARRL members to be diligent in choice of candidates to support in an upcoming ARRL election and to consider the qualifications and track records of the candidates running.

Dale Durham, W5WI asked how many people participated in the recent “13 colonies” special event, and Jim Chandler, N5COT mentioned that he had stumbled across the event. John Dyer, AE5B also mentioned the “Route 66” event.

Dale Durham, W5WI also brought a few door

prizes. A drawing was held; repeater directories went to Bill Gauthier, KG5ZRC and Jacob Bachmeyer, KE5WHG, and an ARRL Handbook went to Henry Kearny, AE5SL.

The long tail...

Henry Kearny, AE5SL finally has a tower. Having no further business, a motion was made by Peg Richard, KA4UPA and seconded by Scott Keating, KG8DSK to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1956.

Addendum 1: Special Election

At the August 12, 2019 meeting, attended by 16 members, the vacant position left by the previous resignation of Steve Ayers, KE5ES was filled.

Nominations for President of the Key City Amateur Radio Club were opened. Dale Durham, W5WI nominated Vice President Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ with a second by Brett Bailey, KG5NLW. Lois Doerschuk, KF5BAB moved that nominations cease with a second by Henry Kearny, AE5SL.

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ was elected by acclamation.

Nominations for Vice President of the Key City Amateur Radio Club were opened. Dale Durham, W5WI nominated Lynn Bailey, K5AVJ with a second by Kathryn Wilson, KG5THK. Henry Kearny, AE5SL moved that nominations cease with a second by Jim

Chandler, N5COT. Lynn Bailey, K5AVJ was elected by acclamation.

Addendum 2: Meeting Place

Peg Richard, KA4UPA will make the request to reserve the room we currently use for next year.

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Would you like to put your communication skills to use for public service or disaster? Amateur Radio Emergency Services wants and needs you! It doesn't matter whether you are a Technician, General, or Extra. There is a place for you.

The ARES Net is on Tuesday night at 8 pm on the 146.76 MHz repeater.

There is a group that meets the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 – 12:00 noon at the Abilene Public Library conference room in the Mall. Next meeting, October 5 then November 2.

For more information contact Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ, Taylor County Emergency Coordinator at (325) 701-4683.

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