



## **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

**2020**

KCARC Monthly Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2020, 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/>

### **2020 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**

When you get this Christmas will have come and gone. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Years!

Speaking of New Years, many people try to make New Year's Resolutions to change or improve various situations in their life. As we begin a new year in the life of our radio club I would like to challenge everyone to think about the direction and goals of where we as a club are headed in the next year. What things do we need to change or make improvements in?

I recently received the January 2020 issue of QST. On page 9, ARRL CEO Howard E. Michel, WB2ITX, writes the following in his Second Century column:

“The world has changed. People are busy with many activities – establishing careers, building families, giving back to their communities. Free time is scarce. People are used to customization. They expect to engage the world on their own terms, on their own schedule, and in their own way. Younger hams are not just younger versions of you and me. They have grown up in a different world. ...We can try to mold the future generation of hams to our image, or we can embrace new hams for what they are. ARRL needs to do the latter.”

He further writes about how ARRL will seek to change its focus: “Our focus will be on developing ways, and an infrastructure, that members can use to organize themselves in ways they want, to do thing that they consider meaningful. I can see these new clubs organized to support special events, such as a marathon; to engage in STEM education; or prepare for disasters. These types of clubs exist now, but they many need to conform to a set of rules designed for traditional clubs.”

In this new year, I would like for our club to consider how we can reach younger hams and extend the growth of this wonderful club by becoming a Special Service Club. According to ARRL, “A special program exists to recognize those clubs who do more than the usual for their communities and for Amateur Radio. These well-rounded groups are the Special Service Clubs (SSCs). SSCs are the leaders in their Amateur Radio communities. They’re the ones with the active training classes, the publicity program and the members who actively pursue technical projects and operating activities.”

At our January meeting I will share some additional information on how we can become a Special Services Club and the requirements that are needed. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Until then, “73’s everyone!”

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ

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**UpcomingHamfests:**

**01/17/2020 |**

**Cowtown Hamfest, ARRL North Texas Section Convention**

**Location:** Forest Hill, TX

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Cowtown Amateur Radio Club and other local clubs

**Website:**  
<http://www.cowtownhamfest.com>

**03/07/2020**

**Irving Amateur Radio Hamfest**

**Location:** Irving, TX

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Irving amateur Radio Club, Inc.

**Website:** <http://irvingarc.org/>

**03/21/2020 |**

**St Patrick's Day Hamfest, ARRL West Texas Section Convention**

**Location:** Midland, TX

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Midland Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://hamfest.w5qgg.org>

No data on ARRL.org for Belton or Dayton or Ham-Com hamfests but this info is on the web:

**Belton HamEXPO:** March 13-14

<https://www.tarc.org/hamexpo>

**Dayton Hamvention:** May 15-17

<https://hamvention.org/>

**Ham-Com:** June 12-13

<https://www.facebook.com/HamComTexas/>

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**Pegged by Peg ...**

Reminder that 2020 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>

**January 2020**

1 [Straight Key Night](#)

4 [Kids Day](#)

4-5 [RTTY Roundup](#)

18-20 [January VHF](#)

**February 2020**

10-14 [School Club Roundup](#)

15-16 [International DX – CW](#)

**March 2020**

7-8 [International DX– Phone](#)

**April 2020**

19 [Rookie Roundup – Phone](#)

**June 2020**

13-15 [June VHF](#)

20 [Kids Day](#)

27-28 [Field Day](#)

**July 2020**

11-12 [IARU HF World Championship](#)

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:** March 7, 2020 (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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**West Texas - Ham of the Year Award by Dale Durham, W5WI**

Folks,

Because of near non existent response I am again seeking nominations for 2019 Ham of the Year Awards. I am positive that there are some folks in the West Texas Section that deserve to be nominated. Please send your

club or individual member nomination forms to me by January 31, 2020.

The winner will be announced at the Midland Hamfest in March.

Nomination Information below:

#### ARRL West Texas Ham of the Year Award

At the West Texas Convention in March 2019 during my remarks I mentioned that I was instituting a West Texas Ham of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the West Texas Convention, Midland Texas during the March 2020 Hamfest.

Below is the nomination format I'd like you to use in nominating someone for the award. Nominations may be made using the outline below on a plain sheet of paper.

Nominations should be legible and accurately spell out why the person being nominated deserves to be the 2020 West Texas Ham of the Year.

I will appoint a nominating committee who will review the received nominations and make recommendations for the award. The nominating committee will be composed of our SEC, a DEC and a randomly chosen club member from a West Texas radio club.

Nominating Committee members and ARRL office holders are not eligible for this award.

#### NOMINATION CRITERIA

I would like to nominate (Name and Call sign) for West Texas Ham of the year. He/She is an ARRL member (required).

(Name) was licensed in \_\_\_\_\_, and has lived in the West Texas Section for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

(Name) currently is a member of the following amateur radio organizations (List). And, he/she has held office as the (\_\_\_\_\_) for the (\_\_\_\_\_).

List awards and accomplishments of the nominated individual. Eg, served as net control for (???) Net; established a mentoring program for new hams; etc. This is the opportunity to promote your nominee!

Closing paragraph example:

I highly recommend (name) for the West Texas Section Ham of the Year Award. (he/she) has: (add comments here). Indicate how long you have known the person and their personal attributes.

If it's an individual making the nomination, include your name, callsign, address, email and telephone number.

If it's a club making the nomination, include the club name, callsign and pertinent information of the officers making the nomination (as above). I suspect the club would form a committee to consider club nominations.

Send your completed nomination form to me, H. Dale Durham, W5WI, WTX Section Manager, P.O. Box 375 Buffalo Gap, TX 79508. Email: w5wi@arrl.org

I know there are many hams in West Texas that deserve this recognition.

I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Vry 73,

Dale, W5WI WTX Section Manager

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**SPECTRUM AT RISK by Dale Durham, W5WI**

Folks,

I posted information about this a few weeks ago. This is a reminder to let your voice be heard if you haven't done so already. Our spectrum is our most valuable asset in ham radio. We must not let it be chipped away without a fight!

**FCC Formally Adopts Proposals to Remove Amateur 3-GHz Band, Invites Comments**

At its December 12 meeting, the FCC formally adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in WT Docket 19-348 and invited comments on its plan to remove “existing non-federal secondary radiolocation and amateur allocations” in the 3.3 – 3.55 GHz band and relocate incumbent non-federal operations. The FCC said it’s seeking comment on appropriate “transition mechanisms” to make that happen.

ARRL has indicated that it will file comments in opposition to the proposal. The amateur 9-centimeter allocation is 3.3 – 3.5 GHz.

While I know many of you do not personally use the 3.5 GHz band, Many of the clubs and

organizations in larger Metropolis areas do use this band,

They use it to help protect you and I during Severe Weather by the way of Mesh Networks known as AREDN, you may live in an area where 3.5 GHz is in use by fellow amateurs to help protect you, your loved ones and your property and not even know it.

There are several ways you can help prevent this.....

File Comment on the notice of proposed rule making on the FCC website

<https://www.arednmesh.org/content/template-s-submit-comments-3-ghz-fcc-docket-19-348>

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/how-comment>

For more info go to the ARRL website Regulatory & Advocacy Tab

<http://www.arrl.org/regulatory-advocacy>

73,

Dale, W5WI

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ARRL West Texas Section

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w5wi@arrl.org

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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.

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

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