



**APRIL Newsletter**  
**2020**

KCARC Meeting  
Monday, April 13, 2020, 7 PM  
On 146.76 repeater  
(146.2 tone)

WEEKLY NET TIME  
Thursday, 8 PM on 146.76 repeater  
(146.2 Hz tone)  
Club Website:  
<https://keycityarc.org/>

**2020 Officers:**  
Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ, President,  
Lynn Bailey, K5AVJ, Vice President,  
Jacob Bachmeyer, KE5WHG, Secretary,  
Peg Richard, KA4UPA Treasurer

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**The Prez Sez ...CQ CQ CQ...**

Good morning everyone. I hope that everyone is doing okay due to the Limited Shelter In Place, which seems to get longer and longer! However, that just means that we need to be vigilant in taking precautions to prevent the reception and dispersing of this virus.

It also means that we will have to be creative in how we conduct our radio business meetings, etc. Because Cobb Park will remain closed we won't be able to meet there for our April meeting. I have sent an email to the VP, Sec, and Treasurer about conducting our April meeting by doing an Information Net Meeting on 13 April. We can conduct our needed business meeting just as we do during the Thursday night Net. We will need to follow the same check in procedures as well as the FCC requirement to give our call sign after transmissions.

I sent an email to the Fire Chief, Ray Watson, of the Hamby Fire Dept. but have not heard back from him for possible use of their fire station for Field Day. Depending upon Social Distancing requirements being prolonged even into June we may have to get creative in how we conduct Field Day.

If you haven't checked the ARRL web site recently I would encourage you to do so. There is discussion about Field Day, and creative measures that may need to take place this year.

As you can see, there is a lot of planning that needs to take place! I hope to see (hear) everyone at the next Informational Net Meeting. Until then, continue to be safe!

"73's everyone!"

Thanks!

**Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ**

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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.

Peg Richard, KA4UPA

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**UpcomingHamfests:**

**CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19**

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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 \(pending\)](#)

**July 2020**

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

**August 2020**

- 1-2 [222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#)
- 15-16 [10 GHz & Up - Round 1](#)
- 16 [Rookie Roundup - RTTY](#)

**September 2020**

- 12-14 [September VHF](#)
- 19-20 [10 GHz & Up - Round 2](#)
- 12-13 [EME - 2.3 GHz & Up](#)

**October 2020**

- 19-23 [School Club Roundup](#)
- 10-11 [EME - 50 to 1296 Mhz](#)

**November 2020**

- 7-9 [Nov. Sweepstakes - CW](#)
- 21-23 [Nov. Sweepstakes - Phone](#)
- 28-29 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

**December 2020**

- 4-6 [160 Meter](#)
- 12-13 [10 Meter](#)
- 20 [Rookie Roundup-CW](#)

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:** CANCELLED - COVID19  
**Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** Peggy Richard  
 (325) 672-8889  
**Email:** [ka4upa@suddenlink.net](mailto:ka4upa@suddenlink.net)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)  
**Location:** Berry Lane Baptist Church  
 1515 Lakeside Drive  
 Abilene TX 79602-4123

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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 (SUSPENDED DURING COVID19 PANDEMIC) 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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SKYWARN Training Schedule for 2020  
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID119

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**COVID19 Coffee Shop Meeting**  
from Dale-W5WI, West Texas Section  
Manager

Hello Everyone,

I trust you folks are following the CDC Guidelines and staying home or if you have to be out maintaining social distancing. This threat is very real and very easily spread. Please stay safe and protect yourself and your family!

Because we hams like to talk and share information I have implemented a virtual Coffee Shop Meeting that is held on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. CDT on Zoom. (Yes, Zoom has received some bad press lately and to ensure your computers remain safe do not click the Facebook share box when setting your Zoom account up.)

For the foreseeable future we will meet on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. CDT. I plan to have several themes to our meetings and I will be inviting special guests to attend. You will have to be there to see who our special guest is for the week. If you are interested in attending, please send me an email and I'll send you an invitation.

The bad news is that Zoom will only allow me to accept 100 people in a chat at one time. So, if you do not get in, please try again next week. Or, one of you may be skilled enough to record the presentation so we can then share it via email. If you have that skill set, please let me know.

I hope to see many of you this coming Thursday evening.

73,

Dale  
W5WI

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From QRZ.com

## WC5E

ROBERT L HOWARD  
7402 LANTANA AVE  
ABILENE, TX 79606-5724  
USA



I was first licensed as KN5ABO on Feb 22, 1955. I earned my advanced class license in 1971 and then earned my extra class license in 1985, when my call was changed to WC5E. I have been active from the day I was first licensed with no gap in operation.

I have been an active member in ARRL since 1955. I earned my #1 Honor roll DXCC status in 2003.

In August 1953 I opened Howard Radio, specializing in car radio and television repairs. In 1957 I became a Collins dealer and service representative. My Collins dealership continued until Art Collins sold Collins Radio. I also was a dealer for and serviced many other brands of amateur radio equipment during the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. I retired In 1989 and the business is now owned by my son Robert. Howard Radio continues today, specializing mainly in automobile radios and sound systems.

My hobbies include amateur radio and repair and servicing old antique receivers and tube type HF amplifiers. Previous hobbies have included flying, motor cycling, restoration of antique cars and traveling.

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From ARRL Website

## Field Day 2020 — A Time to Adapt

03/27/2020

Many individuals and groups organizing events for [Field Day](#) 2020 have been contacting ARRL for guidance on how to adapt their planned activities in this unprecedented time of [social distancing](#) and uncertainty.

“Due to the unique situation presented this year, this can be an opportunity for you, your club, and/or group to try something new,” ARRL Contest Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE, said. “Field Day isn’t about doing things the same way year after year. Use this year to develop and employ a new approach that is in line with the current circumstances.”

Social distancing and state and local requirements very likely will impact just how — and even whether — you are able to participate in Field Day this year. ARRL continues monitoring the coronavirus situation, paying close attention to information and guidance offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)). If social distancing means that Class A with a 30-member team set up in a city park won’t work this year, then it’s time for a Plan B. Part of the Field Day concept has always been adapting your operation to the situation at hand. At its heart, Field Day is an emergency communication demo. Field Day rules are flexible enough to allow individuals and groups to adjust their

participation and strategies in a way that still addresses their needs while being fun. Some possibilities:

- Encourage club members to operate from their home stations on emergency power (Class E).
- Use the club's repeater as a means for individual participants to keep in touch during the event.
- Family members interested in operating Field Day and unable to participate as part of a larger group may want to consider setting up a portable station in the backyard with a temporary antenna.

One big impact this year will be a decline in public visibility and any interaction with the visitors. Prudence may dictate dispensing with the ham radio PR table to attract passersby, should you set up in a more public location. It's okay not to score all the bonus points you may have attempted in the past. Local and served agency officials may be unwilling to visit, which is understandable under the circumstances. Do be sure to reach out to them as part of your preparations and remind them that you look forward to continuing your working relationship with them in the future.

The impact will differ from place to place, so ARRL recommends that all amateur radio clubs participating in Field Day stay in regular contact with local or state public health officials for their advice and guidance on hosting Field Day activities.

Demonstrating an understanding of the health crisis we all face and your willingness to adapt will show that you and your club or group are good working partners with local or served agencies.

“With any emergency preparedness exercise, it's not about adapting the situation to your

operation, it's about adapting your operation to the situation that presents itself,” Bourque said. “Try something different. Learn something new about how you prepare. It may be a challenge, and you may have to ask yourself if you're up to the challenge. We hope to hear you on the air over the June 27 – 28 weekend.” — *Thanks to Paul Bourque, N1SFE, and Dan Henderson, N1ND*