



## May Newsletter 2021

KCARC Meeting  
Monday, May 10, 2020, 7:00 PM  
Public Library @ Abilene Mall  
&/or  
ZOOM – Meeting  
(Watch your email for ZOOM Link)

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

ARRL West Tx Section Website:  
<http://arrl-wtx.org/>

### 2021 Officers:

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ, President  
Ron Harden , WT5X, Vice President  
Jacob Bachmeyer, KE5WHG, Secretary  
Peg Richard, KA4UPA Treasurer

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

During last month’s meeting at the library we had a great attendance and it was so good to be able to see and visit with everyone before and after the meeting. One of the things that we discussed at the meeting was the importance of participating in as many community activities as possible and becoming more visible in the community so that everyone has an opportunity to see amateur radio in action.

A timely tradition of amateur radio visibility has been Field Day. During our meeting I mentioned that time was running short on getting all the logistical items for Field Day taken care of. One of those logistical requirements was finding a location of a site for Field Day. I only had one person talk with me about a possible site for Field Day at Atmos Energy at the Five Points Industrial area. Unfortunately we will not be able to utilize that facility,

During a recent planning meeting for conducting the nationwide American Red Cross exercise again this year by our ARES group, I made contact with the local Red Cross Disaster Program Manager and asked her not only about the exercise, but also made an inquiry about possibly using the Red Cross building for Field Day. She will run the request “up the flag pole to see if we can use the building.” However; I am not going to hold my breath for its availability. At the same time the Disaster Program Manager has learned more about amateur radio and how we can be best utilized to assist them in the future giving us an opportunity to assist in providing communication support to our community.

If we are unable to obtain a site for Field Day between now and June 26-27<sup>th</sup> we may have to participate in Field Day as individual operators like many of you did last year due to the COVID situation. We need to find a location for Field Day as soon as possible so that media information can be sent out to everyone.

Lastly, if we are able to obtain a Field Day location then we will need individuals to help provide support by forming an ad-hoc Food Committee and Antenna/radio setup and take down.

This is our opportunity to shine but it will take the entire KCARC membership to insure that we have a successful Field Day. If you can and will help in this endeavor please email me at: [um\\_circuitrider@yahoo.com](mailto:um_circuitrider@yahoo.com) or call my cell phone at (325) 514-2430 as soon as possible. Also, we have several new radio operators who have just gotten their amateur radio license, please reach out to one of them and invite them to participate in Field Day. Remember your first Field Day experience and how exciting it was?

“73’s everyone!”.

Thanks!

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ

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### **Pegged by Peg ...**

Reminder that 2021 dues are payable at \$20.00 per family, all living at one address, or \$15.00 per individual for the year. You can mail to:

Peg Richard, KA4UPA, KCARC Treasurer

1442 Lakeside Dr

Abilene, TX 79602

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### **Upcoming Hamfests:**

05/29/2021 - [Eastern New Mexico ARC Tailgate](#)

**Location:** Clovis, NM

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Eastern NM Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://ka5b.org/>

07/10/2021 - [Swapmeet](#)

**Location:** Texas City, TX

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Tideland's Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://www.tidelands.org>

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### **CONTESTS:**

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

#### **June 2021**

12-14 [June VHF](#)

19 [Kids Day](#)

26-27 [Field Day](#)

#### **July 2021**

10-11 [IARU HF World Championship](#)

#### **August 2021**

7-8 [222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#)

21-22 [10 GHz & Up – Round 1](#)

22 [Rookie Roundup – RTTY](#)

#### **September 2021**

11-13 [September VHF](#)

**18-19 10 GHz & Up - Round 2**

**October 2021**

**18-22 School Club Roundup**

**23-24 EME - 2.3 GHz & Up**

**November 2021**

**6-8 Nov. Sweepstakes – CW**

**20-22 Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone**

**20-21 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz**

**December 2021**

**3-5 160 Meter**

**11-12 10 Meter**

**19 Rookie Roundup–CW**

**18-19 EME - 50 to 1296 Mhz**

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

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

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**HAM EXAM SESSION**

Berry Lane Baptist Church  
1515 Lakeside Dr  
Abilene, TX at 1 p.m.  
Saturday, \*\*\*Pending\*\*\*

Ron Harden Jr., WT5X is the VE Liaison. His email is: [wt5x@wt5x.org](mailto:wt5x@wt5x.org)  
Phone: 325-513-3184

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From ARRL.org

## **Intrepid-DX Group Adds a Second Physician to Bouvet Island DXpedition Team**

05/04/2021

“Bouvet is like the Mount Everest of DXCC entities,” 3Y0J DXpedition co-leader Paul Ewing, N6PSE, said. “It is among the most challenging entities to activate due to significant transportation costs and personal sacrifices required by the team to make the 42-day round trip. Fortunately, Bouvet is not our first mountain.”

Ewing reports that Mike Crownover, AB5EB, a veteran emergency room physician, has joined the 3Y0J DXpedition team to pair with ER doctor Bill Straw, KO7SS, and bringing the team total to 15. The DXpedition is set for January – February 2023, but the planning stage to activate the second-most-wanted DXCC entity is well under way, with the team researching polar quality tents and equipment and discussing antenna specifications with various manufacturers.

“We will make careful choices to help us meet the demand for Bouvet contacts,” Ewing said. The 3Y0J team has set a goal of making at least 100,000 contacts from Bouvet. Follow the DXpedition plans from the DXpedition [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

## **Amateur Radio Credited with Rescue of Back-Country Hiker in Tennessee**

04/28/2021

A back-country hiker was rescued from Great Smoky Mountains National Park with assistance from amateur radio after she became exhausted on the trail and possibly dehydrated. A member of the hiking group on the park’s Little River Trail, Tim Luttrell, KA9EBJ, put out a call on the evening of April 11 via the W4KEV linked VHF repeater in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, requesting assistance in extricating the injured member. No cell phone service was available at the location, and Luttrell’s signal was spotty at times, owing to

the mountainous terrain.

Responding was David Manuel, W5DJR, who obtained more information and called 911, which routed the call to Great Smoky Mountains National Park Emergency Medical Service (GSMNP EMS). The national park EMS relayed through Manuel a request for the group to continue down the trail as far as possible to shorten the rescue time. Parties were asked to stand by.

A medic with the Park Service search-and-rescue team subsequently reached Manuel by telephone, who served to relay questions to Luttrell. Manuel contacted members of the hiker’s family after Luttrell provided contact numbers. Manuel was asked to relay information for the family to arrange to meet in Cherokee, North Carolina, and be prepared to transport the distressed hiker’s vehicle to

her home. By this time, a couple of hours had passed. Manuel maintained occasional contact with Luttrell, who indicated that all was well but his battery was low and that he would power down the radio in between contact attempts to conserve power.

Manuel continued to monitor the repeater system and got a call from Luttrell indicating “all clear” shortly after 2 AM. Manuel later received a text indicating that the family members had connected with the distressed hiker and extended their thanks to all who had helped out.

Luttrell said afterward that Manuel “was calm, professional, and persistent but patient in obtaining information he needed through the challenges I was having with my radio.” He allowed that without his spare battery pack and high-gain antenna, the incident may not have gone so well. A newer radio had been damaged in an earlier rescue effort, he told ARRL Tennessee Section Manager Dave Thomas, KM4NYI.

The injured hiker was hospitalized and required surgery and rehabilitation. Thomas told ARRL that he’d learned another hiker in the same group was close to hypothermia by the time they were rescued.

Thomas will recognize each of the radio amateurs involved in the rescue with a Certificate of Merit during the ARRL Tennessee State Convention in Knoxville on June 19.

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