



## August Newsletter 2021

KCARC Meeting  
Monday, August 9, 2020, 7:00 PM  
Public Library @ Abilene Mall

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

During last month's meeting an Ad Hoc Program Planning Committee was put together to help plan training, etc. for club meetings. I am excited to see what they will put together each month. Please support them by volunteering to present the special skills and abilities that you have.

Speaking of preparing training, during last week's Section-wide Zoom meeting Dale Durham, W5WI, introduced a special individual, a Field Service Manager from the ARRL Headquarters. During the course of the meeting he told us that he and several individuals from the ARRL Headquarters are putting together a Speakers Bureau. ARRL is trying to help clubs such as ours with training and support. Clubs can contact ARRL Headquarters and request speakers to talk/present various topics. The club would have to contact ARRL several weeks in advance to present a desired topic. ARRL is also seeking to also become a repository for training that has been given. That is one of many benefits that ARRL will provide via ARRL membership!

As we seek to move forward with monthly training/presentations we will hopefully be able to seek the assistance of ARRL Headquarters. I am excited to learn of the advancement that is being made by our ARRL Headquarters staff. Also, who knows, you might become one of those individuals that ARRL can contact to be a speaker to another club.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting 9 August at 7 pm.

"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:**

10/02/2021 - [HamEXPO Fall 2021](#)

**Location:** Belton, TX  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Temple Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <https://www.tarc.org/>

10/22/2021 - 10/23/2021  
[Hamarama Holiday 2021](#)

**Location:** Ardmore, OK  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs (CORA) and Texoma Hamarama  
**Website:** <https://hamholiday.com>

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**CONTESTS:**

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

**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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## Just Ahead in Radiosport

### August 5

- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)
- [RTTYOPS Weeksprint](#)
- [NRAU 10m Activity Contest](#)
- [EACW Meeting](#)
- [SKCC Sprint Europe](#)

### August 6

- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [NCCC RTTY Sprint](#)
- [NCCC Sprint](#)
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)

### August 7

- [Batavia FT8 Contest](#)
- [10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB](#)
- [European HF Championship](#)
- [SKCC Weekend Sprintathon](#)
- [Two-Meter Classic Sprint](#)
- [FISTS Saturday Sprint](#)
- [ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#)
- [North American QSO Party, CW](#)

### August 9

- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)
- [4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint](#)

### August 10

- [Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#)
- [RTTYOPS Weeksprint](#)

### August 11

- [NAQCC CW Sprint](#)
- [Phone Weekly Test - Fray](#)
- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)
- [MMMonVHF/DUBUS 144 MHz Meteorscatter Sprint Contest](#)
- [VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest](#)

- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)

### August 12

- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)
- [RTTYOPS Weeksprint](#)
- [EACW Meeting](#)

### August 13

- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [NCCC RTTY Sprint](#)
- [NCCC Sprint](#)
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)

### August 14

- [WAE DX Contest, CW](#)
- [QRP ARCI European Sprint](#)
- [SARL Youth Sprint](#)
- [Kentucky State Parks on the Air](#)
- [Maryland-DC QSO Party](#)
- [50 MHz Fall Sprint](#)

### August 15

- [SARL HF Digital Contest](#)
- [NJQRP Skeeter Hunt](#)
- [FISTS Sunday Sprint](#)
- [Run for the Bacon QRP Contest](#)

### August 16

- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)

### August 17

- [Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#)
- [RTTYOPS Weeksprint](#)

### August 18

- [Phone Weekly Test - Fray](#)
- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)
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## **\*FCC Investigating Alleged “Jamming” on 40 Meters**

07/22/2021

Reports suggest that jamming stations have been deployed on the lower portion of 40 meters. The jamming appears to be coming from Cuba. The signals, spaced at regular intervals, exhibit a squishy, popping noise. The apparent jamming showed up after anti-government protesters took to the streets in Cuba, followed by a government crackdown. So far, there's no proven connection between the jamming and the protests, as evidence has been circumstantial. DX spots suggest that Cuban hams are on the air on SSB but do appear rare on 40 meters. A lot of Cuban spots point to FT8 activity. The jamming issue has drawn the attention of the FCC, which is looking into the matter, according to one tech publication.

“Too many people around the world are fighting uphill battles to be able to use technology to expand economic opportunity, express themselves, and organize without fear of reprisal,” an FCC spokesperson [told Motherboard](#). “The FCC is committed to supporting the free flow of information and ensuring that the internet remains open for everyone. We are assessing these reports in conjunction with our field agents and communicating with the Department of State as this issue develops.”

Outside of ham radio, the ability to connect with some social media sites and even with the internet inside Cuba has been reportedly tricky. Connecting to the Federación de Radioaficionados de Cuba ([FRC](#)) website (Cuba's IARU member-society) from outside of Cuba has been unreliable. This week, users attempting to do so — at least those in the US — got a shrugging cartoon character and the legend, “Acceso Denagado” — access denied. The FRC Facebook page is accessible, but links to the FRC website are blocked. FRC had warned of “possible outages” a week ago, attributing the problem to maintenance being done in the data center where FRC is housed.

Well-known amateur radio contester and DXer Fred Laun, K3ZO, pointed out in a July 17 post to the Potomac Valley Radio Club reflector that typical ham radio contacts with Cuba “are not normally about politics, though I suppose in the wake of recent events they may have become so.” Josh Nass, KI6NAZ, of the YouTube channel, *Ham Radio Crash Course* (HRCC), is calling the interference “The Cuban Rum Runner,” an oblique reference to the “Russian Woodpecker” of yesteryear. And Matthew Kaskavitch, K0LWC, recorded an “[emergency broadcast message](#)” on his YouTube channel, to advise viewers of the purported jamming.

International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 2 (the Americas) President Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK, said no complaints had been received by July 20.

**\* From ARRL website**