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July, 2019

Field Day 2019 - AARC Style!

Photos by Mark Jenkins (W5MPJ) and JP Pacheco (KG5ZZB)

Unfortunately, the Editor was unable to participate in Field Day. But a picture is worth a thousand words. Right? Thanks to Mark and JP for capturing the event visually. The following are a sampling of photos from AARC's participation in Field Day, June 22 & 23.



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HAM RADIO TEST RESULTS

AARC would like to congratulate the following individuals on their accomplishments!

The following are the results of the ARRL VE test session held on June 1st, 2019 at Bethany United Methodist Church:

Technician Class Licenses Processed

Edward P. Faulk KI5FCA

Scotty Hardway KI5FBZ

General Class License Processed

Aaron J. Atounian KM1LKY

Chris B. Barton KG5VSA

Scott G. Bradford KF5GYX

Melvin L. Hagge KI5EHZ

Michael D. James KI5EHY

Don B. Johnson K5DBJ

Matthew M Leonberger KI5EXI

Benjamin J. Riley KI5FBY

Extra Class Licenses Processed

Edward R. Petrere W8RPX

Andrew J. Reiter AG5UX

Randelle C. Stephenson W9RCS

Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Craig Bean AC5KW

Gene Hinkle K5PA

Rick Herndon K5FNI

Rick Lamb KX4RJ

Joe Makeever W5HS

Jim Matthews KG5QFD

Next ARRL VE Test Sessions

July 6th - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Building, Room 203/204

August 3rd - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Building, Room 203/204

TNX ES 73 DE W5HS

Joe

6/16/19

The South Austin W5YI VE team heartily congratulates the following people who earned new or upgraded amateur radio licenses at our June 15, 2019 session:

Amateur Extra Class

George Milikich, KI5EKW

General Class

William Poeppelmeyer, KI5CVF

James Busby, KG5UTK

David Chapman Jr., W9DPY

Paul Adams, KI5EXH

Technician Class

Richard Isgrigg

Christopher Clifton

Brandon Rose

Robert Begbie III

Ivan Fontenot

James Castle

William Whitten

Christopher Reyes

Our administering volunteer examiners were:

Craig Bean, AC5KW

Gary Popp, AE5JR

Wally Marusa, K5WLY

Stuart Wolfe, KF5NIX

Dale Davis, KG5DRV

Rick Lamb, KX4RJ

Our next two amateur radio exam sessions will start at 2 PM on July 20th and August 17th in Fleck Hall, room 118 on the campus of St. Edward's University. All sessions are walk-in and the exam fee is \$14.

For additional information regarding our amateur radio examination sessions, please contact Craig, AC5KW at (512) 474-6443 or by e-mail to [craigmb5 /at/ gmail.com](mailto:craigmb5@at/gmail.com)





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VIPs
Michael Marks, EC Travis Co. and
Kevin Lemon, Texas DPS Emergency Management

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Where is everyone?



There they are. If you cook it, they will come!



The End!

AARC Meeting Info

Tuesday, July 2, 2019 / 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: Applied Research Laboratories
10000 Burnet Rd., Austin TX 78758

Main Presentation

D-STAR by Roy, WA5YZD
Field Day Review by Jeff, N5MNW

Solar Wx Summary

by Lew Thompson, W5IFQ

Upcoming Amateur Exams: 2019

ARRL VEC - July 6th and August 3rd
9 a.m. At Bethany United Methodist Church.
Room 203/204. \$15 fee. For more info, contact:
Joe Makeever, W5HS (512-345-0800)

W5YI VEC - July 20th and August 17th
2 p.m. In Room 118, Fleck Hall,
St. Edwards University. \$14 fee.
For more info, contact:
Craig, AC5KW [at] ARRL.net

2019 - Calendar of Events

July 13 – Texas City Hamfest

Tidelands Amateur Radio Society
Location: Doyle Convention Center
2010 5th Avenue North. Texas City, TX 77590
Talk-In: 147.14 (PL 167.9), 442.025 (PL 103.5)
Joe WA5OMB 409-766-7923 aar6gj@sbcglobal.net
<https://www.tidelands.org/>

July 26-27 – Ham Holiday Oklahoma State Convention

Oklahoma City Community College 7777 S. May
Featured speaker will be Carole Perry WB2MGP
<http://www.HamHoliday.com/>

Aug 2-3 – Austin Summerfest

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6121 North IH-35, Austin, TX
NE corner of IH-35N and US 290E
ARRL Special guest speaker - Norm Fusaro, W3IZ
Admissions via PayPal or at the door. \$8 per-person for advanced registration, or \$10 per person at the door. Deadline for online and mail-in registration is July 26, 2019.
Door Registration opens at 5pm on Friday, and 7am on Saturday. Online registration at
<http://www.austinsummerfest.org/index.php/2-uncategorised/52-advanced-registration-online.html>
Mail-in:
<http://www.austinsummerfest.org/images/MailInRegForm.pdf>
Talk-in on 146.940(-)107.2 Hz repeater
Website URL <http://austinsummerfest.org/>
Make Hotel Room reservation by Aug 1st to guarantee convention rate @ \$109 per room night. Crowne Plaza reservation center 1-800-227-6963. Use the code "ASM" to request rooms. Mention that you are requesting rooms in the Austin Summerfest block to get the Convention rate.

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Aug 17-18 – Huntsville Hamfest

Von Braun Center, South Hall
700 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801
146.94(-)100Hz PL, backup 145.33(-)100Hz PL
<http://www.hamfest.org/>

Aug 24 – AARC 100th Year Banquet

6-9pm, Saturday, Aug 24th at Frieda's Seafood Grill
Along with the festivities, enjoy a four-course gourmet meal and soft drink/tea. **\$43 per guest** (includes gratuity). Special guest speakers, recognition awards and gift bags are planned. Club members will have first opportunity on the ~70 seats. For info, please contact Lori (KM5MQ) 512-632-6789 or email KM5MQ [at] ARRL.NET
Pay online on the www.AustinHams.org website.

Oct 6– Belton HamEXPO! Fall

Date confirmed per Myron N5TFK- Registration should go live at the beginning of July.
Bell County Expo Center- Belton, Texas
<http://www.tarc.org/hamexpo>

Oct 19 – South Texas Hamfest & Electronics Expo "TEXAS' FASTEST GROWING HAMFEST"

San Patricio County Fairgrounds - Event Center.
Located at 219 W. 5th Street, Sinton, Texas.
Doors open to the Public 8:00AM - 3:00PM
southtexashamfest@gmail.com or call 361-947-5665
<http://southtexashamfest.org/> for details

More info & events listed in the [SwapNet Newsletter!](#)
Visit <http://austinhams.org/swapnet>

Upcoming Meetings...

| July | Aug. | Austin Meetings/Happenings | Time | Address |
|------|------|--|--------|---|
| 2 | 6 | ARC Meeting @ Applied Research Labs. | 7:00pm | 10000 Burnet Rd |
| 23 | 27 | Travis County ARES @ Applied Rsrch Labs | 7:00pm | 10000 Burnet Rd |
| 25 | 27 | CERT Meeting @ ? (Contact) | 7:00pm | ? (City website no longer has info; use Contact link) |
| 2 | 2 | CTDXCC Meeting @ Mimi's Café | 6:30pm | 10515 N Mopac Expwy |
| | | (dinner @ 5:15pm) | | NB Bldg O, Austin |

If your club is listed here and has incorrect time or dates, please let us know!

Email: [editor \[at\] austinhams.org](mailto:editor[at]austinhams.org)

Periodic Events

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|-------------------|----------------|---|---|
| Sun | 7:00 p.m. | Travis Co. ARES net | 147.360 MHz - (131.8) |
| *CANCELED* | | Travis ARES Packet (visit tcares.org and look for Weekly Nets) | |
| Sun | 2359-Wed 2359 | Travis Co. ARES WinLink Wednesday | 145.730 MHz |
| Sun | 8:00 p.m. | Williamson Co. ARES net | 146.640 MHz - (162.2) |
| Sun | 9:00 p.m. | ARO SwapNet | 146.940 MHz - (107.2) |
| Mon | 7:30 p.m. | STX ARES Net | 3.873 MHz |
| Tue | 7:30 p.m. | Hays ARES net | 147.100 MHz + |
| Tue | 8:00 p.m. | Bastrop ARES Net | 443.750 MHz + (114.8) |
| Wed | 11:30 a.m. | Ham Social Luncheon, Jim's | 146.940 MHz - (107.2) |
| Thu | 9:00 p.m. | 2m SSB Net | 144.250 MHz (USB) |
| Thu | 11:00 a.m. | Lunch, Pokey Joe's 183&Great Hills | 444.100 MHz+ |
| Thu | 11:45 a.m. | Lunch, Whataburger Oltorf & Burleson | 146.940 - (107.2) |
| Fri | 8:00 p.m. | 6m SSB Net | 50.230 (texasvhf.org/) |
| Sat | 7:00-8:30 a.m. | Breakfast @ Waterloo Ice House | 444.100 MHz + |
| Sat | 9:00 a.m. | Chapter 67 QCWA QSO Net. | 3.920 MHz LSB |
| Sat | 7:00 p.m. | AARC Elmer Net | 146.940 MHz - (107.2) |
| Daily | 6:30 p.m. | Central Texas Traffic Net | 147.140 MHz+ |

THIS SPACE FOR "RENT" (aka *Call For Articles*)

For "Rent"? Sort of... Rather, do you have any news of interest to the AACOVER readers. Have you run across some amateur radio related news items? How about links to homebrew projects or new equipment? I've run out of prepared material and am interested in articles for publishing in this newsletter. Personal experiences are fantastic! Have you worked or played with a new technology - like the digital methods mentioned in this newsletter? Or maybe you're one of the more experienced operators in our community. What changes have you seen in amateur radio throughout the years?

You don't have to be a Pulitzer Prize winner to submit an article. I'll take anything, but would love to get articles that are at least two pages in length (single-spaced). Photos are great, too! Please remember, any submissions need to be free of copyrights. Creative Commons are okay, but I will need references to be able publish them with attribution.

Thanks & 73 DE K5MSK, Editor

Minutes of the Regular Membership Meeting of June 4, 2019

The Austin Amateur Radio Club (AARC)

Ruben called the meeting to order at 1900.

New Members:

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Christopher Cater | No Call Sign |
| Ryan Bennett | KC3JHO |
| Brian Raker | W4WWW |
| Lawrence Grasso | WB2MZY |
| James Erskine | AG5MS |

Two members reported upgrades to General Class and one upgrade to Extra.

Kerby read the minutes from the May meeting and they were approved on a voice vote.

Mark gave his treasure report for \$6100 in checking and \$3800 in savings.

Lori reported on the 100 Year Anniversary on August 20 at Frida's (620 & 183).

Roger Wines reported on upcoming License classes and asked for volunteer trainers and Elmers.

Michael Marks reported on WinLink Wednesdays and urged members sign up for emergency services by TCARES.

Lew made the Solar Weather report.

Jeff reported on Field Day.

Lew reported on HF Antennas.

The meeting adjourned at 2100.

Submitted by Kerby Spruiell (KG5DLD), Secretary



Note: **President's Corner**, **Over the WWWaves**, and **Just for Fun** will return next week. Everyone needs a break once in a while.

CALL FOR ARTICLES

The well for articles is **dry** at the moment. We desperately need your input! Please keep in mind that content, including images, need to be copyright and license free to allow publishing in the newsletter. Some "fair use" is allowed in text, but conservatively, please.

Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc. / PO BOX 4739 / AUSTIN TX 78765-4739 / Web site: <http://www.austinhams.org>
The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (AARC) has annual membership dues of \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per family.

CLUB REPEATERS

AARC maintains the following repeaters:

| Frequency (MHz) | PL Tone (Hz) | Use / Notes |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 146.780 (-) | - | 2m D-STAR repeater [W5KA C] |
| 146.880 (-) | 107.2 | Analog/Digital Fusion (Yaesu) |
| 146.940 (-) | 107.2 | Most popular, TCARES WxNet, SwapNet |
| 224.800 | - | - |
| 440.650 (+5) | - | 70cm D-STAR repeater [W5KA B] |
| 444.100 | - | - |
| 444.200 | 107.2 | - |
| 1293.100 (-20) | - | 23cm D-STAR repeater [W5KA A] |
| 1248.200 | - | 23cm D-STAR DD (data, simplex/Reversible) [W5KA A] |

Persons using the repeaters are encouraged to join the club to help support these valuable resources.

Note: **No** AARC repeater has **autopatch** capability any longer. See <https://austinhams.org/repeaters> for more info.

The Austin Amateur Radio Club offers annual scholarships to licensees living in Travis, Williamson, Bastrop, Hays, Blanco, Caldwell, and Burnet counties. Please see <http://austinhams.org/scholarships> for more information.

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Mark handles all changes for membership information.

