

TAARC COMMUNICATOR

Tarleton Area Amateur Radio Club

Stephenville, TX 76401

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OFFICERS ELECTED AT 3 FEB MEETING



TAARC 2009 Officers (L-R): David Lane (K5DDL) Secretary/Treasurer; Larry D. Barr (K5WLF) Public Relations/Public Information Officer; KT5REX; Pat Morrison (KE5KHV) Historian; Gene Morrison (K5IYY) Vice-President; Bill Allen (WA5PB) President. Photo by Cliff Conway (KC5KWX)

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Website: <http://taarc.rebelwolf.com/>OR <http://www.k5wlf.com/>

K5IYY Repeater: 147.360 + 110.9

Meetings

1st Tuesday each month

1900 Local

Room 103

TSU Science Building

NW Corner Lillian & Vanderbilt

Parking in lot on N side

Talk-in on K5IYY Repeater

VE Testing after each meeting -- Walk-ins Welcome

Net Schedule**TAARC Net**

Each Tuesday except 1st Tuesday

2200 Local on K5IYY Repeater

ARES Net

1st & 3rd Mondays

2130 Local on KC5QHO Repeater - Comanche

146.680 - 110.9

INFORMATION NEEDED

In order to ensure that our publication always contains current news and is useful to our members, I need your help. If you have any news of interest to hams in our area, please share it with us. If you get a new rig, or a new tower, or have a QSO with Kwajalien, let us know. We'll share it with the rest of the TAARC family in the Communicator. We're looking for news, projects, tips and whatever else you'd like to share. Pictures make it even better. Send your contributions to: k5wlf@rebelwolf.com and we'll get 'em published.

Thanks and 73,

ldb K5WLF

Tech Talk

by Larry D. Barr, K5WLF

If It Works Good . . .

It's easy to do. Just hook something up -- it doesn't really matter what piece of gear it is. And then we forget one thing . . . call it "lead dress", call it "conductor management" -- heck, call it whatever you want to. But if you don't finish the job, you're leaving yourself open to comments such as "looks like a bomb went off in a wire factory".

What I'm talking about here is a very simple premise -- "If it works good, it oughta look good". And, as professional communicators, and possibly the last bastion of knowledgeable, hands-on electronics folks in the world, we need to consider the picture which our equipment provides to the viewing public.

It really behooves us to do our best to make our stations, both base and mobile, look as attractive as possible to those who may look at them and then judge not only our character, but our competence, on what they see. We may know how it works and that everything is fine amongst that tangled pile of interconnecting wire, but to the uninitiated that pile of wire looks like a recipe for disaster.

It doesn't really take much additional effort. Just a few Ty-Raps™ or a couple of cable clamps to secure that bundle of wires going to the new transceiver. There's no reason really, for the wires at the back of the table at the home QTH to look like a street map of Los Angeles. And you certainly don't want the floor of the pickup to have a clutter of wires that resembles last night's spaghetti.

Let's all make a concerted effort to ensure that all our radio installations, whether base or mobile, whether done in haste or at leisure, show that we've taken the time and have given the care and consideration to present to those looking at our stations a view that reflects one simple fact -- "This Job Was Done by a Ham Who Cares".

73, ldb K5WLF

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President's Report TAARC Elections

by Bill Allen, WA5PB, TAARC President

The February TAARC meeting was a big success and some important work got done. Primarily, that of electing new officers for the year. The nominated slate of officers was presented as follows:

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| Bill Allen -- WA5PB | President |
| Gene Morrison -- K5IYY | Vice President |
| David Lane -- K5DDL | Secretary/Treasurer |
| Pat Morrison -- KE5KHV | Historian |
| Larry D. Barr -- K5WLF | PIO (Public Information Officer) |

You will note that Larry D. Barr, K5WLF, stepped down as Secretary/Treasurer, a position which he has ably filled since the club was formed and has taken on a new role - PIO. This is a vital role for getting the information about our club and service hobby out to the community we serve. He already holds this position for our ARES district and has had years of experience in this type activity so his desire to make this move was natural and welcomed. Coming on board as a new officer, replacing Larry at Secretary/Treasurer, is David Lane, K5DDL. He is our Hamilton County ARES EC and has spent many years working in the emergency services arena as Hico Fire Chief. He recently retired as Hico Fire Chief allowing him time to take on more duties in ARES and TAARC. We are very glad to have him on board. The rest of the positions remained the same. Thanks to both Gene Morrison, K5IYY, and Pat Morrison, KE5KHV, for their continued service as club officers. I would also like to thank Dr. Ron Bradberry, KE5REW, for acting as moderator during our club election, he did a great job! I am so very proud of our club. It has continued grow in both numbers and interest of the membership. Because of that, we have had the opportunity to expand our board of officers to fill more needs and to take on more activities as a organization. To all our club members and friends of the club I say, many thanks and let's keep up the good work!

73,

Bill Allen - WA5PB

NTX District 3 ARES Officers

DEC -- Robert, K5HIX

OES -- Griff, N5AG

EC (Brown Co) -- Bill, KD5HEJ

EC (Comanche Co) -- Max, K5OVW

EC (Eastland Co) -- Don, KB5PZZ

EC (Erath Co) -- Gene, K5IYY

EC (Hamilton Co) -- David, K5DDL

EC (Mills Co) -- Jim, K5JCA

PIO -- Larry, K5WLF

ARES Nets - 1st & 3rd Monday - 2130

Comanche Repeater 146.680 - 110.9

2009 Bike Race Dates

Hamilton Hill-Aceous 100

Saturday, 16 May 2009

Comanche Cyclone

Saturday, 6 June 2009

Stephenville Firecracker 100

Saturday, 27 June 2009

DeLeon Melon Patch Tour

Saturday, 8 August 2009

**We're gonna need all the help we can get
for all four of these events!!**