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LAST ISSUE

**DON'T FORGET THE
CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 6. LOCATION IS
THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.
TIME TO EAT 12:00 NOON**

LAST ISSUE

Well here we are at the end of another year. Time sure seems to rush by. Maybe that is the reason no one in the club has stepped forward to take over as editor of the STATIC. Don't expect one next month unless someone steps up to the plate and volunteers. The first issue I did was JULY 2000 when I took over from W5BOB. I really feel like its time to let some one else take over.

As the year draws to a close, I think back on all that has happened. We have lost several club members as silent keys this year and hopefully we will all meet again at the great ham shack in the sky.

At field day this year N5HR did place 7th in class 3A. Not bad to place 7th out of a field of 388. A special thanks to Dan, K5OW for volunteering to head the operation for the second year in a row.

The VE team has been available all the times they have been needed, and we have added several new hams to our ranks. We have also had several upgrades. Thanks to all the team members. We have lost two members of the VE team as silent

keys this year, so if you are looking for a way to serve the club and ham radio community that could be one way to do it. Let me know and I will see you get the required information.

This past month the club has added a packet gateway. For those who don't know a gateway is a method of accessing a packet station on one frequency or band and having that station in turn connect you to another station on a different band. The Club Station N5HR connects two meters (145.09 Mhz FM 1200 baud) to twenty meters (14.105 Mhz LSB 300 baud). You can access the station with a TNC (terminal node controller) or using one of the sound card packet programs. I have used MixW for that purpose, and it works well.

For those who would like to try and are not familiar with packet, the following is a very brief description of N5HR commands. Packet operation uses a number (SSID) appended to the call sign to designate a packet node. Ours is N5HR-7. When you connect to N5HR-7 you will get the following menu back.

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###CONNECTED TO NODE N5HR-7(N5HR) CHANNEL A
N5HR WELCOMES YOU TO THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY -
WWW.KERRHAMS.ORG
ENTER COMMAND: B,C,J,N,X, or Help ?
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Type in Help and you get the following....

help	
ABORT	STOP A CONNECTION IN
PROGRESS	
B(ye)	NODE WILL DISCONNECT
C(onnect) call	CONNECT TO callsign
C call S(tay)	STAY CONNECTED TO NODE
WHEN END DISCONNECTS	
J(heard)	CALLSIGNS WITH DAYSTAMP
J S(hort)	HEARD CALLSIGNS ONLY
J L(ong)	CALLSIGNS WITH DAYSTAMP
AND VIAS	

N(odes) HEARD NODE CALLSIGNS WITH
 DAYSTAMP
 N S(hort) NODE CALLSIGNS ONLY
 N L(ong) NODE CALLSIGNS WITH
 DAYSTAMP AND VIAS
 X(connect) call CONNECT TO callsign ON
 OTHER PORT
 X call S(tay) STAY CONNECTED WHEN END
 DISCONNECTS
 ENTER COMMAND: B,C,J,N,X, or Help ?

Type in J and you get the following...

j
 W9UW/H* 29 NOV 1942Z
 W5BOB/V 29 NOV 1959Z
 WK0C/H* 29 NOV 2001Z
 K8KHW/H 29 NOV 2001Z
 N2TIF-15/H 29 NOV 2002Z
 W4ZEF-7/H 29 NOV 2003Z
 KB9SOZ-1/H 29 NOV 2005Z
 N2TIF/H 29 NOV 2009Z
 KB9SOZ/H 29 NOV 2010Z
 W4ZEF/H 29 NOV 2012Z
 K9VSO/H 29 NOV 2013Z
 WD9EPF-7/H 29 NOV 2014Z
 NN4NC-7/H 29 NOV 2016Z
 W5VEO-1/V 29 NOV 2017Z
 WD9EPF/H 29 NOV 2018Z
 NN4NC/H 29 NOV 2020Z
 W5VEO-2/V 29 NOV 2021Z
 W0LPD/V 29 NOV 2027Z

ENTER COMMAND: B,C,J,N,X, or Help ?

This simply tells you who the node has heard, and if it heard the stations on HF (H) or VHF (V). You can now connect to the vhf stations by issuing the command "c <call>" and hit the enter key. If you connected on vhf and want to connect to a hf station the command would be "x <call>" and hit the enter key. Just remember its "c" if the station you want to talk to is on the same band as yourself and "x" if you want to connect to a station on the other band. You will either get a message back saying you are connected, or if the other station is no longer available a message saying the connection timed out. Get on and play with it.

You can connect with N5HR (no dash number after the call) and leave a message for any other ham you would like. When the other ham connects to N5HR, he will get a message saying they have mail. At that time he can read and delete. If mail is not picked up within a couple weeks, I go in and delete it to keep from using up all the mailbox memory.

This past week I noticed a couple of Cuban stations using the node to talk to each other since they were too close to talk direct on 20 meters. You might have to do that at times. I have had to connect to a node out in Wisconsin a couple times to talk from my shack to the node on 20 meters, but can get there direct anytime on vhf. Get on, have fun, play with it. **73 - w0lpd**

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