



The STATIC

April 2019

The monthly newsletter for members and associates of the Hill Country Amateur Radio Club
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President's Message

We received a message from Dale regarding Emily's recovery. She is still recovering in ICU.

Our prayers and best wishes continue in support for her speedy recovery and return to good health.

Until then, 73s from all of us to Dale and family.

Starr, KI5SC, Editor of The STATIC

Welcome to our Newest Members

A warm Hill Country welcome to:

Congratulations to the new licensees & upgrades

A Hill Country Cheer for:

Mark Harris KI5CYP to EXTRA

Ken Upchurch K5EYH to EXTRA with the Medina club

Robert Burnett KI5DQQ a new Tech

Diane Arel KI5DZP a new Tech with the Medina club

Committee Reports



Repeater -

Repeater Site Review Committee - Meeting news

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th at 1:30pm at the Red Cross.

[Editor]

Red Cross Liaison - Terry Hipskind WOHIP

Club Calendar

April 4th - The regular monthly meeting will be held at the Red Cross at the usual time



There have been no Disaster Response Operations within Central and South Texas Region this past month. Our local Chapter has been heavily involved in training both with the Red Cross and the Sheriff's Department. Our Chapter has also been busy providing emergency supply caches throughout the eighteen counties this Chapter covers.

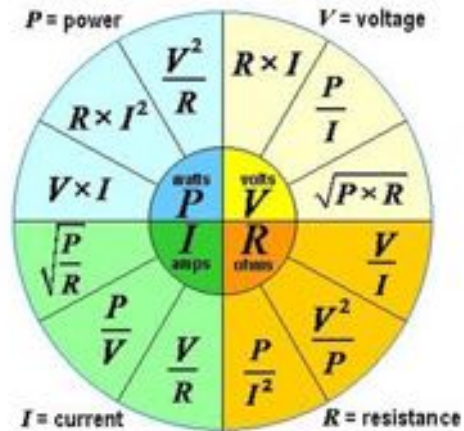
The cold weather is STILL here – Be Safe!

A freshly arrived Robin was spotted in the yard.

Hopefully, Spring is here at last!

[Editor]

VE Testing - Fred Gilmore W0LPD



Upcoming Conventions

April 6th - Belton, TX
More info: [Belton HamExpo](#)



We had no candidates registered for our March 2nd session therefore the session was cancelled. We did however have a 16 year old boy from Fredericksburg who was planning on trying to qualify as a Technician as a walk-in candidate.

Unfortunately the session was already cancelled so we invited his family to drop by the house and test. Charlie (AF5AO) came over and we tested here at the house. He was prepared and Robert is now KI5DQQ. Thanks go to AF5AO and K7HER for serving as the VE's. It sure is nice to have a partner who is also a VE. Our second session took place March 20 at our Wednesday morning coffee meeting. Here Mark Harris, KI5CYP upgraded to the Extra class. VE's at this session were AD5UZ, K5AFC and K5HAB.

From the Medina club, Ken Upchurch, K5EYH was successful in upgrading to Extra on April 19, and Diane Arel, xyl of David K5DVA passed her Tech and is now KI5DZP.

Fred W0LPD

ARES - Terry Hipskind W0HIP



Follow Terry's emails for instructions and schedules for the upcoming operations testing taking place: [Editor]

The COMMEX net will be activated immediately following the Club's Monday night net on April 08th. Net Control will initiate the net and ask for checkins in the same order as the regular Monday night net. EchoLink will not be used for this exercise. Once checkins using the repeater

have been conducted, net control will call each checkin using 146.380 simplex. Most radios have a button to reverse the transmit and receive frequencies during split operation (repeater). On my Yaesu FT-7900R I press and hold the [Tone(HM/RV)] key – check your manual. If your radio is not equipped with this option you will need to program and use 146.380 for this exercise. If net control does not hear the simplex response but you do, please relay this information to net control.

Again, if you plan on joining us on the 8th, let me know as I am required to submit an ICS-215 to San Antonio by the 30th

73,
Terry

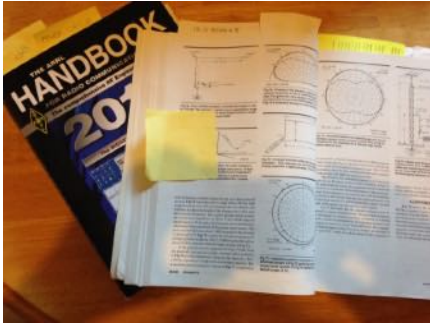
Club Station

RADIO ROOM – Terry Hipkind WØHIP

Stay tuned for upcoming news about Flex Radio upgrades for the new station radios. Also about new station antennas currently being tested and prepped for installation.



License Study Class - Dale Gaudier K4DG



Stay tuned for upcoming announcements regarding licensee study classes.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Dale.

Contact Dale Gaudier at k4dg@arri.net



Patron Saint of Amateur Radio?

By Bill, NC7MT

Father Maximillian Kolbe was a Franciscan priest in Poland during the 1930s. In addition to printing Catholic periodicals, Father Kolbe built a short-wave radio station in 1938; his call sign was SP3RN. In 1941 the Nazis shut down his monastery and he was sent to Auschwitz. He offered his life in exchange for the life of a Polish sergeant who had attempted to escape with

nine others. After two weeks without food and water, Father Kolbe died on August 14, 1941. As such, today St. Maximillian Kolbe Radio Net can be heard at 3814 kHz Sundays at 2400Z.



Father Maximilian Kolbe SP3RN

Reprinted from the Capitol City Amateur Radio Club's Newsletter, in Helena Montana.

QBE de W0LPD

Other Radio News

Program Calendar

Apr 4th - Peter Naumburg, K5HAB, will present on RFI

May 2nd - Buzz Jehle, N5UR will present on IOTA

June - Field Day

The Canadian National Parks on the Air, CNPOTA, operating event runs for the entire year of 2019, with special stations active from Canada's parks and historic sites.

Medina Radio Club

<https://medinaradioclub.com>

Comments on FCC Rule Making



The FCC is seeking comments on two proposed rule making petitions filed by the ARRL.

Specifically, RM-11828 Technician Enhancement Proposal and RM-11829 Creating the TYRO License Class.

Both of these were addressed in recent ARRL emails, March 14th and 15th.

There is a thirty day comment period which ends on April 13th.

You can comment on these electronically (takes a couple of minutes) according to the following instructions:

ARLB009 Commenting Electronically on FCC Proceedings

Those interested in posting brief comments on Petitions for Rule Making (PRMs) to the FCC, such as the ARRL Technician

Enhancement proposal (RM-11828) using the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) should access FCC Electronic Comment Filing System Express at, <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/express> .

In the "Proceeding(s)" field, enter the number of the PRM, e.g.

RM-11828 (using this format), complete all required fields, and

enter brief comments in the box provided. You may review your post

before filing. All information you provide, including name and

address, will be publicly available once you post your comment(s).

Visit "How to Comment on FCC Proceedings" for additional information

at, <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/how-comment> .

As an aside - I have read commentary with differing opinions from multiple Hams. Please read through the ARRL information regarding these petitions and file your comments both with the FCC and the ARRL. The intent is to try and increase membership in the ARRL which is still essentially stagnant at approximately 20% of all FCC license holders.

Also there was a presentation from the new ARRL CEO, Michel which took place at the recent Hamvention addressing membership that is worth a listen. He also writes the 2nd Century Column.

[Editor]

Treasurer's Report

HILL COUNTRY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
March 2019

BALANCE
TOTAL MEMORIAL & GENERAL FUND
Wells-Fargo Checking Account
February 27, 2019 \$6696.92

3/2/19 Ron Drumheller K3NXF
dues 20.00

3/7/19 Scott Webber AG6WD
dues 20.00

3/7/19 Carla Webber KG6GZB
dues 4.00

3/7/19 Randy Kiehl WB6RAN
dues 20.00

3/7/19 Jane Kiehl KC5GRT
dues 4.00

3/7/19 Bill Collins WA5DSS
dues 20.00

3/7/19 Kerry Sandstrom K5KS
dues 20.00

3/7/19 Henry Ortega KG5TKV
dues 20.00

3/7/19 Half & Half
drawing 48.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS 176.00

3/4/19 1184 Danny Rhoten AB6UR
Christmas party 385.89

food and supplies
3/7/19 1185 Barb Schuyler N9NM
coffee supplies 27.93

3/7/19 1186 Gary Johnson NA3VY entertainment		29.98	
Meal for guest speaker			
3/9/19 1187 Yaesu USA repeater		550.00	
DR-2X w/lan upgrade			
TOTAL WITHDRAWALS			993.80
ENDING BALANCE	March 26, 2019		<u>\$5879.12</u>
REPEATER FUND	Balance	429.66	
3/7/19 Half & Half drawing		48.00	
		Balance	\$477.66
GENERAL FUND		Balance	\$5401.66



HCARC General Information

Repeater: N5HR 146.98(-) Tone 162.2
General Meeting: First Thursday of every month except
December at 7pm at the American Red Cross, 333 Earl Garret, Kerrville, TX. Meet & Greet begins at 6pm
Club Net: Every Monday at 7pm on the N5HR Repeater
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The Radio Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is:

+CONSIDERATE...He/She never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

+LOYAL...He/She offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his/her country, through which Amateur Radio in his/her country is represented nationally and internationally.

+PROGRESSIVE...He/She keeps his/her station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/Her operating practice is above reproach.

+FRIENDLY...He/She operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

+BALANCED...Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

+PATRIOTIC...His/her station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.