

Minutes of HCARC Meeting – 1 Sept 2016

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- Pledge of allegiance was led by Dale Gaudier
- NEW MEMBER AND GUEST RECOGNITION – none this month
- Birthdays and anniversaries this month – none this month
- Public service/emergency service and membership assistance/elmering recognitions
 - Gale Heise KM4DR for assisting eBay sales of ham equipment
 - Dale Gaudier K4DG for giving intro to Gary, N5BAA, on Flex 6500
- Other recognitions
 - Former member John Huecksteadt, AC4CA, mentioned on QRZ website home page
- Minutes were posted and/or read and approved
- The Treasurers report was posted and/or read and approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Repeater (Harvey K5HV)
 - Club repeater: still having some issues with WiFi control link to repeater. Looking to upgrade to higher-powered Ubiquiti WiFi Access Point/amplifier
 - Trustee & Repeater manager volunteers for these positions needed
- VE Testing (Fred WOLPD)
 - Had a no-show at McDonalds VE session on Aug. 31st. Applicant previously took exam elsewhere and forgot to inform Fred
 - Next scheduled VE session on Sept. 24th, 3pm, at Red Cross following Tech license class
- Red Cross Liason (Terry WOHIP)
 - Louisiana flooding-manning of 73 shelters, over 320,000 meals served as of date, 97 vehicles in use, and over 6000 volunteers assisting.
 - Concern for California wildfires.
 - Indiana flooding getting attention
- ARES – Terry Hipskind (WOHIP)
 - ARES-KCEC-Kerr County Co-ordinator Dub Thomas presenting a 4-day communication exercise in November. Details forthcoming.
- SKYWARN – Larry Altman (N5QED) - western Kerr County attention intensified over recent storms/flooding

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New Tech License Class** – beginning Sat. Sept. 3, ending Sept 24th
- **Christmas Party** – mark your calendars – Dec. 3 at First Presbyterian Church, Ryan Hall

OLD BUSINESS

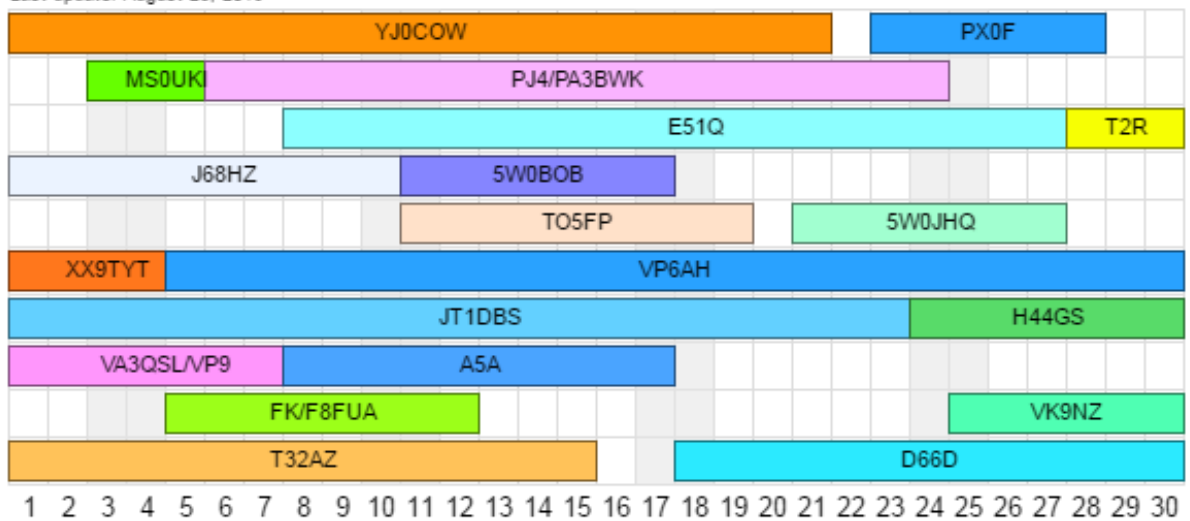
- **TXDot signs** – Robert Russell KF5AIE in contact with TXDOT for placement of repeater signs along IH-10 eastbound and westbound Kerrville. Mike Boyd, PE, Kerr County Transportation Engineer mentioned "Trans Guide Signs" (electronic signs like the ones on Loop 1604-indicating traffic delays, AMBER alerts, etc.) being considered for Kerr County. Repeater frequency and tone could be displayed with this medium. Encouraging attention and interest from TXDOT.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Hill Country Preppers Fest** – club voted not to participate with Hill Country Preppers Fest on Sept. 10.
- **2017 HCARC Officers Nominating Committee** - club voted to have current club officers constitute the officers nominating committee for 2017 officers. Voting for officers will occur at November meeting.
- **DXing news – from DX-World.net:**

DX WORLD.net
FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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SEPTEMBER

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• **Contests/Operating Events**

All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 3 to 2400Z, Sep 4
Colorado QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 3 to 0400Z, Sep 4
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 4 to 0300Z, Sep 5
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 10 to 2359Z, Sep 11
ARRL September VHF Contest	1800Z, Sep 10 to 0300Z, Sep 12
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 17 to 2400 local, Sep 18
All Africa International DX Contest	1200Z, Sep 17 to 1200Z, Sep 18

New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0359Z, Sep 18 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 18
New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0400Z, Sep 18 and 1600Z-2200Z, Sep 18
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Sep 24 to 2359Z, Sep 25
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 24 to 2400Z, Sep 25
Maine QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 24 to 1200Z, Sep 25
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 24 to 0200Z, Sep 25 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 25

- **National Parks on the Air** – see ARRL.org website for stations, times and locations
- **Hamfests/Conventions**
 - **Lubbock TX Hamfest 9/10/2016** – Nobel Stidham Memorial Clubhouse – <http://k5lib.org>

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

PRESENTATION: "Solar Power Usage Related to Amateur Radio", presented by Kat Postel of Connexa Energy

50/50 DRAWING

Winner of 50/50: Harvey Vordenbaum, K5HV Amount: \$23.00

Meeting adjourned.

Total members and guests in attendance: 31

Next club meeting: Oct. 6, 2016 at 7pm, American Red Cross. **Tentative topic:** Electrical Grounding for Ham Radio, with an emphasis on reducing static and electrical noise with proper grounding and sizing.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Russell, KF5AIE, Secretary