

Minutes of HCARC Meeting – 2 June 2016

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- Pledge of allegiance was led by Dale Gaudier
- NEW MEMBER AND GUEST RECOGNITION
 - Bill Stegemueller KG5NOW
 - Brendle Barkley (daughter of (SK) W5RRR)
 - Charlie Land KC5NKK
 - Millie Robertson YL (XYL) of Dennis Robertson W5FBG.
- Birthdays and anniversaries this month
 - Fred Gilmore W0LPD 60 years a HAM
 - Larry Altman N5QGD 40 years married
 - Frank Douglass N5CTE birthday and marriage anniversary (quantities private)
 - Robert Russell KF5AIE 39 years' marriage and birthday, age "39"...
- Public service/emergency service and membership assistance/elmering recognitions –
 - VEs: Fred Gilmore W0LPD, Charlie Robinson AF5AO, and Harvey Vordenbaum K5HV.
- The May 2016 minutes were posted and/or read and approved.
- The Treasurers report was posted and/or read and approved.
- The passing of Ruthie Guida N4RJM was noted. Ruthie was a member of the HCARC and XYL of John Guida, K5XA. Harvey, K5HV, read a short note from John about Ruthie. A condolences card was passed around to the members for signing. Services pending later this year.
- Also noted was the passing of John Brosnahan, W0UN, from Vanderpool, TX. John was a well known ham, contester and DXer. He was a research scientist and the former owner of Alpha/Power, among other businesses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Repeater (Harvey K5HV)
 - Repeater antenna has been reoriented to improve coverage
 - New insulation installed in repeater controller area
- VE Testing (Fred W0LPD)
 - Three sessions – 100% pass rate
- Red Cross & ARES – Terry Hipskind (W0HIP)
 - Dealing with flood water danger, foolish crossings reported in area.
 - Alan Cone K5AFC servicing Comfort, TX.
- SKYWARN – Larry Altman (N5QED)
 - Lots of local reports of hail, high winds and flooding – NWS uses these reports to warn the general public. Keep your radios handy in the event of inclement weather!

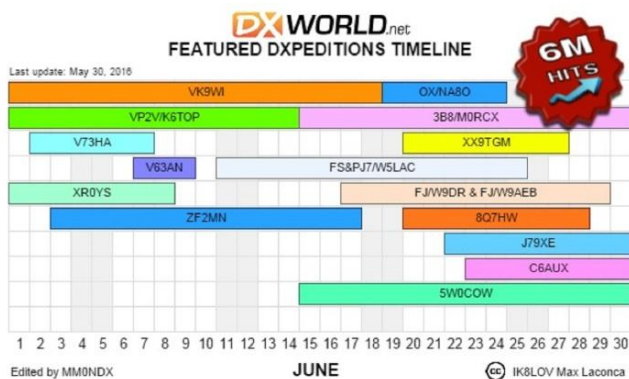
- Field Day (Gary Johnson N5BAA)
 - Third planning meeting held on May 21, 2016
 - Finalized equipment, antennas and demonstrated networked computer logging system
 - Field Day paraphernalia available for purchase through Gary
 - Public outreach/publicity –report by Emily K5MLE
 - New Facebook group page for HCARC set up by Emily, K5MLE. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hillcountryARC> to sign in.

OLD BUSINESS

- Robert, KF5AIE, has contacted the TxDOT District Engineer to discuss possible placement of road signs along I-10 announcing N5HR Repeater frequencies. Engineer was generally receptive to the idea.
- Media (NPR and local newspapers) will be notified about upcoming Field Day 25 June, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

- DXing news – from DX-World.net:



- **Contests/Operating Events**
 - **Field Day** – June 25-26 (see tonight’s presentation for more information)
 - **National Parks on the Air** – see ARRL.org website for stations, times and locations
- **Hamfests/Conventions**
 - **West Gulf Division Convention** (Ham-Com 2016) 06/10/2016, Irving, TX
 - **Texas State Convention** (Austin Summerfest 2016) 08/05/2016, Austin, TX
- **Legislative news**
 - Reminder: send letters in support of HR 1301/S 1685 (Amateur Radio Parity Act) to ARRL. Status: HOA groups have lobbied for language severely weakening the impact of the proposed legislation. ARRL has offered compromise language but no agreement yet. Send letters in support of the original language to your senators and representative via ARRL.

- **Other**
 - Dale, K4DG, requested authorization for reimbursement of reasonable costs for food, drinks and snacks for Field Day. Resolution passed by members authorizing up to \$100.
 - A motion was made and passed to set up a committee to look into the feasibility and desirability of relocating the HCARC 2M repeater to a different location, such as the Kerrville (Summit) City Water Tower. The President, K4DG, will appoint a committee of club members to review this matter.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

PRESENTATION: “Field Day 101” – Dale Gaudier K4DG

50/50 DRAWING

- Winner of 50/50: Mike Conner K5MJC \$25 (returned to Club Treasury).

Meeting adjourned. Next Club meeting **July 7, 2016**

Total members and guests in attendance: **34**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Russell, KF5AIE, Secretary