

Minutes of HCARC Meeting – 3 November 2016

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- Pledge of allegiance was led by Dale Gaudier
- NEW MEMBER AND GUEST RECOGNITION
- Birthdays and anniversaries this month
 - Bill Tynan W3XO now 90yrs old and is celebrating 50 years of marriage.
- New hams/upgrades since last meeting (50/50 tickets)
- Public service/emergency service and membership assistance/elmering recognitions (50/50 tickets)
 - Pete Schyuler N9OF and Curtiss Eastwood AD5UZ
- Minutes were posted and/or read and approved
- The Treasurers report was posted and/or read and approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

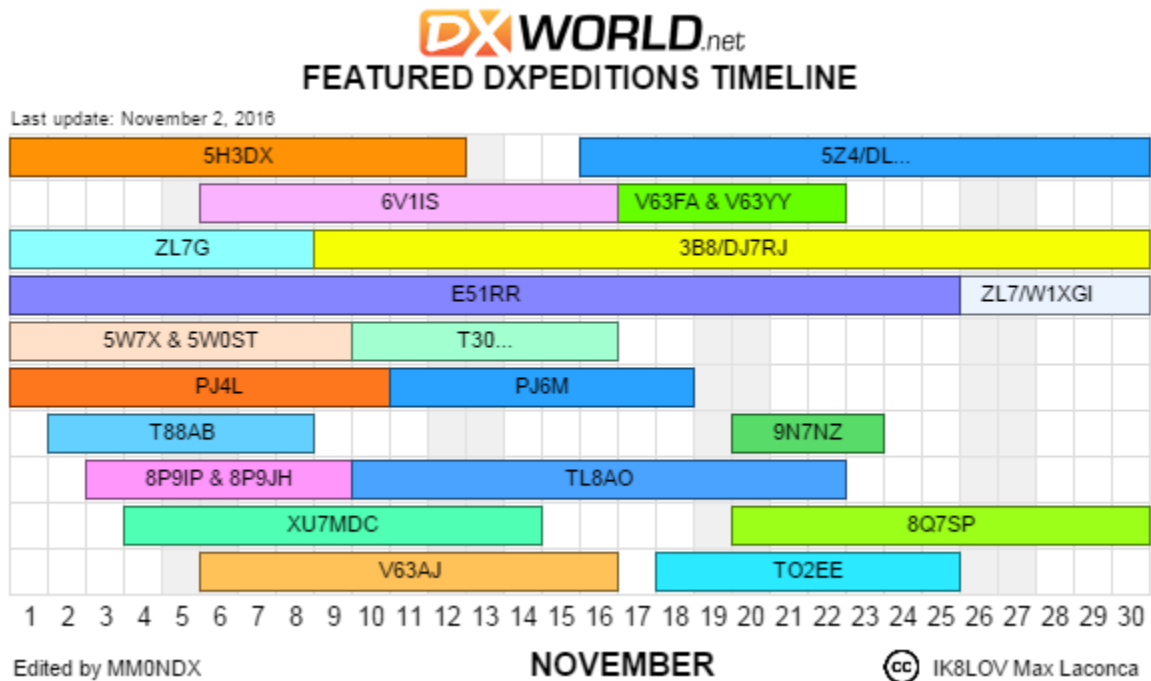
- Repeater (Harvey K5HV)
 - Repeater still suffers from loss of sensitivity when WIFI is engaged
 - Club repeater Trustee & Repeater manager found: Curtis Eastwood AD5UZ
 - Vote of affirmation on Curtis's appointment
 - Club station license renewed another 10 years
 - Recognition of Harvey K5HV for his long service to the club as trustee and repeater manager (certificate)
- VE Testing (Fred WOLPD)
 - Emily K5MLE upgraded to General
- Red Cross Liason (Terry WOHIP)
 - Still supporting LA, NC, SC
- ARES – Terry Hipkind (WOHIP)
 - Nov. regional exercise with Kerr Co. sheriff's dept. Nov. 7-9
- SKYWARN – Larry Altman (N5QED) – Jan. and Feb. Skywarn training dates to be announced later. Two lightning strikes reported near Larry Altman's QTH

OLD BUSINESS

- **TXDot signs** – Robert KF5AIE
 - Waiting for new TxDot personnel to review plan
- **Reminder: Christmas Party** – mark your calendars – Saturday, Dec. 3rd at First Presbyterian Church, Ryan Hall. Set up at 11am, start at noon
 - Potluck style
 - Bring a non-perishable item to donate to CAMM
 - Party is in lieu of regular Thursday meeting
 - Invitations have been sent via email
 - Bring friends and family – please give Marilyn KE5DDR a headcount for your party

NEW BUSINESS

- DXing news – from DX-World.net



- **Contests/Operating Events**

- ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 5 to 0300Z, Nov 7
- WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Nov 12 to 2359Z, Nov 13
- Kentucky QSO Party 1400Z, Nov 12 to 0200Z, Nov 13
- ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Nov 19 to 2359Z, Nov 20
- ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 19 to 0300Z, Nov 21
- CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 26 to 2400Z, Nov 27

- **National Parks on the Air** – see ARRL.org website for stations, times and locations

- **Hamfests/Conventions**

- None identified for Texas

- **Other new business**

- **Reminder:** Keep your contact information up to date with the club. Let us know if there changes to emails, phone, address, call sign or if you upgrade. Just drop a note to our Membership Chairman, Harvey, K5HV.
- **Reminder:** Annual dues will be due in January. Renew your membership now during the break
- **Proposed Member Activities**
 - Build it sessions

- 4:1 balun and OCFD
 - 2m Yagi
 - Classes
 - General class license class
 - CW class
- Monday 2m Net
 - Chuck N5HOP needs Net control operators

- **Election of 2017 Club Officers**
 - The following persons were elected by acclamation by the club members present and voting:
 - President – Dale Gaudier K4DG
 - VP/Programs: Gary Johnson N5BAA
 - Treasurer – Dennis Robertson W5FBG
 - Secretary – Robert Russell KF5AIE

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

PRESENTATION: *“The Basics of QSLing – the Ins and Outs of Confirming a Contact”*. Presenter: Don Murray, W4WJ.

50/50 DRAWING

Winner of 50/50: Mike Conner K5MJC Amount: \$29.

Reminder: No Thursday meeting next month. See you at the Christmas party on Dec. 3rd!
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Russell, KF5AIE, Secretary