

Minutes of HCARC Meeting – 6 Oct 2016

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- Pledge of allegiance was led by Dale Gaudier
- NEW MEMBER AND GUEST RECOGNITION
 - Guests Clay Lambert (KG5PQK)
 - Ruben Marzam (KG5PQM) and his wife
 - Rick Harris
 - Jane and John Trollinger (N5ZXO and N5ZKK respectively)
 - William B. (“Dub”) Thomas.
- Birthdays and anniversaries this month
 - Clay Lambert -KG5PQK
 - Bill Tynan W3XO – 90 years young this month. Congratulations Bill!
- Public service/emergency service and membership assistance/emerling recognitions (50/50 tickets)
 - Curtis Eastwood (K5UZ) helped with State Hospital radio K5KSH
 - Sam Jones (N5PHI) and Starr Center for assisting Gary Johnson (N5BAA) with Texas QSO Party.
- Minutes were posted and/or read and approved
- The Treasurers report was posted and/or read and approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Repeater (Harvey K5HV)
 - Harvey reported the repeater being noisy. WiFi reported doing well
 - Club repeater Trustee & Repeater manager urgently needed
- VE Testing (Fred W0LPD)
 - Results of new Tech Class – four new licensees
 - Two additional upgrades
- Red Cross Liaison (Terry W0HIP)
- Red Cross is supporting relief efforts in North Carolina after hurricane
- ARES – Terry Hipskind (W0HIP)
 - Dub Thomas (Kerr Co. Sheriff’s Dept. EMC) and John Trollinger N5ZXO (IT manager, Kerr Co. Sheriff’s Dept.)– described upcoming joint agency November regional exercise with Kerr Co. ARES members invited to participate
- SKYWARN – Larry Altman (N5QED)
 - Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

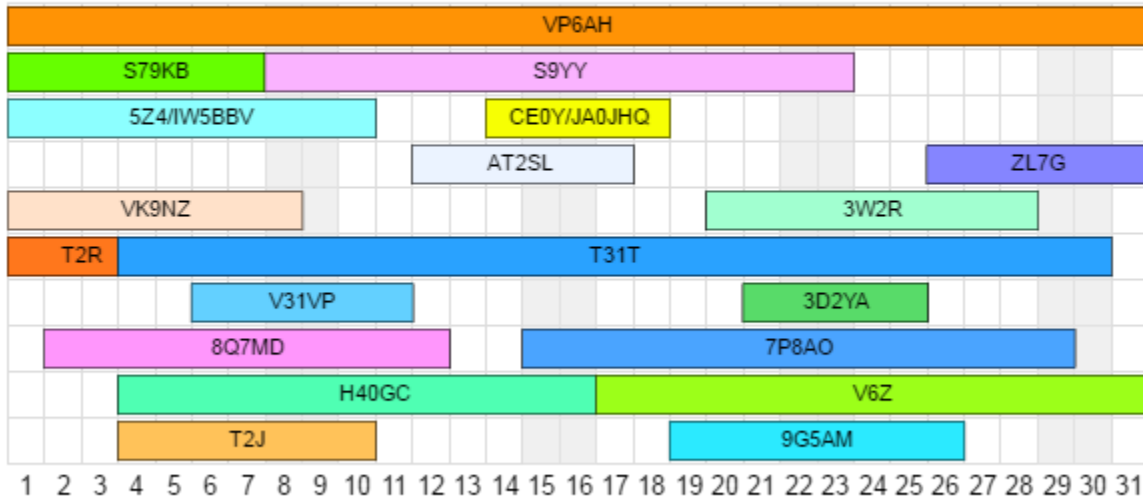
- **TXDot signs** – nothing to report
- **Reminder: Christmas Party** – mark your calendars – Dec. 3rd at First Presbyterian Church, Ryan Hall. Set up at 11am, start at noon

NEW BUSINESS

- DXing news – from DX-World.net

FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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- **Contests/Operating Events**

- Arizona QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 8 to 0600Z, Oct 9 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 9
- Pennsylvania QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 8 to 0500Z, Oct 9 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 9
- 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z, Oct 15 to 2359Z, Oct 16
- Iowa QSO Party 1400Z-2300Z, Oct 15
- New York QSO Party 1400Z, Oct 15 to 0200Z, Oct 16
- South Dakota QSO Party 1800Z, Oct 15 to 1800Z, Oct 16
- Illinois QSO Party 1700Z, Oct 16 to 0100Z, Oct 17
- ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Oct 22 to 2359Z, Oct 23
- Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Oct 22 to 1500Z, Oct 23
- **CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB** 0000Z, Oct 29 to 2400Z, Oct 30

- **Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)** – 0000Z Oct. 15 – 2359 Oct. 16

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

- **Hamfests/Conventions**

- None identified for Texas

- **Other new business**

- Received a letter of thanks from ARRL for a \$200.00 donation to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund.
- **Nominating committee for club officers**
 - The club voted last month to have the current officers of the club act as the nominating committee for officers for 2017
 - We will vote on officers at the November meeting

- The proposed slate of club officers will be published to the membership prior to the November club meeting
- Anyone wishing to run for a particular position may do so by notifying any member of the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the November club meeting.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

PRESENTATION: *"Broadbanding the Inverted L Antenna: A Case Study"*, presented by Dale Gaudier – K4DG

50/50 DRAWING

- Winner of 50/50: Clay Lambert, \$25
- Numerous ARRL books were auctioned off, generating \$46.00 for the club treasury.

Meeting adjourned.

Total members and guests in attendance: 29 members and 7 guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Johnson, N5BAA on behalf of
Robert Russell, KF5AIE, Secretary
HILL COUNTRY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB