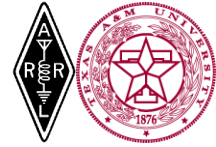




W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, November 12, 2015

Draft Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

President/KG5GDV called the meeting to order at 1930. Vice-President/KG5JYY, Treasurer/KF5TYT and Secretary/W5MHN were also present. There were 11 voting members, 2 non-voting members and 1 visitor present. The quorum requirement was certified by W5MHN.

President's Report: KG5GDV congratulated the club for placing second in the College/University category in the ARRL School Club Roundup based on preliminary results and passed around some of the QSL cards that we have received.

He then reminded the club that the Bryan - College Station Holiday Parade will occur Sunday, December 6, and asked that those interested in helping out email clubofficers@w5ac.tamu.edu. Historically, local area HAMS stage the entries and then queue the start of the parade. Further information will be forthcoming via the listserve.

Treasurer's Report: KF5TYT presented an overview of the state of the club's finances since last month and reported that a copy of the treasurer's report will be posted to the W5AC Shack bulletin board for review.

Secretary's Report: W5MHN reviewed the minutes from the September 2015 Monthly Business Meeting. Motion from N5TLT, seconded by KO5TER to accept the minutes as read - the motion passed on a voice vote.

Station Trustee: W5MHN reported for KZ5M that the club address is once again current in the FCC database and posted a copy of the new license in the HF Studio.



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QSL Manager's Report: W5MHN reported that the clubs DXCC status is 296 Mixed Entities worked (293 last month), 290 confirmed (287 last month), and 17 new slots filled in the band/mode matrix.

Club Business:

Old Business:

- a. **School Club Roundup:** W5QZ presented a wrap-up and cursory analysis of the SCR results and also provided some introductory contesting tips. W5AC used 9 different operators and was on the air all 5 days. Final score was 316,117 points, good for second place in the College/University division. We made 781 Phone QSOs which count 1 point each. We made 62 PSK31 QSOs and 3 CW QSOs which all count 2 points each. Total QSO points are 911. Our multipliers were 49 states, 10 VE provinces and 51 DX countries which all count 1 multiplier each. We contacted 16 club stations which count 2 multipliers each, and 41 school club stations which count 5 points each. Grand total of 347 multipliers!
- b. **November Sweepstakes:** Phone Sweepstakes will be the third full weekend in November (November 21-23, 2015). Contest Period: Begins 2100 UTC Saturday and runs through 0259 UTC Monday. Please send an email to clubofficers@w5ac.tamu.edu if you are interested in competing under the W5AC banner.
- c. **Google Services Account:** N5TLT reported that our request is being processed and should be finalized by next meeting.
- d. **5XB:** N5TLT reported that the committee looking into measures to secure the 5XB room with the loaned equipment is not yet ready to present its findings and recommendation at this time. This item was deferred until next month.
- e. **Networking:** N5TLT thanked KE5ISM and KG5GDV for their assistance and reported that the clubhouse has internet. Currently there are drops in 5XB, Club Office, Advisor Office, and the grand hall. In addition, the clubhouse has WIFI (SSID/PW posted in the shack) and a local printer on the LAN. A second computer will be installed in the HF Studio along with additional drops.



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- f. **FlexRadio Systems:** W5QZ reported that based on discussions with FlexRadio Systems, introductions have been made into the ECE department and W5AC is no longer in that loop. This spawned some general discussions about FlexRadio software defined radios, some general equipment status remarks, and fundraising.

New Business:

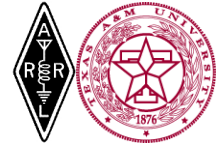
- a. **T-Shirts:** KG5GDV proposed that the club sell shirts both for branding and as a fund raising opportunity (\$2-\$3 over cost). This led to a further proposal that a "Donor" shirt be designed specifically for donors to the club in any future projects. Ideas for designs and specifics will be hashed out more fully at an executive committee session and presented to the membership.
- b. **Shack Open House:** KG5GDV took his W5AC Recruitment presentation to an ECE antenna design class this past week. The club will host an open house at the shack Wednesday, November 18, from 1900 - 2100 similar to what was done after the MSC Open House to introduce and familiarize guests to amateur radio.

Good of the Order:

- a. W5QZ announced that the Sixteenth USA National ARDF Championships will be held at a scout ranch near Killeen, TX, April 6 - 10, 2016. He pointed out that while the championships are for individuals, if W5AC trained and entered a group of contestants to the meet, he is very confident that we could medal in those events we entered. This would also be a nice spring event for the club.
- b. N5TLT, club advisor, announced that he has a new office location: Langford Building A, Room 122. He also stated that now that the clubhouse has internet he will schedule a half-day each week and work from the shack to be more readily accessible to club leadership.
- c. KG5GDV reported that one of the results of his presentation to the antenna design class was that they would like to take the technician exam on the last day of their class in



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December. VEs within W5AC will contact W5BCS and the professor of the class to determine if a test session can be scheduled as this would be on campus during a work day between the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's holidays.

- d. Congratulations to the following members: Kevin/KG5JYY on attaining his general class license and to Spencer/KG5JYZ and Russ/KG5JZA on attaining their technician class licenses. Well Done!

Next Meeting: The November Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 1930.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2024.

Program: Mike Wisby/KA5HIA, presented a well received and in-depth overview on the National Traffic System.

Respectively submitted,

Martin Nau/W5MHN
TAMU ARC Secretary

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