



W5AC / W5BCS
Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club
Bryan Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, 13 June 2019

Minutes from the June 2019 Joint Meeting with W5BCS

W5AC Secretary/KE0MXN called the meeting to order at 1940L, W5BCS President/KG5EYV, W5AC President/WG1GEM, W5BCS Vice President/N5ZKF, W5AC Treasurer/KG5YRW, and W5BCS Secretary/KG5LYE were also present. In all, fourteen people were present.

Field Day 2019: Field Day 2019 will be held at Brian Bachmann Park on Saturday, 22 June 2019 from 1200L to 23 June 2019 1200L.

- **GOTA Station:** WG1GEM noted that the callsign W5AC may be used for the Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station. Moreover, W5AC will bring either the Flex 6700 or one of the Icom 7100 radios for this station. Any W5AC members interested in helping run the GOTA station are encouraged to do so.
 - Limit of 100W, 20+ contacts per person, need to bring the power supplies.
 - Aimed at newly licensed/unlicensed members
 - W5AC will ask to use W5MHN's dipole, if available, KZ3G can supply 30 or 40 poles and guy wires/stakes for the dipole.
 - A magnetic-mount antenna for V/UHF would work well with the 7100.
 - KG5YRW noted that his Elecraft KX3 is also available.
 - GOTA might be responsible for, in part, for the base station (to listen on the local repeaters).
- **Testing Session:** N5ZKF and WG1GEM noted that there will be a testing session at 1500L. Anyone looking to upgrade or get their license are invited to participate.
- **Satellite Station:** WG1GEM, KG5EYV, et al. remarked that having a satellite station would be excellent. W5AC will work on setting that up.
- **Meal and Raffle:** N5ZKF noted that meal tickets will be \$10, and that raffle tickets and a swap-trade section will be available at the meeting. KZ3G noted that volunteers who help setup will also have access to What-A-Burger. There will be a Bar-B-Que around 18:00.
- **Setup/Teardown:** N5ZKF noted that the most important times were setup (Saturday Morning) and teardown (Sunday 1000-1200) for needing folks. Saturday will be a great opportunity to learn setup and the like, while Sunday is always fun to see what happened the night before.
 - Signage – W5BCS needs help putting up signage on Saturday.
 - Red Cross Van – Sly will bring his van and swamp cooler, which will take time and volunteers to setup. Sly will also be running networking and checking people in. If anyone would like to help with checkins, that would be greatly appreciated.
- **Balloon:** WG1GEM, KG5LYE, KG5YRW, and others discussed possibly bringing a 150 g weather balloon out for field day, but did not make any formal commitments.
- **Safety Officer:** N5ZKF noted that KZ5M will be the dedicated safety officer. KG5HZE will be the deputy shadow safety officer from W5AC.

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- **Games:** KG5EYV noted that the clubs should bring Hts (Baofengs) for games for the young padawans who will be present.
- **Night:** Any W5AC members who would like to stay and operate over night are welcomed and encouraged to do so. New members who are mic shy would be perfect for this, as the bands will be less crowded.
- **Publicity**
 - **Emails:** KE0MXN asked N5TLT (not present) whether a bulk email could be sent, and received the go-ahead. W5AC will write an email for mass distribution.
 - **Specific Invitations:** N5ZKF et al. noted that W5AC should cordially invite many individuals leaning toward radio or who have donated time, money, or resources to the club to come out to Field Day and see what they've sponsored.
 - **Elevator Speech/Elevator Pitch:** N5ZKF and KI5CWD noted that it would be wise to have an elevator speech about W5AC and/or field day prepared.
- **Labels:** N5ZKF et al. noted that anything brought to field day ought to have a label on it. KG5LYE noted that he will bring Avery Mailing Labels and a Sharpie for this purpose. W5AC should still bring a label maker.
- **Rain:** KZ3G noted that there is a 30-40% chance of rain. Updates will be made available closer to the actual event. The two clubs ought to consider bringing tarps.
- **Commitment:** N5ZKF noted that KF5JIM used to attend W5BCS meetings to update W5BCS on W5AC happenings. KZ3G challenged the two clubs to have joint meetings before each field day and to have members actively attending both W5AC and W5BCS meetings. N5ZKF and WG1GEM noted that the two clubs should work together in finding a location for W5BCS at Zachry, if possible, for a meeting sometime.

Good of the Order:

- **W5BCS Meeting:** W5BCS will have their monthly meeting at the Red Cross building at 0930L this Saturday, 15 June 2019.
- **Breakfast:** KZ3G noted that there will be a breakfast this Saturday, 15 June 2019, at Coco Loco in College Station at 0715L.

Adjourn: At 2100Z, the meeting adjourned until June of next year.

Respectfully submitted,
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