



W5AC September Meeting

09/09/2020

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President's Report

- Welcome
- Meeting Procedure
- Club Updates

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Vice President's Report

- Shack Updates
 - (We'll get to this later)
- Fall Activities

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Treasurer's Report

- Club Finances
 - ARRL Test Fees
 - Marketplace
 - Donations
 - General

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Secretary's Report

- May Minutes
- Mail/QSL Cards
- Renewing our LOTW Certificate

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Historian's Report

The background of the slide features a tall, lattice-structured radio tower with a horizontal cross-arm supporting a multi-armed antenna. The scene is set against a deep purple, hazy sky. On the left side, there is a faint, semi-transparent image of a person in a military-style uniform, possibly a scout or soldier, with the word "REVELLE" visible on their chest.

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Director of Operations' Report

- Welcome, Lucas KI5GOK
- School Club Roundup?
 - HF in a month or two could happen
- Texas QSO Party

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Club Business

Agenda

- Marketplace
- Endowment
- HF Operations
- Future Meetings
- T-Shirts
- Shack/Air conditioning
- Testing

Club Business

Marketplace

Scan to Pay Dues



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- Now available
- Voting, Non-Voting memberships
- Donations
- T-Shirts
- Different prices
 - We still take Cash/Check
 - Cash discounts available

Club Business

Endowment

- Up and running!
- For those who missed it, what's the point?
- Encourage friends, family, and businesses to donate
- Need to raise \$25k to fully fund by 2024

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Club Business

HF Operations

- Tower is still.... stubby
- Received offer for an HF vertical
 - (WG1GEM will follow up)
- Station at O&M
 - Flex should be back online
 - Will determine access procedures soon
- Can hang dipoles from our stump

Club Business

Vote #1!

2020-2021-1R

WHEREAS the club has received \$2.5k in donations,
We, the Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club:

- Club has received ~\$2.5k in donations
- Put the donated money into the endowment?

OR?

- Use the donated funds to establish a remote station (Authorize up to \$2k for the acquisition of a Flex 6400 w/ ATU and associated hardware)
 - Remaining funds would be contributed to endowment

Club Business

Vote #2!

2020-2021-2R

WHEREAS the club would like to establish a donation procedure,

We, the Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club:

- Moving forward with future donations and revenue from merchandise
 - Excluding donations specifically instructed otherwise

- Automatically contribute these donations toward the endowment

OR?

- Will specifically vote on each endowment contribution

OR?

- Suggestions?

The background of the slide features a purple-tinted image. On the left, a person is visible from the chest up, wearing a dark t-shirt with a ham radio logo that includes the call sign 'W5AC' and the word 'REVENUE'. On the right, a tall radio tower with a cross-arm and various antennas is visible against a light sky.

Club Business

Future Meetings

- Meetings will stay virtual
 - Unless some extenuating circumstance
 - Spring semester may change this
- Reschedule future meetings?
 - Do Thursdays at 1930 still work for the majority?
 - Mondays at 2000? (no net on meeting days)
 - Wednesdays at 2000?

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 - Weekends after 1200?

2020-2021-3R:

WHEREAS

1. The club wishes to follow Article 6 of the Constitution, and
2. The club wishes to allow members to attend meetings

We, the Texas A&M University amateur radio club:

1. Calendar the Fall 2020 meeting dates to the second Thursday of each month at 19:30L.

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Club Business

T-Shirts

Scan to Purchase



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- We have them!
- We have marketplace!
- Shipping for non-local purchasers (in progress)
 - USPS Flat Rate box/envelope
- Coordinated pick-up for local purchasers
- If you expressed interest last semester, you will have right of first refusal
 - Order by C.O.B 10/9 or they'll go open to the public

Club Business

Shack Updates

- Shack is still closed
- A/C is still out of commission
 - Has been submitted to SSC
 - We're on the list
- Reopening is a possibility
 - Would need to limit occupancy
 - Need a method of tracking when members/visitors enter/exit the building
 - Cleaning and sanitization are an issue
 - Email the EC with suggestions

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Club Business

Testing

- No remote testing with Laurel
- Tests will be by request only
- Tests will be socially distanced according to current university guidance
- Email the club officers if interested
 - Once we have enough interested parties, we will find a time and place
 - Already have a handful interested
- Likely no more than 1 session per month
 - Subject to change pending university guidance

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Club Business

Questions?
Comments?
Concerns?

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Good of The Order

- W5BCS Meeting
 - 9/19/2020
 - On the air
 - 09:30
 - 146.68 MHz
- ARES Meeting
 - 9/14/2020
 - On the air
 - Next Monday
 - 20:30
 - 443.425 MHz
- TAPR Conference
 - 09/11-09/12
 - Free+\$30
- GNUR Conference
 - 11/14-11/18
 - Free+\$50
- Get on the air!
- There're new hams on the air

Need net control stations!
Monday night net, and Reveille nets need NCS
volunteers!

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

14:00
W5NGU
“Digitally
Speaking”
Net
(W5AC-V/U)

20:00
Information
Net
(W5AC-V/U)

07:30
Reveille Net
(W5AC-V/U)

20:00
W5BCS Net
(W5BCS)

Want to
start a net?

07:30
Reveille Net
(W5AC-V/U)

20:00
SSTV Net
(W5AC-V/U)
No output PL

07:30
Reveille Net
(W5AC-V/U)

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