

W5AC Meeting

February 25th, 2026



Welcome!

Meeting Agenda

- Leadership Updates
- General Information
 - Upcoming Events
 - Where to find us
- Constitution Revisions Overview
- Foxhunting 101
- Closing
 - Q&A
 - Group Foxhunt!

Leadership Updates

Shack Cleanup - Matthew KJ5IIF



SCR Results - Sanjay KI5YAZ

- Thanks to everyone who participated in SCR!
- Based on Fall '25 results, this would put us in 7th in the College/University category
- If you're interested in taking over as QSL Manager, please let me know!

| Call Used | Category | QTH | Club/School Name | Participants |
|-----------|--------------------|-----|---|--------------|
| W5AC | College/University | TX | Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club | 10 |

Primary Operator/Sponsor:

| Full Name | Call | E-mail Address |
|--------------|--------|------------------|
| Sanjay Patel | KI5YAZ | sgpatel@tamu.edu |

Score Calculation:

| QSOs | | Multipliers | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----|-------|-----------------|
| CW/RTTY/Dig | Phone | States | VE Prov/Ter | DX | Clubs | Schools |
| 0 | 451 | 46 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 29 |
| QSO Points | | Total Multipliers | | | | Total Score |
| (2x0 + 1x451) | | x (1x46 + 1x3 + 1x6 + 2x7 + 5x29) | | | | = 96,514 |

Number of QSOs in Log: 456

Operating Time: 10:55 (hrs:min) Max Op Time in 24 hrs: 4:30 (hrs:min)

Log received at: 2026-02-25 03:17:50 UTC



General Information

Upcoming Events

- Aggieland Saturday
 - THIS SATURDAY 9am - 3pm
- Night at the ZACH
 - March 27th
 - Setup starts at 4pm, event runs 6pm - 9pm
- On your radar: Belton Hamfest
 - **April 10th and 11th**
 - Requires travel forms, so signup will be coming soon!
- Weekly net - Every Monday at 9:00 PM
 - W5AC 2m / 70cm analog repeaters
 - Great chance to get on the air and get updates about W5AC
 - You better join

Semester Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, March 18th
 - ZACH 315 at 7pm
- Wednesday, March 25th
 - **Online**
 - This will be to vote on the constitution changes
- Wednesday, April 22nd
 - WEB 232 at 7pm

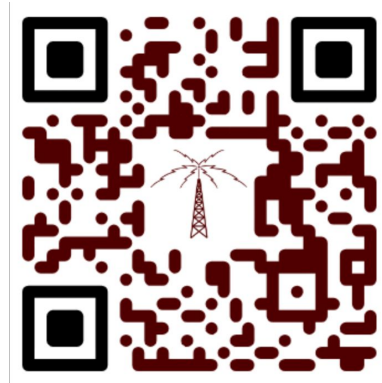
Join our calendars!

- Events - w5ac.tamu.edu/w5acevents
- Repeater/Nets - w5ac.tamu.edu/w5acrepeater

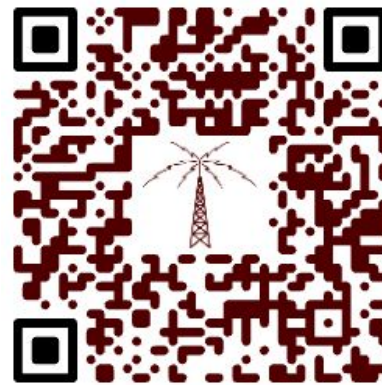


Where to Find Us

- Linktree
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Discord
 - Upcoming events and meetings
- Flywire Store
 - Membership Dues
 - In person - talk to Josh
 - Merch coming soon... stay tuned!



<https://linktr.ee/w5ac>



tx.ag/duesw5ac

Constitution Revisions Overview

How This Works

- I'll go over the main changes to both the Constitution and Bylaws documents
- Both the old and new versions of each will be sent out immediately following this meeting
- Meeting will take place via Zoom on March 25th to vote on the changes
- One vote per document to approve or disapprove all changes made

Membership (Section 3)

3 Membership

All persons over the age of 18, or who are currently enrolled or employed with Texas A&M University interested in the Amateur Radio Service with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest, are eligible for membership. A person shall be considered a member of this club when said person has paid current dues or been granted a lifetime voting membership, agreed to this Constitution, and agreed to the Bylaws. The club shall offer ~~five~~six classes of membership: licensed voting, unlicensed voting, licensed non-voting, unlicensed non-voting, ~~and affiliate~~affiliate, and lifetime voting. By paying dues, one consents to the Constitution and the Bylaws. The club's university advisors and the station trustee are automatically given voting membership at no cost. In the event that an individual pays dues without meeting these requirements, they shall be refunded their dues payment as soon as possible.

Lifetime Voting Membership (Section 3.4)

3.4 Lifetime Voting Membership

As a token of our appreciation, the club may grant lifetime voting membership to those who have significantly contributed to the club. This membership has the same privileges as a licensed voting member as defined in section 3.1.A, or as an unlicensed voting member as defined in section 3.2.A. This decision requires the approval of the executive committee and all club advisors. Lifetime membership is subject to the “Removal Procedures” found in section 5.

Selection of Officers (Section 4.2.2)

4.2.2 Selection of Officers

Nomination of officer candidates shall take place ~~at a business meeting at least one month and not more than two months prior to the last day of final exams~~ through a sign up form that will be sent out no later than one month prior to the business meeting in which elections will take place. Any voting member may sign up to run for an officer position and nominees may switch positions or remove themselves from the form at any point prior to 24 hours before the start of the election business meeting. At this time the form will be final and any names on the list will be included on the ballot accordingly.

Officers shall be elected for a term of one calendar year by ballot of the voting members present during the final business meeting of each spring semester. This meeting shall take place in the month prior to the last day of final exams.

Vacancy of Officer Positions (Section 4.2.3)

4.2.3 Vacancy of Officer Positions

In the event that an officer is no longer eligible to serve (graduates, etc.), that officer shall resign and notify club members by all well established methods of communication.

Following officer removal or resignation, a special election business meeting shall be scheduled no sooner than 1 week and no later than ~~3 weeks~~ 1 month. Nomination of ~~candidates and election by ballot both occur in the~~ officer candidates shall take place through a sign up form that will be sent out immediately following the resignation. Any voting member may sign up to run for an officer position and nominees may switch positions or remove themselves from the form at any point prior to 24 hours before the start of the special election business meeting. At this time the form will be final and any names on the list will be included on the ballot accordingly. The elected officer serves for the remainder of the term.

Directors (Section 4.4) and Required Directorships (Section 4.4.1)

4.4 Directors

Directorship positions may be created, filled, or removed ([subject to section 4.4.1](#)) at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, with the club's primary advisor acting as tiebreaker. Each director must be a current member of W5AC. ~~The following positions shall be filled: QSL Manager and Repeater Director.~~ A list of definitions for directorship positions is found in Appendix B.

4.4.1 Required Directorships

The positions of QSL Manager, Repeater Administrator, and License Exam Coordinator shall be filled at all times. Removal of these positions shall also specify a replacement director subject to the below conditions. Should one or more become vacant for any reason, the Executive Committee shall immediately work to fill the position. The candidate for QSL Manager and Repeater Administrator must be approved by the Executive Committee, Advisors, and the Station Trustee. The Repeater Administrator shall also be approved by points of contact for buildings where the club has radio infrastructure. The candidate for License Exam Coordinator shall be approved by the Executive Committee, Advisors, and Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC).

Meetings and Referenda (Section 6)

6 Meetings and Referenda

If a situation arises in a meeting or referendum which is not covered in the Constitution or Bylaws, refer to Robert's Rules.

Meetings (Section 6.1) and Referenda (Section 6.2)

6.1 Meetings

Business meetings shall be held at least once per fall and spring semesters, ~~not including mandatory nomination or election meetings~~. The Executive Committee or an advisor may schedule and preside over a business meeting, and shall notify the membership of upcoming business meetings by all well established methods of communication. The voting membership shall vote on motions proposed and seconded by any voting members during a business meeting. If the motion or any subsection of the motion conflicts with the Constitution or the Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall return the motion to the members who motioned and seconded it along with a citation of which sections the motion violates. The member will have a chance to revise the motion and resubmit it. If the member who proposed the motion and the member who seconded it agree to retract the motion, then voting will immediately close and the motion shall not be adopted. Members count as present if synchronously attending business meetings remotely or in person. A vote by the voting membership requires greater than one half consensus to pass, unless otherwise specified in this document.

6.2 Referenda

Business may be handled outside of meetings by holding referenda. Any voting members may propose and second a motion to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall promptly submit notification of any duly proposed motion to the membership by all well established methods of communication. Failure to promptly notify the membership of a duly submitted motion is a serious breach of trust and is grounds for officer removal. The notification shall list the members who proposed the motion, and shall define a voting period not less than one week and not more than one month. If the motion or any subsection of the motion conflicts with the Constitution or the Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall return the motion to the members who motioned and seconded it along with a citation of which sections the motion violates. The member will have a chance to revise the motion and resubmit it. If the member who proposed the motion and the member who seconded it agree to retract the motion, then voting will immediately close and the motion shall not be adopted. The Executive Committee shall submit a notification of the retraction by the same methods used to announce the referendum. Responses will be collected according to the same system as that for absentee voting. To be considered a valid vote, a quorum of responses must be received within the voting period. At the end of the voting period, the vote closes and is deemed valid as if it were conducted during a business meeting.



Other Changes

- Extending time frame for certain requirements from 3 weeks to 1 month:
 - Removal of officer/advisor
 - Vacancy of officer position
- Small grammar fixes
- Changed the date of revision at the top
- Defining a new directorship position for the CVE(s)
- New section in Jurisprudence explaining why QSL Manager, Repeater Administrator, and License Exam Coordinator require additional approval

Bylaws - Dues

- Moved section specifying dues pricing from Constitution to Bylaws
- Added a requirement to notify members in advance of dues expiring

Bylaws - Shack and Equipment Rules

- Removed section in old bylaws that specified that all members get a shack code
- Changes about how to leave the shack after you are finished to better match our new space
- Updates to equipment checkout policy
- Updates to computer modification rules

Bylaws - Operating Guidelines

- Removal of outdated language regarding use of amplifiers
- Updates to policy regarding use of less-than-ideal antennas
- Updating contest rules to only require logging the band, not exact frequency, of contacts made
- Slight updates to reflect today's operating etiquette

Foxhunting 101

What our foxes look like



What to listen for?

Wheatley plays quotes from Wheatley in the game Portal.

The radiosonde foxes play tones or CW signals.

The idea is to listen for changes in signal quality or, if you have a signal meter, measure signal strength.

Things to look out for

Reflections - These can be eliminated by going up to the boundary you think is reflecting the signal, or by going around it.

Antennas with two max or min gain angles, ie: dipoles. - You will need to use techniques like body shading in this case.

Polarization - The fox antenna may be horizontal or vertically polarized. Check both!

Cars, bikes, scooters, etc - Keep your eyes up, especially at night!

Bushes - Typically we like to hide the foxes places where they aren't immediately visible.



Demonstration of techniques

Body shading

Antenna null

Antenna peak gain

Frequency offset

Harmonics

Attenuators (if available)



Questions?

Gig 'em and 73s!

(Best Wishes)

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