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January NFLARC Club Meeting

Saturday Jan 12, 2012 at noon. thats our next meeting. Happy New Year! Its right around the corner. It was good to see everybody before christmas.

Please let us know if your email addresses change. any questions shoot me an email anytime.

And this weeks Wednesday net control, please announce any upcoming events like our winter filed day and next club meeting.

Happy New Year!

Clubhouse

Come and see us sometime! We need some activities if anybody has some. So if anybody has a suggestion please feel free to contact us here or from the website inquiry page.

we will need to think about mounting some more antennas and equipment changes soon. we will need our ground rods driven soon. and i think it just rained! As soon as we can we should take a look at getting our studio converted as a second radio room.

Public Service Events

Club event

We have been collecting some PVC and tape measures for antennas. we have plenty for everyone. if we can find a good time, maybe we can put a few antennas in a few peoples hands. lots of pieces they just need assembling

ARES- If interested, we should have alot to do in the coming year. Be sure to register here and also after you register keep your info up to date

<http://ares.nflarc.org/>

login every now and then and keep any certifications up to date under your profile info.

Recently the Navarro County and the City have paid for a bigger better reverse 911 system. ARES has an account. We have a group for our folks and we need to test very soon. It can call and text and email. This will allow our agencies that we serve to be able to ask us very easily for help. I have been helping our Emergency Manager Coordinator Eric Meyers with copying our names and emails to the new system. go here and sign up separately for the system for regular notifications including weather if you wish click [HERE](#)

Remember... check out online NIMS FEMA COURSES ICS100, ICS700, ICS800 and then ICS200. get with me and let me know if you get a certificate. This stuff takes very little time, and is extremely

useful if you plan to volunteer. <http://training.fema.gov/is/nims.asp>

TOYS for Kids

This year, we gave toys to kids. it went great i took several up the bakery to be collected with the rest of the toys by the fire department.

Winter Field DAY

Why does it have to be insanely HOT for a field day? It doesn't!!! We participated for the first time last year. didn't do anything but had a good time. Its not national field day in the summer, but it sounds like a great time to get together. some of our members are new and are not really familiar with how it can get really hard to setup anything when it is 110degrees outside at summer fieldday in July. So, if you want to plan to get together again at the clunhouse the last weekend in January for Winter Field day. i think it is a nice balance to Summer Field Day events. it could be rainy or pleasant outside in January. Plan to come and stay up late. Come early or come late!! Come whenever and operate the radio because we operate all night! It's the last weekend in January.

New Hams

Look for them, they are around. They sometimes appear as streaks of light, and your just not sure if you saw them or not!

as a matter of fact i want to welcome the newest one that know about. standing ovation please...

Bob Hickman - Leon County Emergency Manager Coordinator - Licensed just a week ago. I believe he heard us the whole night when we were up for the repeater party for doomsday. A little birdy told me he has been very anxious to get on the air when he gets a callsign. shouldnt take too much longer, Bob. I know its tough having a radio, and no callsign, i did it too.

Needed and For Sale ITEMS

Needed: We are in need of a trailor or just some axles, if anybody has any leads let me know. I have been in search of a single axle or double axle trailer in poor condition or great condition. This is for our telescoping tower pole and generator. Remember it can be a tax deductible donation! Big or small, we can make it work! thanks guys, and keep your eyes peeled.

For Sale:

For sale, contact Dave NORQ, at n0rq@att.net .

(Location of items is central Collin County, Texas.)

Please see the web site for detailed descriptions, pictures, links, updates, etc.

Submitted from KE5YA;

Apparently we are going to have a new Amateur Radio satellite that will use DStar communications. Due to be operational summer of 2013.

<http://www.leodium.ulg.ac.be/cmsms/index.php?page=satellite>

The key, innovative feature of OUFTI-1 is the use of the D-STAR amateur-radio digital-communication protocol. This means of radio-communication will be made available to ham-radio operators worldwide. In the future, it will also be used to control space experiments. The telecommands and telemetry will be sent to the satellite with the AX.25 amateur radio protocol. In case of the AX.25 system won't work properly a reliable telegraphy beacon should still be functional.

NEWS from QRZ;

QRZDroid 1.10 Released QRZDroid version 1.10 has just been released and is now available on Google Play. see [HERE](#)

Situational Awareness, etc., using Amateur Radio

Aleks Rohde W3JAG is a retired Coloner and lawyer in the Army, and she has worked with Homeland Security see [HERE](#)

Tropical storm Quinta hits the Philippines see [HERE](#)

Amateur Radio balloons recovered in Morocco and Mississippi see [HERE](#)

Hamfests

Upcoming-----

01/12/2013 | 2013 Amateur Radio Fiestal south texas convention. Location: Schertz, TX (SanAntonio)

Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: San Antonio Radio Club Website:<http://w5sc.org>

01/18/2013 | North Texas Section Convention (Cowtown Hamfest) Location: Fort Worth, TX Type: ARRL

Convention Sponsor: Lockheed Martin Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://www.cowtownhamfest.com>

Repeaters

145.29- Corsicana tone 146.2

Doing great. linked during nets to Fairfield, Buffalo, Franklin, Lindale Simplex Node, and Hillsboro.

Lindale Simplex Node 145.600 tone 146.2

Yes, you read it correctly. I put up a simplex node, just for fun for when im in Tyler - Lindale area. talked to several folks over there. they love it. i have really surprised. but it is linked 100% of the time to Corsicana. its antenna is mounted about 40 feet in the air. mainly, it covers the interstate I20 for a few miles east and west of lindale. if you go over there try it, or tell somebody about it.

Corsicana 440mhz machine.

442.925+ tone 146.2 in Corsicana is up and on the air. soon it will be linked in to the rest of our repeaters soon using Allstar link system. We havent had a good time that it all fell into place yet. The old 442.725 will be dismantled as soon as we can get to it. We need a little help very soon, so we can organize a few ground workers and get our stuff off.

Mexia 145.39- tone 146.2

Mexia repeater is up thanks to Wil for all your hard work. it will be linked in to the rest of our repeaters eventually. this repeater has great coverage for the height.

Fairfield 145.11- tone 146.2

It has been up and working great for a long time. we shortened the tailtime and made the repeater require its tone of 146.2. So from now on the repeater will require a tone for access. This repeater get almost 0 activity, so we figured we would create some, by linking it to our other machines.

Buffalo Repeater 147.28+ tone 146.2

Its doing great and plans to be better. Rodger's repeater has had major improvements in the last 2 months. The Buffalo repeater has some very big plans for the near future. we are bound to the time restraints that Rodger and the rest of us have. If anybody gets antsy, we could use some help maybe as early as this weekend. November 25th we may go up and mount a few things on the tower in Buffalo. this will allow the repeater to be moved and put at 500feet AGL. That is about 350 feet higher than presently located.

Franklin Repeater 146.96- tone 85.4

W5KVN, has been working tirelessly to get an opportunity on a bigger tower. found a tower and asked the right people. And now Kevin is allowed on it. soon the Franklin repeater can be at 500feet AGL. Its a tower just north of Franklin. Franklin is kinda in the middle of the county, so the tower is in a great spot to cover the whole county, and then some. It should cover as far south as College Station and maybe as far north as Groesbeck. Its going to amaze us how much it covers. Great job, kevin!

If anybody wants to see who is in the driveway at the clubhouse here is the link to watch the live camera pointed at the driveway.

<http://ham.nflarc.org:12912>

put in user as user
and user as password

More cameras to come. I'm told more cameras have been ordered, and will be given to me soon!

73,

I think that's it!
Let me know what i missed!

James
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