



President's Message

First I would like to thank the board for their confidence in myself to fill the vacancy created by Marks resignation. I would like to thank Mark for his service as president. The data base committee is making good progress. The RF Projector is operational. There have been great reports on its use. I hope all trustee will use it to renew their coordination.

Welcome the two new directors elected to fill the unexpired terms of Mark Stennett and Rich Osman.

73'S DE KA5OHJ
ROYCE President

On-line Nominations Available for Directors

Online nominations for Society directors started on May 1, 2011 and will end at 12:01 AM on Friday, August 5, 2011. Nominations will also be accepted at the Society's summer meeting.

Nominations are to be sent by email to the Society's secretary. Those emails need to contain a short biography of about 300 words and a photo. You can self nominate or nominate another Society member. Those biographies and photos will be posted online by the Society's secretary on the Society's web site.

Online voting will end on August 6, 2011, one hour before the start of the Society's summer meeting. Paper voting will be at the Society's summer general meeting.

To Vote ONLINE view the links on the left hand column of this web page. Click on link that says, "RF Projector". When you are taken to the next web page please Log into RF Projector. When you are taken to the next web page look in the left hand column at the bottom for link, "VOTE.2011". Then click the link that says vote.

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A View from the Vice President

The PART 97 Amateur Radio Service rules have seen some tweaking on spread spectrum, auxiliary operations, emergency volunteer participation, and licensing for the most part. So far the Amateur Radio Service has not been subjected to requirements for more efficient spectrum utilization rule making such as the Part 90 Land Mobile Radio Narrow Banding. I don't think the FCC will mandate the massive requirements for technology change that has affected other radio services, but they might "nudge" us into thinking about greater spectrum efficiency, particularly where we could be better stewards of our precious spectrum resources. There's plenty of entities that would like to free up our spectrum resources for their own usage!

Greetings to all amateurs who have an interest in our spectrum resources! The last decade has produced unprecedented moves by the FCC and NTIA to compact and free up radio spectrum to meet the increasing clamor for spectrum users. Additionally, the FCC has released extensive Notice of Proposed Rule Making or NPRM for most of the major services including, Part 90(LMR), Part 22 (RCC), PART 24 (PCS), Part 95 Personal Radio Services and others. The general tenor of these proposed rule changes are to "catch up" regulations with the technologies, greater accountability for spectrum utilization in the commercial world, and create greater spectrum efficiency.

I am interested in what others' perceptions are on the stewardship responsibilities we have for furtherance of the radio art in more efficient bandwidth utilization in the VHF and UHF spectrum. If you have any thoughts, I'm certain the Society would like to hear them.

73,

Craig A. Green KV5E



Secretary's Report

Greetings to all of our Society members...

The last several months has heard a lot of Simplex activity in North Texas. The use of Simplex frequencies has been steadily on the rise with lots of new hams with KE5s and KF5s callsigns heard as well as long time hams with the likes of K5s, WA5s and WB5s callsigns. There are just a lot of people on the air on Simplex in North Texas.

On those Simplex frequencies we are hearing all sorts of things such as general rag chews, technical discussions, nets of all sorts, and lots of personal opinions being express. Simply classic ham radio at work and play.

With summer upon us there are still several good WX days (under 100 degrees) for tower work in Texas. So it is time to get out and get those VHF and UHF antennas tuned and tested.

It is time to get those rolls of Heliac that you purchased years ago at your local ham fest installed. It is time to maximize the efficiency of your signal. It is time to look through those amateur radio dealer catalogs and make your selection for purchase at the Austin Summerfest.

And it is time to think about what amateur radio and the Texas VHF FM Society are all about.

On the next star-filled night while you are at your desk monitoring your favorite 2 meter channel remember what it must have been like at the birth of FM. Think about those long nights of frustration and failure after failure. Thank about the rush the first time it actually worked.

In doing so let us not forget a man named Edwin Armstrong. Let us not forget another man named Armstrong who planted that first dusty foot print on the moon. Let us not forget the commonality of these men to be pioneers and experimenters. Let us not forget how we as hams got to this point and most importantly let us not forget our traditions and heritage.

I urge all of you to remember the purpose of the Texas VHF FM Society.

In general our purpose is to:

- establish an educational organization;
- render public service through amateur radio;
- gather and disseminate information concerning amateur radio operation;
- establish standards in regard to repeater systems and associated functions;
- broaden the scope and function of amateur radio;
- encourage experimentation in advanced techniques;
- insure the efficient use of the radio spectrum; and
- provide frequency coordination services to amateur radio operators.

Brothers and sisters of the amateur radio fraternity... It's time to think a little.

Have a great summer and I'll see you all at Summerfest in August,

Larry Essary K5XG



New Directors Elected at Winter Meeting

The winter meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society was held on Saturday, January 22, 2011, in conjunction with Amateur Radio Fiesta in San Antonio.

A few days prior to the meeting our current president, Mark Stennett, NA6M, had resigned citing lack of time to properly fulfill his role as president of the Society due to work and family demands. Also at the conclusion of the Directors meeting, Rich Osmond, N1OZ, resigned.

Both of those resignations left two director positions to be filled at the winter meeting. Billy McDonald, AK5DX, was elected to the unexpired term of Mark Stennett. Billy will server until August of 2012. Also elected was Andy Carstarphen, WY5V, who will fill the unexpired term of Rich Osmond. Andy will serve until August of 2011.

Congratulations to the Society's two newest directors. I know both Andy and Billy will bring a new level of enthusiasm to the board and to the Society.

Treasurer's Report

The August 6 meeting marks the new financial year for the Society. This is the perfect time to renew membership or sign up as a new member and update your contact information.

We will have a table available at the Summerfest where you can verify your membership status, sign up as a new member or renew for the coming year. Of course, many in the Society have opted for lifetime member status which is currently available for \$300.

Forms will be available where for \$15/year, you can sign up as a new member or renew your existing membership. There are also other membership categories available for family or club as described on the membership form. Future plans are to include the option for renewal payments through PayPal. We expect to have additional details available at the Summerfest meeting

Repeater trustees are especially encouraged to become members of the Society, as the Society is the recognized repeater coordination body for Texas.

A membership form is available on the TXVHFFM site for anyone wishing to sign up or renew by mail.

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Frank Hormann, KM5I
Treasurer



Election Committee Notes

Election Committee Notes
by Michael Lay - N5PTN

Greetings to all. I hope to see you at the Summer Meeting

One of the greatest things about the Texas VHF-FM Society is that each member is allowed a vote when it comes to the Summer meeting and the director elections. This allows each member a bit of say in the direction the Society takes. Particularly, now that we have online voting available, there is no reason for any member to not vote. Please take the time and vote online if you are not coming to the meeting. There is one drawback to voting online though. If any candidates are added after you vote, online or nominated from the floor during the meeting, you won't be able to vote for them. If you vote online, you will not be able to vote at the meeting.

As chairman of the Elections committee, one of my duties is to obtain committee members to assist me in running the election and counting the ballots. I have been part of the elections process for many years now, serving as a committee member or the committee chairman. I have always selected members I know to be fair and open to assist me. I will be doing the same this year. Honesty and Integrity. These are core beliefs I take to any job. I approach this job the same way.

I have been a ham for 21 years now and am a member of at least 5 ham radio related organizations. I am very proud of my many years of public service and look forward to many more years. The other main duty is to present a slate of candidates to the members. I understand we will be electing 5 directors this time. I am aware of the following people who have indicated interest in being candidates:

Craig Green - KV5E
Louis Petit - WB5BMB
Gerald Richmond - N5ZXJ
Andy Carstarphen - WY5V

Remember, additional nominations will be taken from the floor at the Summer meeting. I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at the summer meeting. See you there!

73 - de N5PTN

2 m Band Plan Change Proposal

(to be voted on at Summer Meeting)

146.450 - 146.490 MHz, High in/low out, 1 MHz offset, 12.5 kHz channel spacing or less, any digital voice/data air interface technology suitable for the Amateur Radio Service that is compatible with the channel spacing. No analog transmission permitted.

This motion for the 2m band plan change was placed on the table at the March 1, 2008 General Meeting.

The text of the proposal is printed on the front page of the Summer 2008 newsletter (Vol 42. No. 1)

The Vested membership was polled for agreement/disagreement during the Fall of 2010, and the following report was read at the January 22, 2011 General meeting in San Antonio.

153 responses: 94 for / 59 against
(roughly 61% for / 38% against)

- **Existing Band Plan:** 33 wideband simplex “channels” currently exist as shown in green
- **If the Proposal is approved:** 25 wideband analog “channels” would continue to exist and at least 5 narrow band digital repeater pairs would be created. The true number of narrow band pairs would depend on the actual channel spacing utilized by the digital technology.

This motion will be brought off the table for a vote for or against the motion at the Summer meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society.

This chart represents the existing simplex allocation for the 2m band

145.520	Analog		
145.540	Analog		
145.560	Analog		
145.580	Analog		
145.600	Analog		
145.620	Analog		
145.640	Analog		
145.660	Analog		
145.680	Analog		
145.700	Analog		
145.720	Analog		
145.740	Analog		
145.760	Analog		
145.780	Analog		
146.420	Analog		
146.440	Analog		
146.460	Analog	→	146.450 Digital
146.480	Analog		146.460 Digital
146.500	Analog		146.470 Digital
146.520	Analog	→	146.480 Digital
146.540	Analog		146.490 Digital
146.560	Analog		
146.580	Analog		
147.400	Analog		
147.420	Analog		
147.440	Analog		
147.460	Analog	→	147.450 Digital
147.480	Analog		147.460 Digital
147.500	Analog		147.470 Digital
147.520	Analog	→	147.480 Digital
147.540	Analog		147.490 Digital
147.560	Analog		
147.580	Analog		

Example of digital repeater pairs that could be created

Where have we been and where are we going with RF Projector?

We thought it might be a good idea to bring everyone up to speed on the history and plans for RF Projector (the on-line coordination/membership system). We have Matthew Stennett, K5RYN to thank for his hard work on the authoring and continuing to improve RF Projector.

Below is a timeline covering the different versions of RF projector. This intention of this article is to help everyone understand where we have been and where we want to go with respect to on-line repeater coordinations.

v1.0 In July 2008, RF Projector was brought on-line "live" for the first time. The primary objective of the first version was to move the coordination data from a distributed coordination system into a single on-line database. The new system greatly improved the accuracy of the ARRL submissions, reduced the workload on coordinators, and eliminated any possible data loss. Updates and improvements continued for several months after going "live".

v2.0 In September 2009, the next major step was accomplished. The on-line repeater renewal portion was added to RF Projector allowing trustees to login, renew, and receive automated confirmation and all information was available on-line. The system was designed so trustees can accomplish the renewal process from any computer (even a smart phone!). For the first time, trustees could both renew and check the status of their renewals any time by logging into RF Projector. Many other "tweaks" have been made such as adding search by county in the on-line repeater search and adding the notes used by the ARRL for repeater functions to the search page.

v3.0 The next major revision of RF Projector is planned to be rolled out by the Summer meeting 2011. This version will build upon the capabilities added in v1.0 and 2.0. The new additions planned are on-line submissions of both construction permit applications as well as technical status changes. On-line submissions will greatly reduce errors in transcription from paper to the electronic database, and will continue to decrease the workload for both trustees and coordinators.

Please stay tuned as we continue to add more features to RF Projector. Your comments and questions are always welcome and can be sent to any of the committee members below!

73,

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STATE FREQUENCY COORDINATOR: Why Coordinate?

The Texas VHF FM Society coordinates amateur radio repeaters so that we can minimize interference, effectively utilize the available spectrum and be able give everyone an idea of what repeaters are active in the areas throughout the state. Coordination is simple--contact your local Zone Frequency Coordinator and request a pair using the construction permit application. After issuance of a construction permit, let us know when it is in-service and it will included in the list of active repeaters across the state.

The things that are important on the request are: a way to contact the trustee--this helps us in case of a question about the coordination or contact by any government organizations, where the proposed repeater will be located--this needs to be an address plus the longitude and latitude of the site, the height above average terrain--so we can model how far the system might transmit (example a 20' backyard pair versus a 1000' tower), particulars about the repeater such as gain of the antenna, if the site is single site or split site and the need for any control or link channels. All the listed field on the form are important, but this should help with understanding why we need this information. Why Renew? We need to know that your system is still active and that you want the system listed. We provide an on-line list on our website plus we provide the data for the ARRL's annual Repeater Guide. A system MUST be renewed annually to be current.

When to contact a coordinator? When you move the system, when you change a parameter such as height or gain of the antenna, the trustee changes (this would be for club coordinated systems) and when you decide to return the frequency pair back to the pool to be re-issued. These are just some examples where the Zone Frequency Coordinators can help--do not hesitate to contact them via email or telephone. Where do you find the applications and standards? Both the applications for a repeater or link frequency and the standards for coordination are available via the Society website....www.txvhffm.org.

Last year we had over 1500 coordinated systems. That is up by almost 100 systems from 2009. But, we had poor results with renewals--the renewals for CY2010 are only at 60%. Renewals were both mailed in the old-fashioned hard copy and e-mailed. If you have not renewed you coordinated system, please do so. Also, we are quickly moving to an all-online system. This will allow system trustees to request changes to their coordination, do renewals and update their contact info. Also, prospective trustees will be able to apply and get that request into the Zone Frequency Coordinators hands quickly for processing.

Our data is solid and our database tool is probably the best in the country. We owe a lot of thanks to the Database committee and those who have participated over the years making our system the best it could be. Please help out the Coordination Committee with any updates, any off-air reports and anything else that we need to know---the members and the trustees are our best tool for information.

Thank you.

Paul Baumgardner - W5PSB
State Frequency Coordinator

NOTES FROM ZONE 1, 440 MHz

Light activity, working on two more D-Star Coordinations and one complaint of a paper repeater. The Society BOD meeting at Ham-Com was most helpful and informative. Working on the waiting list between the Society activity. If there are any clubs in the DFW area that would like me to come give a talk on the Texas VHF FM Society and coordination in general give me a call at 682-465-3568 or email wb5idm@azlecomm.com .
Paul Finch

Notes from Zones 2 & 3

Construction Permits & Newly Coordinated Repeaters

There has been brisk activity with a host of new repeaters coordinated in Zone 2. Please note that a repeater is not listed as coordinated until the on-air status form is signed and returned, so please return your on-air status notification if your repeater is on the air and you have an outstanding construction permit. If you have questions concerning your renewal, or if you need a paper copy, please email Eric at zone2@txvhffm.org.

Zone 2 & 3 Newly Coordinated Repeaters

Location	Output	Input	Call	Notes
Angleton	442.300	447.300	KE5WFD	O127.3
Centerville	147.300	147.900	KD0RW	O114.8e-sun
Conroe	441.750	446.750	KE5PTZ	O123.0el
Houston	29.640	29.540	WB5UGT	O103.5l
Houston	145.370	144.770	N5TRS	O123.0
Houston	441.575	446.575	KF5AHR	O88.5
Katy	444.925	449.925	K5ILS	O123.0
Kingsville	444.225	449.225	WA5SWC	OIE107.2
Laredo	442.300	447.300	N5LNU	C
Lufkin	444.100	449.100	KD5NWH	O91.5
Plantersville	145.150	144.550	KB5JJE	O203.5
Spring	441.375	446.375	KC2EE	OSNP100.0
Spring	442.800	447.800	K5JLK	O88.5e
Wharton	145.330	144.730	W5DUQ	O167.9
Wharton	444.125	449.125	W5DUQ	O167.9
Woodlands	444.100	449.100	W5WFD	O136.5el

Waiting List

In the past year there have been two 2m repeaters cleared and coordinated on the waiting list due to recovered frequencies so that the 2m list is down to only one application. **Special thanks to Rick Arnett, WA5SIX** for transferring his individually coordinated 2m repeater to the Pasadena Emergency Communications Group (PCEG) as a club repeater. This both cleared a spot on the 2m waiting list and added 2m repeater coverage on the east side of Houston. When asked about why he would give up his coordination Rick said that “Yes, it was just the right thing to do. Being active in the technical aspects and needs of the EOC’s in the bay area I know what they need and am quite happy to help where ever I can”. Rick’s cooperation is much appreciated and is a great example to other repeater trustees.

The current waiting list in Zone 2 is currently for 2m only, and there are pairs available on all other bands. There is currently no waiting list for Zone 3. A detailed explanation of the waiting list description and process appears on the Society website.

Zone 2 Coordination Waiting List

	Callsign	City	Band	Application Date
1	W5INP	Houston	2m	6/10/2009

The Society has an “On-Air Repeater Status” form available on the website as well as an on-line webpage for you to report repeaters that are not on the air. If you know of a repeater that is not on the air, please go to our website, complete the form, and send it to your appropriate Zone Coordinator. This will significantly help us to redeploy frequencies that have been vacated but not reported.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or are interested in constructing a repeater in Zone 2 or 3. Phone calls and email are always welcome as well.
73, Eric Schmidt KA5WMY

On-Line Repeater Renewals for 2010 – 2011: Have you Logged on and updated yours?

For the second renewal season, trustees have again had the opportunity to renew their repeater coordinations on-line. After the first several months of renewals, over 50% of the coordinations state wide have been renewed using the on-line system.

Several email reminders have been sent to the trustee's email address on file. If you still need your login information, please send an email to security@txvhffm.org. Your use of the new on-line system will greatly cut down on the paper-work and time required for renewals, and allows trustees to verify the status of their renewal on-line at any time.

Our objective is to achieve the maximum return rate on repeater renewals. On March 19th we mailed out 637 coordinations that had not yet been renewed on-line via US mail to the trustees.

FAQ for On-line Renewals:

1. On-line renewal accounts were set up last year. What if I didn't receive an email or post card back in 2009 and still need to renew my repeater?

If you still need your login information, please send an email to security@txvhffm.org with your callsign and repeater frequencies. Your identity will be confirmed and a new password will be sent to you. If you do not have an email address but still have internet access, please contact your zone coordinator.

2. What if I choose not to create an on-line account so that I can renew my repeater coordination?

While we encourage everyone to use the on-line systems as this saves time and money for mailings, we realize that there are some trustees that do not have access to a computer. Renewals that are not renewed using the on-line system were mailed a standard paper renewal on March 19, 2011. We encourage you to please use the on-line system if at all possible, but all renewals that had not been confirmed by March 19th were sent a paper renewal via US mail.

3. Can I submit a change request for on my renewal using the on-line system?

The non-technical fields may be updated using the on-line system. Changes in trustees or technical changes (repeater location) will still need to be requested using the proper paper forms at this time. RFProjector v3.0 will have the capability to submit technical changes via the on-line system when it is rolled out in 2011.

4. How will I know my renewal has been processed?

Once you submit your on-line renewal, the request goes into a queue for the zone coordinator covering the area where the repeater is located. The zone coordinator will then approve or deny the renewal depending on any changes to the information. The trustee will then receive an automated email stating the status of the renewal.

5. I am a trustee and expected to receive an email to renew a particular repeater, but I didn't. What should I do?

- Your email address may not have been updated or may have bounced. All bounced emails and renewals that do not have an email listed will be followed up with a post card sent to your FCC address containing your login information. Please make sure your spam filter is set to allow email from the domain rfprojector.com. Also, we encourage you NOT to use an XXXXXX@ARRL.NET address alias as your main contact for RF Projector because we have had issues getting email through to many of these accounts. It will also help if you set your spam filter to allow email from "@rfprojector.com".

On-line Renewals (cont'd)

- Some club coordinated repeaters have different trustees depending on what the club leadership has chosen. If you have a club coordinated repeater, you might want to check with your club leadership. There is a form available if you need to update the trustee of your club repeater on the "frequency coordination" page.
- Only coordinated repeaters are going through the process at this time. If you have a construction permit that is still outstanding and you have not returned your on-air status form, your repeater is not yet coordinated so it will not be available for renewal. You will need to place your system on the air and return the on-air status form to your zone coordinator to complete coordination.

6. Can I submit on-line construction permit applications or technical change forms at this time?

At this time, only renewals are available on-line. RFProjector v3.0 will have the capability to submit technical changes via the on-line system when it is rolled out in 2011.

7. I went through the on-line renewal process, but I haven't received a confirmation email. What do I need to do?

- A confirmation email is sent showing the approval of your renewal once the zone coordinator reviews your information and electronically approves the renewal. Depending on the coordinator's schedule, it takes a few days before the renewal is approved.
- Some internet service providers may be blocking email from the domain rfprojector.com. If your ISP is blocking the email, you may still verify that your renewal was approved by logging into RFProjector, clicking on "renewals", and looking at the status of your renewals. Repeaters highlighted in green have been approved. You may check the renewal status at any time without waiting for a confirmation email.

8. I'm having trouble logging into the website. What should I do?

Please be sure that you are using following site for the login: <http://www.rfprojector.com/txvhffm/> Your login name is your callsign. The majority of the problems so far have been because of a trustee using the wrong website. There is a limit to the number of times that you may attempt a login. If you have too many bad login attempts, you will need to contact the database administrator and have your account reset by sending an email to security@txvhffm.org. If you have previously created a login account, you may use the "reset password" which will send a new password to your email address that is on file.

Repeaters that have not been renewed as of 5/9/11

Below is a list of repeaters that have not been renewed during the past repeater renewal cycle. The list was generated on 5/9/11. The renewal cycle began in November 2010 with the opening of renewals on RF Projector. All coordinations that were not renewed as of March 2011 were mailed a paper copy renewal to the U.S. postal address on file. Please contact your zone coordinator if your repeater is on this list or if you know the trustee of a repeater on this list. Our goal is to have a 100% renewal rate so that we can publish the most accurate information. It is especially important to return your renewal if you are no longer interested in operating your repeater so that the frequency can be released to the next trustee.

Call	Frequency	City	Zone	Call	Frequency	City	Zone
WB5BRY	146.760	ABERNATHY	5	KD5CCY	146.960	BALMORHEA	5
WB5BRY	444.000	ABERNATHY	5	KD5CCY	442.700	BALMORHEA	5
NZ5V	53.030	ABILENE	5	WD3T	224.920	Barry	1
W5TNJ	146.800	ABILENE	5	KB5FLX	442.100	ANAHUAC	2
WX5TX	444.175	ABILENE	5	WB5ITT	224.500	BEAUMONT	2
KD5EFB	444.500	ABILENE	5	KA5SYL	442.300	BEDFORD	1
KB5GAR	444.750	ABILENE	5	K5VH	1292.500	BEE CAVE	4
KE5OGP	444.875	ABILENE	5	WB3FYV	441.700	BENBROOK	1
KA5HND	443.200	ALEDO	1	AD5BB	146.820	BIG	5
AD5BB	145.230	ALPINE	5	KB5MBK	442.650	BIG LAKE	5
AD5BB	145.330	ALPINE	5	W5AW	146.820	BIG SPRING	5
AD5BB	146.720	ALPINE	5	KK5MV	147.000	BIG SPRING	5
N5YEJ	223.880	ALVORD	1	KB5MBK	442.625	BIG SPRING	5
N5YEJ	927.988	ALVORD	1	N5BTJ	443.350	BIG SPRING	5
W5WX	146.660	AMARILLO	5	N5BTJ	927.150	BIG SPRING	5
N5LTZ	146.920	AMARILLO	5	N5LTZ	444.425	BLACK	5
W5WX	146.940	AMARILLO	5	WB5ZDK	444.600	BORGER	5
N5LTZ	443.500	AMARILLO	5	W5OYS	434.000	BOYD	1
N5LTZ	444.200	AMARILLO	5	AA5JM	146.620	BRADY	5
W5WX	444.475	AMARILLO	5	KA5BQG	146.800	BROWNFIELD	5
KB5MBK	442.125	ANDREWS	5	WA5OEO	147.340	BROWNFIELD	5
K5KTM	441.675	ANTON	5	WR5FM	442.225	BROWNFIELD	5
KA0BRN	443.225	ARGYLE	1	WA5YJR	145.350	BROWNSVILLE	3
WB5RJK	223.920	ARLINGTON	1	K5BWD	444.700	BROWNWOOD	1
N5LLH	224.620	ARLINGTON	1	W5HAT	440.625	BRUCEVILLE	1
WB0LII	224.900	ARLINGTON	1	WB5ITT	444.500	BEAUMONT	2
N5GRK	444.375	ARLINGTON	1	W5AC	443.400	BRYAN	2
W5CD	146.620	ASPERMONT	5	N5SBH	444.225	BUDA	4
W5WXW	146.840	AUSTIN	4	WM5L	223.840	BURLESON	1
N5YQ	441.750	AUSTIN	4	W8KPJ	224.740	BURLESON	1
W5AAF	441.800	AUSTIN	4	WM5L	1292.500	BURLESON	1
W5FUA	444.200	AUSTIN	4	WB5ICB	444.425	BURNET	4
WB5ICB	444.575	AUSTIN	4	KD5GZW	146.820	BYERS	1
KF5YZ	147.300	BAIRD	5	KB5WB	444.725	CADDO	1
NZ5V	443.850	BAIRD	5	N5LTZ	443.750	CANADIAN	5
W5YP	147.320	BALLINGER	5				

Non-renewed repeaters (cont'd)

Call	Frequency	City	Zone	Call	Frequency	City	Zone
N5LLH	224.620	CANTON	1	N5NNB	443.250	DALLAS	1
N4RAP	443.200	CANTON	1	N5UOW	444.775	DALLAS	1
N5LTZ	443.650	CANYON	5	K5JOI	444.925	DALLAS	1
N5GRK	442.875	CARROLLTON	1	W5FB	146.780	DECATUR	1
N5GRK	443.425	CARROLLTON	1	K5CJ	223.960	DECATUR	1
KA5HSA	146.720	CARTHAGE	1	WB5TYE	442.600	DECATUR	1
W5AHN	53.110	CEDAR HILL	1	W5NGU	146.920	DENTON	1
W5AHN	147.260	CEDAR HILL	1	KA5YAP	440.713	Denton	1
K5MOT	147.320	CEDAR HILL	1	WA5LIE	443.525	DENTON	1
W5MAY	224.500	CEDAR HILL	1	W5NGU	444.050	DENTON	1
KM5R	442.325	CEDAR HILL	1	WB5ITT	444.800	CONROE	2
K5JAY	444.950	CEDAR HILL	1	K5AWK	146.420	DOSS	4
WA4CJC	444.650	CEDAR PARK	4	N5LTZ	444.350	DUMAS	5
N5OX	146.960	CHILDRESS	5	KB5WB	224.980	EASTLAND	1
KE5NCA	444.275	CLARENDEN	5	KB5WB	444.800	EASTLAND	1
KC5PGV	145.490	CLEBURNE	1	KD5YCA	147.380	EDEN	5
KY5O	444.000	CLEBURNE	1	W5EEY	444.200	EDGEWOOD	1
KC5HHN	444.200	BRYAN	2	N5VZE	443.750	EGAN	1
N5RMO	146.980	COLEMAN	5	N6LXX	444.850	DEVERS	2
N5RMO	444.300	COLEMAN	5	N5FAZ	442.100	EL PASO	5
WB5Q	145.490	COMFORT	4	KC5WDQ	147.160	EL PASO	5
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N5VSQ	441.850	CLUTE	2	N5ZFF	441.700	EL PASO	5
WB5ITT	224.800	CONROE	2	KJ5EO	443.000	EL PASO	5
KC5TCC	145.250	CONVERSE	4	N6TOC	443.375	EL PASO	5
N5ADL	146.780	Corpus Christi	3	K5VRF	448.650	EL PASO	5
KC5YJP	442.250	COUPLAND	4	N5FAZ	449.925	EL PASO	5
WS5D	147.320	COVIS	5	W5AHN	147.260	Eldorado	5
WB5BRY	147.160	CROSBYTON	5	KA9LAY	442.975	ELGIN	4
W5NL	147.300	CUMBY	1	W5CRS	145.210	ELMENDORF	4
W5NL	441.500	CUMBY	1	W5EEY	421.250	ELMO	1
W5DJC	145.230	Daingerfield	1	K5QA	223.800	EULESS	1
N5ETE	444.925	Daingerfield	1	W5IB	146.840	EUSTACE	1
N5LTZ	443.300	DALHART	5	W5IB	443.150	EUSTACE	1
WA5YST	53.350	DALLAS	1	W5PDC	147.980	FABENS	5
K6NOB	223.780	DALLAS	1	W5PDC	442.450	FABENS	5
W5RDW	224.180	DALLAS	1	K5TIP	53.050	FARMERSVILLE	1
N9TY	224.380	DALLAS	1	KD5TEX	53.050	FARMERSVILLE	1
K5JOI	224.480	DALLAS	1	W5HFK	53.070	FARMERSVILLE	1
N5XBP	423.075	DALLAS	1	WB5LOP	441.850	FLORESVILLE	4
W5YF	442.450	DALLAS	1	WA5OEO	444.775	FLOYDATA	5
W5JBP	442.500	DALLAS	1	KA5GFH	224.140	FOREST HILL	1

Non-renewed repeaters (cont'd)

Call	Frequency	City	Zone	Call	Frequency	City	Zone
AD5BB	146.620	FORT	5	N5BET	441.500	HOUSTON	2
W5CDM	147.360	FORT DAVIS	5	KC5UIB	442.825	HOUSTON	2
AD5BB	444.625	FORT DAVIS	5	KC5AWF	443.075	HOUSTON	2
N5HYD	444.900	FORT DAVIS	5	N5OBQ	145.310	Hughes Springs	1
AD5BB	146.920	Fort Stockton	5	AB5PL	224.520	HURST	1
N5DLX	147.240	Fort Stockton	5	KM5HT	442.850	HURST	1
KD5CCY	442.800	Fort Stockton	5	N5JRF	145.490	IOWA PARK	1
KD5HOG	145.250	FORT WORTH	1	N5FTF	442.525	IRVING	1
W5SH	146.840	FORT WORTH	1	KR5Q	145.430	Jacksonville	1
KB5DRP	440.550	FORT WORTH	1	KB5FLX	443.325	HOUSTON	2
KA5GFH	442.125	FORT WORTH	1	KC5PFJ	224.760	JOSHUA	1
K5HIT	442.225	FORT WORTH	1	KB5YBI	444.125	JOSHUA	1
WB5JHR	444.525	FORT WORTH	1	W5LNX	146.740	JUNCTION	4
K5MOT	919.900	FORT WORTH	1	N5AAJ	444.675	KAMAY	1
WB5JHR	1292.500	FORT WORTH	1	KB5FLX	442.325	KATY	2
W0BOD	1292.900	FORT WORTH	1	WA5FWC	147.220	KEENE	1
N5SVF	444.600	GAIL	5	KA5HND	147.200	KELLER	1
K5AGG	145.290	GAINESVILLE	1	K5TXC	224.460	KELLER	1
KM5WV	442.125	EL CAMPO	2	N5ABV	443.300	KELLER	1
KD5CCY	442.900	GARDEN CITY	5	KD5CO	444.375	KEMPNER	1
WR5FM	444.550	GARDEN CITY	5	WR5FM	444.025	KENT	5
WD5MOT	442.150	GARDENDALE	5	W5CKO	145.450	KILGORE	1
WR5FM	444.525	GARDENDALE	5	KO6KW	145.110	KILLEEN	1
KE5BFA	53.810	GARLAND	1	KB5UMG	145.190	KILLEEN	1
KD5ZKV	441.775	GARLAND	1	NB5U	145.430	KILLEEN	1
KC5JNT	145.150	GONZALES	4	NZ5C	147.320	KILLEEN	1
KB5RSV	147.260	GONZALES	4	KB5MBK	444.925	King Mountain	5
KC5JNT	443.150	GONZALES	4	K5JNW	444.375	KYLE	4
N5KIT	443.125	GALVESTON	2	WD5KBZ	442.100	LA FERIA	3
N5EOC	145.400	GRAPEVINE	1	N5BNX	145.150	LAMESA	5
N5EOC	145.400	GRAPEVINE	1	N5BNX	146.860	LAMESA	5
N5YEJ	224.720	GRAPEVINE	1	KD5CCY	442.700	LAMESA	5
N5EOC	443.875	GRAPEVINE	1	N5SVF	444.950	LAMESA	5
N5ERS	927.875	GRAPEVINE	1	WB5BRY	146.780	LEVELLAND	5
K5GVL	146.780	GREENVILLE	1	KB5STL	441.500	LEVELLAND	5
N5LTZ	443.350	GRUHLKEY	5	WA5OEO	444.375	LEVELLAND	5
KC5RXW	444.750	HALLETSVILLE	4	KM5CC	441.850	LIBERTY HILL	4
WA5RZQ	146.760	Harker Heights	1	WA5YST	444.350	LITTLE ELM	1
WA5YSZ	146.740	HASKELL	5	WB5BRY	146.640	LITTLEFIELD	5
N5GRK	444.475	HASLET	1	WA5OEO	444.850	LITTLEFIELD	5
KB5NXW	146.780	HENDERSON	1	N5BBC	145.470	LONE STAR	1
KB5ATE	146.860	HENRIETTA	1	W5CKO	146.640	LONGVIEW	1
N5QBX	444.075	Grangerland	2	KI5UA	147.340	LONGVIEW	1
KD0RW	147.300	HOUSTON	2	K5RGV	145.290	Los Fresnos	3

Non-renewed repeaters (cont'd)

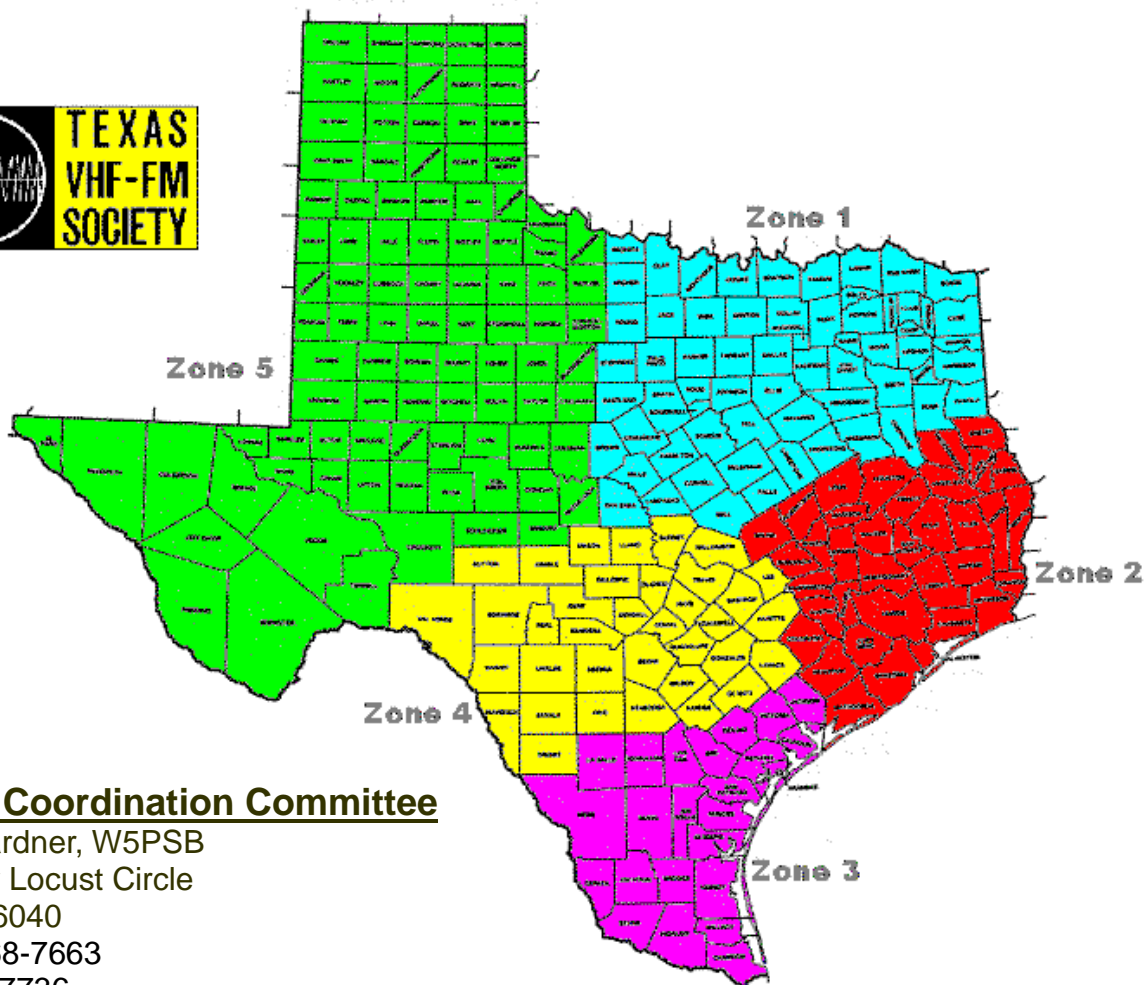
Call	Frequency	City	Zone	Call	Frequency	City	Zone
K5RGV	444.500	Los Fresnos	3	N5HYD	443.950	Mt McElroy	5
WB5BRY	53.270	LUBBOCK	5	N5ROY	53.030	MURPHY	1
WB5BRY	146.940	LUBBOCK	5	WB5BQP	146.900	NEW BOSTON	1
WB5BRY	147.000	LUBBOCK	5	K5NRH	441.750	N. Richland Hills	1
WA5OEO	147.200	LUBBOCK	5	N5ABV	442.775	N. Richland Hills	1
W5WAT	441.675	LUBBOCK	5	KB5MBK	442.600	NOTREES	5
W5WAT	441.975	LUBBOCK	5	W5CDM	145.410	ODESSA	5
W5WAT	442.175	LUBBOCK	5	KD5CCY	146.740	ODESSA	5
K5WAT	442.475	LUBBOCK	5	N5XXM	147.140	ODESSA	5
WB5BRY	444.000	LUBBOCK	5	WB5RCD	223.940	ODESSA	5
WB5BRY	444.500	LUBBOCK	5	N5MW	441.900	ODESSA	5
KC5OBX	444.625	LUBBOCK	5	KD5CCY	442.300	ODESSA	5
KA5ETX	444.900	LUBBOCK	5	N5XXM	444.900	ODESSA	5
WA5OEO	444.975	LUBBOCK	5	WB5BRY	146.860	ODONNEL	5
KK5Z	442.475	Madisonville	2	W5STP	147.120	OZONA	5
KB5FLX	441.600	MAGNOLIA	2	W5TSV	146.900	PAMPA	5
KB5FLX	443.025	MAGNOLIA	2	KJ5HO	146.620	PARADISE	1
W5QOD	443.150	MAGNOLIA	2	KJ5HO	441.925	PARADISE	1
KK5LK	224.880	Port Arthur	2	KB5YBP	444.625	PARIS	1
WB5EPI	1292.400	MANSFIELD	1	K5RA	224.960	PARKER	1
AD5BB	147.020	MARATHON	5	K5CCL	426.250	Payne Springs	1
AD5BB	448.000	MARATHON	5	WR5FM	444.575	PENWELL	5
N5WKG	223.880	MARSHALL	1	K5IS	146.640	PERRYTON	5
KB5VQG	147.020	MAYDELLE	1	K5IS	146.820	PERRYTON	5
KB5VQG	444.875	MAYDELLE	1	WR5FM	441.575	PLAINVIEW	5
KD5YCA	147.280	MENARD	5	N5TVN	53.610	PLANO	1
KD6FWD	147.040	MESQUITE	1	N5NH	441.725	PLANO	1
KD6FWD	224.240	MESQUITE	1	W5ROS	147.340	PLEASANTON	4
W5ZMI	145.390	MEXIA	1	KK5LK	223.950	PORT ARTHUR	1
N5LTZ	444.850	MIAMI	5	KB5FLX	442.675	SPRING	2
WB5RCD	53.110	MIDLAND	5	K5MIJ	440.600	Portable	1
K5PSA	145.210	Midland	5	WB5BRY	147.060	POST	5
KB5MBK	147.280	MIDLAND	5	KB5VKC	442.775	QUINLAN	1
WB5RCD	223.940	MIDLAND	5	N5RMA	147.060	RANGER	1
WB5RCD	224.940	MIDLAND	5	W5TSM	145.470	RICE	1
W5MDS	441.925	MIDLAND	5	W5VV	442.800	RICHARDSON	1
KD5CCY	443.400	MIDLAND	5	WB5UHO	1292.800	RICHARDSON	1
KB5MBK	444.600	MIDLAND	5	WB5SGN	441.475	Richland Hills	1
W5UA	444.775	MIDLAND	5	N5CJD	1291.000	Richland Hills	1
KC5RXW	444.475	MOULTON	4	K5TIT	440.600	Rockwall	1
W5CKO	146.920	Mt Enterprise	1	N4MSE	443.450	ROCKWALL	1
WA5JYZ	53.050	Mt Pleasant	1	WD5U	145.490	Rosston	1
K5AWK	145.110	Mountain Home	4	KA5AEP	147.040	RUSK	1
KD5CCY	442.400	Mt McElroy	5	N5TAG	53.010	SALTILLO	1

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Call	Frequency	City	Zone	Call	Frequency	City	Zone
KD5GAT	443.400	San Antonio	4	WB5TTY	444.500	TEMPLE	1
KB5BSU	53.210	San Antonio	4	KD5RCA	145.450	TEXARKANA	1
WD5JFF	145.310	San Antonio	4	KD5RCA	146.620	TEXARKANA	1
AB5NZ	145.350	San Antonio	4	KD5RCA	147.120	TEXARKANA	1
K5AWK	146.620	San Antonio	4	WU5Y	147.360	TULIA	5
KB5TSO	146.720	San Antonio	4	N5XPD	52.850	TYLER	1
KD5GAT	146.900	San Antonio	4	WB5PIW	145.210	TYLER	1
K5AWK	146.960	San Antonio	4	WB5PIW	145.210	TYLER	1
WA5DXJ	147.120	San Antonio	4	K5TWR	147.060	TYLER	1
WA5DXJ	224.820	San Antonio	4	W5CKO	147.200	TYLER	1
K5SUZ	224.940	San Antonio	4	W5CKO	444.900	TYLER	1
K5AWK	442.200	San Antonio	4	K5AWK	146.760	UVALDE	4
AA5DB	442.250	San Antonio	4	AA5DB	147.200	UVALDE	4
N5YBG	442.450	San Antonio	4	AA5DB	444.600	UVALDE	4
WA5LNL	443.550	San Antonio	4	WD5JLE	146.620	VAN	1
WA5DXJ	443.625	San Antonio	4	WB4GHY	444.125	VAN ALSTYNE	1
KJ5UU	444.250	San Antonio	4	KC5WUA	53.370	VICTORIA	3
N5TX	444.700	San Antonio	4	KC5WUA	443.550	VICTORIA	3
WA2HVO	224.860	SANGER	1	W5TSG	147.320	WACO	1
KE5NYB	444.025	Santa	5	WD5DDH	145.410	WAXAHACHIE	1
N5RMO	147.140	Santa Anna	5	WR5FM	442.325	WAYSIDE	5
N5RMO	444.450	Santa Anna	5	WR5FM	443.400	WAYSIDE	5
WA5GC	146.760	SEGUIN	4	N5LTZ	443.975	WAYSIDE	5
W5WD	444.400	SEGUIN	4	N5LTZ	444.575	WAYSIDE	5
KD5CCY	443.200	SEMINOLE	5	KG5CW	146.900	WEATHERFORD	1
WR5FM	444.050	SEMINOLE	5	KA5HND	223.900	WEATHERFORD	1
N5ENS	147.100	SEYMOUR	5	KB5WB	223.980	WEATHERFORD	1
NZ5V	145.230	SHEPP	5	W5DUQ	444.125	WHARTON	2
WB5CVR	224.060	SHERMAN	1	W5CKO	147.300	WHITEHOUSE	1
WL7OU	442.300	SHINER	4	KC5PGV	147.000	WHITNEY	1
KB5MBK	442.075	SMYER	5	W5WK	442.200	WHITNEY	1
K5SNY	146.920	SNYDER	5	WG5K	442.800	WICHITA	1
N5LLH	224.280	SOUTHLAKE	1	WX5TWS	145.150	WICHITA FALLS	1
N5LLH	443.075	SOUTHLAKE	1	K5WFT	146.660	WICHITA FALLS	1
N5EOC	444.700	SOUTHLAKE	1	WG5K	147.300	WICHITA FALLS	1
N5JJY	442.875	WEBSTER	2	KC5RUC	442.850	WICHITA FALLS	1
KD5HNM	146.800	Stephenville	1	N5MBW	443.325	WICHITA FALLS	1
KD5HNN	443.175	Stephenville	1	WB5ALR	444.200	WICHITA FALLS	1
N5DFQ	147.380	STINNETT	5	K5WFT	444.325	WICHITA FALLS	1
N5DFQ	443.200	STINNETT	5	WX5TWS	444.525	WICHITA FALLS	1
N4RAP	444.825	Sulphur Springs	1	N5AAJ	444.950	WICHITA FALLS	1
KD5SHB	444.725	SUNDOWN	5	KK5AU	147.280	WILLS POINT	1
WB5TTY	145.490	TEMPLE	1	W5FUA	52.650	WIMBERLEY	4
NU5D	444.025	TEMPLE	1	W5FUA	147.060	WIMBERLEY	4

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Oct 2, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Texas VHF-FM Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, October 2, 2010
Belton, Texas – Bell County Expo Center

Directors Present:

Mark Stennett – NA6M
Royce Taylor KA5OHJ
Larry Essary – K5XG
Frank Hormann – KM5I
George Cshanin – W2DB
Gerald Richmond – N5ZXJ Arrived late
Rich Osman - N1OZ Arrived late
Craig Green – KV5E
Louis Petit – WB5BMB

Frequency Coordinators present:

Jim Melton, KA3IDN
Craig Green, KV5E
Committee Chairs present:
Mike Chittenden, AE5IV, Technical Committee Chairman
Larry Essary, K5XG, Ad-Hoc Committee Chairman

Visitors present:

Matt Stennett, K5RYN
Jay Urish, K5GM
Marlissa Rasmussen, KM5R
Chris Hudgins, N5IUF
Jerry Lutgring, W5JRL
Paul Easter WW5PA

President Mark Stennett called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM. (6:36)

Stennett introduced the directors present and the guests.

The next order of business was the Secretary's report. Secretary Essary reported on membership numbers as of October 2, 2010. Those numbers are as follows:

Total:1159
Life Members:295
Club Life Members:8
Family Life Members:15
Honorary Members:7
General Members:86
Club Members:3

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Vested Members:639
Unassigned:88
Family Members:11
Expireds:7
Unknown:0

Essary called on Matt Stennett to explain the various classes of membership.

President Stennett explained the Unassigned class to be those who signed up on the web site to participate in the digital poll taken earlier in the year.

Essary stated that there was only one correspondence from Dewayne Haun in Durant, Oklahoma. Essary state that he had met Haun at a ham club meeting in Durant and that Haun had asked Essary to investigate a interference problem resulting from an un-coordinated cross-band system in Rowlett, Texas operating on 147.39/52.525.

Director/Zone 1 coordinator Green said that he would contact the system operator regarding the complaint. Essary stated there was no other correspondence from members. (10:52)

President Stennett asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the previous board meeting. Essary passed out a copy to those that had not previously read the minutes.
The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Essary had asked the directors if they had all read the minutes of the previous general membership meeting.

The next order of business was the treasurer report. Treasurer Frank Hormann stated that the current balance of the checking account was \$3,593,29 and the current balance of the savings account was \$32,384,32. Hormann passed out copies of the information to all directors. Hormann stated that the Society had collect \$757 in membership dues (received from President Stennett on October 2, 2010) in the last few days and that amount was not reflected in the totals he had presented. (13:13) As last discussed in the previous board meeting, Hormann spoke about current interest rates available on term CDs and other saving instruments. Currently the Society is earning 0.2 % its saving account. There were several questions about the conditions of the saving instruments.

Essary made a motion to give Treasurer Hormann the authority to establish a CD at any federally insured institution in an amount up to and including \$10,000 for a period no greater than 36 months as long as the yield is 1% greater than our current savings account yield of 0.2%.

Hormann is given additional authority to move up to and including another \$10,000, under the same conditions, 6 months after establishing the first CD.

Additionally Hormann is required to get written approval from any one other director before he is authorized to make either of the two transfers.

The motion received a 2nd from Royce Taylor and passed unanimously.

The next agenda was old business- a Bylaws change to 6.6.3 – Vested Member Notification. Rich Osman committed to produce and mail out the postcards to the vested members

Director Petit mad a motion to approve the funds for the postage and printing of post cards. Essary made a 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

The next agenda was old business- Simplex/Weak Signal Committee-

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Director Green said the digital system in Louisiana that was previously mentioned had reversed its input/output. Essary Asked about the status of Lee Nolan. Director Green said that Nolan was still thinking about it.

Gerry Dalton was contacted regarding representing the D-Star interest and said he would participate but not lead.

The next item of old business was the Winter Society meeting to be held in San Antonio in conjunction with Radio Fiesta on January 15, 2011. Director Taylor said he was working with Radio Fiesta regarding the Society's needs for meeting space. Taylor will keep the board informed.

The next order of business was new business – Hudgin's complaint.

President Stennett asked if all the directors had received the email from Hudgins. Stennett pointed out that Hudgins was present and Stennett asked Hudgins if he cared to speak about his complaint. Hudgins said, "I think it speaks for itself and I would like to ask the board what you gonna' do? We have got a big problem with coordination and it's your responsibility to handle this. What's the board gonna do about this?" President Stennett said that he had called Hudgins and that he had followed up on his telephone call with an email but never heard back from Hudgins. Hudgins said, "I didn't get a voice mail." Stennett said that he left a voice mail on the telephone number that was associated with Hudgins' repeaters. Hudgins said, "Okay, well then." Stennett said that he had emailed Hudgins as well and didn't hear back from him. Hudgins said, "Okay".

Stennett said that this issue was on the agenda for the board a year ago and was not discussed due to time limitation on the meeting space and that the Society got run out of the room. Hudgins said, "Okay". Stennett said to Hudgins that as a former board member he should be aware of how slow things work in the Society.

Hudgins asked, "Well, how many board meetings has there been since that board meeting?"

Stennett said it was on the agenda to discuss at the Austin meeting but the board ran out of time due to the fact that the board was run out of the room with the next meeting group.

Hudgins said, "Okay, well let me just say this, at the Winter meeting, coming up, in San Antonio, I'm working on a motion, to get rid of Paul Finch and Paul Baumgardner. Now, you guys can either, ask them to resign, give them an award, thank'em whatever, or the membership can come and vote them out. Take your pick. But it's time for them to go. Seriously, they're not doing their job, and you guys aren't doing anything about.

So, you guys got what, 4 months? So, that's all I have to say, it, it's coming, make no mistake it's coming. So, you guys decide what you want to do. And that's all I've got."

Stennett asked the board if they had any questions for Hudgins. Director Taylor said he was in the dark as to what was going on. Hudgins said, "Well, to sum it up, Paul Finch isn't doing his job. Period. Paul Baumgardner isn't overseein', the frequency coordination committee. He's not making him do his job. And obviously the board of directors isn't overseein' the frequency coordination committee. We got a broke organization here. That's the whole thing in a nut shell. It's time for a new state frequency coordinator. It's time for a new zone 1 440 coordinator. Its time, today, right now. It's time. I mean. I've asked and asked and asked. And you guys, all I can assume is that you are ignoring the complaint. But, it's time for a new state frequency coordinator. And we can vote these guys out at a membership meeting. We can do. Because this is a membership driven organization. So you guys take your pick. You guys can either find a way to replace them or we are going come vote them out. That's all I got to say. It's it's beyond repair."

Director Csahanin asked Hudgins to characterize; prioritize which of those two Hudgins saw as the larger problem.

Hudgins stated, "Baumgardner, by far, is the worst problem."

"Baumgardner is deliberately allowing him (Finch), you know. He's enabling him (Finch). But really at this point it's not really their fault. It's the board's fault now, because your guys are allowing them to continue. It's really where this falls, right now, If you guys weren't aware of this stuff then yeah it's probably their fault but now that you guys have been aware of this for years it's now the board's fault that this now continues to go on."

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Secretary Essary asked Hudgins if he could give an example of what problems specifically he was having with Baumgardner and Finch. Hudgins said, "He (Paul Finch) will not move the waiting list." Hudgins said, "He's not doing anything". Essary asked if Finch was being responsive. Hudgins said, "He doesn't respond. He made promises and he will not live up to those promises and when he is called on the carpet about this stuff he says he will do it."

Secretary Essary asked Hudgins for an example of one of those promises. Hudgins said, "Confirmation of Coordination. He has been requested over and over and over and over again to do it. He has promised he will do it. 'Till this day he has not done that."

Visitor Urish stated, "And I can back that one up too. I have asked him (Finch) for paper work for my repeaters." Secretary Essary asked Urish if he was in fact at the Weatherford meeting where the board printed out that repeater paper work for him (Urish) during the meeting. Urish answered, "Yes".

Hudgins said, "This is a trust thing. When a guy says he is going to go do something you have to be able to trust him that he is going to do it." Secretary Essary said, "I agree." Hudgins said, "And we can't trust the guy. So we don't know what else he is doing that we can't trust. "

Secretary Essary asked Hudgins, "So he is completely being un-communicative, no email, no phone?" Hudgins said, "Yeah, exactly. You're right."

Director Csahanin, asked Hudgins if he was the immediate past coordinator for that (Zone 1 440)?" Hudgins said, "Yes." Director Csahanin asked, "So you handed off to him?" Hudgins said, "Yes."

Essary asked Urish if he was looking for a different document. Hudgins responded, "At this point I'm looking for those two guys to be replaced." Hudgins said, "I want to make it very clear. I drove all the way down here for this meeting. " President Stennett said just as soon as Matt Stennett gets the two systems merged Hudgins will be able to print his own report right off of the Society's web site. Hudgins responded, "That's wonderful but that doesn't get rid of Paul Baumgardner and Paul Finch. And that is what we are here to talk about." Vice-president Taylor asked Hudgins if he was trying to get the coordination position back. Hudgins said, "No absolutely not. I had it all cleaned up. I handed it off to him (Finch) and it was in pretty good shape."

Secretary Essary asked Hudgins, "Do you have a suggestion for someone?" Hudgins said, " No. Those two guys need to go. And that is a minimum. Find someone good. Find someone you can trust. Find someone that will actually do what they say they are going to do. But beyond that...that' is up to you guys. But those two guys need to go. That is a bare minimum. "

President Stennett said, "I had it in our notes here, Chris, to address this at the winter meeting too."

Hudgins said, "We are goin' to address it at the winter meeting for sure. I'll be making the motion to get rid of them. If that meeting starts if those guys are not gone. That motion is comin'. So this is fair warning. This is not something I'm hiding. I'm coming with that motion at the winter meeting to terminate those two guys. So you guys can find a nice way to get rid of them or we can run them on the rail road. It doesn't mater. But they need to go. These guys are making you look really bad. Why would you want to keep them? I mean they are making you guys look really bad. And that is being nice about it. So if you guys want to keep them and keep that bad reputation for the Society, that's up to you guys. But that is something that you guys need to really seriously talk about."

President Stennett spoke about the features of the new software and how past coordination problems will be resolved. Stennett said that now the trustee and membership data was all in one place and has become more efficient. Stennett said that by the end of the year that both systems will be merged. Mark and Matt Stennett together gave an online demonstration of some of the features of the new software.

After the demonstration Hudgins said, "But to the subject at hand. Baumgardner and Finch need to go. This is wonderful work. Keep up the great work. But again, if Baumgardner and Finch are still on the frequency coordination committee at the start of that winter meeting. There's goin' to be a motion. So that's my point. And that's all I got to say. You guys have some work to do." President Stennett said he appreciated Hudgins remarks.

The next item to discuss was the class of vested members. Stennett asked the board to decide what defines a vested member. At what point does a vested member stop being a vested member? Director Petit suggested a definition for a

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vested member, "A vested member is a coordinated trustee that does not fall in another class of membership." It was stated that this would be presented at the winter general meeting. There was lively discussion.

The next thing was when President Stennett introduced visitor Paul Easter, WW5PA. Stennett wanted Easter to tell about his experience in his drive across Texas. Easter said about one-third of the listed repeaters are gone. Easter provided a list of repeaters that he found gone.

There was lively discussion about dead repeaters and a ramped up effort to get dead repeaters de-coordinated. Secretary Essary read the Society's criteria for a trustee's yearly obligation to contact the Society updating contact information and current repeater status. Essary stated that the Society needs to enforce its criteria. A suggestion was made to get the list of dead repeaters about to be de-coordinated placed on the Society web site.

Present Stennett went around the room asking each director/coordinator if they had anything they needed to discuss. Treasurer Hormann asked for reconciliation of records for dues paid at the last meeting.

Director Petit asked that when the data bases are merged that each frequency coordinator be contacted about "paper" reports.

The next time of business was from Secretary Essary. Essary stated that he thinks it is time for the Society to get back to its roots and to its stated purposes. Essary read the stated purpose of the Society.

#1 Establish an educational, benevolent, eleemosynary, non-profit organization of members.

I can't say enough as to the current need within amateur radio to educate the newly licensed and to some degree even the long time licensed operators. I would like to discuss the idea of the Society producing some technical documents to augment current license classes with some greater level of technical information and certainly to a greater level operating procedures.

At our last meeting we talked about getting technical information back into the newsletter. Now that we have a technical committee chairman we can hope he will be able to get a few technical articles in each version on the NEWS. I also would like to discuss possible ways that the Society can make available to all clubs and formal license classes information to further educate those seeking an amateur radio license. It's better to educate in the beginning then try to solve bad operating practices and mis-information after the fact.

#2 Render public service through Amateur radio, and to gather and disseminate information concerning Amateur radio operation in the frequency modulation mode and repeater operation.

What I have found over the last few years from being a member of and visiting several amateur radio clubs is that there are some clubs that are all about public service and secondarily emergency communications. However, most of them are not. I would like to discuss ways and the feasibility of preparing a Public Service and EmCom course, documents, and manuals.

#3 Coordinate efforts and establish standards in regard to repeater systems and associated functions.

We seem to be doing this but after our last meeting Paul Baumgardner made it clear that the chairman of the technical committee should be taking on technical standards as his responsibility. Since we now have an eager technical committee chairman maybe now is the time to get this all in motion and have it available.

#4 Associate with groups similarly constituted in order to broaden the scope and function of Amateur radio as a service in the public interest, convenience or necessity.

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My only take on this would be trading information and ideas with other coordinating bodies and/or ham clubs that are technically specific in this and other geographical areas.

I would like everyone to share their ideas as to exactly what can be done to fulfill this particular purpose.

#5 Encourage experimentation by the Society members in advanced techniques in the use of repeaters in order that the general technical excellence of repeater systems shall be improved.

What comes to mind currently is digital communications. I don't know who's crystal ball is working to see future modes of communication, antenna types, etc. But we do need to get every ham back to having an inquiring nature; get them back to asking why and looking for answers. I look forward to everyone's ideas on this purpose.

#6 Place emphasis on maintenance of communication with Society members through meetings and bulletins distributed to members.

#7 Insure the orderly and efficient use of the radio spectrum available to repeater systems by providing frequency coordination services to amateur radio operators throughout the State of Texas.

In my opinion we need to discuss the idea of the Society taking on a more pro-active role even if it means changing our standards.

There was a motion to adjourn. There was a 2nd. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.



January 22, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Texas VHF-FM Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, January 22, 2011
Shertz, Texas - San Antonio Radio Fiesta

Directors Present:

Royce Taylor KA5OHJ
Larry Essary – K5XG
George Cshanin – W2DB
Gerald Richmond – N5ZXJ
Rich Osman - N1OZ
Craig Green – KV5E
Louis Petit – WB5BMB

Frequency Coordinators present:

Paul Baumgardner W5PSB
Eric Schmidt KA5WMY
Craig Green, KV5E

Vice President Royce Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM.
Taylor accepted Mark Stennett's resignation (Jan 15, 2011) as president and as director. Taylor thanked Mark Stennett for his time as president.

The next order of business was to call for nominations for president. Taylor opened nominations from the floor for President. Royce Taylor was nominated and there was a 2nd. There was a motion to close nominations and there was a 2nd. The motion passed and nominations were closed. Royce Taylor was elected as president.

The next order of business was nominations for Vice-president. Craig Green was nominated and there was a 2nd. There was a motion made to close nominations and there was a 2nd. The motion passed and nominations were closed. Craig Green was elected as vice-president.

The next order of business was to appoint a new director to serve in the position left vacant by Mark Stennett. Tom Loubaugh was appointed director.

The next order of business was the Secretary's report.

Society membership as of January 21, 2011 is 1167.

Life members 294
Club Life members 8
Family Life members 15
Honorary members 7
General members 87
Vested members 650
Unassigned 86
Club members 2
Family members 11
Expired members 7

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Secretary Essary brought up the communication from Chris Hudgins regarding his request to have Paul Baumgardner and Paul Finch removed from their coordination positions. There was discussion and it was decided that the issue would be brought up in the general meeting.

At the request of President Taylor, Secretary Essary made the Treasurer's report for Society Treasurer Frank Hormann who was not in attendance.

Checking account balance as of 1/21/2011 \$ 3,821.29.

Checking account balance as of 9/8/2011 was \$ 3,214.29

Savings account balance as of 1/21/2011 \$ 32,703.65

Savings account balance as of 9/30/2010 was \$ 32,384.32

There was discussion regarding an officer and director liability policy carried by the Society. There was a motion made to authorize the Society's Treasurer to find information on a policy for liability coverage for Society officers and directors and either re-instate the Society's old policy or to acquire a new policy. There was a 2nd. There was discussion and the motion passed. Paul Baumgardner brought up the fact that this expenditure would have to be approved by the membership.

Director Rich Osman, N1OZ, tendered his resignation.

President Taylor adjourned the meeting.



January 22, 2011 General Meeting Minutes

Texas VHF-FM Society
General Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 22, 2011
Schertz, Texas – San Antonio Radio Fiesta

Directors Present:

- Royce Taylor – KA5OHJ President
- Craig Green – KV5E Vice President
- Larry Essary – K5XG Secretary
- George Cshanin – W2DB
- Gerald Richmond – N5ZXJ arrived late
- Louis Petit – WB5BMB
- Bob Loubaugh – W5JYJ

Frequency Coordinators present:

- Paul Baumgardner W5PSB
- Paul Finch WB5IDM Zone 1 440 MHz
- Eric Schmidt KA5WMY
- Craig Green KV5E

President Royce Taylor called the general meeting to order at 12:45 PM.
Taylor had the directors, Society members, and guests introduce themselves.

Taylor called for the Secretary's report. Secretary Essary stated there was only one member correspondence since the last meeting from Marshall Williams regarding replacing a trustee. And that the request had been forwarded to coordinator Green for action.

Essary also stated the Society had received Mark Stennet's resignation as president and director. And Rich Osman's, N1OZ, resignation today as director.

Chris Hudgin's had sent in correspondence requesting a motion be made. Essary stated that all motions from membership must be made from the floor and Chris Hudgin's was not in attendance. Essary stated that Hudgin's motion was out of line and was inapplicable in requesting that there be a vote from the general membership to remove the state frequency coordinator and the zone 1 440 MHz coordinator. Essary stated that the state frequency coordinator is a position appointed by the president and ratified by the board of directors and that the zone coordinators are appointed by the state frequency coordinator. Essary stated that if Hudgin's was present in the meeting he could make a modified motion from the floor.

Society membership as of January 21, 2011 is 1167.

- Life members 294
- Club Life members 8
- Family Life members 15
- Honorary members 7
- General members 87
- Vested members 650
- Unassigned 86
- Club members 2
- Family members 11
- Expired members 7

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At the request of President Taylor, secretary Essary made the Treasurer's report for Society Treasurer Frank Hormann who was not in attendance.

Checking account balance as of 1/21/2011 \$ 3,821.29.
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Essary asked for any questions of comments. Hearing none President Taylor asked for a vote to approve the reports as read. The membership accepted the reports as read.

Taylor asked for technical report but the technical committee chairman was not present.

Taylor asked for the coordination report. State frequency coordinator Paul Baumgardner stated that 1556 repeaters were reported to the ARRL. Repeater renewals were sent out and any past due reports would be followed up on. Baumgardner commented on how the Society's waiting lists functions.

President Taylor asked for a report on data base. Eric Schmidt, database committee chairman, commented on the status of the database. Schmidt and Mark Stennett presented user interaction with some of the functions of RFProjector.

Matt Stennett made a presentation of the new features of RFProjector and stated that he would try to have something substantial online by April 2.

Chris Hudgins arrived at the meeting. President Taylor asked if Hudgins would like to make his motion from the floor. Hudgins did so in asking that Paul Baumgardner be removed from the frequency coordination committee. Royce asked for a 2nd to Hudgin's motion. There was none. Hudgins' motion died on the floor.

Taylor moved on to fill the two vacant director positions. Taylor opened the floor to nominations. Bob Lombaugh, Andy Carstarphian, and Billy McDonald were nominated from the floor. There was a motion to close nominations. Motion passed. (59:08) All three candidates make short presentations to the membership.

Taylor asked Mark Stennett to validate membership to allow members to vote.

Taylor stated that the term of these two vacant director positions would be until the Summer meeting at which time the two director positions would be open again.

Ballots were distributed to members and a vote was taken.

President Taylor initiated more discussion regarding the 2012 unexpired director's term. The membership voted to designate the candidate with the greatest number of votes to be declared elected to the director position with the term expiring in 2012.

Taylor asked Secretary Essary to read the results of the vote. Essary reported that to the membership that the person with the greatest number of votes was Billy McDonald. Candidates Lombaugh and Carstarphen tied. Candidate Lombaugh conceded to Carstarphen.

Taylor asked for any more new or old business. Hearing none he moved on.

Taylor asked Mark Stennett about the results of the vested member (digital) pole regarding digital repeaters on simplex frequencies.

153 responses. 94 for / 59 against - roughly 61% for / 38% against.
There were 21 post cards received at the Society's PO Box.

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President Taylor read suggestions received from KD4HNX regarding potential changes to the public database search.

There was a motion made to adjourn. There was a 2nd and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM.



April 2, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Texas VHF-FM Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, April 2, 2011
Belton, Texas – Belton HamFest

Directors Present:

Royce Taylor KA5OHJ
Craig Green – KV5E
Larry Essary – K5XG
Frank Hormann – KM5I
Gerald Richmond – N5ZXJ
Louis Petit – WB5BMB
Andy Carstarphen – WY5V
Billy McDonald – AK5DX

Frequency Coordinators present:

Paul Baumgardner - W5PSB
Eric Schmidt - KA5WMY
Craig Green - KV5E
Paul Finch – WB5IDM

President Royce Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM.
The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

The next order of business was the Secretary's report.

Society membership as of April 1, 2011 is 1078
Life members 294
Club Life members 8
Family Life members 15
Honorary members 7
General members 60
Vested members 650
Expired members 7
Family members 6
Unassigned 30
Club members 1

There was no correspondence received since the last board meeting.

Treasurer's report by Treasurer Frank Hormann.

Checking account balance as of 3/07/2011 statement \$3,545.64
Savings account balance as of 2/28/2011 statement \$32,714.22

Committee Reports –

Database Committee – There was discussion regarding updates/corrections to the existing database.

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Frequency Coordination Committee – Coordinators spoke about activity in their zones.

Technical Committee – Mike Chittenton was asked to prepare a technical presentation for the Society forum at HamCom.

Access to database – Directors asked for enhanced access to the data base. Matt Stennett made changes in the RF Projector software to do so.

Chris Hudgins – Director McDonald was to see Chris Hudgins in person and to have Chris sign the coordination requests. McDonald was also to delivery to Chris his completed coordination certificates.

PayPal - motion to setup PayPal and create a secondary checking account with \$500 of seed money.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM



June 12, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Texas VHF-FM Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, June 12, 2011
Plano, Texas – HamCom

Directors Present:

- Royce Taylor KA5OHJ
- Craig Green – KV5E
- Larry Essary – K5XG
- George Csahanin - W2DB
- Louis Petit – WB5BMB
- Billy McDonald – AK5DX

Frequency Coordinators present:

- Paul Baumgardner - W5PSB
- Eric Schmidt - KA5WMY
- Craig Green - KV5E
- Paul Finch – WB5IDM
- Jim Melon - KA3IDN

Committee chairmen present:

- Paul Baumgardner W5PSB – Frequency Coordination
- Eric Schmidt KA5WMY – Database
- Mike Chittenden AE5IV – Technical
- Michael Lay, N5PTN- Elections

President Royce Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM.

The first order of business was to have the directors reviewed the minutes of the previous board meeting. Vice-president Green made a motion to accept the minutes. NEWS Editor Csahanin made a 2nd. The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

The next order of business was the Secretary’s report. Secretary Essary presented the information on membership. As of June 11, 2011 there are 1,100 members as follows:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Life members 296 | Vested members 649 |
| Club Life members 8 | Expired members 7 |
| Family Life members 15 | Unassigned 27 |
| Honorary members 7 | Club members 3 |
| General members 81 | Family members 7 |

Essary stated that there was has be no correspondence received since the last board meeting.

Essary also stated that the Society has been invited by the San Antonio Radio Club to hold the Society’s winter meeting during Radio Fiesta in San Antonio on January 14, 2012.

Treasurer’s report delivered by President Royce Taylor.
Checking account balance as of 6/07/2011 statement \$3,693.46
Savings account balance as of 5/31/2011 statement \$32,730.72

Currently no better rates available for our CDs.

The Society has liability insurance in force through August 6, 2011. A new policy will be purchased to provide continuing liability coverage for the Society.

The Society bylaws call for a Fidelity Bond for the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. (Bylaws 4.5.3) This policy is

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intended to protect Society assets. Since the previous insurer no longer provides that type coverage, Treasurer Hormann is working to identify and purchase this coverage from a different source. Financial and budget information for Society affairs will be available for director review prior to the Summerfest meeting.

Secretary Essary made a motion to accept the Treasury's report as read. Vice-president Green made a 2nd. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

President Taylor suggested that we wait until Summerfest, when new directors/officers are elected, to update signatures on banking accounts. The board agreed.

The next item was by director McDonald. He stated that he received signed paperwork (on 3/14/2011) from Chris Hudgins. McDonald stated that he hand delivered signed coordination documentation to coordinator Finch in May. Coordinator Finch is sending a hand corrected and updated coordination to Chris Hudgins. Secretary Essary suggested that we email Hudgins that the Society is working on the computer generated coordination document and it will be sent to him as soon as possible.

Database member Mark Stennett wanted the board to know that he heard that the 147.220 MHz repeater in the Dallas area is not active.

The next item was by Paul Finch who spoke briefly about D-Star coordinations.

The next item, by Secretary Essary, was discussion on determining how much of the current balance of the Society's savings account is interest and how much is principle. That information was published in previous years of the NEWS and how much was principle. Directors will search archives of the NEWS for that seed point information. Director McDonald is sending his achieves of the NEWS to Mark Stennett to be scanned for submission to the Society's web site.

The next item was by President Taylor. He formed an audit committee to review the Society's books at Summerfest. Taylor asked director Petit to be chairman and director McDonald volunteered to serve.

The next item was by Secretary Essary. He suggested forming a new committee to investigate long term planning for the Society. It was suggested that the exiting Ad Hoc committee take on the responsibility. Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Essary asked Vice-president Green and Database committee member Mark Stennett to serve as members on the Ad Hoc committee.

The next item was by Secretary Essary. He suggested that the board consider retiring the news letter. There was lively discussion on the subject including possible models of the newsletter. It was reported that as many as 50% of the Society's members do not have a currently valid email address on file with the Society. There was discussion of sending out Society articles to be posted in other club newsletters.

The next item was by NEWS editor Csahanin. He set a dead line of July 15 for August 1 publication of the NEWS.

The next item was by Director Petit. He made a report of potential impending users in the 440 MHz amateur radio band.

The item was by Matt Stennett. He made a presentation on the latest modules for RF Projector.

There was a lively discussion of ways to improve communications within and without the Society; the Society's performance; and the Society's long term planning.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM

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Schedule

All the activity is concentrated on Friday night and Saturday, to allow you flexibility in your weekend travel plans. But do come early, as things fire up at 6 Friday evening and go till 9, and start up again Saturday at 8 am, with swapping till 3:30 and dealers & sessions till 4:30.

The Texas VHF-FM Society meeting will run from 1 to approximately 3 pm, so mark your schedule.

Prizes

Prizes Galore! You have a chance at a slew of them, including these three Major Prizes:

- Grand prize is a Yaesu FT-857D HF/6M/2M/70 cm compact all-mode transceiver.
- Our Featured Prize is Yaesu FT-60R heavy duty 2M/70 cm 5W FM handheld.
- A special Bonus Prize is a Yaesu FT-270R 2M 5W heavy-duty handheld.



Advance Registration
and Bonus Prize,
Yaesu FT-270R

Furthermore, if you register in advance by mail you have a shot at still one more prize—another Yaesu FT-270R!

With your registration you get one ticket good for Saturday's door prizes and the Major Prizes, and you can buy more tickets at \$1 each. Plus, if you rent a room at one of the Convention Hotels, you'll get five bonus tickets for each room-night, up to a total of ten tickets. (See next page for prize rules.)



Featured Prize,
Yaesu FT-60R



Grand Prize,
Yaesu FT-857D

Swapfest

For lots of folks, our main event—wall-to-wall goodies of every description, brought to you in carpeted, air-conditioned comfort on Friday evening and Saturday.

Rules:

- Full-sized tables: 6 feet by 30 inches. \$10 each, limit of 3 to a customer. First come, first served.
 - AC power is available at an additional \$5 per customer, through advance registration only.
 - We'll attempt to honor requests from groups of sellers for adjacent tables, if we receive your registrations in the same envelope.
 - If you advance register for swap tables, we'll attempt to notify you in advance if they are unavailable due to being sold out (a rare occurrence). Be sure to give us your email address so we can notify you that way.
 - Your table(s) will be held for you until 10 am Saturday.
 - Swapfest hours are 6 to 9 pm Friday and 8 am to 3:30 pm Saturday. Opening times are for both sellers (for setup) and shoppers.
 - Buyers and sellers must be registered at the convention.
- We'll be holding a Tailgate swapfest on the east side of the Marriott hotel. You need not be registered at the Convention to sell at the tailgate, but of course you'll want to attend the indoor swapfest and sessions, so it would be a good idea to register.

Technical Sessions

- ARRL West Gulf Division Director **Dr. David Woolweaver K5RAV** conducts this year's **ARRL Forum**, with Vice Director **John Robert Stratton N5AUS**. Together, they welcome **Brennan Price N4QX**, ARRL Chief Technology Officer, who will be on hand to discuss advanced communications technologies as well as other Ham topics of national importance.
- The **Central Texas DX & Contest Club**, widely recognized for its excellent Summerfest presentations, has yet another outstanding program lined up for us.
- **FlexRadio Systems** personnel give us the latest on the Software Defined Radio project.
- Find out how to do "the mostest with the leastest" in our QRP workshop.
- The **Roadrunners Microwave Group** hold their annual meeting and host a session on the latest topics on the "high end."
- **Keith Pugh W5IU** leads a wide-ranging discussion on communications through **Amateur Radio Satellites**.
- **Tom Whiteside N5TW**, South Texas Section Emergency Coordinator, hosts a session on **Emergency Communications**.
- **Weather?** Learn about the latest in forecasting technology, and learn about recent weather events with leading Austin meteorologists. Hosted by **Troy Kimmel KE5BCK**, of **KEYE News** and the University of Texas, and featuring top weather experts from Central Texas.

Directions

The Austin Marriott Airport South is at 4415 South IH 35, Austin TX 78744. The SpringHill Suites are in the same complex, at 4501 South IH 35. Talk-in is on 146.34/94 MHz (one 107.2 Hz).

IH 35 Southbound: Take Exit 229, go 1.3 Mi. to E. Stassney Lane and turn left. Turn left again onto IH 35 northbound service road and travel 1.0 Mi. to Marriott Hotel.

IH 35 Northbound: Take Exit 230 and travel 0.7 miles north on service road to Marriott Hotel.

US Hwy 71 Westbound: Exit at Burleson/Woodward and travel on the service road under IH 35. Turn left onto the IH 35 southbound service road. Continue 1.4 miles to E. Stassney Lane and turn left. Turn left again on the northbound service road and travel 1 mile to the Marriott Hotel.

US Hwy 71 Eastbound: Exit just after passing under S. Congress (Currently shown as IH 35 South San Antonio, but may change due to construction). Continue East about 0.4 miles and turn right onto the IH 35 southbound service road. Continue 1.4 miles to E. Stassney Lane and turn left. Turn left again on the northbound service road and travel 1 mile to the Marriott Hotel.

Prize Rules

We'll award door prizes throughout the day Saturday, until noon. For these, you must claim your prize by 12:45 pm Saturday. We'll post your name/call or ticket number at the prize drawing table.

At 1:00, we begin drawings for our three Major Prizes.

For the Major and Advance Registration Prizes, you need not be present to win. If you're a winner, we'll post your name and hold your prize. If you haven't claimed it by the end of the day, we'll send it to you.

License Exams

An exam session Saturday afternoon will cover all elements. Bring a photo ID and one other form of identification, and \$15.00; if you're upgrading, bring your current license, any applicable CSCE's, and a photocopy of each. For more info email **Larry Gunter WB5BEK** at wb5bek@arrl.net

After the exams, **Jeff Schmidt N5MNV** and **Ron Hambric N5SBN** have just what you need: A Welcome and Information for New Hams.

Amenities

Come on up to our hospitality suite—that's where you'll find your old friends and new ones too. There are soft drinks and munchies on Friday night, and refreshments on Saturday morning. Saturday evening we'll serve soft drinks, munchies and eyeball QSOs lasting into the night.

The Marriott will again serve a specially priced buffet lunch on Saturday.

Administration Matters

Exchange views with West Gulf Division Director **David Woolweaver K5RAV**, Vice **John Robert Stratton N5AUS**, and our special guest from ARRL HQ, **Brennan Price N4QX**, Chief Technology Officer. Find out what's going on and offer your opinions and insights. The ideal way to get or stay involved!

As always, we host the Summer Meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society, scheduled for 1:00 Saturday afternoon.

Craft and Skills Events

Sandy Talen hosts our crafts session. And back this year, by numerous requests—garden dragonflies! No prior experience required. Come for a short while or the whole session. Did we mention, no charge? Children are welcome, but an adult must be with the children to supervise and help.



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**The ARRL Texas State Convention
The Texas VHF-FM Society Summer Meeting**

A word about our special guests...

The Texas VHF-FM Society is a group of several hundred amateurs with a special interest in the design and operation of VHF and UHF repeaters. Starting with a small group of hams over 40 years ago, the Society now counts as members the licensees or technical custodians of nearly all the repeaters in Texas. It is affiliated with the ARRL. The Society initiated frequency coordination in Texas. Today, it continues in that role, minimizing intercommunity friction and helping the maximum number of amateurs operate and use repeaters. The Society educates, mediates, and arbitrates all matters of frequency coordination brought to its attention. The members of the Society invite you and your friends to join us; we know you will find it fun and rewarding to be a part of this organization.

EVENT CALENDAR



Central States VHF Conference Irving, TX

July 29th and 30th

<http://www.csvhfs.org/>

Family Program There will be an extensive family program with [details on the website.](#)

[Hotel Information](#)

Westin Hotel - 4545 W. John Carpenter Frwy Irving, Tx
75063 972-929-4500

Please check the room rate. It is supposed to be \$89 but some have been getting a larger number.

Conference Program

Thursday 4-6 pm Registration

Friday Registration 8 am
8 am-noon Antenna Measurement, Parking Lot.
9 am-noon Preamp Measurement. Preamps need to be turned in by 9:30.

We will have a MXA with a Noise Figure Personality provided by Agilent.

12 lunch on your own
1 pm-5 pm Technical Presentations
7 pm-10 pm Homebrew Display /Flea Market

This is your best chance to exchange VHF oriented ham radio equipment and show off your latest homebrew project. We know that many of our attendees will be flying in pictures of projects/storyboards are also solicited.

10 pm SNOTTS meeting. For the beginners that is the Stupid Numbskulls on Two Twenty Single Sideband. For full membership in this group you must have a record of making one contact on 222 MHz SSB. Visitors are welcome.

Saturday

9am-noon Technical Presentations
1pm- 3 pm Technical Presentations
3pm - 5 pm General Membership Meeting
6-7 pm cocktails cash bar
7 pm Banquet

Dinner choices are Southwestern Grilled Chicken

Sunday

9am-11 am Six Meter Group Meeting.
Have breakfast and talk with other 6 meter operators.

W2DB's \$0.02

Putting together this newsletter is a challenge, but it can be a relaxing time when I get to concentrate on the hobby I have enjoyed since January 21, 1968. In a couple of weeks I'll have been at it for 43 years, no gaps, third callsign. I really wish I had more time for radio, and a better location for HF work (deed restriction problem). And then there are family issues that get between a ham and his or her activities.

I'd really love more input for the news as well. Assembly is a time consuming task. Beating the bushes for fodder for this newsletter is something that I just don't have much luck finding the time for. So, as in past issues, I'd like to have some serious input for publication, like tech articles.

I am looking for articles on technical or regulatory matters. Examples would be an article on narrow band mods for some commercial gear out there, care and feeding of a P-25 system, or new regulatory matters to be aware of-FCC mandates can mean lots of great gear available to hams.

Director Essary also feels that there should be more social aspects as well, and I agree. The Society has become a very business like environment, and the meetings that I've seen have become polarized and strained. I've been in the middle of it now, somewhat out of curiosity to see what the whole picture is. Instead of it being that enjoyable hobby I grew up with it has turned into something much less than fun.

We, as a society need to lighten up and remember that everyone does not possess the same knowledge or feeling that we have for it. Some people are right, some are more right, at least in their minds. But at the end of the day we exist to coordinate and organize the matters pertaining to use of channelized Amateur Radio. Have fun organizing, well, maybe not. Have fun using radio, you bet! I'll never let the old feeling die. Keying the mike on my Syntor today is as exciting as the first time I threw the plate switch on my Viking I. (well, ok, less chance of sparks and explosions) Let's not forget to have fun.

And keep those cards and letters coming, new ideas, old ideas, whatever.

Texas VHF FM Society exists as the frequency coordination group for amateur radio communications in the State of Texas.

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