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President's Message - Andy Carstarphen WY5V

I would like to thank everyone that attended the Summer meeting and returned me as a director for the Society. We have a fine crew on the Board of Directors and look forward to working with them. Gerald Richmond was also returned as a Director. We also have freshman directors Lee Nolan—WB5UEN, Brett Nolan—KC5NER and Patrick Soileau-ND5C. I would like to thank outgoing directors Louis Petit—WB5BMB and George Cshahanin—W3DB for their many years of service.

There have been a few changes, Mark Stennet—NA6M has taken over the reigns of State Frequency Coordinator from Paul Baumgardner -W5PSB. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul for his many years of service to the Society as a director, officer and frequency coordinator. I would also like to thank Eric Schmidt—KA5WMY for his many years of service to the Society as he moves on after serving as a director, officer, frequency coordinator and chair of our data committee.

We are in the process of building new teams for our frequency coordination, technical and data committees. Thank you to everyone that has offered their services to the Society. Look for a new web site that will be easier to navigate and have new features including the ability to pay your annual dues on line. We are rolling up our sleeves and getting down to business.

73's Andy WY5V



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My goal as a director of the Society is, and always has been, to move the Society forward. In decades past the Texas VHF-FM Society had been a pace setter and technical leader in amateur radio FM communications. The Society had a platinum name plate and produced cutting edge technical articles for its members.

I want to restore that platinum image of the Society and to make it once again the one-stop location for technical information for Texas.

Part of the plan to do so included appointing a new technical chairman, Kent Britain, WA5VJB. Kent is prolific and produces some of the most highly read articles on antenna design in Amateur Radio. Kent is a breath of fresh air for the Society.

Also recently appointed to the technical committee is Bob Devance, K5CRX. Bob will be bringing a new look with new ideas on basic skills and development. Amateur radio needs to make sure that all our newly licensed operators are served with the best technical background possible. Bob is just the man to get that job done.

Mike Chittenden, AE5IV, is also on the technical committee. Mike will be one of our new technical "Field Operatives". Mike will literally be in the field with test equipment helping Texas hams verify and improve the performance of their mobile station installations. Mike with his years of technical background is also available to help you on technical issues with your repeater.

Our technical goal for the Society is to have the best informed and best trained hams operating the best maintained and functioning equipment in the United States. This is a lofty goal for sure. But as you can see; it's a goal that is most certainly obtainable with the great people that the Society is currently putting into place.

Administratively we have a new set of directors that is finally able to turn over every stone; look at every document the Society produces; look at every function the Society performs and find ways to improve the Society's process and criteria for repeater coordination. Our directors are finally moving the Society into the 21st century.

A lot of great things will quickly be coming the way of all Texas Amateur Radio operators.

Expect the Best from us !

Larry K5XG



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Director Patrick Soileau - ND5C

Howdy!

Being that I was recently elected to the Society's Board of Directors, I thought it would be appropriate to take a few minutes to jot down a little about myself.

My name is Pat Soileau (swallow) ND5C. I'm from South Louisiana, as you might could tell from my last name, but have been living in North Texas for the past 13+ years.

Originally living in Plano (Collin County), I now live in Murphy, a small town of about 11,000 or so about 25 miles Northeast of downtown Dallas.

By profession I am an IT Consultant, primarily working in UNIX System Administration and ORACLE PL/SQL Application Development.

Being first licensed back in 1969, I currently hold an Amateur Extra license and commercial GROL license. I was also formerly a TV Broadcast Engineer certified by the Society of Broadcast Engineers (in a previous life).

My interests include antenna design and construction, networking and interoperability, portable HF operations, "go-kit" design and construction and emergency communications.

For a number of years before I moved to Texas, I was active in Louisiana as a club representative to the Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs (that state's Frequency Coordinating group).

I was also an active member of the core group which manned the Lafayette Parish Emergency Operations Center's ham station.

It is a privilege to serve on the Society's Board of Directors and I look forward to the next two years. I'd like to encourage folks to get involved so that we can make the very best possible usage of the shared resource we refer to as "RF spectrum".

If I can ever be of assistance, or if you'd ever like to just chat, please feel free to contact me.

73s

Pat ND5C

New Look for the TX VHF-FM Society Web Site



TEXAS VHF-FM SOCIETY NEWS

The Summer 2011 Edition of the TX VHF-FM Society NEWS is now online.

• [News Letter Archives](#)



Technical Committee
Kent Britain - WA5VJB
is unanimously appointed by the Board of Directors as the new Technical Committee Chairman for the Texas VHF-FM Society.

Kent brings a lifetime of VHF (and above) technical experience and a treasure trove of articles to the Society for the benefit of all amateur radio operators.

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The 2011 - 2012 Board of Directors of the Texas VHF-FM Society



New Board Members - New Ideas - A New Direction for the Society

Nine good men to move the Society forward and return it to being the leader in technical information for Repeater owners and Simplex operators.

If it's VHF and above you will be able to find it here on our new web site.

* Next Board of Directors Meeting is October 1, 2011. -

The next board meeting will be held at 1 PM in the Trinity Room at the Hilton Garden Inn Temple located at 1749 Scott Boulevard, Temple, Texas.

All members and guests are welcome at our Society board meeting.

• [read more](#)



Repeater Renewals Mailed

Any repeaters that were not renewed on-line via RF Projector were mailed a paper renewal via the U.S. Mail on March 21, 2011.

Trustees still have the option of renewing on-line even if they received a paper renewal in the mail (Instructions were included with the renewal).



Membership still has its privledges -

It's time to Renew or Sign Up as a New Member of the Society.

Being a member of the Texas VHF-FM Society helps protect our frequency spectrum not only in Texas but throughout the United States.

Being a member of the Society gives you a voice in important matters regarding changes in band plans.

Being a member of the Society gives



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Other News

Restructuring: IARU Region 1 Adds 2 Meter Repeater Pairs

From: Andy Carstarphen WY5V

IARU Region 1 has voted in favor of creating a pair of new 2 meter repeater channels to relieve some of the on-the-air congestion in that region of the world. The new frequency pairs are 144.9750 MHz and 144.9875 MHz as inputs with 145.5750 MHz and 145.5875 MHz as their complimentary outputs.

And if those of you outside of I-A-R-U Region one are wondering about the strange channel allocations, here's some background. In I-A-R-U Region One, the 2 meter band is only two Megahertz wide running from 144 to 146 MHz. Only a small portion is allocated for FM repeater and simplex operations. According to the bandplan posted on the Internet, back in 1996 it was decided to change from 25 KHz inter system spacing to 12.5 KHz with very narrow deviation to accommodate as many repeaters in a given area as is possible.

The latest newly added frequencies were proposed by the South African Radio League and approved by a vote of twenty seven in favor, fourteen opposed and seven abstentions. No implementation of the modification to the Region One bandplan was announced. (IARU Region 1)

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors 8/6/2011 Meeting Minutes

Texas VHF-FM Society Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday Afternoon, August 6, 2011 Austin, Texas Summerfest

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Royce Taylor—KA5OHJ
Larry Essary—K5XG
Frank Hormann—KM5I
Billy McDonald—AK5DX
Gerald Richmond—N5ZXJ
Andy Carstarphen—WY5V
Patrick Soileau—ND5C
Lee Nolan—WB5UEN
Brett Nolan—KC5NER

President Royce Taylor called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to elect new officers for the next year. Royce Taylor called for nominations for president. Andy Carstarphen—WY5V was nominated. There was a motion made and a 2nd received to elect Carstarphen president by acclamation for the term of 2011-2012. The motion passed.

President Carstarphen took over as chair of the meeting.

Nominations were made for Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and the following directors were elected by acclamation for 2011-2012:

Vice President—Billy McDonald—AK5DX
Secretary—Larry Essary—K5XG
Treasurer—Frank Hormann _ KM5I
News Editor—Royce Taylor—KA5OHJ
Co Editor—Diana Taylor—KD5SXI

Vice President McDonald stated that the next Board Of Directors Meeting is in Belton. McDonald asked Secretary Essary to acquire the use of the meeting room at the La Quinta hotel for the Belton Board of Directors meeting to be held on October 1st at 1:00 PM.

NEWS Editor Royce Taylor stated that the Society had been asked to attend Radio Fiesta in San Antonio and hold the Society's Winter meeting at that time and location. Vice President McDonald made a motion to hold our Winter meeting at Radio Fiesta in San Antonio on January 14, 2012 with the Board meeting at 10:00 AM and the membership meeting at 1:00 PM. There was a 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and received a 2nd to hold the Society's Summer meeting at Summerfest in Austin, Texas in 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the Society's Board meeting for March 2012 and the Society's Board meeting and Forum at HamCom in June 2012.

There was a discussion of name badges for new board members.

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Meeting Minutes

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Secretary Essary pointed out that this meeting is the time to appoint a State Frequency Coordinator (SFC). Essary stated that SFC appointment is by the president. Essary asked president Carstarphen to consider continuing with Paul Baumgardner. President Carstarphen said he would discuss the appointment with Paul Baumgardner after the meeting.

Essary, Chairman of the Ad Hoc committee presented the Ad Hoc Committee report. Essary stated that his goal as a director of the Society is and has always been to move the Society forward. Essary's goal for the Society is to restore the image of the Society and to make it once again the one-stop location for technical information for Texas hams. Essary stated that the Ad Hoc Committee was seeking input discussing ways to move the Society forward and restore its image.

There was discussion of the Society's existing web site. Secretary Essary said he was will to develop an HTML from end to interface with RFProjector. There was additional discussion of looking at off premise hosting of RFProjector.

NEWS editor Taylor state that he wanted to get out the next issue of the NEWS by Sept 15. Taylor set a dead line of Sept 1 for submission from all directors and staff.

The next item was the Technical Committee chairman. Kent Britain had been appointed chairman at the Directors meeting earlier in the day. President Carstarphen asked Mike Chittenden to serve on the technical committee.

President Carstarphen asked Matt Stennett, Mark Stennett, and Eric Schmidt to continue on the Databse Committee.

Frank Hormann presented the financial status report to the board. There was discussion about if the secondary checking account for PayPal had been established.

A statement was made to follow through on the vested member poll required by the two motions (Splinter channels & 5 year moratorium on 2 meter simplex band plan) that were tabled in the general meeting.

There was discussion regarding the ending of the 2 meter digital STAs. The coordination arm of the Society will be responsible for notifying the trustees of the cancellation of their coordinations.

There was a motion made and a 2nd received to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting is October 1, 2011

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at 1 PM on October 1, 2011, in the Trinity Room at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 1749 Scott Boulevard, Temple, Texas. All members and guests are welcome at our Society Board Meeting.

Event Calendar

1 Oct 2011 - 00:00 [HamEXPO 2011](#) Bell County Expo Center, Belton, TX

21 Oct 2011 - 00:00 [West Gulf Division Convention \(Texoma Hamarama\)](#) Ardmore Convention Center, Ardmore, OK

Repeater Coordination Zones



Photos



Maintaining Repeaters Sometimes Means Trips to High Places. On one of the Cedar Hill, Texas Towers.
Photos from *Kent Britain WA5VJB*

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Photos



Builders build ! A home-brewed 4 element 6 meter beam in Murphy, Texas completed 9/25/2011. Modeled, constructed, and photographed by *Dick Sander K5QY*. Dick has it horizontal for SSB but it works just as well vertically for FM.

There are still several weeks of great weather this year to get out and work on your antenna projects.

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