



Saturday, March 19, 2022

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club K5FRC

Open Repeaters:

145.470, 443.775. and 442.525

Club Meeting very third Saturday at the
Bonham Bois D'Ark Cowboy Church

Weekly Net (every licensed Ham can join)

Tuesdays 8:00 pm on 2 meters 145.470

OFFICER REPORTS

President

KF5KUW

Another month has come and gone... The weather warms up, the freezing precipitation comes down... Wait, I thought we were through all this... Yes Dorothy, we are still in Texas...

But what are some of the good things about our radio weather? Sunspot numbers seem to be on the increase, and we are seeing a lot more openings on the Technician part of 10M, as well across all the other HF bands that needs a General or higher license to utilize. Speaking of this, remember that the Technician license DOES NOT allow you to operate FT8, PSK, or any of the digital formats on any band where you might have CW access; you only have CW access. Ready to start studying for your General?

We have some important news to discuss at our next club meeting about the future with our repeaters. Suffice it to say it would be very beneficial to be in attendance...

Radio In The Park. We have been talking about an outing to Lake Texoma, and spending the day having fun operating from one of their islands. But we need to decide on a date. We will be finalizing our date at our club meeting this month, so be thinking about when you would like this to be held. Remember that our April club meeting is during Easter weekend, so that date would not be good. And looking at May, my recommendation is that we plan for our event to be May 14th, since Mother's Day is May 8th this year. And June is Field Day, so that's not a good month either.

Speaking of Field Day, I would like to get a few volunteers to personally reach out to our political and public safety officials, and invite them to attend our Field Day. Let them know what we are all about, and most importantly what public safety and services we bring to our county and local jurisdictions. We need to invite everyone from the Sheriff's department, the police departments of Bonham, Leonard, Honey Grove, Trenton, Ladonia, and anywhere else I forgot to name... We also want to invite our local Fire Departments, especially those volunteer based. Let's not forget our County Commissioners, Bonham City Commissioners, City Manager, County Judge, as well as all the department heads. And don't forget those political candidates who are wanting to get voted into one of those offices

I would challenge our club Secretary to invite her fellow students to come on out. If they don't drive, tell them to bring their parents so that have a ride. Finally, get the word out to all the local High Schools, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

We talk about service to our communities, but I would like us to also help out each other. I am going to task our Vice President to maintain a list of all our club members, current and past, and what help they could use to help them with any of their radio projects. This could be as simple as performing an inspection of your equipment, especially your antenna(s) and grounding you have. Maybe you are wanting to put up a new vertical antenna, make yourself a wire antenna, or even putting a beam together and getting it raised. For those of you who do not have a base antenna to reach our repeaters, or need to run new coax to a different location (maybe another room in your house), let our VP know so he can get it onto our list. And then let's lend a hand to get these completed.

On a separate note, I was contacted by the new Executive Director of the Bonham Chamber of Commerce, as she is looking into possibly getting the Autumn in Bonham bike event going again. When we talked, she was looking at a previous event's flyer, where it mentioned that then was the 30th anniversary. I have volunteered to be on that committee once again, if we can get it off the ground, and I have offered our club's services to help out. This year, I would like us to be more involved with identifying the bike routes that will be in place, and figuring out where would be great locations to maybe set up EasyPal video, an active APRS map displaying where the various support vehicles are located at any moment.

We have also been asked to help out with communications at the Festival of Flight airshow.

There is a lot starting to happen, and with the weather warming up, let's get outside and help one another.

Vice President

KI5DQ

This time of year, the weather is shifting patterns into the springtime rain showers and more.

This week is NWS Severe Weather Awareness Week (March 7-11).

As in the past 2 years all NWS training is accomplished online, virtual Skywarn Spotter class only, no in-person seminars.

Future virtual Skywarn Spotter classes can be found here:

<https://www.weather.gov/fwd/skywarn>

A new webpage called Local Standard Radar has been added as an option under our radar menu at [weather.gov/fwd](https://www.weather.gov/fwd) and is an additional offering to the Enhanced Radar (GIS) display at [radar.weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov/radar).

Advanced warnings and bulletins are transmitted by the NWS to radio receivers designed for the NWS signal. These radios are available at most department stores and online shopping.

Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service," NWR is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), part of the Department of Commerce. NWR includes more than 1000 transmitters, covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz):

162.400 162.425 162.450 162.475

162.500 162.525 162.550

Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.weather.gov/nwr>

Treasurer

KI5FHN

The club checking account has a balance of \$5832.39. Everything has cleared and all bills have been paid that are due at this point.

The club savings account has a balance of \$223.79. See the attached bank document.

I also have in my possession the following club shirts:

Wayne/Shirley Smith

Jeff Jones

Ivan Burton

Danny Loyd

Linda Brinlee

Just a reminder that the cost was \$6.50 a shirt for your name and call sign.

Secretary N5DJB January Meeting Minutes

Meeting opening with pledge and Prayer

Officer reports

TMC Hospital Discussion

Radio in the Park

Discussed being a part of the Air Show

Backup Repeater (442.525)

Location for Summer Field Day (Cowboy Church June 25-26)

Meeting adjourned

For the full secretary report please email (dixie.binford16@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events

February- APRS: Mike K5MJD

March- Fox Hunting: TBD

April- (?)

May- Radio Terms and settings: James KI5DQ

June- Field Day Secrets: TBD

July- Radio Testing and Operations: Mike K5MJD

August- Special Event planning, logistics: James KI5DQ

October- Special Event

November- (?)

December- None, have a happy holiday.