



The **HOTLINE**

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Community Outreach in Waco

by Terry Williams, KD5KJU

Our speaker this month will be Sergeant Mark Mitzel, he is over the Community Outreach section of the Waco Police Department. He has been a police officer for 33 years. Mark will talk about the Community Outreach part of the Waco PD. He will cover programs such as the Waco *Citizens Police Academy* and *Citizens On Patrol*—programs in which you can become involved as a citizen. He will cover some of the programs his section offers as presentations for organizations, such as Neighborhood Associations, church groups, businesses and homeowners. Mark will probably cover some pointers on Identity Theft and other crimes that are common and how to avoid becoming a victim. He will try to answer any questions you have regarding the police department or about something you may have personally experienced and have a question about.



President's Corner

by John Chamberlain, AC5CV

Farewell to Dear Members

The Club established the *Lifetime Member* position several years ago as a way to recognize our most honored Members and make it possible for them to easily continue an active role in the Club without requiring them to pay dues every year. Our Club has indeed suffered a great loss during the past month, with the passing of two of our Lifetime Members: [JW Roach W5AYX](#) and, just last week, [Otto Hackfeld KI5QT](#). Their contributions will be sorely missed. This is one reason why Technician classes are so important to bring in new amateurs and, potentially, new HOTARC members. We are planning just such a class in March. Do you know someone interested in amateur radio? Send them to our website for more info.



John AC5CV

You've surely seen the emails from our Special Event Chairman, KA5QKL Jim: he's looking for volunteers for the [Bearathon](#) on March 20. This will take place before our next meeting, so please get in touch with Jim ASAP to volunteer. And, coming right around the corner is the [Race for the Cure](#). Check out our [Club Calendar](#) on our web site. Jim will need your help there, too!

Skywarn 2010 was a great success at the new MCC Emergency Services building. Now everyone needs to get into the "ARES mood" as storm season approaches. For starters, are you registered? See Ed's article below.

Finally, with the many changes and new growth taking place in Waco, we are going to learn a lot from our guest speaker at this month's meeting. So, I hope that you're making plans to attend! See you there!

John AC5CV
HOTARC President

Reminder: Have you renewed your HOTARC Membership?

For the Record...

HOTARC Meeting of Members January 28, 2010

HOTARC's January Meeting was called to order by John Chamberlain AC5CV Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 7:01 pm at the Kultgen Automotive Center of the TSTC Waco campus. Chaplain Dell Bredemeyer KE5MZS opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present were 19 full members, 2 associate members and 5 guests. Guests were Mike Cochran, Byron Bottoms KG5FM, Isaac French KF7DVZ of Waco and Jerry Garrett K5JLG, Gerald Merchant WB5NZV of Denton.

A motion to approve the Minutes for the December meeting as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from John Hulbert KF5DFM, with second by Scott Hamilton K5ZOH. The motion was approved by the members.

A motion to approve the December Treasurer's Report as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from KE5MZS with second by K5ZOH. The motion was approved by the members.

Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** Ed Hynan KC5KNI reported that Skywarn 2010 is coming up a week from Saturday at the MCC Emergency Services Building. Mark Plough made a motion to approve \$40 for refreshments at Skywarn with second by Paul Holroyd KE5MZF. The motion was approved by the members. The NWS has changed the minimum hail size for a severe thunderstorm warning from $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch to 1 inch. The net control schedule is now on the website.
- **Trailer:** Mike Ross N5MVL reported that a work day needs to be scheduled. Look for an upcoming date in your email.
- **Repeater:** K5YKC reported that the fire marshal made us unhook the grounding connection going to a stem pipe for fire service at the Hillcrest tower.
- **D-Star:** No News
- **Web page:** AC5CV reports that everything is working well.
- **ATV:** David Bush KC5UOZ reported that the power supply still needs to be looked at.
- **Education:** K5YKC reported that a class should be coming up after Skywarn so stay tuned!
- **Public Relations:** No News
- **Special Events:** AC5CV reported that the *Bearathon* is coming up in March and the *Race for a Cure* in April.

Old Business:

- A motion was made by N5MVL, with second by Jerry Tollison KD5JML to payback K5YKC \$6.45 for multimeters that were given away as door prizes at the Christmas luncheon. The motion was approved by the members.
- A motion was made by KFDFM, with second by K5ZOH to reimburse AC5CV \$57.00 for 2 batteries and a charger for 2-440 HT's. The motion was approved by the members.

The Treasurer Reports...

Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report, January 2010

Beginning Account Balance		\$ 5,964.97
Income		
Dues	\$ 505.00	
Interest	<u>0.25</u>	
TOTAL Income	\$ 505.25	
Expenses		
TOTAL Expenses	\$ 0.00	
Ending Account Balance		\$ 6,470.22

Uncleared activity (as of 2/19/2010)

Debits: Flowers for W5AYX, \$95.25;
meters for Christmas door prizes, \$6.45;
batteries for Motorola 440 HTs, \$57.00

Credits: Dues \$180.00

Amount in account: \$6,491.52

(includes Flower Fund: \$152.74)

Submitted by
Norris Martin, KB5SLI
HOTARC Treasurer

New Business:

- AC5CV reported that the dues will stay at \$30 for Full Membership and \$15 for Associate.
- AC5CV's wife, Michelle Chamberlain KD5TAZ, has joined HOTARC with a family membership.
- A motion was made by Larry Bush W5NCD, with second by KE5MZS to setup a PayPal link for members to pay their dues. The motion was approved by the members.
- Paul Holroyd KE5MZF has a supervisor that has a 40 foot tower that is unwanted. Contact KE5MZF for more information.

Motion to adjourn was recognized from Jerry Tollison at approximately 8:39pm.

Tonight's presentation was from Jerry Garrett K5JLG, Deputy Fire Marshal with Denton County Emergency Services on their response to Hurricane Ike and what role Amateur Radio played in it.

Submitted by:

Jeremy Neal KE5PRG
HOTARC Secretary

Will You Get Involved? ARES Needs Some Help

by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

McLennan County ARES will soon be in the process of verifying all membership information. This is done every 2 years to insure that everyone's contact information is fresh and correct. I will have copies of your current ARES data sheet (expires 30 April 2010) at the February and March club meetings. Those not seen in person by the March meeting will receive their data sheet in the mail. Please review your data sheet, make any necessary corrections or additions, and return it to me no later than the 15th of April. New ID Cards will be issued as I receive the sheets with an expiration date of April 2012. Individuals who are current ARES members that do not return a data sheet will be placed in the inactive member file and will not receive a new ID Card.



As I look over the names of the current ARES members, I see members of HOTARC that are not ARES members. I can't understand why every member of HOTARC is not a member of ARES. The price is right—**FREE**. All that is required is a valid ham license and a willingness to help. If requested to assist in an event or emergency situation, participation is still voluntary. If you feel that you don't have the time and/or membership conflicts with the job—remember we may face a situation where the job is affected by the emergency and/or things that occupy your time may in fact be cancelled. The ARES application lists availability—24/7, nights & weekends, and general. Pick the one that best suits your schedule.

A real emergency is going to take all the resources that we have, and after the event happens is *not* the time to join ARES. **Remember, effective this year, those wanting to work disaster response must have completed four of the free FEMA courses: National Incident Management System (NIMS), IS-700; Incident Command System (ICS), IS-100 and 200; and The National Response Plan (NRP), IS-800.**

Current net controls are considered major players for disaster response and especially need the courses. Links to the FEMA Courses are also posted on the HOTARC web site home page, hotarc.org. Without these basic courses you will not qualify for access to secure and/or restricted locations. Our support will most likely be needed in the Emergency Operations Centers, Incident Command Posts, Police or Fire facilities, and hospitals, just to name a few. If you are not a member, go to our web site hotarc.org, fill out an application, send it in, and become a registered ARES member. I also have applications at all Club meetings.

Remember, it is not a question of *if* it will happen, but *when* it will occur. Also, it is better to be a small part of the solution rather than a big part of the problem. Get involved! You'll be glad you did.

Amateur radio presentation at Skywarn 2010

Me, a Volunteer? What Can *I* Do?

by Jim Judd, KA5QKL
HOTARC Special Events Chairman

I have always been a person that looks on the positive side. You know, the cup's half full, the gas tank's half full, and so forth. Even after my paralysis episode in 2004-2005, the positive side always came through. I guess it has to do with how I see people in my life as examples, both good and bad, that shaped my outlook of life. Most of my kinfolks were very positive people who believed in giving everyone a fair shake in whatever was going on. On the other side of my life was my curiosity of "how things were made" and, if I didn't know, very soon it was, "how things came apart"—to the frustration of my parents. These two parts of my life had to come together sooner or later, and formed what I am now: that is, an Amateur Radio Operator in the Amateur Radio Service.

To volunteer my radio abilities I believe, keeps my skills sharp, helps me solve problems that I might encounter, and keeps my equipment running as it should. I also get to talk to other "Hams" who like to do the same thing as me: help others. I have been disabled since 2005 and as you probably can tell, don't walk very well or far. But I can hold a microphone as good as anybody! I get enjoyment out of helping and I believe it helps me by getting me outside and not focused on my problems. I enjoy going to club meetings, dinners, or activities where I get to have a fun time with others who have the same interests as me. I hope you enjoy doing the same things and I encourage you to volunteer for HOTARC activities. Being a volunteer resulted in a big return of enjoyment for me and I know it will for you too. Be an Amateur Radio Operator that enjoys the many fun activities coming up this year and helps others in the process. I hope to see you around! 73

Weekend Technician Classes

by John Chamberlain
HOTARC President

The Education Committee will deliver two weekend training sessions—**Saturday March 20 and 27**—for anyone interested in earning their first amateur radio license. If you know any folks who might be interested, direct them **to our web site for more info**. Preregistration is required **by March 13**.

Full details are [available on our web site](#) (during the weeks prior to the classes). Following the second session, the HOTARC/BARC VE team will offer a Technician exam for the students of this class.

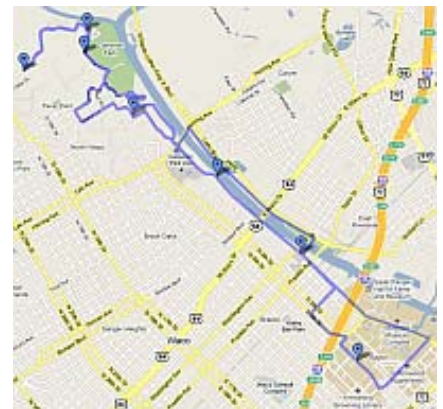


Baylor Bearathon: Volunteers Needed!

by Jim Judd, KA5QKL
Special Event Chairmant

It's BEARATHON Race time again. This year the race will be on March 20, 2010 starting at 7:30 or 8 a.m. until around 11 a.m. They have changed the race course path and distance this year by doing two things: (1) The race will go further back into Cameron Park this year and (2) they will use University Parks Drive to go back instead of going back on MLK. (Click the map here.)

The Bearathon Committee really appreciated our work last year and I know we can do it again this year with your help. If you would like to participate, and I hope you will, please send me an email at jjud654@aol.com. When we do a good job for those racers and help the community all at the same time, we are doing exactly what I think Ham Radio stands for: Service to Others. So PLEASE give a little of your time to help with this race. Thanks and 73!



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145.15 MHz (input at -600 kHz, tone 123 Hz)
 146.98 MHz (input at -600 kHz, D-Star)
 442.875 MHz (input at +5.0 MHz, tone 123 Hz)
 ATV: 421.25MHz (Cable 57), input 439.25 MHz (Cable 60)

VE Testing

Next session is scheduled for **Saturday March 27, 2010 at 3:30 PM. Location:** Salvation Army Worship Center, 1225 S. Jack Kultgen Expwy (southbound interstate 35 near 12th Street) in Waco. **Bring: 1)** testing fee of **\$15** (cash only); **2)** a photo ID (two for first-time licensees); and for already licensed amateurs: **3)** current license **and photocopy of it**; and **4)** photocopy of any relevant CSCE. **Contact:** Linda Hynan, AC5QQ at 666-4873 or Linda.Hynan@UTSouthwestern.edu.

Meeting Notice

The next Meeting of HOTARC Members will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday February 25 in the [Kultgen Automotive Center](#) of the TSTC Waco Campus. Visiting hams, family members, and prospective hams are welcomed!

*Special events need
volunteers! Contact KA5QKL*

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