



# The **HOTLINE**

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## Annual Meeting for 2011 Elections

by Clint Anderson, AE5CA

The Nominating Committee, after much deliberation and some arm twisting, is pleased to report that the following members have agreed to serve in the following positions for 2011:

President	Rodney Baden, K5YKC
Vice President	Scott Hamilton, K5ZOH
Past President	John Chamberlain, AC5CV
Treasurer	Norris Martin, KB5SLI
Secretary	Jeremy Neal, KE5PRG
Director 2011	Larry Carlson, KC5JWD
Director 2012	Clint Anderson, AE5CA
Director 2013	Larry Bush, W5NCD



The Nominating committee would like to thank these gentlemen for stepping up and being willing to serve when asked. We believe that HOTARC will be well served by this group of officers.

## President's Corner

by John Chamberlain, AC5CV

Happy Thanksgiving! ...and soon it will be Merry Christmas! 'Tis the season! And to celebrate that with our ham radio family, our annual HOTARC Christmas Luncheon is to be held at Ryan's on Saturday, December 11. I hope you and your family can make plans to join us! If so, **please contact Rodney K5YKC** to let him know, so we can be sure to have a seat for you.

The second most important thing happening at this time of year (food is always first, isn't it?) is our *Annual Meeting* and *Officer Elections*. You might have noticed that my name has moved down the list in the table above. I've had a fun time leading the Club these past 12 months, but I found that being an active Member *and* managing our web site *and* publishing the monthly HOTLINE *and* serving as President, not to mention all the other employment and family responsibilities, was just more than I could comfortably handle. So, I am going to admit my limits, try to stay healthy, and say thank you for the confidence you've shown towards me as your President in 2010. And I also want to shout out a BIG THANK YOU to the folks who have stepped up to put their names on the list for 2011—some for the first time, others willing to “re-up.” It will be my honor to support them in the coming year. C'mon out to the meeting this Thursday and let's vote 'em in!



Farewell (as President), and I hope you and your family have a blessed holiday season!

John AC5CV  
HOTARC President

## For the Record...

### HOTARC Meeting of Members October 28, 2010

HOTARC's October Meeting was called to order by Rodney Baden K5YKC on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Kultgen Automotive Center of the TSTC Waco campus. Mike Ross N5MVL opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present were 14 full members and 2 associate members.

A motion to approve the Minutes for the September meeting as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW, with second by Jim Judd KA5QKL. The motion was approved by the members.

A motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from Larry Carlson KC5JWD, with second by Bill Cox W5JRM. The motion was approved by the members.

#### Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** No News
- **Trailer:** Mike Ross N5MVL reported that he received the stainless steel U-bolts for the HF antenna. Jim Judd reported that he took the portable generator to C&M to have it looked at. It looks like something happened to the gas because the carburetor was destroyed. KD5UEW made a motion to spend up to \$150 to repair the carburetor with second by John Hulbert AE5PZ. The motion was approved by the members.
- **Repeater:** Larry Bush reported that the tower company has not called him back regarding the cable installation. The pole that the 145.15 antenna was on at Old Hillcrest Tower was sheared off and the antenna was lying on the guardrail, explaining the problems we were having. The current antenna has some damage and a replacement is being considered.
- **D-Star:** No News
- **Web page:** No News
- **ATV:** David Bush KC5UOZ reported that he has decided not to put a timer on the ATV repeater.
- **Education:** K5YKC reported that another position is needed on the education committee. Clint Anderson AE5CA volunteered to fill that position.
- **Public Relations:** No News
- **Special Events:** No News

#### New Business:

- A motion was made by Mike Ross N5MVL to repay Norris Martin KB5SLI \$44 for the post office box renewal, Jim Judd KA5QKL seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the members.
- The Christmas Luncheon will be at Raymond's in Lorena on December 11th at 12:00 Noon.
- A nominating committee is needed for officers next year. Clint Anderson AE5CA, John Hulbert AE5PZ, & Mike Ross N5MVL volunteered to serve on the committee.
- Mike Ross has added Larry Carlson KC5JWD and Mark Plough AC5DE to the Trailer Committee.
- Rusty Keyes AD5JY reported that Phil Crawford W9DQ donated an antenna to HOTARC

Motion to adjourn was recognized from KD5UEW at approximately 7:59 pm.

## The Treasurer Reports...

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

<b>Beginning Account Balance</b>		\$ 6,143.15
<b>Income</b>		
Interest	<u>0.24</u>	
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.24</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Ending Account Balance</b>		<b>\$ 6,143.39</b>
<b>Uncleared activity (as of 9/15/2010)</b>		
<i>Debits:</i> Paypal fees \$5.13, Flower expenses \$102.84, P.O. Box rent, \$44.00		
<i>Credits:</i> Dues \$30.00; Flower Fund \$135.00		
<i>Amount in account:</i> \$6,156.42 (incl. Flower Fund: \$259.90)		
		<b>Submitted by</b>
		<b>Norris Martin, KB5SLI</b>
		<b>HOTARC Treasurer</b>

Tonight's homebrew projects included a battery box (complete with solar power charger), a solar power array controller, a bee hive box, mobile antennas, and antenna tuners.



Submitted by:  
Jeremy Neal KE5PRG  
HOTARC Secretary

## Final Request for 2011 ARES Net Control Station Volunteers; SKYWARN 2011

by Ed Hyman, KC5KNI  
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator

I currently have seven volunteers for Net Controls in 2011: KC5KNI, N5MVL, KD5KJU, KA5KQL, AE5CA, AE5DE, and K5YKC

The ARES/Bakers Dozen Training Net is held each Monday night at 8 PM on the 145.15 Repeater. I would like to provide this excellent training opportunity any additional members of McLennan County ARES.

For any additional volunteers, if you would like the opportunity to serve as a weekly Net Control please let me know via e-mail at [KC5KNI@arrl.net](mailto:KC5KNI@arrl.net). Let me know if there are any Mondays that would not be convenient (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and/or 5th). Please reply by 15 Dec 2010.

I will publish the 2011 schedule, provide all with a copy of the preamble, log sheet, and a letter of Instruction. This is what amateur radio is all about: preparation for emergency service.

Additionally, we still have room for one or two more individuals to be primary Net Controls for the Bakers Dozen Weather Net. KC5KNI and KD5KJU have had excellent help from AE5CA this last season. The severe weather season is fast approaching. If you would like to volunteer and work from the EOC running the Weather Net, please let me know. SKYWARN and some additional training and background checks will be required.

SKYWARN 2011 will be held later this year than in the past. It is scheduled for Saturday, 19 Mar 2011 at the McLennan Community College Emergency Services Center. The basic course will be offered from 0900-1200 and the advanced course will run from 1315 to 1530. Mark your calendars now!



## HOTARC Christmas Luncheon

by John Chamberlain, AC5CV

Don't miss out on HOTARC's annual Christmas Luncheon at [Raymond's Southern Kitchen](#) in Lorena! **Saturday, Dec 11 at noon.** Take Exit 322 off I-35, to the service road on the east side, where you'll see the restaurant.



In addition to food (Dutch treat) and fellowship, we'll have a bunch of **Door Prizes** to give away. You could win one—just for attending! So, give Rodney K5YKC a holler today (email or phone) and let him know you're coming so we can be sure to have enough seats reserved. See ya there!



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Back: KD5SMC, KC5KNI, KC5NT (SK), AE5CA  
 Front: AC5CV, K5YKC, KE5PRG, KB5SLI

## Club Repeaters

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 December 4, 10:00 AM. Location:** Baylor's [Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Bldg](#) (#70 on the map), Room 109. **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](mailto:Linda.Hynan@UTSouthwestern.edu).

## Meeting Notice

The Annual Meeting of HOTARC Members (election of Officers) will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday December 2 in the [Kultgen Automotive Center](#) of the TSTC Waco Campus. Visiting hams, family members, and prospective hams are welcomed!

# Christmas Luncheon: Dec 11

## Raymond's Southern Kitchen in Lorena

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