



# The **HOTLINE**

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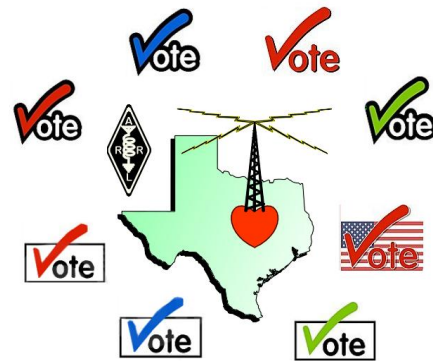
Nov/Dec 2011

## **Annual Meeting Night: Let's Elect 'Em!**

*by John Chamberlain, AC5CV*

The Nominating Committee of Rodney Baden K5YKC, Wayne Branscum KD5SMC, and Jim Jud KA5QKL is pleased to report that the following members have agreed to serve in the 2012 HOTARC positions:

<b>President</b>	<b>Scott Hamilton, K5ZOH</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Clint Anderson, AE5CA</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>John Chamberlain, AC5CV</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Norris Martin, KB5SLI</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jim Judd, KA5QKL</b>
<b>Director 2012</b>	<b>Rodney Baden, K5YKC</b>
<b>Director 2013</b>	<b>Larry Bush, W5NCD</b>
<b>Director 2014</b>	<b>Larry Carlson, KC5JWD</b>



The Nominating Committee and all the Members thank these gentlemen for stepping up and being willing to serve when asked. We believe that HOTARC will be well led by this fine group of Officers and Directors. Come out to the Annual Meeting this week (Thursday, Dec 1, 2011) and let's officially show our appreciation and support!

## **President's Corner**

*by Scott Hamilton, K5ZOH*

It has been an interesting year for our HOTARC bunch! Just last month we saw some interesting "home brew" at the November meeting—always fun, and a good tradition.

And a couple weekends ago Clint AE5CA and friends did a great job with the Boy Scout merit badge project. The participating Scouts now know a lot more about the radio technology we know and love, and there are a bunch of new merit badges for them. too. There's bound to be some new additions to our hobby from that group.

Several of us had the opportunity to tour the Larry Bush W5NCD workshop/playground. What a great facility! I am looking forward to having HOTARC meetings there so everyone can appreciate Larry's work, and possibly sign up to play with his toys! (More from Larry on that later...)

The holiday season is on us again, a great time for our own family and our amateur family. If you (and some of your family) can join us for the HOTARC Christmas Luncheon this Saturday (3 Dec 2011), be sure to let [Rodney K5YKC](#) know ASAP. Good friends, good food, and door prizes!

Finally, I hope to see you at the important Annual Meeting this Thursday, 1 Dec 2011. In any case, I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! And find some time to get on the air! :-)

73, Scott K5ZOH  
HOTARC President



## For the Record...

### HOTARC Meeting of Members October 27, 2011

HOTARC's October Meeting was called to order by Scott Hamilton K5ZOH on Thursday October 27th 2011 at 7:02 pm at the Salvation Army Center in Waco. Rodney Baden K5YKC opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present were 14 full members and 3 guests. Our guests were Arthur Brown KF5NEO of Speegleville, Johnny Skinner KF5NEP of Riesel, and Ed Smith KF5NEY of Lorena.

A motion to approve the Minutes for the September meeting as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from Larry Carlson KC5JWD with second by Rodney Baden K5YKC. The motion was approved by the members.

A motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report as published in the HOTLINE was recognized from Jim Jud KA5QKL with second by Wayne Branscum KD5SMC. The motion was approved by the members.

#### Committee Reports:

- **ARES:** Ed Hynan KC5KNI reported that he is getting the schedule ready for Net Control operators for the upcoming year. If you would like to serve as a Net Control operator please contact Ed. Skywarn 2012 will be February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Trailer:** Larry Carlson KC5JWD reported no news.
- **Repeater:** Norris Martin KB5SLI reported no news and is still waiting for a good time to swap the antenna.
- **D-Star:** Rodney Baden K5YKC reported that everything is running fine.
- **Web page:** No news.
- **ATV:** No news.
- **Education:** Clint Anderson AE5CA reported that we had 3 students take the General instruction and all passed their General exam. Clint is looking at offering Extra instruction on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking at the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March for a Technician class.
- **Public Relations:** No news.
- **Special Events:** Jim Jud KA5QKL reported that the HOTARC Christmas luncheon is on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Raymond's Southern Kitchen in Lorena.

The festivities start at 12:00AM. Door prizes will be given away.

### The Treasurer Reports...

#### Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report, October 2011

<b>Beginning Account Balance</b>		<b>\$ 7,237.74</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>	
<b>Interest</b>	<b>0.06</b>	
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>\$ 150.06</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>PayPal fees</b>	<b>\$ 0.96</b>	
<b>Paper statement fee</b>	<b>3.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3.96</b>	
<b>Ending Account Balance</b>		<b>\$ 7,383.84</b>

#### Uncleared activity (as of 11/18/2011)

**Credits:** WWWC donation \$500.00

**Debits:** P.O. Box rent \$46.00, Radio class books \$46.00

**Amount in account:** \$ 7,791.84 (incl. Flower Fund: \$213.71)

Submitted by  
Norris Martin, KB5SLI  
HOTARC Treasurer

#### New Business:

- New applications for membership were received from Johnny Skinner KF5NEP, Arthur Brown KF5NEO and Ed Smith KF5NEY.
  - A motion to accept Arthur Brown was made by Larry Carlson, with second by Rodney Baden.
  - A motion to accept Johnny Skinner was made by Rodney Baden, with second by Ed Hynan.
  - A motion to accept Ed Smith was made by Jim Finch, with second by Jim Jud.
  - All motions were approved by the members.
- Norris Martin needed a check to be approved for our annual post office box fee at the cost of \$46. A motion was heard from Larry Carlson, with second by Jim Judd to approve this. The motion was approved by the members.

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

Tonight was Homebrew night! Michael Hancock N5TCC brought a homemade radio controlled quadricopter. Bill Cox W5JRM showed off a homemade storage tray made out of pill bottles. Jerry Shaw KF5EQG brought his Grab 'N Go radio kit that he built with a Pelican case. Norris Martin KB5SLI brought his Battery-in-a-Box that he made. And Clint Anderson AE5CA discussed how the HSMM-MESH project could be implemented using old Linksys wireless routers you may have or available on eBay.

Submitted by:

Jeremy Neal KE5PRG  
HOTARC Secretary

## ***Last Chance to Volunteer for ARES Net Control Station — HELP!!***

*by Ed Hynan, KC5KNI  
McLennan County Emergency Coordinator*

This is the last chance to volunteer before I make the 2012 schedule. Currently W5TTL, AE5CA, KA5QKL, K5YKC, KC5JWD, and KC5KNI have indicated they would serve as Net Control. I have not heard from AC5DE or KD5KJU (2011 NCs) for 2012 as of yet. There is still plenty of room for additional volunteers. I need any additional confirmations **by 10 Dec 2011**.

**Reminder:** The ARES/Bakers Dozen Training Net is held each Monday night at 8 PM on the 145.15 Repeater. Let's hear you check in!

I provide all the Net Controls with a copy of the preamble (that is, how to open the Net), log sheet, and a letter with Instructions. If you want to participate, please let me know by 10 December 2011. This is what amateur radio is all about—preparation for emergency service. It begins with the leadership of the Net Control operators. That can be you! Just as you learned how to operate your own radios, you can learn this!

Finally, SKYWARN 2012 has been scheduled for Saturday 4 Feb 2012. It will be held again at the McLennan Community College Emergency Services Center from 0900-1530, with a break for lunch. As in past years, both the Basic and Advanced sessions will be offered. Make plans to attend this informative program presented by the [Fort Worth Office of the National Weather Service](#).



## ***HOTARC Christmas Luncheon***

*by John Chamberlain, AC5CV*



Mark your calendar and make plans to attend HOTARC's annual Christmas Luncheon. This year again we'll meet at [Raymond's Southern Kitchen](#) in Lorena, on **Saturday, Dec 3 at Noon**. Take Exit 322 off I-35, and see the restaurant on the east side of the freeway.

In addition to the always great food (Dutch treat) and fellowship, we'll have a bunch of **Door Prizes** to give away. You or any of your family members you bring along 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!

## ***2012 Special Events Wrap-Up***

*by Jim Jud KA5QKL  
Special Events Coordinator*

It seems hard to believe we're done with November! My recent participation with Clint and the BSA Radio merit badge reminded me of when I became an Eagle Scout in 1969 in Riesel. Talking with some of the boys brought back memories of a fun-filled time in my own life: hunting, fishing, and weekend campouts. Those were the days! My fun today includes talking on my radios. I can't help thinking that the Scouts practicing on the other end of my radio might just grow up to enjoy our hobby, too. But they need people like us to get them started and help them along. As unlikely as it seems, some of us *are* getting older. So we need these "new" Hams to keep Clubs like ours alive. Let's show them how to do special events like bike races and marathons, and it will be easy for them to slide right into emergency operations. Oh, and by the way, when I get to Heaven, I plan on having a radio with a megawatt linear, a 2000 foot tower and 20 element ten band yagi beam—BUT...that stuff will just be sitting there, since all I'll need will be "thought power!!" :-)

I hope to see all of you at the meeting on December 1st and the party on the 3rd. Stay safe and God Bless!

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## 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 has been scheduled for **Saturday December 17, 10:00 AM. Location:** Baylor's [Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Bldg](#) (#70 on the map), Room 207. **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 will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday December 1 at the Salvation Army Church on the I-35 southbound service road [in Waco \(near 12th Street\)](#). Meetings generally last about 75 minutes consisting of fellowship, general Club business, and an interesting program. Visiting hams, family members, and prospective hams are welcomed!

***Read about your Club's Annual Meeting!  
 Elect your Officers and Directors for 2012.***

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