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THE ELLIS COUNTY REPEATER

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Monthly Events

R.A.C.E.S Training Net
First Thursday at
7:30pm on 145.410

ECARC Information Net
Second Thursday at
7:30pm on 145.410

ECARC Club Meeting
Third Thursday at
7:30pm

E.C.A.R.C. Newsletter Returns

The Ellis County Amateur Radio Club newsletter has returned in the form of "The Ellis County Repeater". The newsletter will be published monthly, around the first of the month. It will be available on the club's website in .pdf format and will also be mailed out to club members who do not have access to the internet.

Each month's issue will contain recurring columns from President Mark Frankie, Vice-President Dwayne Phillips, meeting minutes from the previous club meeting, important information from the weekly ARRL newsletter and ARRL bulletins, the ECARC monthly calendar of events, R.A.C.E.S. information, and any articles submitted by club members.

A newsletter is a very good method of distributing information to club members. It is also impossible for one person to produce a quality, informative publication on a monthly basis. Input from all club members will make your newsletter one that is useful, informative, and one you can be proud of.

I have volunteered to serve as newsletter publisher/editor. If you have an article on any subject related to our hobby that you would like to see included in the newsletter, please send it to me and I will get it included in the next issue. If you have an idea for an article you would like to see, please contact me and we will try to accommodate your request.

Thank You in advance,

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5 MHz Open for Business

US amateurs had been counting down the weeks, days and hours. Now, the five new 60-meter "channel center" frequencies--5332, 5348, 5368, 5373 and 5405 kHz--are available! For more information see the 60-meter FAQ's posted on the ARRL website, www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/faq.html

President's Pen

Each month President Mark Frankie will post an article related to the Ellis County Amateur Radio Club and events designed to continue the public visibility and advancement of our hobby. Mark's picture was to appear here, but Adobe had issues with that. Better luck next month!

Dwayne's Corner

Vice-President Dwayne Phillips enjoys experimenting with the new facets of ham radio and technology. One example is his EchoLink station. Dwayne has already prepared a nice article on this subject that is available on the website now. We will look forward to his monthly article involving new ways to enjoy our hobby.



BPL IS A PANDORA'S BOX

"Citing the potential for interference to and from Amateur Radio, the ARRL has called on the FCC to "take no steps" to permit Broadband over Power Line (BPL)--a form of power line carrier (PLC) technology.

ARRL is unwilling to have the Amateur Service gored with the double-edged sword of an incompatible service that will at once (1) cause widespread interference, and (2) preclude any future changes in the amateur HF allocations," the ARRL said". To read the rest of this article please refer to The ARRL Letter Vol. 22 No. 27, July 11, 2003.

E.C.A.R.C. Events Calendar for July 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Jun	30	1 Jul	2	3	4	5
2003 Field Day				7:30p RACES Training Net on 145.410		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				7:30p ECARC Information Net on 145.410		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				7:30p ECARC Club Meeting		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 Aug	2

New Members

New members will find themselves gracing the pages of our newsletter. If we do our jobs right, this column will have content every month!

New and Upgraded Tickets

This column will serve to congratulate the efforts of the newly ticketed or upgraded ham, as well as the VE team. An emergency VE exam was given this year at Field Day, and there is a real good story in there just waiting to be written.

R.A.C.E.S. and Skywarn

This column will include topics discussed during the R.A.C.E.S. training net. It will also address any current issues that need attention. Transcripts of actual R.A.C.E.S. nets may find their way here.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the previous month's club meeting will be posted here. This will allow members who were unable to attend the club meeting to stay informed on the club's activities and progress.

