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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

President's Pen



The ECARC is on the move with more members, more activities, more benefits and yes, more communication. After all, communication is what it is all about.... well communication and

FUN!!! Grab a piece of the action! It is as close as your radio. Check into a net, throw your call sign out during the day while you're driving to work. You might be surprised at who you will find just waiting for a signal to pounce on.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

One of the most important club activities is the monthly club meeting. These are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Water Street Fire Department in Waxahachie. These are getting better every time. Attendance is way up. We have new members, as well as regulars. While we focus on getting club business done, we still find time to have fun. We have had educational programs or "entertainment" at the last three meetings.

These meetings are an excellent way to put a face with a call sign. If you are new to the club, or have been inactive for a while, attending a few club meetings will help you to become acquainted with the folks that share our repeater. To supplement the club meetings, a monthly information net is held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. on 145.410. This is similar to a club meeting, but the best part is that we meet on the RADIO! These meetings are still taking shape, but it is a great opportunity to exchange ideas and get current information to the members. It can be a good time to seek advice from those who are more experienced, find or borrow a piece of test equipment, or just check in for the count. There is always something to learn, or someone you might be able to help.

We also have monthly RACES nets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. on 145.410. These are training nets where valuable information regarding current procedures is exchanged. We also review past performance during RACES activation to fine tune our methods. The more we communicate, the better we can work as a team. We are planning a trip

to the National Weather Service in November. I, for one, am very excited about this! If you would like more information on becoming a RACES member, please contact Danny Woodruff, KA5RDB or Bob Fitch, K5ASU.

We are planning many activities and promotions to further Ham Radio awareness. So, tune in and join the fun!

Thanks to all of you who are donating time, effort and money to make our club work.

73

Mark Frankie, KA5TBK

Dwayne's Corner



Dwayne was not able to submit an article this month. We all look forward to next month's submission.

ECARC 1st Annual Blood Drive

by Richard Bird KD5NFW

The Ellis County Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring its first annual blood drive Saturday, October 18th, from 09:00 to 13:00 in the parking lot of Tractor Supply in Waxahachie, Texas.

Carter BloodCare can handle approximately 2 donors every fifteen minutes. Using my Midlothian education that comes out to about 30-35 donors in a 4 hour period. As a club with over 30 members, we should be able to fill all the time slots ourselves.

If you would like to sign up on-line just go to <http://iwebb.carterbloodcare.org/pls/iwebb/adrv?pdz=75038&pdr=DRV0192614> and fill out the form, or contact me with your information and I can submit your request for you.

We chose the high profile location in an effort to draw more donors and maybe stir some interest

in amateur radio and ECARC. We will be setting up an information table with literature about amateur radio, ARES, RACES, and ECARC. It would also be very advantageous if we set up a small portable radio station to demonstrate our emergency communications abilities. So far we have had volunteers offer a travel trailer for use as a backdrop (and hold our club banner if we get it made in time) and a generator to use for power to our station. We still need volunteers to help man the info table, as well as radio and antenna equipment for the station. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me at kd5nfw@sbcglobal.net or call me at 972 723-8420.

The definition of a club is "a group of people organized for a common purpose". I believe this blood drive fulfills this definition and the purpose of ECARC. Our club's goal is to promote and ensure the continued development of amateur radio while providing service to the community, and that is exactly what this event does. Please help make this a successful event. Donate your blood and your time.

Thank You

Ellis County R.A.C.E.S. VHF Simplex Frequencies

In the event of an emergency we will be using some of these frequencies to provide communications to whichever agency requested help. From the City of Waxahachie Emergency Operations Center, we can talk simplex across the county on any of these frequencies.

146.400 MHZ
146.420 MHZ
146.440 MHZ
146.460 MHZ
146.480 MHZ
146.535 MHZ
147.430 MHZ
147.450 MHZ
147.470 MHZ
147.490 MHZ
147.510 MHZ

If you have the space in your mobile and or hand held, add these channels to your radio programming scheme.

Thank You

Danny KA5RDB

R.A.C.E.S

By Bob Fitch K5ASU

In this part of the nation we are now in the height of the hurricane season. We in Ellis County have little to worry about hurricanes. However, we are not immune to the effects of them. Hurricanes normally take one of two paths when they hit the Gulf Coast. They head on west into the northern part of Old Mexico or they take a right turn and head off to the northeast after they make land fall on the coast. This puts Ellis County in the path of some storms. By the time they reach the county they are normally reduced in strength to a tropical storm or a tropical depression. Both of these can pose a problem for the county if they make it over here. If they are still classified as a tropical storm then the winds can be 40 miles per hour or higher which can cause wind damage. Such storms are normally accompanied by heavy rain, which can cause flash flooding. Tropical depressions are normally a source of heavy rains and again cause flash flooding. The hurricane season is considered to be over about the 1st of December. For this reason we need to be aware of all storms in the Gulf of Mexico and the path they take after making landfall. During the months of December until about March each year we become more concerned with possible tornadoes. They are rare in this period of the year but have occurred. Mostly in these months we are concerned with winter storms that may include snow, ice and frozen rain. The damage from this type of weather is mostly damage to trees, power lines and loss of life due to cold weather. March to June we become concerned with strong thunderstorms, lightning, strong winds and tornadoes, possible heavy rains and flash flooding. They develop very fast at times. As you RACES members can see we are always in a period of weather that presents a possible problem. Not always the same problem depending on the time of the year. We have to keep track of the weather on a day to day basis to be fully informed on the weather that might be coming our way. Even with this vigilance we are at times going to be caught by surprise. We have to make our very best effort to keep on top of the weather conditions and respond accordingly.

ECARC to take tour of NWS in Ft. Worth

By Richard Bird

The Ellis County Amateur Radio Club will be taking a tour of the National Weather Service facilities in Ft. Worth on Saturday, November 1st, at 10:00 am. For those who have never been through this facility, it is an excellent opportunity to see how the operation functions and how your reports as RACES Spotters are processed. For those who have been there before, this would be a good opportunity to refresh your memory and put faces to some of the names you have heard.

If you are interested in attending please let me know either by email or phone. We need an accurate count on attendees so the NWS can be prepared. If we have enough interest we may be able to coordinate some car pools.

73

Richard Bird

President Haynie Addresses 9/11 Anniversary Net

Reprinted from The ARRL Letter and the American Radio Relay League

On the second anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks, ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, joined Amateur Radio operators across the US and around the world in pausing to remember those who died that day. Haynie was among the more than 1400 amateurs checking into the 911 Commemorative Net <<http://www.911net.org/>> organized by Len Signoretti, N2LEN. The net linked repeaters across the country--many via the Internet--and included opportunities to check in via EchoLink, IRLP and eQSO nodes. In his remarks, Haynie addressed Amateur Radio's obligations in the aftermath of the terror attacks two years ago. "One of the reasons we have a license and the privileges we have here in the United States is to provide a voluntary, noncommercial communication service particularly with respect to providing emergency communications," Haynie said. "Since 9/11, our government at the federal, state and local levels have a

new respect for the ability of Amateur Radio operators to do just that: Provide communications when all others have failed." Citing the late President John F. Kennedy's call, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," Haynie said hams can do a lot for their country. "We can be vigilant, we can be trained and we can be ready!" he declared. "This is a task that we can do, and you can do it well."

Haynie expressed his appreciation for those who volunteered in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks and for those amateurs who continue to assist in disasters and emergencies.

Seven Amateur Radio operators died in the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters: Steven A. "Steve" Jacobson, N2SJ; William V. "Bill" Steckman, WA2ACW; Michael G. Jacobs, AA1GO; Robert D. "Bob" Cirri Sr, KA2OTD; William R. "Bill" Ruth, W3HRD; Gerard J. "Rod" Coppola, KA2KET; and Winston A. Grant, KA2DRF.

During this week's memorial activities, The Salvation Army set up canteen operations at three New York City locations on September 11 to serve those attending. The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) supported necessary communication on Amateur Radio VHF simplex.

October Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Sep	29	30	1 Oct	2	3	4
				7:30p RACES Training Net on 145.410		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				7:30p ECARC Information Net on 145.410		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				7:30p ECARC Club Meeting		9:00a -1:00p ECARC Blood Drive
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Nov
						10:00a NWS Tour

