

# WATS Happenings

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## Field Day is Here!!

by John Chamberlain, AC5CV

It's that wonderful time of year again. When we get to officially dedicate a whole 24 hours to ham radio! I say "get to" because, as you all know, we have to get "permission" from our better halves to really enjoy ham radio more than a few minutes a week, right? ☺ And I know that I am very blessed with a wife who knows how *important* it is to have my fun once a year by "staying out all night with the boys and my toys."



AC5CV and W5NCD operating SSTV  
during Field Day 2000

enthusiasm for ATV and SSTV. HOTARC is making a great effort to bring out some media this year (in light of 9-11), so we want to be ready to put on our best show, too. In addition to impressing the media folks, we have several new HOTARC members who just might get stirred up by the visual aspect of ham radio.

So, we hope to see you at our WATS meeting this month to help us plan for all the excitement, as well as enjoy a nice meal together for a change. And be sure to plan to show up June 22 for Field Day at Hewitt Park (see map). Even if you only come out to take a few digital pictures of the action (Please send them to me!), we'll be glad to see you (and your significant other)!

## Meeting Notice

### NOTE: Special Time & Place

Piccadilly at Richland Mall (in Waco)

**Saturday June 15, 2002**

Directors 12:00 pm, Members after

In any case, the Field Day fun begins well before nightfall for us ATVers. In fact, there really isn't much we can do with ATV after dark. So, we get our ATV thrills early in the day by doing stuff like trying to hoist an ATV transmitter up in the air with balloons, kites, and whatever we can find that's more than 6 feet above ground. There's been some talk of radio-controlled cars this year. And several have mentioned SSTV, too. That should encourage W5NCD and KC5UOZ a little!

Whatever we do with ATV and SSTV, we are bound to contribute some good bonus points to the HOTARC total again. That's a good thing, for it helps maintain our good relationship with our "buds" in HOTARC.

But more than that, we also get to stir up some



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## President's Column



Fellow WATS Members:

This is the month of Annual Amateur Radio Field Day. Mark your calendars, June 22 and 23. Let's see what we can put together for the event. Due to an absence of our Secretary-Treasurer on our usual meeting date, this month's meeting will be

held Saturday, June 15th at The Piccadilly Cafeteria on Richland Mall at 12:00 noon. Come early and get your meal before the meeting starts.

Field Day Bonus points will be given for demonstrations of fast scan and slow scan television and I plan to have both fast and slow scan mobile stations available. Our sister group, HOTARC, has some impressive plans in the works, and we need to support them.

See you Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Piccadilly, at 12:00 noon.

Your Prez,  
John N5XAK

### WATS Agenda Board Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the April Board Minutes
3. Vote of Approval
4. Reading of the Treasurer's Report
5. Vote of Approval
6. Old Matters
7. New Matters:
  - Field Day
  - July meeting
8. Meeting Adjourn

### Members Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Reading of April Member Minutes
3. Vote of Approval
4. Treasurer's Report as approved in Board Meeting
5. Old Matters
6. New Matters
  - Field Day
  - July Meeting
7. Meeting Adjourn
8. Program: none planned

## Waco Amateur Television Society (WATS) Minutes of the Board Meeting and Members

Due to a lack of quorum at the scheduled meeting time/place for the Directors and Members, there were no meetings held in the month of May.

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## Financial Report

May 2002

Beginning Balance (1 May 2002)	\$736.18
Credits: \$125.00 (from HOTARC)	\$125.00
Debits: None	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
Ending Balance (31 May 2002)	\$861.18
Outstanding (as of 6-13-02):	
Credits: None	
Debits: None	

*John Chamberlain, AC5CV*  
*WATS Secretary/Treasurer*

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