

# WATS Happenings

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## Meeting Notice

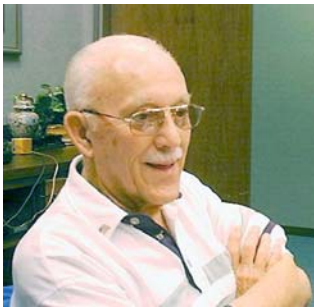
at [CORD Offices \(click for photo\)](#)  
[601 Lake Air Drive \(click for map\)](#)  
[Waco, TX 76710](#)

**Thursday September 19, 2002**  
Directors 7:00 pm, Members 7:30 pm

## President's Column

Fellow ATV'ers:

'Tis the month of September and the children are back in school. Let's all watch out for them and observe the School Zone limits.



Also, this month is the WWWC bike ride on September 28th starting at 8:00 am. AC5CV, as HOTARC coordinator for this event has issued a call for radio operators to cover the routes. Perhaps our efforts would be better used as

Radio operators than Video operators. We can discuss this at our meeting on September 19th. At CORD, as usual.

See you there.

73, Your Prez,  
John N5XAK

### Agenda for WATS Meetings

#### **Directors' Meeting**

1. Approval of the August Board Minutes
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
3. Old Matters
4. New Matters

#### **Members' Meeting**

1. Approval of the August Member Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report as approved in Board Meeting
3. Old Matters
4. New Matters
5. Program

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## **Waco Amateur Television Society (WATS) Minutes of the Board Meeting Thursday, August 15, 2002**

John Gafford, N5XAK called the meeting at the CORD offices to order at 7:03 pm. Attending were

- John Gafford, N5XAK (President)
- John Chamberlain, AC5CV (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Horace Bushnell, W5TAH
- Norris Martin, KB5SLI

The Minutes of the July Director's meeting as published in the August Happenings were approved following a motion by W5TAH, second by AC5CV, and unanimous vote.

The July Treasurer's Report as published in the August Happenings was approved following a motion by W5TAH, second by AC5CV, and unanimous vote.

### Old Business

- Discussed mobile repeater and cross-band repeater options, including use of the old WX radar transmitter, an old 900 MHz band receiver, how we'd have to retune the vestigial sideband filter, and the possibilities of using 1.2 GHz or 2.4 GHz FM instead.
- AC5CV reported that Guaranty Bank has offered to extend us an open line of credit. The group consensus was that we should just ignore the offer.

### New Business

- N5XAK reported the proposed modifications to our Skycam installation to satisfy the Fire Marshall. Electrician Bud Morgan will install conduit on the outside wall to contain the electrical wiring from the control box almost up to the Skycam. A motion to authorize the Club to pay Mr. Morgan for electrical parts and labor up to \$150 was made by AC5CV, seconded by KB5SLI, and unanimously approved.

N5XAK heard a motion by AC5CV to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by

John Chamberlain, AC5CV  
WATS Secretary/Treasurer

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## **Waco Amateur Television Society (WATS) Minutes of the Meeting of Members Thursday, August 15, 2002**

John Gafford, N5XAK called the meeting at the CORD offices to order at 7:34 pm. Attending were

- John Gafford, N5XAK (President)
- John Chamberlain, AC5CV (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Horace Bushnell, W5TAH
- Norris Martin, KB5SLI
- David Bush, KC5UOZ

The Minutes of the July Member's Meeting as published in the August Happenings were approved following a motion by KB5SLI, second by W5TAH, and unanimous vote—with one change: revise word "precious" to read "previous." ☺

### Old Business

- W5TAH presented the idea of a portable cross-band repeater, possibly using input frequency in the 900 MHz band, 1.2 GHz band, or 2.4 GHz band, and 439 MHz out. No action was taken.

## New Business

- N5XAK reported the proposed modifications to our Skycam installation to satisfy the Fire Marshall, and the Directors' approval to authorize the Club to pay for electrical parts and labor up to \$150.
- N5XAK reported on Gene Harlan's idea to circulate videotapes around the country showing various Club's activities. KC5UOZ agreed to work on a committee to produce a WATS video contribution to Gene's tape.

N5XAK heard a motion by KC5UOZ to adjourn approximately 8:10 pm.

W5TAH presented a brief program, showing us the 421.25 MHz transmitter being used in our ATV repeater, and the modification necessary to permit us to once again include the audio heard on 144.34 MHz over the ATV audio.

Submitted by  
John Chamberlain, AC5CV  
WATS Secretary/Treasurer

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## Financial Report August 2002

Beginning Balance (1 August 2002)	\$804.67
Credits: None	0.00
Debits: Checks*	<u>234.00</u>
Ending Balance (31 August 2002)	\$570.67
Outstanding (as of 9-15-02):	
Credits: None	
Debits: None	

\* \$119.00 for Controller repair; \$115.00 for Skycam electrical work

*John Chamberlain, AC5CV  
WATS Secretary/Treasurer*

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