



KCCRC

KEY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

February 2002

Meeting Highlights

Kent West, KC5ENO

Apologies to all for the lack of a newsletter the last couple of months. The big news since Christmas is the election of new club officers. They are:

President : John Dyer, AE5B

Vice-President : Kent West, KC5ENO

Secretary : Randy Robinson, N5JZH

Treasurer : Peg Richard, KA4UPA

January's meeting went well. Lee Kitchens, N5YBW, our ARRL West Texas Section Manager visited us and gave us a brief presentation.

February's meeting also went well. As usual, Randy read the last month's minutes, and Peg gave us the Treasurer's Report (see later). She also gave us a Hamfest report; dealer letters have gone out, we've already received door prizes from two dealers (which was a fast response), we'll have a VE Test Session on the Saturday morning of the Hamfest (4, 5 May) at 10:30, and an hour before that, at 9:30, Lee Kitchens will conduct an ARRL Forum. The "Sunday Special" prize has changed this year to be an Icom T-7H handy-talkie. The next Hamfest committee meeting is 7pm on 4 March at Berry Lane Baptist Church.

It was also mentioned at the meeting that we need someone to organize a Technician Class to help train new prospective hams. John mentioned that three guys in the Ranger/Eastland area have been busy this year, recruiting about a dozen new hams. We had two new hams at our meeting: John Hodge, KD5RBB, who is a student at ACU, and Page Rogers, KD5RBA, a student at HSU. They both got their licenses about three weeks ago.

Randy and Tony (Tillman, K5OOL) were announced as co-chairmen for our upcoming Field Day. John mentioned that this year FD will be for

both North and South America, so we should have some more fun working the areas down South.

Bill Shaw, KJ5DX mentioned that Charlie Woods, WA5YSZ, of Haskell, has had some heart problems recently, and is currently in the Hendrick (?) hospital, facing the prospect of a possible foot amputation. Charlie would probably appreciate your visit and prayers. He also mentioned that he recently spoke to former club member George Toone, WB5FBJ, who misses being in Abilene.

Judging by the way Peg sounded, she's fighting a cold. Nesa Love, KC5ENL, missed the meeting because of sickness. And of course we're all praying for Judy Smith, KC5THH, who is on the waiting list for organ transplants so that she can recover enough to start being treated for her cancer.

Ron Harden, Jr, KB5HGM was announced as the club's Public Service Event Coordinator. His role will be to keep the club informed of upcoming events.

Randy reported that he was able to recently get to the 146.96 repeater site and bring the repeater equipment back down the mountain. All that's left at the tower now is the antenna and feedline. Plans are to recover those items by working with the other users of the tower when they need to climb it for maintenance on their antennas. Current plans for the .96 repeater are to move it to a mobile phone tower west of Abilene near Trent.

John asked for some brainstorming concerning our upcoming Hamfest, to draw in more visitors. Some of the ideas were: more pre-advertisement; invite the KTAB Storm Chase team to do a presentation; have hands-on setups for things like ATV/slowscan/PSK/APRS/SWLYNX/in-house low-power repeater setup/solar power/bike generator; educational posters, such as where TV vs HAM vs

visible light fits in on the EMF spectrum; bill the event as a Technology Fest, including computers and other tech toys; contact and encourage marginal hams in Abilene to get involved. If you have any ideas that might improve the Hamfest this year, please let one of the officers know.

The meeting was adjourned around 8pm.

Award for Club Member

John Dyer, AE5B

KCARC club member Derek Floyd, KC5DBS, received the Eagle Scout Award in ceremonies held in Baird on Saturday afternoon, January 5. The front page of the Baird newspaper has a picture of a very proud father, Wayne Floyd, placing the Eagle Scout neckerchief around Derek's uniform. Congratulations to both Derek, KC5DBS, and Wayne, KK5XJ.

Spark Transmission Marks Marconi Centennial

Submitted by Nesa Love, KC5ENL

QST de W1AW, Special Bulletin 13 ARLX013
From ARRL Headquarters
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SB SPCL ARL ARLX013

The sound of a spark transmitter was heard once again on an amateur band to mark the centennial of Guglielmo Marconi's first transatlantic radio success. It was 100 years ago, on December 12, 1901, that Marconi--at his receiving station in Newfoundland--copied the three dits of the Morse letter "S" transmitted from 2000 miles away in Cornwall, England. An Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact with students in Newfoundland also was successfully completed.

David Wilson, VE3BBN, near Niagara Falls, Ontario, built a low-power rotary spark transmitter and had permission from Industry Canada to use it Dec. 12 from 9 to 10 PM Eastern Time (0200-0300 Dec. 13 UTC). The operating frequency was approximately 3550 kHz.

Wilson says the transmitter has a bandwidth of 20 kHz, and AM mode reception with a wide IF bandwidth works best. He transmitted "MARCONI S" every minute during the one-hour period.

"This is a very low-powered transmitter with 10 W spread over 20 kHz (3-dB points) and having very broad skirts," he said. He said the spark signal is highly unlikely to interfere with normal amateur

operations, but a test signal was copied at distances of at least 250 km (approximately 155 miles). Wilson used an 80-meter Windom antenna.

VE3BBN invites signal reports via e-mail, David Wilson, VE3BBN, david@computan.on.ca.

Skywarn Training

Kent West, KC5ENO

On Saturday, 23 February, the 2002 Annual SkyWarn Training session was held in the Campus Center of Abilene Christian University. As usual, a goodly number showed up; I'd guesstimate somewhere around 120. Some were hams, some volunteer fire department crew, some law enforcement, some media, some city employees, some meteorologists, and some plain citizens curious about storm spotting.

Bill Shaw, KJ5DX, arranged the session and headed up the show. Mark Whitten of the City of Abilene thanked everyone for their participation, and expressed a theme that arose several times during the event, that trained, on-the-ground storm spotters oftentimes made the difference between having reliable weather reports and having mere guesses. Mark also encouraged all the amateur radio operators to join RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) if they were not already members.

Members of the local weather/news stations then gave a brief introduction to themselves, and also thanked the storm spotters for their work.

Before lunch, Buddy McIntyre of the San Angelo Weather Service discussed the function of the National Weather Service (NWS), and talked about the San Angelo office and radar facilities. His talk included such things as the basic structure of a classic supercell storm, a watch versus a warning, the dangers presented by lightning, flash floods, downburts, straight-line winds (which can do as much damage as tornados), hail, and tornados. He also mentioned that of the four people who died in the Fort Worth twister a couple of years ago, two died from the actual tornado, one died from being caught in a flash flood, and one was killed when he was hit by a hail stone as he left a restaurant to move his truck to shelter from the hail storm. He also discussed where and where not to take cover in severe weather, lessons learned from past severe weather events, and what the process is of issuing a weather alert.

After lunch, Phil Baker gave a presentation on the basics of storm spotting, followed by Buddy

McIntyre again with Advanced Storm Spotting.

It was a great training session, and you are encouraged to attend next year so that you can help the community when severe weather hits the Big Country.

New Amateur Radio antenna installed in space!

Submitted by Nesa Love, KC5ENL

QST de W1AW, Space Bulletin 002 ARLS002
From ARRL Headquarters
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SB SPACE ARL ARLS002

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station got a new antenna January 14, thanks to a spacewalk by Expedition 4 crew members Yuri Onufrienko, RK3DUO, and Carl Walz, KC5TIE. Another of new ARISS ham antenna--there are four in all--could be installed Jan. 25.

"It was beautiful to watch," ARISS Board Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, said. "It went like clockwork, everything deploying just as it was supposed to."

While crewmate Dan Bursch, KD5PNU, operated the robotic arm and monitored and videotaped the spacewalk--or EVA--from inside the ISS, Onufrienko and Walz first relocated a Russian Strela cargo crane used to maneuver equipment and spacewalkers. Then, they installed the flexible-tape VHF-UHF Amateur Radio antenna on a handrail at the end of the Zvezda Service Module--the crew's living quarters. The new VHF-UHF antenna is the first one designed for and dedicated specifically to support ARISS operations.

Installation of the new antenna on Zvezda paves the way for two separate ham stations aboard Space Station Alpha. The ARISS initial ham station gear--single-band hand-held transceivers for 2 meters and 70 cm--now is installed in the Zarya Functional Cargo Block.

Tentative plans call for a 2-meter station to remain in Zarya, while a second 70-cm station will be set up in Zvezda using the newly installed antenna.

ARISS ARRL representative Rosalie White, K1STO, said she, too, was pleased to see this phase of the project coming together. "We started all this in 1998--and now we have a permanent antenna on the outside of the station," she said. "Pretty cool."

Bauer congratulated the ARISS international team for their assistance in the antenna project. "We have

taken our ideas, concepts and vision and transformed them into reality," he said.

ARISS is a collaboration of ARRL, AMSAT and NASA. For more information, visit the ARISS Web site, <http://ariss.gsfc.nasa.gov>.

Vanity Applications

Submitted by Nesa Love, KC5ENL

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SB QST ARL ARLB004

The vanity call sign logjam has begun to break up. The FCC granted 27 vanity call signs January 9, based on applications received October 15, 2001.

FCC policy gives paper and electronically filed vanity applications equal priority. Mail problems due to the recent anthrax scare caused some applications filed on paper to be delayed, and vanity processing has been on hold since last fall. FCC Licensing Branch personnel have been attempting to obtain new paperwork from applicants, however.

Prior to this week, the FCC had not issued any new vanity call signs since last October 30. The FCC has a record of when it receives all vanity applications. Once the Commission has all paper and electronic applications for a given date, all submittals will be processed in chronological order.

All vanity fee payments have been recorded and deposited or charged to credit card holders' accounts. The FCC has been using vanity fee payment data from the FCC's fiscal agent, Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh to contact applicants directly to have them resubmit their applications.

Jim Haynie Re-Elected

Submitted by Nesa Love, KC5ENL

QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 6 ARLB006
From ARRL Headquarters
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SB QST ARL ARLB006

The ARRL Board of Directors has unanimously re-elected President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, to a new two-year term. Haynie said defining Amateur Radio's role in homeland security will top his list of initiatives for his second term.

"We have a great role we could play in homeland

security," Haynie said. "The problem we have is getting Amateur Radio introduced to the proper agencies." He said federal agencies "need a big education on what Amateur Radio does."

Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, January 18 and 19, the Board also elected former Southwestern Division Director Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, as Third Vice President. Heyn will replace incumbent Third VP (and former Roanoke Division Director) John Kanode, N4MM, who also was a candidate. All other ARRL officers were re-elected unanimously.

Former Southeastern Division Vice Director Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR, was elected as an ARRL honorary vice president.

The Board was expected to review a wide range of FCC proceedings and regulatory issues. The list includes consideration of the possibility that the ARRL work toward getting a bill introduced in Congress on the issue of CC&Rs. "We're going to be talking about that at length and what strategy we're going to use as far as congressional support," Haynie said. The League has been unsuccessful in efforts to get the FCC to incorporate CCRs under its limited federal preemption policy known as PRB-1.

The Board also will hear a formal report from the Novice Spectrum Study Committee and consider action based on its recommendations.

The committee last month advised eliminating the CW Novice/Technician Plus subbands, as such, and permitting Novice and Tech Plus (or Technicians with Element 1 credit) licensees to operate CW on General-class 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW allocations.

The committee proposed refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands, in part to allow expansion of phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

Attending for the first time as a new director will be Southwestern Division Director Art Goddard, W6XD, who succeeded Heyn. Newcomers to the back bench at this session include incoming ARRL Southwestern Division Vice Director Tuck Miller, NZ6T, and Southeastern Division Vice Director Sandy Donahue, W4RU. All took office January 1.

KCARC Repeater Update

Randy Robinson, N5JZH

Chris (KC5PYL) and I went up the mountain Saturday and picked up the '96 repeater and the cabinet it has been housed in and brought them back to town. I plan to get everything ready to go to the new sight ASAP.

For those of you who are not aware of what is happening, we were asked to remove our equipment by the landowner where the previous tower is located. The problem was not with KGNZ, but with liability concerns of the landowner and her lawyers. We attempted to explain that our club used this repeater for public service events like Skywarn but this seemed to make no difference. The radio station is planning some tower work soon and will have their tower crew remove our feedline and antenna. This will save us considerable expense.

I have contacted Mobile Phone of Texas and they have agreed to let us use an unused antenna on their tower south of Trent. This site is near KTXS main tower and the antenna is at about 400 feet. This should give us good coverage in Abilene and to the west. The coverage to the south may not be as good as before.

We have another option near Buffalo Gap that would give greater coverage to the south and southwest but would require us paying to have the antenna installed. If we feel we want to do this in the future, it is an option.

Towers Still Available

Rogers Dennis, W5MUH

The two towers on S. Treadaway are still available for whoever can take them down safely.

Here is a new issue and request for information:

Four Rohn 55 tower sections are missing from our outside storage area at the rear of 2101 S. Treadaway. These are fairly expensive tower sections. They cost over \$200.00 each. These sections were painted yellow and are faded since they were painted in 1983 but are definitely identifiable. If anyone sees faded yellow sections of Rohn 55 tower I will appreciate hearing from you. W5MUH Rogers Dennis 698-2304. And thanks again.

ARRL Board Adopts New Plan

Submitted by Nesa Love, KC5ENL

ZCZC AG07

QST de W1AW

ARRL Bulletin 7 ARLB007

From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT January 22, 2002

The ARRL Board of Directors has adopted a modified proposal to reform the Novice bands, now that the FCC no longer issues Novice licenses. The

Board met January 18-19 in Fort Worth, Texas.

The ARRL Novice Spectrum Study Committee had proposed allowing Novice and Tech Plus (or Technician with Element 1 credit) licensees to operate CW on General-class 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW segments at up to 200 W output. The panel recommended refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus CW subbands, in part to allow expansion of phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

The Board approved a modified plan that would leave in place or slightly trim the amount of additional phone spectrum the committee had recommended for 75 and 15 meters. The amended plan would drop the US phone band to 3725 kHz on 75 meters but leave it at 21,200 kHz on 15 m. The original plan called for dropping both by 25 kHz.

The 75-meter proposal would expand the phone band by 50 kHz for Generals over the present allocation and by 25 kHz for Advanced and Extra licensees. On 15 meters, Generals would get another 25 kHz of phone spectrum, but phone privileges for Advanced and Extra class operators would stay the same.

The Novice Spectrum Study Committee's original recommendations for 40 and 10 meters were accepted. The ARRL plans to propose the modified refarming plan to the FCC later this year along with other regulatory requests.

The Board also deferred until its July meeting a decision on whether to cut "Section News" and contest "line scores" from QST and move them to the ARRL Web site as part of an effort to stem ARRL operating losses. Before deciding to relocate the QST content, the Board said, it wants members to be "aware of the reasons for the proposed relocation and the enhanced capabilities available on the Web site." The Board said it also wants to evaluate "variations and alternatives" to the proposal.

The Board did decide to eliminate the minutes of its own meetings--published as "Moved and Seconded"--from QST. Minutes already are posted on the ARRL Web site and will be made available via alternative means to members lacking Internet access.

The Board also voted to accept several changes to the field organization rules, as the Volunteer Resources Committee recommended. According to the new rules, "The Section Manager is accountable for carrying out the duties of the office in accordance with ARRL policies established by the Board of Directors and shall act in the best interests of

Amateur Radio." Section managers will be proscribed from "committing, obligating, or binding the League" without review by the Field and Educational Services Manager and approval of the ARRL president.

Among other changes, the revised rules will prohibit a section manager removed from office for running in the next SM election following removal. Anyone removed by action of the Executive Committee would have to get that committee's consent to be eligible to run again. The Executive Committee also will have the power to cancel any field organization appointment "whenever it appears to be in the best interest of the ARRL to do so."

The Board also modified the ARRL by-laws to say that anyone removed from office by recall "shall not be eligible to be a candidate for director or vice director for three years following removal from office."

The Board further resolved to petition the FCC for reconsideration in ET Docket 98-156, by comments in ET Docket 01-278, and "by other necessary means" in order to elicit "a clear statement from FCC acknowledging the limit of its statutory jurisdiction to authorize the manufacture and sale of unlicensed Part 15 devices."

The Board resolved to extend the ARRL's "most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the radio amateurs who lost their lives on September 11, 2001." The Board also commended and honored amateurs "who generously volunteered their time and expertise during the rescue and recovery efforts on September 11 and thereafter."

The Board holds its next meeting in July in Windsor, Connecticut.

President Bush addresses Florida ARES net

Submitted by Nesa Love, KC5ENL

ZCZC AG09
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 9 ARLB009
From ARRL Headquarters
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President George W. Bush spoke January 31 via Amateur Radio to members of the Northern Florida Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net (NFAN). The president was in Florida to spotlight five volunteer groups--among them the Volusia County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)--for

their value to the new Office of Homeland Security.

"I want to thank all the volunteers who help make sure that Florida is prepared for any kind of emergency," the president said in part, after checking in around 9:15 AM to a regular ARES net session. "I want to thank you all for helping your communities be prepared."

Bush spoke on the net for about 30 seconds.

Northern Florida ARRL Section Manager Rudy Hubbard, WA4PUP, said Bush spoke from a portable station set up at a Daytona Beach fire station. At the request of ARES Volusia County Emergency Coordinator Joette Barnett, KG4HPN, John Schmidt, AF4PU, and Clifford Fraser, KE4HIY, arranged to have the station ready as a demonstration of Amateur Radio's role in emergency preparedness and in the hope that Bush would be willing to address the 75-meter net.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said he was "extremely gratified" that President Bush recognized the valuable service Amateur Radio operators provide in times of emergencies. "I know that all hams in the United States stand ready to do their part in America's Homeland Security Program," Haynie commented. Haynie has said that defining Amateur Radio's role in homeland security would top his list of initiatives for his second term.

Hubbard said a copy of proposed expanded Amateur Radio (PRB-1) antenna legislation was given to the President and to the president's brother, Florida Gov Jeb Bush, for possible introduction in next year's Florida legislative session. "We Amateur Radio operators will volunteer however we're needed, and maybe it will be seen that we can greatly help the nation if we have the antennas we need," Hubbard commented. The proposed bill would seek to extend Florida's PRB-1 law to include private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions.

Upcoming Meeting Plans

John Dyer, AE5B

To KCARC members.

I found the attached information today on today's ARRL web update. The article is very timely because only last night, I emailed a formal invitation to Jerry Jennison, N5OKQ, to bring a program about SATURN's activities to the KCARC at his convenience. Jerry is an active member of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club and the Southern Territory Coordinator for Saturn.

Randy, Carla, and I visited with Jerry last year

when we made our inter-club visit with the SAARC. He gave us a verbal commitment at that time. It should be an interesting program. I will keep you advised when he is scheduled to speak to us. There is more information on Saturn and their activities at <http://www.saturn.org/>

The Following Is Quoted from the ARRL Web site
February 6, 2002

Sixth annual SATERN seminar a success:
Members and friends of the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network--SATERN--gathered at the San Bernardino, California, Corps office January 26 for the sixth annual SATERN Seminar. Maj Russel Fritz, San Bernardino Corps Officer and SATERN Committee Advisor, hosted the gathering of some 60 participants. ARRL Southwestern Director Art Gooddard, W6XD, addressed the session and applauded SATERN's efforts. Among other presentations, Jack Peterson, K6DMM, described his and Tony Stephen's, KE6JZF, experiences at "Ground Zero" at the World Trade Center site. Although they were unable to use their radios inside the "red zone," they worked 12-hour days for two weeks in a hydration tent serving the police, firefighters and other rescue workers. James Hodder, K6DSN, of JPL talked about deep space probes. Tony Petrone, WB6QHB, gave a presentation on repeaters. For more information on SATERN, visit the SATERN Web site.

The Old Timer

John Dyer, AE5B

In the beginning there was a young kid, fresh out of high school, with a brand new novice license. It stated that WN5ALB was authorized to work the world. Unfortunately WN5ALB's world was rather limited because Novices were restricted to 75 watts crystal control. Each operating frequency required a separate "rock" and few Novices had multiple crystals. With an upgrade, WN5ALB became WA5ALB and the Hallicrafters HT-40 transmitter was ready for its first accessory, a Heath kit vfo.

The center of the universe for West Texas hams at time was at 1475 Pine in Abilene. A pilgrimage to Howard Radio in the 60's was the ultimate for the Kid. It was reminiscent of an even earlier time when the little boy walked the toy isles of Woolworth's 5 & 10. So many things to dream about. Besides all the fancy new rigs and good used gear, Howard Radio

always had a wealth of radio magazines. For the price of a Coca-Cola, the kid from the country could read about radio and visit in person with real live hams; men with W5 and K5 calls. Elmers all.

As soon as I received my new call sign from the FCC, I immediately headed to Howard Radio to find a VFO. RL Howard, K5ABO now WC5E, was not in the store that day, but another ham was helping with the store in his absence. It was with the help of Ed, W5ILR, that the young kid got his first vfo and was able to make that first AM phone contact as a general. The license no longer said Novice but with Ed's help, the novice was on the air.....no more crystals....I could TALK.

The Old Timer helped "The Kid" and his Heath kit get on the air.

Ed retired from the Air Force and continued to work in military electronics. His careers allowed him to operate from many locations throughout the US and the world. As the years passed we managed to have several random qsos on 20 meters. In my QSL collection is a card from W5ILR/ TF when he was in Iceland and I was mobile near Graham.

Interestingly enough, over the years our ham interests ran parallel. At one time we ran the same rigs and identical amplifiers. Ed loved "chasing the paper" and qualified for many operating awards and plaques. He was especially proud of his USA-CA Plaque which we both received for contacting every USA County. Ed also was listed on the DXCC Honor Roll by the ARRL. Honor Roll listing is an achievement that takes a lifetime to obtain. It is awarded only to those Dxers who have worked the entire world. Ed and I shared a love for DX.

We lost track of each other for several years. I was almost totally inactive and Ed had retired again. I took my son to his first hamfest several years ago in Abilene and there was Ed. We spent some quality time catching up on life. Since then we would occasionally hear each other on 20 but the hamfest was usually our meeting place.

We even had some of random parking lot visits over the years. Last summer Carla and I parked near Ed at the Mall. He was having trouble placing something in the car. I went over to assist if possible. It was obvious that Ed was not feeling well but as we visited, his mood seemed to change. It was a few days before Field Day and I invited him to join us at the park for the event. His eyes brightened, a smile broke across his face, and then reality. He had forgotten the date for Field Day and they had planned a trip out of town. In fact, the car was packed and

they were leaving that evening. The more we visited about the event though, the brighter he became. As we parted, Ed again told me how much he appreciated me taking the time to extend the invitation and made me promise to remind him again next year. He would be there.

The Old Timer waved and smiled as he drove away. The Kid, who is not so young anymore, also felt better. A good deed long ago was partially repaid by a bit of friendship.

Ed Daigne, W5ILR, Silent Key, friend for 40 years.

He will be missed.

FIELD DAY 2002 INFORMATION

Submitted by John Dyer, AE5B

FD2002 is June 22-23, 2002 One major change for this year's event. The following copied from the Field Day rules introduction.

The old Novice/Technician station from previous years has been replaced by a GET ON THE AIR (GOTA) station. The GOTA station will allow Novice, Technicians, and generally inactive hams a chance to GET ON THE AIR to help the group's Field Day effort. Non-licensed persons may also participate in the GOTA station, under the direct supervision of an appropriate control operator. Please review Field Day Rule 4.1.1. for information on the new GOTA station. You may complete up to 400 QSOs to your group's score with the GOTA station. In addition, any group that meets the 400 QSO goal from the GOTA station will also gain an additional 100-point bonus. This is the only change that affects Field Day scoring.

Silent Key

Submitted by John Dyer, AE5B

Bill Dowdle, W5OYC, of Abilene became a Silent Key Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002. Bill's original call was WB5OYC and briefly held the call AB5FV. The memorial service was Saturday the 23rd at 2 p. m. I learned of his death at the Skywarn meeting today. We will all miss "Big Bill".

Editor's Note: As per family wishes, instead of sending flowers, the club has sent the equivalent donation to the charity of Bill's choice, in this case, the Coronado Nursing Center.

Club Meeting

Kent West, KC5ENL

Don't forget the March club meeting. It'll be at the Abilene Public Library, 2nd Floor meeting room, at 7pm (1900 hrs) on Monday the 11th.

Reminder

At the request of Peg Richard, KA4UPA

If you haven't paid your club dues for the 2002, you're two months past due. Peg is about to print up a new club roster, and if you haven't paid your membership, your name won't be on the list.



KC5ENO, as Net Control Operator for a Thursday night net.

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