



# KEY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

December 2004

## October Meeting Highlights

*edited by Kent West, KC5ENO*

The meeting was called to order by Lance Tolar, KD5EFB, at 7:06pm on 11 October 2004, with 19 members and one guest present.

There were no minutes of the September meeting available.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Peg Richard, KA4UPA. There were no questions.

Concerning Old Business, it was announced that there would be a family picnic on Saturday, 16 October, at Nelson Park at 3pm. Randy Robinson, N5JZH, said that he would be sure we had a fire to cook on, and Lance, KD5EFB, said that he would provide ice.

Turning to New Business, Lance, KD5EFB, told us that W5WRL, Bill Lawless, will be attending the November meeting, and will speak on Broadband over

## Club Meeting Reminder

There will be no club meeting in December. Instead, we're eatin'! Yum.

See the info later on the Christmas Dinner Party.

Power Lines (BPL). He will have a really good presentation so please be here.

Lance, KD5EFB, stated that there are going to be some really good programs in the upcoming months.

The Christmas Party was discussed, and Bill Shaw, KJ5DX, stated that he would have firm information in the next couple of days. Peg, KA4UPA, volunteered to get an insert ready for the November newsletter about the Party.

Nominations were made for officers for the 2005 year. Randy, N5JZH, explained the nomination process.

Lance, KD5EFB, opened the floor for nominations for the office of President. Randy, N5JZH, nominated Lance, KD5EFB. John Bogart, WX5TX, seconded. Randy, N5JZH, made a motion that the nominations cease. The motion was seconded by Jake Mullins, KC5GZP. Nominations ceased.

Lance, KD5EFB, opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President. Jake, KC5GZP, nominated Randy, N5JZH. Matt Strachan, KE4DXE seconded. Randy, N5JZH, nominated Matt,

KE4DXE. John, WX5TX, seconded. Bill, KJ5DX, made a motion that the nominations cease. Kendall Thomas, KC5FFQ, seconded. Nominations ceased.

Lance opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary. W. K. Wiggins, WB5ZOO, nominated Kent West, KC5ENO. Peg, KA4UPA, seconded. Randy, N5JZH, made a motion that nominations cease. Charles Blythe, KD5TKR, seconded. Nominations ceased.

Lance opened the floor for nominations of the office of Treasurer. Jake, KC5GZP, nominated Peg, KA4UPA. Kendall, KC5FFQ, seconded. Royce Hightower, KK5JQ, made a motion that the nominations cease. Bill, KJ5DX, seconded. Nominations ceased.

At this point, Randy, N5JZH, respectfully declined nomination for the office of Vice President.

That left the slate as follows:  
President: Lance, KD5EFB  
Vice-Pres: Matt, KE4DXE  
Secretary: Kent, KC5ENO  
Treasurer: Peg, KA4UPA

As the treasury was in no shape to send out ballots and as there was only one name on the slate for each office, John, WX5TX, made a mo-

tion to approve the slate by acclamation. N5JZH seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lance, KD5EFB, reminded us that we are to help with the Duathlon on 24 October. Peg, KA4UPA, stated that Kent West, KC5ENO, was out of town and not available to be net control. Randy, N5JZH, volunteered to be net control. Other volunteers were: Kendall, KC5FFQ, Lance, KD5EFB, Matt, KE4DXE, Harry Tredennick, N5IFK, W.K., WB5-ZOO, Randy, and Charles Tice. Lance, Randy, and Matt offered to attend the final planning meeting with Peg on 21<sup>st</sup> October at the Convention and Visitor Bureau Board Room.

A quiz was given and John, WX5TX, asked that it be noted that he passed and Kendall failed.

Peg announced that the next ARRL VE Test will be on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 1:00pm at Berry Lane Baptist Church.

There were comments concerning the good newsletter. One member asked for an upcoming newsletter to include a glossary of terms which are used in advertising used rigs, as the terms are abbreviated and not always familiar to newcomers in the hobby.

David Swart, KC5PPI, reported that Belton was a good swap meet. It was full and the cost to get in was \$1.00. He said that they had good giveaways and that they were done by noon.

Having no further business, a motion was made by John, WX5TX, and seconded by Charles, KD5TKR, to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Recorded by Peg Richard, KA4UPA.

Afterwards, several members met at McDonald's for coffee/etc.

### Key City Amateur Radio Club Income and Expense Report November 8, 2004

<i>Regular Account:</i>	Balance Forward	\$8.87
	Income	43.25
	Expenses	37.37
	Balance on Hand	14.75
<i>Repeater Account</i>	Balance on Hand	64.00
<i>Hanfest Account:</i>	Balance On Hand	850.53
Amount Needed to Balance		929.28
Total Amount on Hand:		
	Checking	897.40
	Checks	0.00
	Cash	31.00
	Coins	0.88
	Total	\$929.28
** Itemized Expenses (Regular Account)		
	Southwestern Bell (Nov)	22.37
	Checking Service (Oct)	15.00
	Newsletter Postage	0.00
	Total	37.37

Peggy A. Richard, KA4UPA, Treasurer, Key City Amateur Radio Club

## November Meeting Highlights

### *Kent West, KC5ENO*

The meeting was called to order by Lance Tolar, KD5EFB, at 6:58pm on 8 November 2004, with a rough count of 23 persons in attendance.

The minutes from the October meeting were read by Kent West, KC5ENO. Harry Tredennick, N5IFK motioned that the minutes be accepted as read; Nesa Love, KC5ENL, seconded, and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Peg Richard, KA4UPA. There were no questions.

Peg then read a letter of thanks from Ironhead Race Productions thanking the club for providing communication services during the

recent Duathlon. Next year's race will be on 23 October 2005.

Peg then read a card written by Sheryl Butman, widow of our KCARC member Jack Butman, KB5UHM, who became a silent key last month. The card was in thanks for flowers sent by the club.

Randy Robinson, N5JZH, then discussed briefly the Duathlon with which the club had helped, and mentioned Jack's passing for those who had not heard.

Peg announced that the annual KCARC Christmas Dinner would be held this year at Harlow's, from 6:30pm to 9-ish, on 3 December. She said that reservations need to be in to her by 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

Randy mentioned that we had a club picnic on 16 October, and that it went well. He says we expect to do it again in the near future.

Turning to new business, Gerald

Dugan, N5OGD, asked to be permitted to rejoin the club. After some discussion, it was concluded that he did not need to do anything special to become a member again; all he had to do was pay his dues.

Tim Walker, WT5KBS, presented the club with a check that should take care of the bill for the 146.76 repeater's phone patch for about three months. He has graciously agreed to pay the phone bill, allowing us to keep the phone patch alive, in exchange for his being able to share the use of the phone line.

Nesa Love, KC5ENO, motioned that the meeting be adjourned; Jake Mullins, KC5GZP, seconded. The business portion of the meeting was then adjourned.

We then had a presentation by Bill Lawless, W5WRL, Assistant Section Manager for the West Texas Section. He provided the club with a lot of good information concerning Broadband over Power Lines (BPL). During his presentation, he encouraged hams to join the MOCAD club: Make One Contact A Day.

Side Note: In talking to Bill after the meeting, he mentioned something to the effect that when working with other people while doing his work as a repeater coordinator, he has found that our own Gary Peterson, NZ5V, "is the best". Bill mentioned the great work that Gary does at doing research and asking the right questions, etc. Yea, Gary!

## Skywarn Day

*Matt Strachan, KE4DXE*

Hello NWS, Skywarn Watchers, and Ham Operators. A terrific opportunity here:

Recently the ARRL announced that December 04 is Skywarn

Recognition Day – a cooperative effort between the National Weather Service and our community of ham radio operators.

A schedule has been set up whereby we can operate HF/VHF/UHF and EchoLink at the San Angelo office during this special event to contact hams at other weather service offices. It's a fantastic opportunity to get out and operate amateur radio and to work with the weather service too!

The nationwide event will start at 04/0000 GMT (that's Friday night Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1800 Local time) but things won't start happening at the San Angelo office until about 0700-0800 on Saturday morning and the event will run until 1800 local that evening. Hector Guerrero, forecaster at the San Angelo NWS office, will be the local coordinator. He is working with the San Angelo Radio Club who will supply the UHF equipment.

I am volunteering what equipment I have for HF as well and encourage anyone and everyone who's interested to join us sometime during the day on Saturday. With a little luck maybe we can all make some contacts on 80, 40, 20,

15, 10, and 6 meters and I'm sure that there'll be plenty of action on the 2 meter and 70 cm bands as well. Maybe Dave or someone with knowledge of EchoLink can hook us up to the Internet too! Even if you don't have HF privileges or a ham license there's no reason that you can't operate 3<sup>rd</sup> party - bring a friend if you want to introduce them to ham radio too!

Also, if you're into QSL cards - maybe you'd like to start or add to your collection - there will be a bunch of NWS stations that will send you their card from this event.

If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to contact me at *ke4dx@arrl.net* and you can also see the official Internet site for Skywarn Recognition Day at <http://hamradio.noaa.gov>.

The Annual KCARC Christmas Dinner will be at Harlow's this year, at 6:30pm on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Reservations needed to be made to Peg by 19<sup>th</sup> November.



*Chess pieces made from RF connectors. <http://www.leapsecond.com/pages/chess/>*



Some of the folks at the recent KCARC picnic

## KCARC Picnic

*Matt Strachan, KE4DXE*

A good time was had by all at the club picnic, held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, at Nelson Park - we had 18 or so check-in's (and plenty of re-checks thanks to WK & Randy's excellent grilling and Jake and Rose's fixin's!). I was the only one to spoil the party by bringing a radio and yaking on 40 meters instead of socializing.

Pictures of the event can be found from the link in the "Club Picnic" blurb at the KCARC website: <http://www.qsl.net/kcarc>

*Things are going to get a lot worse before they get worse.*

*-Lily Tomlin-*

It's easy to join the MOCAD Club: Just Make One Contact A Day

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