



# KEY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

January 2007

## August Meeting Highlights

*Kent West, KC5ENO*

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Kent, KC5ENO.

There were no minutes from the July meeting.

The treasurer's report was read by KA4UPA. There were no questions.

There was no old business.

Bill, KJ5DX, gave a brief synopsis of the July's "club meeting", which was a tour of the Abilene Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

W.K., WB5ZOO, an-

nounced a "tailgate swap" at his old store on Butter-nut, to be conducted on Saturday, 15 August, from 8am to 5pm. Setting up a tailgate out back would be free; tables inside were \$5.

Having no further business, a motion was made by KA4UPA to adjourn, ending the meeting at 7:12pm.

## September Meeting Highlights

*Kent West, KC5ENO*

Randy, N5JZH, opened the meeting at 1908hrs.

Minutes were not read.

Peg Richard, KA4UPA, read the Treasurer's Report. She also mentioned that our upcoming liability insurance premium would pretty much empty our regular account balance.

There were no questions.

Glenn, K5GC, and Randy, N5JZH, gave a brief synopsis of WB5ZOO's tailgate swapfest in August.

Randy asked the club to think about ways to recruit

new members.

Randy announced that he and Steve Roberts, KG5QH, and Wayne Floyd, KK5XJ, would be teaching a New Ham class starting on Saturday 23 September and will run for eight classes, one per week. They had planned to use the Red Cross building, as several Red Cross members want to take the class, but Saturday morning is not a good time for that, so the Hillcrest assembly building will likely be used. Randy had a sign-up sheet, and asked members to volunteer to teach, aid, or just be there for moral support. There will be a class fee that will cover the expense of the new version of "Now, You're Talking" as the textbook, along with a couple of extra dollars to feed back into the club treasury.

Randy pointed out that nominations for new club officers will be made at the October meeting, and the election will be held in

## Club Meeting Reminder

Remember to attend the next meeting of the Key City Amateur Radio Club Monday, 8 January, at 7pm on the second floor of the Abilene Public Library.

November.

It was mentioned that our favorite Flea-Bitten Jackrabbit, George Toone, WB5FBJ, is back in town.

The club will have a picnic on Saturday, 14 October, at Nelson Park, starting about 1000hrs and lasting till whenever. Lunch is planned for 1300hrs. The club will provide "fire and ice"; you'll need to bring food and drinks for yourself and your family (and perhaps a bit to share if you're feeling generous). Steaks, burgers, hot-dogs, etc can be cooked on the club-provided "fire"; your drinks can be chilled on the club-provided "ice". We will meet at the Pavilion if it's available; otherwise we'll meet at the ball fields.

The Balloon Fest will be 29 September through 1 October.

Bill, KJ5DX, was appointed to make reservations for our annual Christmas Dinner at Harlow's.

Peg made a motion to adjourn, at which time Randy ended the meeting.

Glen, K5GC, then did a brief show&tell of a used duplexer.

## October Meeting Minutes

*Peg Richard, KA4UPA*

1. The meeting was called to order by Peg, KA4UPA, at 7:03pm with 17 members present on 9 October 2006.

2. The September minutes

## Key City Amateur Radio Club Income and Expense Report May 8, 2006

Regular Account:	Balance Forward	\$584.36
	Income	\$0.00
	Expenses	\$22.97
	Balance on Hand	\$561.39
Repeater Account	Balance on Hand	\$64.00
Hamfest Account:	Balance On Hand	\$683.07
Amount Needed to Balance		\$1,308.46
Total Amount on Hand:		
	Checking	\$1,241.83
	Checks	\$15.00
	Cash	\$50.00
	Coins	\$1.63
	Total	\$1,308.46

### \*\* Itemized Expenses (Regular Account)

Southwestern Bell (Feb)	\$22.97
Postage (Misc)	\$0.00
Total	\$22.97

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

were not available.

3. KA4UPA read the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions.

4. Old Business:

a) Steve, KG5QH, reported that the new Technician Class will start on 14 October from 9-11 at the South Park Recreation Center.

b) Peg announced that the club picnic is still on schedule for 14 October at Nelson Park. Folks will start showing up around 11:00am; first there will try to get a pavilion.

5. New Business:

a) Peg reported that the

annual liability insurance premium has arrived. It is \$320.00 for the next year.

b) Peg said that we might need to consider having a fund-raiser for the regular account.

c) Bill Shaw, KJ5DX, reported that there is a State RACES net and that Lee, W5PPF, has been checking in.

d) Bill Shaw reminded all that the Christmas Dinner has been scheduled for 16 December at Harlow's Smokehouse at 6:00pm.

e) Peg reported that two people passed their Tech

tests on Saturday at the VE test session. One from Abilene, Daniel Walton, and one from Austin.

f) Peg read a request from Cody Brannon to put a link from his website to the KCARC repeater listing. The club saw no problem and granted the request.

g) As a quorum was present, nominations for club offices was opened. Nominations were thus:

- President: George Toone, WB5FBJ; nominated by Glenn, K5GC, seconded by Bill, KJ5DX. Motion to close nominations was made by Gary, NZ5V, seconded by Bill, KJ5DX. CARRIED.

- Vice-President: Glenn Cummins, K5GC; nominated by Bill, KJ5DX, seconded by W.K., WB5ZOO. Motion to close nominations was made by W.K., WB5ZOO, seconded by Lee, W5PPF. CARRIED.

- Secretary: Randy Robinson, N5JZH; nominated by Glenn, K5GC, seconded by Steve, KG5QH. Motion to close nominations was made by Wayne, KK5XJ, seconded by Jake, KC5GZP. CARRIED.

- Treasurer: Peg Richard, KA4UPA; nominated by Royce, KK5JQ, seconded by Jake, KC5GZP. Motion to close nominations was made by Gary,

### Key City Amateur Radio Club Income and Expense Report November 13, 2006

Regular Account:	Balance Forward	\$340.59
	Income	\$77.50
	Expenses	\$361.86
	Balance on Hand	\$56.23
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Repeater Account	Balance on Hand	\$64.00
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Hamfest Account:	Balance On Hand	\$683.07
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Amount Needed to Balance		\$803.30
Total Amount on Hand:		
	Checking	\$741.67
	Checks	\$0.00
	Cash	\$60.00
	Coins	\$1.63
	Total	\$803.30
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\*\* Itemized Expenses (Regular Account)

Southwestern Bell (Nov)	\$26.26
November Postage	\$15.60
Annual Liability Premium	\$320.00
Total	\$361.86
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Peggy A. Richard, KA4UPA, Treasurer, Key City Amateur Radio Club

NZ5V, seconded by Steve, KG5QH. CARRIED.

h) As there was only one nominee for each office, a motion was made by Steve, KG5QH, and seconded by Chuck, AA5KR, to elect the slate by acclamation. MOTION CARRIED with one dissenting vote.

i) Having no further business, a motion was made by Lee, W5PPF, and seconded by Jake, KC5GZP, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:29pm.

## November Meeting Minutes

*Kent West, KC5ENO*

Randy, N5JZH, opened the meeting at 1908hrs.

The October minutes were read by Peg Richard, KA4UPA. Steve, KG5QH, motioned that the minutes be accepted as read; Jim, N7NGQ, seconded. CARRIED.

Peg then read the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions.

Something about Lee Hayes, W5PPF, passed.

The club picnic held on 14 October was briefly mentioned; 23 people had attended.

The licensing class had met for five weeks so far; three new techs are the result, including James Peterson, KE5LGF and Cody Brannan KE5LGG.

Details were discussed about the upcoming Christmas Dinner.

Bill Shaw, KJ5DX, mentioned that Skywarn Training will be the last Saturday in February. He also mentioned some on-line training for emergencies; see <http://www.training.fema.gov/VCNew/firstVC.asp>, and see Bill for more info.

Some health issues of local hams were mentioned.

Peg made a motion to adjourn, at which time Randy ended the meeting.

## Bits and Pieces

*Kent West, KC5ENO*

\* The new Intel-based Macintosh computers are generating a lot of interest among computer enthusiasts. Recently, Apple released BootCamp, which allows a new Mac to be dual-booted so that it can run the native OS/X operating system or Windows. I've seen it run Windows; wow! It's fast. Some speculate that within a few months it

will be possible to run Windows apps natively on the Mac OS/X platform, providing the best of both worlds.

\* If you haven't tried Google Earth, give it a go. It's fun and educational: <http://earth.google.com>

\* The recently-discovered outermost ring of Uranus is bright blue. The only other known blue ring in the solar system is around Saturn, although rings are found around all four of the gas giants (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune). Saturn's F-Ring has recently been found to be a spiral. *The heavens declare the glory of God.* Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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