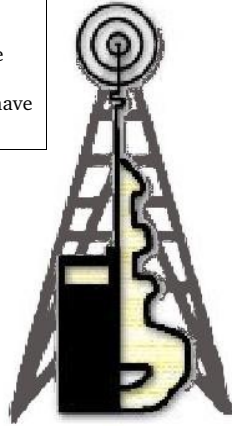


NOTICE – Club Picnic

Just a reminder Saturday May 12th @ 1300 local cook out at the ZOO park - we hope to get a covered area near the baseball park. Bring something to put on the grill: burgers, dogs or steak. If you have a radio, people will be on 146.760 MHz ctss 146.2 hz .



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KEY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

May 2007

April Meeting Highlights

*Kent West, KC5ENO*

The May meeting of the Key City Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday evening, 9 May 2007, at 7:10pm, by Vice President Glenn Cummins, K5GC, with President George Toone being absent.

I counted about 30 persons in attendance, some from Clyde, Baird, Roscoe, Sweetwater, and Ranger. Before the meeting began there was a lot of buzz, and I saw quite a bit of gear scattered about the meeting room, including home-brewed handheld GPS gear, laptops, radios, etc.

Treasurer Peg Richard,

Club Meeting Re-  
minder

Remember to attend the next meeting of the Key City Amateur Radio Club Monday, 14 May, at 7pm at the Chavez Center.

KA4UPA, read the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary Randy Robinson, N5JZH, read the minutes from the March meeting.

The club then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Randy then read a letter from Susan Gerrod, of the City of Abilene, thanking the club for its efforts in the annual Bike Race.

It was mentioned that the KC5OLO trustee paperwork had arrived from the FCC.

Bill Shaw, KJ5DX, spoke briefly about antenna improvements made at the EOC. He also noted that there's a new Standard Operating Guide available on the KCARC web site. Glenn added that we especially need Skywarn spotters during the day-time hours.

Introductions were then made around the room.

It was announced that a new Ham class would start on 21 April, and would continue

for six weeks, meeting on Saturday mornings from 9-11 at the Chavez Center.

Note was made that the weather had been uncooperative for needed repeater maintenance, including the disconnection of the phone patch.

It was decided to have the May meeting at the Chavez Center.

Discussion was held concerning a picnic to be held on 12 May at Nelson Park.

The club was reminded of Field Day, 23-24 June.

Carolyn Wiggins mentioned that the Chavez Club needs \$3/meeting for the coffee, donuts, tea, lemonade, etc, so donations would help when attendees partake of these items.

Gerald Duggan, N5OGD, mentioned upcoming NASA activities.

After the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 as per a motion made by Randy, Brent Morris, N5TEQ made an inter-

esting presentation to the club concerning APRS.

## Tidbits

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- Check out the new look of the KCARC website, thanks to Glenn Cummins -- <http://www.qsl.net/kcarc/>
- If you're not subscribed to the KCARC group on Yahoo, you may be missing out on announcements and news. To learn more, browse to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kcarc/>

## DVD Playback Issues

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Many commercial DVDs are encrypted so that they can't be played on just any machine, but only on machines "approved" by the movie-distribution industry. Recently the key to that encryption has been broken, and the industry has responded by using a new key on new movie releases. What this means to the average movie renter is that new releases may not play on his current DVD player. The options in such a case are two: 1) acquire the new key from the industry and flash the player's firmware, which is

not going to swim well with those folks whose DVD player's clocks are constantly flashing "12:00"; or 2) buy a new DVD player.

The war is on between the industry that wants to control movie distribution (they claim they want to prevent piracy, but the real pirates aren't slowed by this sort of thing) and the user who just wants to be able to play his newly purchased movie on his laptop or his mom's older DVD player or his portable player. For more info, just google "dvd encryption aacs crack".

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