

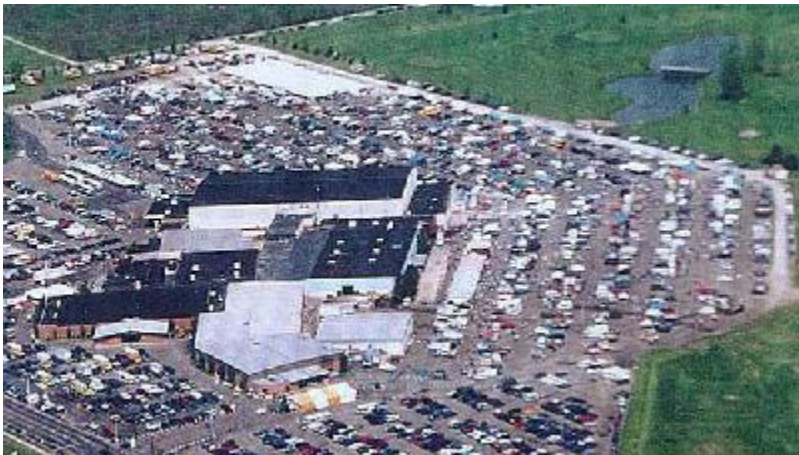
WATS Happenings

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Heading for Dayton!!

by John Chamberlain, AC5CV

I hate to make you guys jealous, but I GET TO GO TO DAYTON AGAIN!!! Larry Bush W5NCD is once again driving up to Dayton in a motor home (a little smaller than last year's, but still *very nice*), and I guess since I survived the trip last year, he was willing to give me a seat again this year. So, I'm just a little ☺ sorry that I will have to miss the May meeting of WATS, and that you guys will be forced to find another meeting place for this month. But N5XAK has graciously offered to host you guys at his home. Maybe we'll find out how good *HE* is at cooking hamburgers!! <just kidding!! Y'all better eat **before** you come to the meeting!>



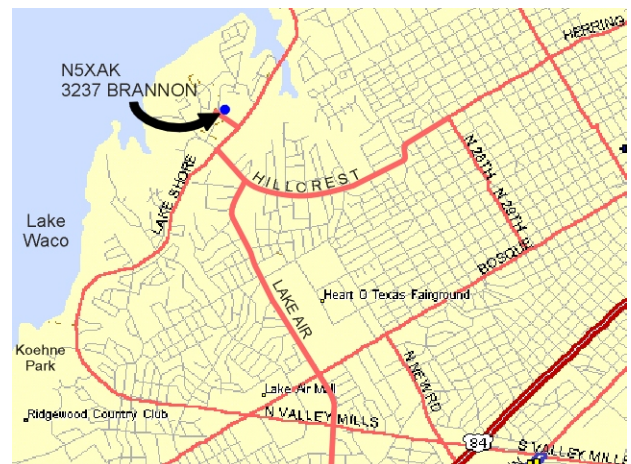
This photo of the Hamvention arena in Dayton didn't mean too much to me last year about this time. But now I very much appreciate the magnitude of this aerial shot. (If you look closely beside the blue tarp in the fourth row, I think I was waving at the helicopter when they took this shot last year.) They have about 2500 outside vendor/seller spaces, and about 550 indoor spaces, too. Folks, that is **a lot** of ham equipment for sale! What a hoot! For more info, visit their web site: <http://www.hamvention.org>

So, remember Larry W5NCD, David KC5UOZ, and I in your prayers (for safe travel both ways, and to come back with at least a little money left in our pockets). I'm sure ☺ we'll be thinking of you guys back in Waco, too! If you have any requests for something to watch for while we're browsing the aisles, give me a call with the details!

President's Column

Fellow WATS Members:

Last month's meeting at the home of Dave Boehner, K5HOT was a most enjoyable outing. Due to the absence of our Secretary-Treasurer, this month's meeting will be mild by comparison. As AC5CV will be out of town, an



alternate meeting place to the usual CORD office will be required, and I am offering my home for the May meetings. As usual, Board at 7:00 pm and Members at 7:30 pm. John has included a map to help you find the place. The address is 3237 Brannon Drive, and the number is on the mail box post. No special program has been prepared, but I will be showing off my shack. I will look forward to seeing you there on May 16th.

Your Prez,
John N5XAK

(Editor's Note: John's street, Brannon Drive, is just one block north of the traffic light at the Hillcrest-Lake Shore intersection. See the map for a bigger perspective.)

Waco Amateur Television Society (WATS) Minutes of the Board Meeting April 25, 2002

President N5XAK called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the home of Dave Boehner, K5HOT. Those attending were:

- John Gafford, N5XAK (President)
- John Chamberlain, AC5CV (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Horace Bushnell, W5TAH
- Marshall Mabry, KD5IQ

W5TAH moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the April Happenings, seconded by KD5IQ, and approved unanimously.

KD5IQ moved to accept the Financial Report as published in the April Happenings, seconded by W5TAH, and approved unanimously.

Old Business

- N5XAK reported on the effort to identify the members' preferences for how to receive the Happenings (electronically or by U.S. Mail). Three or four favored electronic distribution; none favored paper; hence, the issue is considered closed (i.e., Happenings will continue being distributed electronically).
- We have nothing to report regarding a fix to the Skycam camera's remote interface. Waiting on help from Larry Bush, W5NCD.

New Business

- AC5CV reported on plans for the upcoming Race for the Cure on April 27. Due to the passing of Jim Lovett AC5HV, AC5CV volunteered to coordinate the event for HOTARC and WATS. WATS members will send ATV pictures back to the HOTARC trailer. David Bush, KC5UOZ will serve as ATV Net Control, with remote transmitters provided by AC5CV, N5XAK, and Justin Martin KC5KQL. We'll use 144.34 MHz for a control frequency, with vertical polarization of our ATV signals on 439.25 MHz.

N5XAK heard a motion by AC5CV to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Submitted by
John Chamberlain, AC5CV
WATS Secretary/Treasurer

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Minutes of the Meeting of Members

April 25, 2002

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- John Chamberlain, AC5CV (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Horace Bushnell, W5TAH
- Marshall Mabry, KD5IQ
- Mike Ross, N5MVL
- David Bush, KC5UOZ
- Dave Boehner, K5HOT (but busy cooking burgers :-)

W5TAH moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the April Happenings, seconded by N5MVL, and approved unanimously.

W5TAH moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the March Happenings; the motion was seconded by KB5SLI, and approved unanimously.

Old Business

- N5XAK summarized the treasurer's report as published in the March Happenings, and reported that the Directors had unanimously approved it.

New Business

- AC5CV briefly reported on the plans for the special event *Race for the Cure* scheduled for Saturday April 27 (see Director's meeting minutes).

N5XAK heard a motion by KD5IQ to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm (so we could go enjoy the hamburger cookout provided by Dave Boehner and HOTARC!).

Submitted by

John Chamberlain, AC5CV
WATS Secretary/Treasurer

Financial Report

May 2002

Beginning Balance (1 April 2002)	\$635.10
Credits: \$24.00 (dues)	\$96.00
Debits: None	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
Ending Balance (30 April 2002)	\$736.18
Outstanding (as of 5-12-02):	
Credit: None	
Debits: None	

John Chamberlain, AC5CV
WATS Secretary/Treasurer

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