

Texas Adventist Emergency Communications Newsletter
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Dear Club Members,

As my first official newsletter as the Newsletter editor for TAEC I changed the format of our unofficial newsletters so that the newsletter will be more informative than it use to be.

At the club meeting this Sunday, October 17, 1999, it was decided that the newsletter should be sent out on the weekend before the club meeting so that it would not only serve as a reminder of the club meeting, but also give the membership an opportunity to review the minutes of the previous meeting so that it could be voted on at the next club meeting. I decided to go ahead and send out this newsletter with information from September's meeting.

The next newsletter will be sent out on November 15th. Please send anything you wish to put into the newsletter by November 10th.

Sincerely,
Curtis Mohr
TAEC Newsletter Editor

*** Reminders ***

- Don't forget!! All Amateur radio operators must sign up with the ULS before any changes can be made to your license, upgrades, and renewals. You can sign up online at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/>
- I'm looking for articles that can be put into the newsletters. The monthly newsletter will be mailed out on the Monday preceding the monthly meeting, so please email any articles to me no later than the five days prior to when the newsletter is sent out. I will also be making a paper newsletter to be brought to the monthly meetings for anyone who wants them.
- Don't forget that TAEC will be activated on December 31st at 11:30 p.m. to assist the Keene Police Department is any issues that develop dealing with Y2K.
- The next club meeting is on November 21st.
- I just did a complete overhaul of the TAEC web site. Any feedback is appreciated. <http://taec.cjb.net>
- The November Newsletter deadline for articles is on November 12th

*** Secretary's Report 09/19/99 ***

Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order by President Gerald Mohr (KC5PWQ), with 10 members present. August minutes were read. Motion was made to accept, seconded and passed.

New Business:

The club was presented with the results of the August 29 officers meeting. The officers discussed ways to raise money for the club, and charging dues was the idea that was voted in to be presented to the club. The charge would be \$12 individually and \$20 for the whole family. A vote was taken and passed by the members present. Motion was made to prorate the dues now and start annual dues in January, and to elect a treasurer. Motion was seconded and passed.

The position of newsletter editor was discussed, and motion was made to give that position to Curtis Mohr (KC5PWP) since he already holds the position of technical advisor. Motion was seconded and passed.

Letterhead for the club was presented for approval. Motion was made to accept, seconded and it passed.

Security for upcoming conferences was discussed. A proposal to be sent to the Rally coordinator was passed around for members to examine. A motion was made to send the proposal to the coordinator, seconded and passed. Sign up sheets were then made available for the rallies.

Protocol for using repeaters was discussed. Adding club announcements to the repeater was discussed. The possibility of a phone patch being added was also discussed.

Information on building antennas was passed out to interested members. A location was discussed for the tower.

Old Business:

The reflective tape was purchased and cost \$53.57 for 60 yards. Motion was made to send a letter on club letterhead to the store manager for her help. Motion was seconded and passed.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Gerald (KC5PWQ) to adjourn and seconded by Ray (KD5DON). Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

*** Excerpts from the Oct. 8th ARRL Newsletter **

FCC REORGANIZATION COULD MEAN BETTER HAM ENFORCEMENT

Congressional oversight committees this week approved funding to create two new FCC bureaus--Enforcement and Public Information, and Legal Adviser for Enforcement Riley

Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says Amateur Radio enforcement could improve under the new regime.

Earlier this year, FCC Chairman William Kennard proposed the creation of the new bureaus as part of his "A New FCC for the 21st Century" initiative. Kennard told an audience at Georgetown University Law Center October 5 that the two new bureaus "will go into operation in the very near future."

Amateur Radio enforcement--now under Hollingsworth in the Compliance and Information Bureau--will be consolidated under the new Enforcement Bureau. Heading the Enforcement Bureau will be FCC Deputy General Counsel David Solomon. Hollingsworth will get a new title out of the deal. Once the new bureau is established--probably by month's end--he'll become Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement. Current Compliance and Information Bureau Chief Richard Lee has been tapped to head the new Public Information Bureau.

Hollingsworth reiterated that he anticipates no changes in either the direction or momentum of amateur enforcement under the new Enforcement Bureau regime. "If anything, it will enhance it," he said Wednesday, adding that he hopes to up the percentage of time he's able to devote to amateur enforcement as a result of the reorganization. Hollingsworth's current duties also include Land Mobile Service enforcement.

Hollingsworth also says he hopes to soon hand off management of the FCC National Call Center. In July, Hollingsworth was designated to temporarily take over the Call Center (888-CALL FCC) at the Commission's Gettysburg office while NCC Director Cynthia Jeffries was detailed to other duties involving the Y2K issue.

For those of you who are not ARRL members, you can view the ARRL Newsletters at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>

Members of the ARRL who do not receive the ARRL Newsletter but wish to, can go to <http://www.arrl.org/members/> to sign up.

Mark your calendars for Swapfests/Events:

*** 1999 - 2000 ***

Nov 6-7 Odessa Hamfest Ector Co. Coliseum talk-in 145.47
 Robert Jordan N5RKN 915-335-7890
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<http://nonprofit.apex2000.net/hamfest/>

Nov 11 TAEC Newsletter Article Deadline

Nov 12-12 Tri-County ARC of North Texas

Nov 21 TAEC November Meeting; 10:00 a.m. @ Resource
 Depot North of Keene on FM 2280

Dec 10 TAEC Newsletter Article Deadline

Dec 19 TAEC December Meeting; 10:00 a.m. @ Resource
 Depot North of Keene on FM 2280

Dec 31 TAEC will be called up at 11:30 to assist
 Keene PD

Jan 7 TAEC Newsletter Article Deadline

Jan 16 TAEC January Meeting; 10:00 a.m. @ resource depot
 North of Keene on FM 2280

Feb 6 Georgetown Sunday Swapmeet 10AM setup, open 12
 Noon

Feb 11 TAEC Newsletter Article Deadline

Feb 20 TAEC February Meeting; 10:00 a.m. @ resource
 depot North of Keene on FM 2280

Mar 10 TAEC Newsletter Article Deadline

Mar 18-19 West Texas Section Convention

Mar 19 TAEC March Meeting; 10:00 a.m. @ resource depot
 North of Keene on FM 2280

Apr 1 Brenham ARC

Important Web Sites

TAEC Web site

<http://taec.cjb.net>

The KC5PWQ Web Site

<http://vip.hpnc.com/~geraldm/>

The KC5PWP Web Site

<Http://kc5pwp2.cjb.net/>

Official Austin Ham Home on the web (ARO & AARC)

<http://www.repeater.org>

ARES info can be found at:

<http://www.sss.org/~ares> (soon to be www.TCARES.org)

Newsline, P.O.Box 660937, Arcadia, California 91066

The webpage address is:

<http://www.arnewsline.org>

The e-mail address is:

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The Texas VHF-FM Society

<http://www.txvhffm.org>

Take practice Ham Tests on the web. A few locations are:

<http://www.hamtest.com>

FCC's Universal License System <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>