



AARA Newsletter



Alcatel Amateur Radio Association

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Next Meeting:

October General Membership Meeting: Changed to November 1st 5:30 p.m. due to room scheduling conflict. The club meets with the Telecom Corridor ham clubs at the MCI Campbell Creek Bldg, 2400 N Glenville Dr, Richardson.

Program: Jon Brown WB5KSD will give this month's program on Winlink 2000. Winlink 2000 utilizes enabling technologies and sound operating practices to provide a full-featured radio digital message transfer system, worldwide. Email transfer with attachments, map & text-based position reporting, graphic & text-based weather bulletin services, and emergency communications are now available to the Amateur radio community by linking radio to the Internet.

Board Of Directors Meeting: The AARA Board of Directors will meet in the AARA Club Room (20104) in Bldg 601 (PB7), 601 Data Drive, on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. All interested AARA members are invited to attend.

PB 7 and PB 11 Disappear! Important Notice!

Alcatel has removed all 'PB' numbers from the buildings. The new designations, listed below, include the building's street address to allow for improved 911 emergency response service to the campus:

PB6, 3400 W Plano Parkway, is now "3400"

PB7, 601 Data Drive, is now "601"

PB11, 2900 W Plano Parkway, is now "2900"

PB12, 660 Data Drive, is now "660"

Jupiter 5, 1700 Summit Drive, is now "1700"

Thus our clubroom is in '601' and our odd month club meetings are in '2900'. Our AARA mailing address will remain the same except that PB7 is deleted.

AARA Goals for 2005

From AARA September GMM

- (A) Double Membership
- (A) Make Clubroom useable for VHF/UHF & HF Satellite Antenna System
- Hold License Classes
- Have AARA VE Team
- Change to "New" Website
- (A) Document "NEW" Repeater Review & Update Constitution and Bylaws
- Document All Procedures
- Publish Annual Club Guidebook
- Conduct Member Interest Survey
- Conduct Non-Member Survey
- Hold Periodic "Show and Tells" in Clubroom
- Hold Lunch and Learn sessions
- (A)- Priority items do-able within 2005

Upcoming Events

Hamfest: Tri-County ARC, Azle, TX, Nov 13. <http://www.wc5c.org/>

Contests: ARRL Sweepstakes, CW – Nov 6-8, SSB – Nov 20-22. CQ WW DX, Nov 27-28. ARRL 10 Meter, Dec 11-13. www.arrl.org

Dallas White Rock Marathon, Dec 11. n5tim@arrl.net

Hams Remember Children

Excerpts from ARRL web site

We need your help.

Over the past weeks, we have all heard of the devastation in central Florida. Many hams actually heard it first hand through volunteer service or on the HF nets. While many areas of the country were affected to differing degrees, Florida was the worst. Thousands of families are without a place to live and will be homeless over the coming Holiday Season. For a child suddenly living out of a tent, or car, or someone else's home, the 2004 holiday season will be anything but jolly. But hams are coming to their rescue in a new way.

Between now and Thanksgiving, hams across the country are being asked to purchase a new child's toy and send it with a QSL card or 3x5 showing their callsign to:

Ham Radio
The United Way White Dove Project
50 Kindred Street - Suite 207
Stuart, FL 34994

Full details of this program can be

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found on the ARRL's main Web page, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/10/18/2/?nc=1>, and at the ARRL Public Relations Web page, <http://www.arrl.org/pio/> of managing such a project.

Just how bad is it really? The following numbers are from FEMA and the Red Cross

County Destroyed homes, Damaged homes, Displaced People

Charlotte	5013	12006	24235
Escambia	5224	9385	23006
Desoto	3644	2671	13445
Brevard	2607	2498	9254
Polk	2064	2520	8310
St. Lucie	840	2538	5273
Palm Beach	366	1451	2510
Indian River	1830	1759	6232
Volusia	332	1124	2056
Orange	82	325	636
Santa Rosa	938	3026	6446
Lee	331	654	1513
Osceola	158	652	1355
Martin	301	1473	2283
Hardee	367	1052	2768

You can help make the coming Holiday Season a little bit brighter for a child. Maybe it's not a new home to live in, but knowing that someone "out there" remembers you is a start for these children. Buy a toy (or three!) and send them with your QSL card today.

Minutes of the October 2004 AARA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2004
AARA Clubroom, Bldg 601 (PB7),
601 Data Dr., Plano TX

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

President Frank Krizan, KR1ZAN, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Club officers Executive Vice President Miguel Ylagan, KC5FEJ, Vice President of Operations Mark

Dempsey, N5MD, Treasurer Al Koch, KB5VSL and Secretary Clarence Sebesta, K5YO were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The September board meeting was not held. The minutes for the August board meeting were distributed by email and published in the newsletter. There were no corrections. Al MOVED and Mark SECONDED. The minutes were then APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Al submitted the transactions report that showed payment for liability and equipment insurance. He also submitted an updated budget vs. actual report. The treasurer's report was accepted for audit.

VP OPERATION'S REPORT

Repeater: The parts for the remote base are still needed to get the remote base working. John Schroeder is planning a work party in the near future.

HF Station: The cable for the Butternut Vertical is now in the clubroom by the HF station. Some receiver testing has been done with the antenna; however, no transmissions have been made with the antenna. Tests need to be done to make sure the antenna is properly tuned. Low power interference tests need to be done before high power is applied to the antenna. The cable does need to be shortened. The board discussed routing the cable to a central junction box or rack and use coax switch to route to different stations.

VHF / UHF Station: A plan for a satellite antenna system is being developed.

Internet: Miguel Ylagan is working to setup accounts on these computers so members can use them to access the Internet.

Other: The Morse code lab has been setup in the clubroom by Mark. (WOW!) The teacher station has been

setup in the office cubical. A student station was also setup in the office cubical and two student stations were setup in the UHF/VHF cubical. Addition student boxes were used as connectors to make cables long enough to connect the stations together. These boxes were not made into stations because there weren't enough headsets or keys. The teacher station has not been connected to a computer or tape player. More headsets are needed.

EXECUTIVE VP'S REPORT

Programs: The October Telecom Corridor meeting will be held on Monday, November 1st, due to room scheduling problems. The program will be "WinLink 2000" and will be presented by Jon Brown, WB5KSD.

The November GMM will be held on the 3rd Tuesday November 16th that includes the annual election of officers and a preliminary budget for next year. The program will either be a short program by Thorsten Prutz K5UTD on the HF Remote Base at UTD or a brief overview of the repeater by Frank Krizan.

Miguel showed a marketing brochure that could be used to promote the club.

Due to the company dropping the PB numbers from the buildings, the club needs to change the address where appropriate. Al is changing the insurance address and Clarence is checking on other areas. Mark to revise trustee address. The mailing address stays the same except PB7 can be omitted. The newsletter will present the changes. The old PB numbers will be shown in parenthesis to aid in the transition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Frank said that the non-employee access should be available in a few days. In the beginning, Security will escort the non-employee to the clubroom. Those approved will be notified.

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OLD BUSINESS

Training: Frank suggested that the club order the ARRL technician training course DVD and additional manuals. He noted that the general and extra class training hasn't been effective in the past.

Frank asked Al and Clarence to find out about the IRS financial limits for a non-profit club to be tax exempt.

NEW BUSINESS

AARA Web Site: Frank made a MOTION authorizing the web master to establish an Internet web site on behalf of the AARA at a cost not to exceed \$225 for a 2-year service contract including a 3-year domain registration. Mark MOVED and Al SECONDED. After a brief discussion, the MOTION passed. Frank will notify Eric Wolf KG4VPV to proceed.

2004 Operating Budget: Frank noted that the club needs to make purchases as shown in the membership approved operating budget before year-end to avoid a reconciliation of the operating budget payment from Alcatel. The list included: ARRL training materials (Frank), spectrum defense fund (Al), Xmas door prizes (Miguel), Skywarn Recognition QSL cards (Frank), web site and registration (Eric – paid by Al).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mark MOVED that the meeting be adjourned. Al SECONDED. The motion was APPROVED and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Sebesta, K5YO – Secretary

Minutes of the September 2004 AARA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2004
Alcatel USA, Bldg 2900 (PB11)
2900 W Plano Parkway, Plano, TX

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

President Frank Krizan, KR1ZAN, called the meeting to order at 1736 CDST. Other officers attending the meeting were Executive Vice President Miguel Ylagan, KC5FEJ, Vice President of Operations Mark Dempsy, N5MD, and Secretary Clarence Sebesta K5YO. Also attending were Clyde Heath, K5NCH, Eric Wolf, KG4VPV, and John Schroeder, K5ZMJ.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes for the August GMM were published in the newsletter. There being no other corrections, Miguel MOVED and Mark SECONDED and the minutes were APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark distributed the current credit union transaction register and budget vs. actual expense reports for Treasurer Al Koch. The financial report was submitted for audit.

VP OPERATION'S REPORT

Repeater: The remote base will be fixed when the replacement parts are installed. John Schroeder brought the part to the meeting.

HF Station: The cable for the Butternut vertical is now in the clubroom by the HF station. The cable does need to be shortened. Some receiver testing has been done with the antenna; however, no transmissions have been made with the antenna. Tests need to be done to make sure the antenna is properly tuned. Low power inference tests need to be done before high power is applied to the antenna. John Schroeder offered his MFJ analyzer for antenna testing since the club's analyzer is out on loan.

VHF / UHF Station: A plan for a satellite antenna system is being developed. Mark presented a preliminary list of items needed.

Internet: Miguel Ylagan is working to setup accounts on these computers so our members can use them to access the Internet. He moved to contents from the old computer to the new ones. Suggested names for the computers are "W5VV" and "AARA".

EXECUTIVE VP'S REPORT

Miguel Ylagan regretted the cancellation of the evening's speaker, Thorsten Prutz, but expects him to give the program at a later date. Future programs may include the North Texas Balloon Project. The October Telecom Corridor meeting will have a program on WinLink 2000. The November meeting will have election of officers and a program about the new repeater. The Telecom Corridor may have an Xmas dinner in December.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Frank noted the change in tonight's program and told briefly of his use of APRS while traveling. He thanked all for continuing the clubroom progress and repeater work and hoped to have a work party finish up the work. He noted that the November meeting for annual elections would be on the third Tuesday to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving week.

NEW BUSINESS - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mark MOVED that the meeting be adjourned. Miguel SECONDED. The motion was APPROVED and the meeting was adjourned at 1819 CDST.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Sebesta K5YO Secretary

PROGRAM: Open forum on **AARA Goals for 2005** led by Frank Krizan after an ice cream break.

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AARA Club Information

AARA General Meetings are held at 5:30 pm of the 4th Tuesday except for November, which meets on the 3rd Tuesday. On odd numbered months, the club meets in Room 1204 of building 2900 (was PB11) at 2900 W Plano Parkway, southwest corner of Plano Parkway and Independence, Plano. On even number months, the club meets with the Telecom Corridor ham clubs at the MCI Campbell Creek Bldg, 2400 N Glenville Dr, Richardson. In June and December, the club joins the Telecom Corridor clubs for a dinner party.

AARA Board Meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday in the AARA clubroom. AARA members welcome.

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