

Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club

2012 CLUB OFFICERS

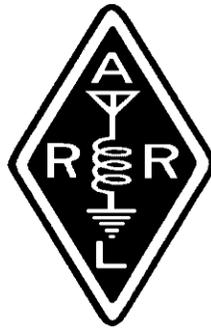
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club is to support and promote Amateur Radio by public service, offering training to unlicensed interested parties and licensed Amateurs, mutual support of other Amateurs, engaging events that promote Amateur radio to the general public and other Amateur radio operators, and continuing fellowship by regularly scheduled organized meetings and events.



OCTOBER MINUTES

The October meeting of the Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club (NARC) was held as scheduled on October 3rd. Vice-President Mike KF5KEY, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church. Fourteen members and two guests were present. Each person present introduced himself. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. The Treasurer's report was read.

Contest report:
W5NAC (AE5P) and **K5ME** worked the Texas QSO

Party. Excellent conditions this year.

Old Business:

Lufkin Hamfest is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 at the Lufkin Church of the Nazarene on East Loop 227. NARC will provide VE testing at the event.

Skywarn training is scheduled for Thursday November 1 in Lufkin.

Piney Woods Purgatory Bicycle Race is scheduled for Saturday October 6.

New Business:

Wayne N6NB is expected to arrive in Nacogdoches this weekend with his new roving van and tower trailer.

The NARC weekly luncheons have settled on every Wednesday at 11:30

a.m. at Clear Springs Restaurant in Nacogdoches. All are welcome to join us.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22.

Program: **Robert KD5FEE** presented a program on ARES and proper net protocol.

NEW CALLSIGNS

Kenny KF5KLW is now **K5KNY**. Congratulations on the new call.

OSCILLATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Hello to All NARC members and readers.

October is almost gone which means the end to Daylight Savings time for a few months. On Sunday, November 4, our clocks are turned back one hour to reflect the "real time" as some folks like to call it.

This is also the time that it is recommended that you change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

While you are falling back and replacing batteries, you might as well give the equipment a once over to see if your amateur radio system is ready for the cold weather that is coming.

As this article is being written, our fellows Americans in the Northeast are suffering from the effects of Super Storm Sandy. I saw where the W1AW station just had their semi-annual antenna inspection with some repairs. I checked their site today to see if they were indicating any damage from the storm but nothing was listed. Depending on the winds in the area of Newington, they may have to have another antenna party. Hopefully, their systems made it through the storm without difficulties.

For our next meeting, we will be discussing the Christmas party. Be sure

to look around the ham shack for those items that you can sell in the White Elephant sell at the party. I hope that we can make contact with some of our local hams that have not been making the meetings and get them to come to the party.

That is all for now, hope to see you at the meeting.

73,
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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings to one and all, or maybe I should say, "Nihau." With the addition of two or three more words, I could expend my complete Chinese vocabulary. As I have spent very little time on things radio during the last month, I thought that I would pass on a few thoughts regarding my trip to China. The itinerary was Houston to San Francisco, SF to Beijing, Beijing to Xian, Xian to

Chengdu, Chengdu to Hong Kong, Hong Kong to Guilin, Guilin to Shanghai, Shanghai to Beijing, Beijing to San Francisco, SF to Houston and finally to Nacogdoches. I have taken trips with more than 10 flights, but I was much younger. I have to admit, this was a tough trip on old folks...

Anyway, I guess that the most astounding aspect of the trip was the Westernization of China. Not that I hadn't seen endless documentaries about the modernization of China, but it was ever so much more that I had expected. In almost any city that we visited, you could close your eyes and feel that you were in any large, crowded western city. The standing joke told to foreigners by the Chinese: "Do you know the Chinese national bird? No? It is the crane." And they then point up to the high-rise buildings going up in any direction to the cranes poised atop these structures hauling materials to the top. And it is true. Anywhere you

look, there is constant construction.

The people: I now know what it feels like to be a minority. The vast majority of the Chinese have never seen a white westerner. Although they try not to be rude about it, often someone will simply stop, open-mouthed to stare at the "foreign devil." And these are extremely polite people...if you catch them looking at you, they will quickly look away, but will try to look at you on the sly. And if you will acknowledge them, bob your head and smile, they light up and try to talk to you if they can. Very quickly, you become surrounded by a mob of people who want their picture taken with you. Often times there would be 20 or more people gathered round to get in the photo with cameras passing back and forth...quite fun. And I have never been in a country where people were kinder. If the wife and I were standing on a street, looking at a map, invariably someone would stop and

ask if they could help. Whenever we took a subway and were standing in some station looking at the route maps, someone would always stop and ask, "Do you need help?" Not only would they point out which route to take, but would lead us to the correct platform and stand there with us until the train came. One time, the person even got on the train with us and guided us to our stop. When I asked if this was his stop also, he stated that he was going in the opposite direction and just came to make sure we found the right stop! I can't help but wonder what that same good samaritan would encounter if he were to be lost in a subway in one of our big cities.

I could go on for hours about our experiences in China, but this is not supposed to be a travelogue.

As concerns things in the radio world, I spent a great Saturday morning at the Lufkin Hamfest. Army and I left Nac about 6:30

AM and made our way to the Hamfest. Things were already going well when we arrived. A good number of tables were filled with all manner of goodies, and we had a fine time browsing...over and over. A big hand to Jerry Wilson for all his hard work in organizing this fest. A great number of door prizes were given away as well as a grand prize of an ICOM 7200. Free breakfast provided by the Golden Corral...a group of VE's provided test facilities for those who were trying to become hams or upgrade. All in all, a very well presented Hamfest....kudos to all those whose good works made this possible.

I have had a great deal of luck lately on the HF bands...everything was open with the exception of 6 meters. Made a lot of good contacts and had a lot of fun doing it. What a great hobby we have....

Anyway, as I said, I haven't had much time to devote to radio this past month, so I'll cut this

short. Hope to see you all at the next NARC meeting in November.

73 to all....

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VE TESTING

Our next VE testing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church. Applicants should bring a picture ID, the original and a copy of their current Amateur license, the original of any CSCE's and \$15 to cover the cost of the exam(s). Correct change is always very much appreciated. 73 de AE5P

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CLUB NETS

Remember to join us each week for the 2-meter

nets sponsored by NARC. Each **MONDAY** is the **NARC ARES/RACES** net, at 8:00 p.m. on the club's 146.84 repeater (PL 141.3). Second, on **THURSDAY** evenings at 8:00 p.m. is the **Deep East Texas Skywarn Emergency Weather Net** on the 147.32 repeater (PL 141.3). Please join us for one or both. We are always looking for folks who would like to become net control operators. If you are interested, please contact any of the existing net controls. We will be pleased to help you in any way we can.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday November 7th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church. The church is at the corner of Starr and Mound Streets in Nacogdoches.

Election of officers for the next year is scheduled.

Please come join us and bring a friend.

BASIC ANTENNAS**PART 47**

by

Thomas Atchison W5TV

Basic antennas is taking a well-earned vacation this month. Tune in again next month, same time, same place for more interesting information on antennas and more.