



W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, November 9, 2017

Draft Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

President/KG5LYQ called the meeting to order at 1930. Vice-President/AG5JH, Treasurer/KG5SDD and Secretary/KF5TZN were also present. There were 9 voting members, 1 non-voting members, and 3 visitors present. The quorum requirement was certified by KF5TZN.

President's Report:

- **SRT:** The Sounding Rocket Team tested on November 3rd. All 18 passed! W5AC would like to thank W5VUI and others from W5BCS, and W5AC members W5QZ, W5MHN, and KG5LYQ for acting as VEs!
- **Weekly Net Help:** In the upcoming weeks, there will be a few openings for net control operator on Monday evenings. If this interest you, please contact KG5LYQ.
- **Social Media/Newsletter:** W5AC has ratified the proposed changes to the constitution that formalize the Public Relations Director position. KG5LYQ will function as the Public Relations Director in the interim. If you are interested in filling this role in Spring 2018, please contact the club officers. KG5LYQ requests that any member with content for the newsletter, please contact him.

Vice-President's Report:

- **MSC Open House:** W5AC club officers will be registering the club for the Spring MSC Open House soon. Monitor the listserv for additional information on participation opportunities.
- **T-Shirts:** W5AC has T-Shirts for sale. The shirts with white text are \$10 and the shirts with black text are \$5.

Treasurer's Report: KG5SDD presented an overview of the state of the club's finances since the last meeting.

Secretary Report: KF5TZN reviewed the minutes from the October 2017 Monthly Business Meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read and was seconded – the motion passed on a voice vote.

QSL Manager's Report: W5MHN provided the following updates:

- **Worked:** 310 mixed entities worked
- **Confirmed:** 306 confirmed
- **Band/Mode Matrix:** 6/4
- **Bulletin Board:** W5MHN gave an overview of the documents on the bulletin board.



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Club Business:

Old Business:

- **Constitution Changes:** As a voting quorum was certified W5AC was able to vote on the proposed constitution changes.
 - **Treasurer and Secretary:** Passed unanimously as amended.
 - **Historian and Webmaster:** Passed unanimously. Positions to be filled by W5QZ and KA5VLC, respectively.
 - **Public Relations Director:** Passed unanimously.
- **ARES SET:** On Saturday, October 14th ARES conducted a simulated emergency test (SET). This is an event that helps to ensure that radio amateurs and specifically the ARES group is able to assist in the face of emergencies. W5MHN and KG5LYQ both participated.
- **School Club Roundup:** October 16th through 20th, 9 W5AC member were able to operate for a cumulative 10 hours in the ARRL School Club Roundup. Totaling a final score of 71,100 points and 5th in the college division. Most contacts were phone, with some being digital and CW.
- **CQ WW DX:** October 27th and 28th the CQ World Wide DX Contest was active. This contest focuses on contacting stations outside of your country. KF5ZPP, KG5LYQ, and KF5TZN were all able to make a few contacts over the weekend.

New Business:

- **November Sweepstakes:** This contest is held from November 18th through 20th and focuses on exchanging QSOs between US and Canadian stations. We will be operating under the school club category. If you wish to participate, contact KG5LYQ.
- **December Parade:** W5AC has been ask to help provide communications and logistics support for the B/CS Christmas Parade. The parade will be on Sunday, December 3rd. Monitor the listserv for more information as to how to participate.

Good of the Order:

- **Test Sessions:** The next test session will be conducted by W5BCS in February.
- **JOTA:** W5QZ was able to conduct the JOTA event at the Bovay Scout Ranch. 100's of scouts were able to foxhunt and make QRP contacts with stations in Grimes county.
- **ARES Meeting:** Monday, November 13th the ARES group will meet and discuss the Christmas Parade and have an ARES guest.
- **W5BCS Meeting:** Next W5BCS meeting will be held on Saturday November 18th at 9:30am.
- **November Membership Dues:** Voting: \$22, Non-Voting = \$20



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Next Meeting: The December Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 1930.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2022.

Program:

- **2m Phased Array:** KF5TZN presented on a 2m phased array he constructed earlier this semester.
- **Allstar Node:** WG1GEM presented on the Allstar node he made and demonstrated its operation. He also gave a comparison of Allstar and other similar nodes.
- **Repeater Proof of Concept:** KG5SDD presented a small and inexpensive cross band repeater Proof of Concept.
- **Phone Patch:** KG5VGM presented on a phone patch system he constructed and demonstrated its use.

Respectively submitted,

Kyle Flaherty/KF5TZN

TAMU ARC Secretary



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Callsign Index:

Joshua Shaffer	AG5JH
Valerie Castellano	KA5VLC
Kyle Flaherty	KF5TZN
Lucas Hastings	KG5LYQ
Jacob Morgan	KG5SDD
Marty Nau	W5MHN
Dave Gent	W5QZ
Kevin Glueck	N5TLT
Bill Preston	KZ3G
Connor Farrell	WG1GEM
Jace Nelson	KE0MXN
John Kliewer	AC5NB
Matthew Conn	KG5VGM
John Walker	W1JCW
Davis Hutto	KF5ZPP



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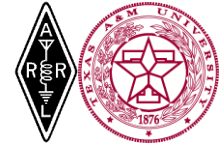
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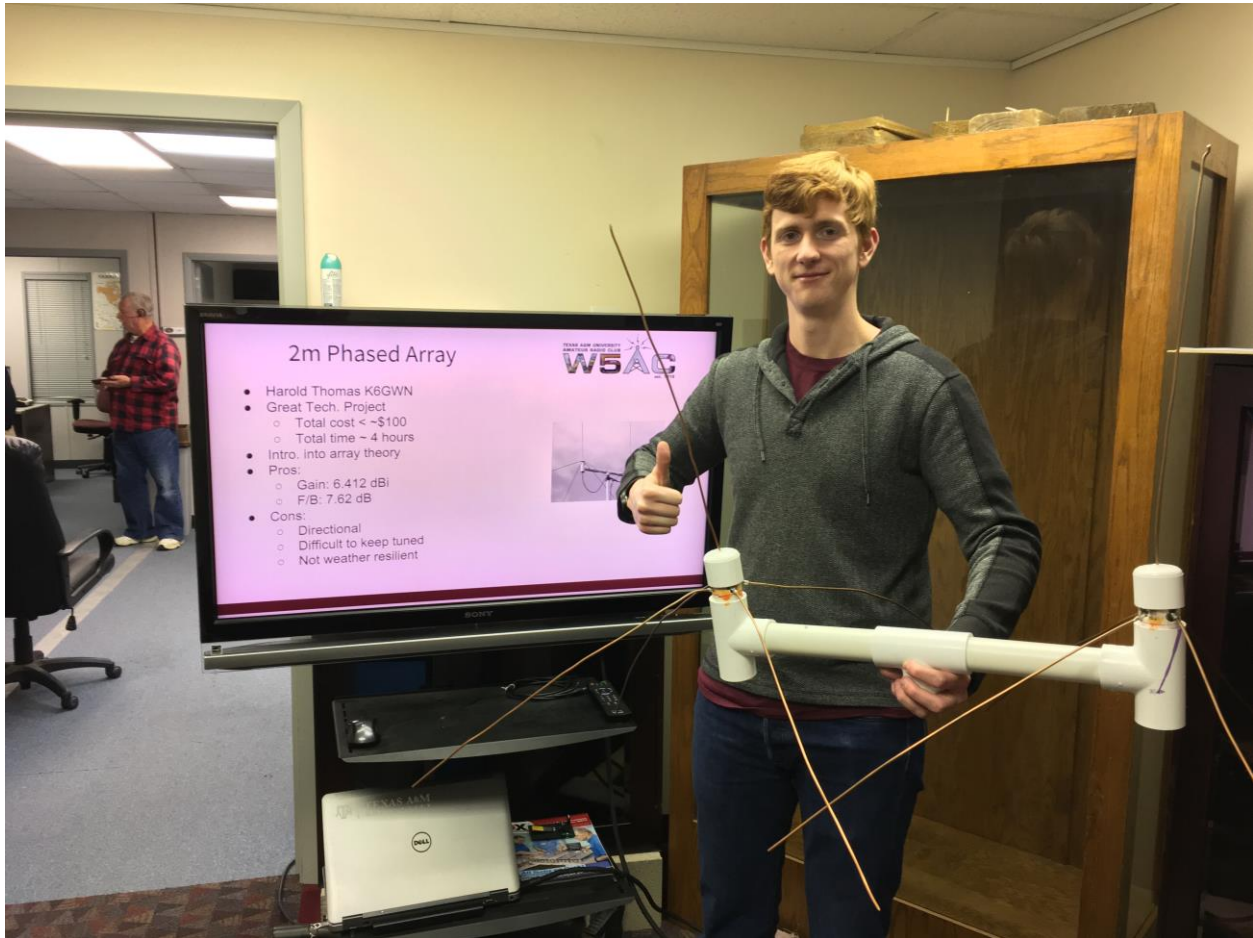
Left to Right: Bill (KZ3G), Davis (KF5ZPP), Matt (KG5VGM), Connor (WG1GEM), Joshua (AG5JH), Jacob (KG5SDD), John (W1JCW), Kevin (N5TLT), Kyle (KF5TZN), Dave (W5QZ), Lucas (KG5LYQ).



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Left to Right: Demos from Connor (WG1GEM), Jacob (KG5SDD), and Matt (KG5VGM).



Kyle (KF5TZN) and his 2m phased array