

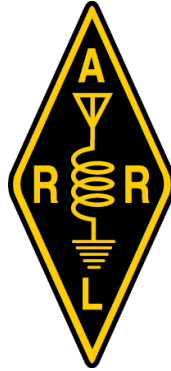
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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Hello again, it's April.

March winds have come and gone, so hopefully April will bring us some much-needed showers.

Our usual corned beef and cabbage St. Patrick's Day dinner was cancelled due to the closeness of our Palm Sunday breakfast. We had instead, a game night, which was patronized sparsely, with only Club officers in attendance.

Our Palm Sunday breakfast was likewise poorly attended. I think we need to devise a plan to activate more Club members to attend Club functions.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is Easter Sunday this year. I hope we will all remember the reason for this day. The following Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, will be the "Our Colors Run Together" 5K run/walk race at Cohen Stadium. Local HAM's have been asked to provide communication support. If you are interested, please contact Lew, KB5HPT for more information.

We will be holding a VE testing session on April 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 am. Contact me for more information if you are interested.

The "Texas State Parks on the Air" is coming up the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8.

Our next business meeting will be Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>! Where's my rabbit's foot? A little salt over the shoulder maybe. Superstitious? Me? LOL

And finally, from "HAM Radio News El Paso," China's space station, Tiangong-1 (Mandarin for "Heavenly Palace"), is currently falling toward Earth, estimated to reenter our atmosphere sometime between about March 30 and April 2. If this event is visible from our area, a "Sky is Falling" Net will be initiated on the Amigo Repeater System, and hams can call in any sightings. The first ham in El Paso County who is struck directly by any space debris from this space station event will be awarded a Chinese handheld radio. Offer void if the space station crashes to earth on April 1st. You must be alive to win. Only one radio will be awarded. Value not to exceed \$25!!

Well, that's about it. I hope everyone has a safe month. I look forward to seeing y'all at Club functions this month.

Best 73,

Paul, K1DPR

Visit us on the web: [www.qsl.net/w5es](http://www.qsl.net/w5es)



## **EC Bulletin**

When amateur radio operators are asked to define the amateur radio service most of the time they will not respond by telling what the amateur radio service is today or what it can be. Instead they respond with what the amateur radio service was back in the “good ole days.” Through experimentation and development breakthroughs by amateur radio operators the amateur radio service has been on the cutting edge of technology for years. But, for some reason we are putting so much emphasis on outdated technology and as a result technology is passing us by.



Don't misunderstand me. That outdated technology has an important place in the history of the amateur radio service. But technology has come a long way since those “good ole days.” “When all else fails” so will our outdated technology. It will fail because we are ignoring the fact that to offer a viable service to our communities we must adapt to the present technology. It will fail because the newer technologies are becoming the major systems of communication today. We must keep progressing with time otherwise amateur radio will die from lack of interest.

Let me say “Thank You” to those who brought the amateur radio service to the level of technology that it is today. But it's time to hand the baton over and let the younger generation take the lead and start experimenting with and developing the new amateur radio service. The old technologies will die out so that the new technologies can take the lead. We cannot stop progress. If we don't update our services to the communities we will be left eating a cloud of dust, and there will be no services to offer to the communities.

Questions and comments are welcome and encouraged. Send an email to the address shown below.

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## **Birthdays in April**

Gene Tucker	KF5EAJ	April 9
Tony McLean	W5AAM	April 16
Gerald Held	KF5NHF	April 19
Carelton Talbot	KC5MRM	April 24

## **Silent Key – Kay Murrah**

We have received word that Mary Kay Murrah, N5JOC passed away recently. No details were given

## **“Our Colors “ 5K Race April 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual 5K Race will be held on Kenworthy and Dianna streets with a finish at the Baseball Field starting at 8:00 AM Area Hams are supporting communications with Mesh Nodes and Handheld radios using the W5ES Repeater. For more information, contact Lew at: [kb5hpt@arrl.net](mailto:kb5hpt@arrl.net)

## **Young Marines April 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00AM**

We have agreed to give a presentation and demonstration of Radio to the Young Marines group On Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> at the clubhouse with hot dogs, chips, and sodas to follow.

## **TSPOTA April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Lake Area Amateur Radio Club (K5LRK) is organizing the Texas State Parks on the Air event again. The event will take place on April 7 – 8, 2018. Info on the event can be found on the website: [tspota.org](http://tspota.org) Check that site out for rules and a list of all Texas State Parks designators

## VE session Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Testing will be held at the W5ES club house located at 2100 San Diego, at the corner of Cotton and San Diego. The license exam session starts at 9:00AM MDT. Tests are \$15.00, and a current photo I.D. is required. If you are upgrading, the VE team will need a copy of your current license that they can keep, to send in with your passing test results.

For information about testing or arranging for one of Mr. Emert's very successful review classes, contact Clay at 915-859-5502 or email him at [cemert@elp.rr.com](mailto:cemert@elp.rr.com)

## The Bilingual Digital Radio Club Saturday April 14 at 1:00PM MDT

The Bilingual Digital Radio Club will meet Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> at the W5ES Clubhouse and we will hold our sale right after the meeting at 2:30PM.

For information about the Bilingual Digital Radio Club, contact Joel – N6TOC @ 915-500-2042 or email him @ [n6toc@yahoo.com](mailto:n6toc@yahoo.com)

## Repeaters

The W5ES repeater frequency is 443.150 MHz with a positive 5MHz offset and CTCSS tone of 173.8 Hz. The Repeater will handle analog and C4FM digital.

## Our WIRES-X Node number is 11584 Our WIRES-X Room number is 21584

W5ES Members have several repeaters active at the club house and on the Eastside of El Paso as follows:

KE5OIB – 147.360 +Offset PL 192.8 with Club Announcements

KE5OIB - 444.750 + offset, PL 192.8 with Club Announcements

N6TOC - 444.375 + offset, PL 100 with Club Announcements & ECHOLINK, node-2975

## ADVERTISING

The editor will accept ads submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of any month to appear in the next bulletin. Any member can place a personal ad to sell equipment free of charge! Commercial ads will be listed for \$ 5:00 per month. Call Paul (915) 253-4952 to place your ad!

## BDRC NEWS

Joel – N6TOC and Tom KE5OIB had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. John Elliot – KF5NXR. John is the Vice President of the Rockwall Amateur Radio Club – K5RKW His Call sign is KF5NXR He's been a ham for 6 years. He loves HF and digital modes! His day job is a Wireless Consulting Engineer for Cisco Advanced Service Federal He's in town for the El Paso Regional Robotics Competition held at the Convention Center downtown. He's a mentor for his sons' robotics team, the Black Hawks team # 3310. They finished 2nd in the world last year so they have their work cut out for them this year.

### .Good luck to his team...

Well, if you have been by the club house lately, you would notice that the pile of items, that we have for sale, is dwindling. (thank goodness)  
If you see something that you want, please contact us.

We just sold an Icom-7000. (posted, listed, and sold on the same day)

*Hi Joel*

*Sorry I did not get back to you sooner.*

*I received the radio in excellent condition and its working great.*

*Thank you for the help.*

73

*Mxxx Mxxxxxx*

We have another Icom IC-706-MKIIG. This was just listed on QTH.com for sale.

We also have the Yaesu FT-450, and another Yaesu FT-100.

Once again, to my knowledge, we have not had any returns or complaints on any radio that we say is working. (*I am still keeping my fingers crossed.*)

>>>>>>ALL ITEMS ARE SOLD AS IS.<<<<<<<<

### **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**

Don't quote me on this and I am not sure yet, but if possible, we will have free drinks and snacks while they last.

If you have something that you would like to sell on consignment, please feel free to bring it. It is a 20% consignment charge that goes to benefit W5ES.

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## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b><u>HAPPY</u></b> <b><u>EASTER</u></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Border Chorders Rehearsal 7:00PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM KSWPH meeting 3709 Wickham	<b>7</b> VE SESSION W%ES 2100 San Diego 9:00AM-12:00PM BDRC SALE
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Border Chorders Rehearsal 7:00PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> WSES 8:00 PM Business Meeting	<b>14</b> WSES Trustees Meeting BDRC Meeting
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Keep El Paso Beautiful Mtg. 5:00 PM	<b>17</b> Border Chorders Rehearsal 7:00PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM KSWPH meeting 3709 Wickham	<b>21</b> QCWA MEETING Young Marines Presentation 9:00 – 1200Noon
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Border Chorders Rehearsal 7:00PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Prospector's Club Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>27</b> WSES 6:00 PM Italian Dinner	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					