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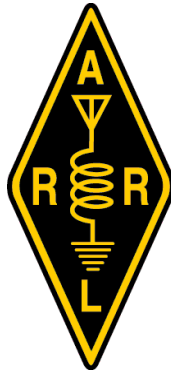


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings fellow HAMs,

July is in the can, as they say in Hollywood, and the hot August wind is blowing down our necks. Labor Day is waiting in the wings and before you know it, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be full upon us.

Our regular business meeting was well attended with seven members and five guests gracing our portals. Our Mexican Dinner was less well-attended. Several members called in sick and I suspect several others were away on vacation.

Starting with our August business meeting, I plan to start the process for selecting new Club officers. Elections will be held in October, so starting to seek new candidates will be in order. I hope everyone will consider serving in some leadership capacity.

Coming up this month will be our outdoor picnic. We have invited our cross-town friends from SCARC, K5WPH to join with us in the festivities. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and the usual picnic fare will be served. Saturday, August 25th, 4:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. The usual dinner on Friday night is cancelled.

A big shout out to Paul, AE5OJ, Tom KE5OIB, Joel, N6TOC, and others who have overseen repair and maintenance of our clubhouse air-cooling systems. We used them during our dinner meeting and they worked well. Many thanks to all involved.

Saturday August 4th will be our bi-monthly VE session starting at 9 a.m. sharp. All persons who would like to test for a new license or upgrade their current one are cordially invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call Paul, AE5OJ, our VEC liaison at (915)253-4952.

Don't forget the Alamogordo Ham fest and Duke City Ham fest coming soon. Check following pages for more details.

Best wishes to all in the coming months,

73, Paul, K1DPR



Visit us on the web: www.qsl.net/w5es

DEC Bulletin

The next time you attend an amateur radio club meeting or gathering ask the attending members for a definition of the Amateur Radio Service of today. My guess is if you get a definition at all it will be of what the service use to be, not what it is or can be. The Amateur Radio Service has for years always been on the cutting edge of technology. Many amateur radio operators are responsible for new technology developments in today's industry. But, when it comes to amateur radio we are in a time when we put more effort in an outdated technology and are slow to adapt to a new technology.

“Hindsight is twenty-twenty” is a true statement. The CW, AM and SSB will always be an important part of our amateur radio history. For the most part this is probably why the definition you get will be what it is. In today's Ham society when you here the phrase “when all else fails”, so will amateur radio. No matter how sound the older technologies were, our systems will fail today because we are failing to progress. Without advancement amateur radio is on a collision course to failure. It will die do to the lack of interest. It will fail because the primary modes of the new communication will be over the heads of the growing population of the ageing, uninterested amateur radio operators.

We need to ensure that we continue to recruit new younger Hams and continue the development of new technology in the Amateur Radio Service. “Elmer or Elmering” is a term that is hardly ever used anymore in the local amateur radio clubs. The term “Elmer” means to foster, train, and promote growth of new Hams. Elmers do not need to know the future, but they shouldn't hold new Hams in the past. For amateur radio to progress Elmers should pass on knowledge and assist in getting the new Hams station on the air. Let the new Hams have their own new experiences.



We should not ridicule new or upgrading amateurs for wanting to adapt to the new technologies or modes. We should not condemn them for not wanting to spend time learning the older technologies, just as we cannot condemn the older Hams for their wanting to spend their time on SSB or CW. Through the new amateur's accomplishments, we will keep the history of amateur radio alive. We need to continue to build a bridge so that the old remains the important part of our history but providing new technology will lead the service into the future of communications.

Rest assured that when the freshly graduated engineers enter the workforce they spend no time learning the old programs or technology. They are put to work using the new knowledge and technology they brought to the table from college. Older technology will die and pass away making room for new technology. Some of the old traditions will be lost, but new ones will be formed and take their place. We in amateur radio are no different. We cannot hold back the future. One thing is for sure in life – it will change. So, get onboard and help the Amateur Radio Service move on into the future.

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

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Birthdays in August

Charlie Bell	KG5WTQ	August 1 st
John Golden	KE5ZED	August 3 rd
Rick Reynolds	NJ5W	August 5 th
Jim Rivera	N5EPT	August 6 th
John Kind	K2OLI	August 14 th
Joel Rodriguez	N6TOC	August 18 th
Bob Carrick	W5WOM	August 23 rd
John Moore	N5RK	August 26 th
Albert Snelling	KF5YBW	August 26 th

Coolers are working Again!

A BIG 73 and thank you! To Tom KE5OIB and Joel N6TOC for climbing on the roof to replace the missing cooler panel. All the few enchilada eaters on Friday were very grateful. **THANKS, GUYS**

W5ES Picnic August 25th 4:00 PM

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Alamogordo Ham fest September 1

The Alamogordo 34th Annual Ham fest will be held Saturday, September 1st at the **Otero County** Fairgrounds, 401 Fairground spreading Alamogordo, N M 88310

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Duke City Ham fest Sept 21-23

New Mexico Hamvention, Inc., organizer of the Albuquerque Duke City Ham fest, is delighted to announce that the ham fest will host the ARRL's Rocky Mountain Division Convention this year. The combined meeting, which runs from **Sept. 21-23, 2018**, will be held at the Isleta Resort and Casino's convention facility, on the historic Isleta Pueblo, just a stone's throw south of Albuquerque's Support. For more details and registration go to website: www.dukecityhamfest.org/reserveandregister

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

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 7:00 PM K5WPH meeting 3709 Wickham	4 VE SESSION W5ES 2100 San Diego 9:00AM-12:00PM
5	6	7	8	9	10 W5ES 8:00 PM Business Meeting	11
12	13 Keep El Paso Beautiful Mtg. 5:00 PM	14	15	16	17 7:00 PM K5WPH meeting 3709 Wickham	18 QCWA MEETING
19	20	21 Border Chorders Rehearsal 7:00 PM	22	23 Prospector's Club Meeting 7:00 PM	24	25 W5ES 4:00 PM Picnic
26	27	28	29	30	31	