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*Happy Valentine's Day*

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**It's February already!**

Our covered Dish Supper was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. It would ordinarily have been the WAE Banquet but since Ten Meters was so dismal last year, we couldn't have a contest. Hopefully it will improve for next November's contest. BUT we did have some really good food, good company and great conversations.

Missing, however, were John Moore and Lorena, and Manny Gonzalez and Sharon. Both men are recuperating and will hopefully be up to full speed soon. Gene Tucker also missed. He lost his Mother in Law, Gloria Atts. We send our condolences, Gene.

The Board of Trustees met and produced the budget for 2019. There is a considerable shortfall. It will be presented at the business meeting on Feb. 8 at 7:00 pm. We also will work on the calendar of events for the coming year. Our second meeting on Feb. 22 will be our Fish Fry. Come one, come all. We try to begin serving at 6:00 pm

We are still working on collecting dues. Several years ago, we lost Mary KA5EWJ who was so faithful to remind everyone when their dues were due. She was irreplaceable. It was decided as a club to make all dues payable in January of each year making it really easy to remember. If, however you paid last year in the middle of the year, you can adjust your payment to catch you up to December. For instance, I paid my dues in May 2018. So now if I pay for June to December, 7 months at \$2.00/month or \$14.00, I'll be ready in January to pay a full year.

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Mary WB5UNG

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## DEC Bulletin

The number of participating Amateur Radio operators during exercises or Public Service Events will have a large impact on the future of Amateur Radio providing any kind of communications in El Paso County, emergency or otherwise. We are perceived as *volunteers* in the eyes of the Agencies and Emergency Management. From their standpoint *volunteers* are unreliable and planning unknowns.

Coordinating exercises and Public Service Events doesn't happen overnight. There is a lot of time and effort that goes into planning these events. Time off from work must be coordinated to attend planning meetings for some people. When events are planned and advertised, and only a couple of people show up the agencies take notice. This gives an impression of how reliable we, as *volunteers* will be in an actual emergency. We also need to be careful of how we talk when we are around agency officials. They are only interested in--*can we deliver their messages accurately and in a timely and efficient manner.* They could care less how we do it, or what we use to do it with. Participation in EMCOMM and participation in the Public Service Events is the *Service* aspect of Amateur Radio. It's not the hobby. Agency personnel are professionals in their fields and expect a professional service.

The purpose of an exercise is to test *The Plan* (the Standard Operating Procedure), and to get the members accustomed to working as a *Team*. For the members to function as a *Team* the members must attend training sessions together. The *Plan* is developed to act as a guide for those people responding to a situation. It doesn't solve all problems but points the individual in the right direction to find a solution to the problem. It takes *People* to make *The Plan* work.

During the SET (Simulated Emergency Test) when *volunteer* communicators are requested on a Resource Net on the 146.70 repeater, or at the club meetings, or on the nets don't be afraid to speak up. It's not a crime to step up to the plate and raise your hand and say, "*I'd like to volunteer.*" Amateur Radio



Operators in other parts of the United States are known for their willingness to *volunteer* as EMCOMM operators, and for Public Service Events. To become part of the *team*, contact any ARES® member or me as shown below. It's the people that are going to make a favorable impression. Our success or failure is in the numbers.

### Other News

Join me at the Sun City club on February 15 (7 PM) where I will be talking about the new changes being made by ARRL, Section Manager and Section Emergency Coordinator to ARES®. We have a completely different way we operate now. The past is past and the future in ARES® is bright.

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

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## Birthdays in February

Ralph Shorts	K5SHO	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>
Del Greenhalgh	AB7HQ	Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>
Penny Faulkenberry		Feb 19
Nadine Hiatt	KA5ZLX	Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday!



**NADINE!**

## VE Session Feb. 2 9:00-12:00

Obtain your license or upgrade now! Please bring \$15.00 and your photo ID. If Upgrading, please bring a COPY of your license.

## 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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FEBRUARY



## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
					KSWPH meeting 7:00 PM 3709 Wickham	W5ES VE SESSION 2100 San Diego 9:00AM-12:00PM
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
		Border Chords Rehearsal 7:00 PM			W5ES 7:00PM Business Meeting	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Border Chords Rehearsal 7:00 PM		St. Valentine's Day	KSWPH meeting 7:00 PM 3709 Wickham	QCWA 11 AM Golden Corral Transmountain
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Keep El Paso Beautiful Mtg. 5:00 PM	Border Chords Rehearsal 7:00 PM			W5ES 6:00PM Dinner Meeting	
24	25	26	27	28	01	02
		Border Chords Rehearsal 7:00 PM				
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