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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Well, it's March, with St. Patrick's Day, and some more blarney from your president. Q: If March winds bring April Showers, and April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Our last business meeting had nine attendees and one new member application. Welcome to our newest member. Clay, K5TRW reported we had seven new and one upgrade license examinees pass their tests during our February 3<sup>rd</sup> VE session. Congratulations to all!

Our Fish Fry was a moderate success with 13 attendees. Fish, fries, hushpuppies, slaw & potato salad was the bill of fare. I hope y'all enjoyed it. Many thanks to our chef par 'excellence, Paul, AE5OJ!

With our Palm Sunday breakfast following so close on the heels of our monthly dinner meeting, we decided to forgo our normal "Corned Beef & Cabbage" meeting and replace it with a "Game Night." Clay, K5TRW will host a RADIO, (faux BINGO) game. Snacks and drinks will be available. Prizes for the winners will be awarded. Come and join us for a fun and informative game.

Our Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7-11am. Fare will be waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, juice and coffee. Hope to see everyone there.

Paul, AE5OJ is working with the local Young Marines getting an electronics/HAM radio training session scheduled. Dates are in the works.

I have attempted to contact the El Paso Chihuahuas concerning possible fund raising for the Club. Voice mail only so far.



Coming up this month:

St. Patrick's Day Ham fest, Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> in Midland TX.

Broadband Hamnet, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Sue Young Park, El Paso, TX.

I'd like to thank all those who have participated and helped with our meeting and events. God bless you all.  
Best 73's,

A: Pilgrims

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

## **EC Bulletin**

When disaster strikes a community, specific emergency management and disaster relief organizations respond to a pre-established emergency operations plan. Each of these designated organizations has a specific role to play in ensuring an effective response to and recovery from the disaster's devastation. One element within the present system continues to pose a challenge: spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers.



Spontaneous volunteers walk in, call in, drive or fly from other jurisdictions, and have even come from other countries when high profile disasters occur. But because they are not associated with any part of the existing emergency management response system, their offers to help are often underutilized and even problematic to professional responders. The situation here is clear: people's willingness to volunteer versus the system's capacity to utilize them effectively.

The events of September 11, 2001 dramatically illustrated the need for better planning in this area, and the issue of unaffiliated volunteers began to receive increased attention. On September 11, 2001 over 4000 spontaneous volunteers showed up at ground zero ready to assist. There was no plan in place as to how to cope with all these volunteers. In the Mexico City earthquake 800 lives were saved by impressed volunteers. The sad story here was that 100 of these volunteers lost their lives needlessly because they were not properly trained to cope with disasters.

Given the limited resources available at the federal, state, and local levels, the successful integration of citizen involvement in an emergency management setting is imperative to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of disasters in our communities. While this may be a challenging goal, the priority and long-term value of this work cannot be denied.

Local government is often the first point of contact for volunteers who want to help after an emergency. Volunteers often congregate at city halls, fire stations, incident sites and any other place where they believe there may be opportunities to volunteer. While well intentioned, these volunteers can often hinder the efforts of first responders. Local government typically bears primary responsibility for responding to local citizens seeking volunteer opportunities.

The benefits to having a Spontaneous Volunteer Management Plan are:

**Logistic.** Spontaneous volunteers will come, whether you have planned for them or not, so planning is to everyone's advantage. Organizations responding to the disaster need people with skills or experience to help meet their commitments to the community. With an effective intake and referral process in place, people who want to help will have somewhere to go, their skills will become a resource rather than a missed opportunity and agencies will get help in serving the community.

**Public Perception.** Well-managed volunteers contribute to the positive public perception of an agency's response and recovery efforts. In past disasters, where there was no system for incorporating spontaneous volunteers in relief efforts, disgruntled volunteers and bad press have resulted. Effective planning increases the positive and effective deployment of spontaneous volunteers.

El Paso County ARES (EPCARES) as well as the rest of the Part 97 groups in El Paso County also share this problem. We do not have enough affiliated volunteers in our ranks with the proper training to sustain any kind of long-term operation. Therefore, we must plan to cope with the spontaneous, unaffiliated amateur volunteers that will respond to our Resource Nets.

EPCARES has an appendix in its Standing Operating Procedure concerning Spontaneous Volunteer Management. This plan provides an adaptable framework that enables utilization of local resources and partnering with other local

groups. To maintain accountability for Emergency Management, EPCARES will establish an Emergency Volunteer Center (EVC) for EMCOMM operators. Volunteers will process in and receive an updated situation briefing while at the EVC. We will have to provide some expedient training for these volunteers to bring them up to standards. Credentialing is an issue. While we cannot resolve this issue in the EVC. Those with credentials will be checked prior to deployment. Individual groups or organizations should take care of their own member's credentials. That way volunteers being processed for other groups or organizations can pass through quickly. Agencies will not permit anyone without proper credentials on property.

Act now. Pre-registering will solve these problems. Pre-registering with EPCARES takes one out of this spontaneous, unaffiliated category, and helps the group or organization become a well-organized team that can accomplish their mission in a professional manner.

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

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## Birthdays in March

Tom Holmsley		March 6
Doug Harvey		March 11
<b>Wally Foster</b>	<b>AA5EA</b>	<b>March 18</b>
Bill Ethridge		March 22



## St. Patrick's Day Ham fest March 17

It's probably not too early to begin making plans for the Midland St. Patrick's Day Ham fest and West Texas Section Convention March 17, 2018 at the Martin Luther King Center in Midland Texas. More details are available at <http://hamfest.w5qgg.org>

## TSPOTA April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

This year the Texas State Parks of The Air will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. A light-hearted competition to operate from a Texas State Park and make as many contacts as possible with operators in other Texas State Parks. More information is available at [info@tspota.org](mailto:info@tspota.org).

## 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.

## 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.

**FUSION NEWS!** The DR-2X repeater is up and running. The WIRES-X Interface is connected and operational.

A list of WIRES-X Nodes and Rooms is available on the Internet

**Our Node number is 11584**  
**Our 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!

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## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Border Chorders Rehearsal 7:00PM			WSES 8:00 PM Business Meeting	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Keep El Paso Beautiful Mtg. 5:00 PM	Border Chorders Rehearsal 7:00PM			7:00 PM KSWPH meeting 3709 Wickham	QCWA MEETING St Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Border Chorders Rehearsal 7:00PM		Prospector's Club Meeting 7:00 PM	WSES 6:00 PM Game Night	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
PALM SUNDAY Breakfast WSES 7:00-11:00AM		Border Chorders Rehearsal 7:00PM			GOOD FRIDAY	