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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If you are a member of The El Paso Amateur Ham Radio Club, we need your financial support. Dues were due in January but there is still time to send them in. You may make your contribution to the club by mail to EPARC, 2100 San Diego St. El Paso, Texas 79930. We have a PayPal account that will allow you to pay your dues and/or make your contribution electronically from your bank account or credit card. Please consult the W5ES website at: W5ES.org for more information.

Don't forget to participate in the weekly W5ES EPARC Sunday Nite Net at 7:00 pm MST. on the Amigo Link System. If you are a frequent user of these repeaters, The WTRA would like your donation. For more information, please visit the website at: <https://www.hamradioelpaso.com> and click on the WTRA tab. W5ES VE sessions are held on the first Saturday of even months. Please invite and persuade others to take part of this hobby and be part of our VE team. For more information, please contact Chris Roberts at robert.roberts@gmail.com.

W5ES is planning an auction and a raffle of an Icom 7300, so be vigilant on these future events. We have acquired several sponsors for our 2nd annual El Paso Ham Radio Roundup and Swap Meet and will be having a raffle on October 28, 2023.

W5ES has its own Zoom account. Here is the new ID and Passcode for our meetings, program nights, officers/trustee meetings and other meetings.

Meeting ID: 833 3785 7007
 Passcode: 039370

This past year we have enjoyed increased involvement at the ARRL West Texas Section level thanks to weekly ZOOM meeting with Dale, W5WI and David KF5WDJ. We encourage all of you to set aside time. on Thursday evenings to tune in at 7:00 pm MST. Dale is seeking another term for section manager for ARRL. For more information visit ARRL website.

Last year we started with a new process and fixed what needed to be fixed and let's continue with this. trend. Let us work together to make this clubhouse a better one for all of us and the future generation to enjoy.

73,
 Javier K5MHC



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DEC Bulletin

For years we as amateur radio EMCOMM organizations have been hoping that amateur radio would be recognized by the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as a viable communications group. We are called Amateur Radio Operators by name but that does not mean that we cannot provide a professional communications service.



In March 2023 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released the new National Incident Management System (NIMS) Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Functional Guidance manual. The manual can be found at https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_ict-functional-guidance.pdf. The new manual has included amateur radio in the Communications Unit.

The ICT function establishes, maintains, and protects the communications and IT infrastructure and capabilities used by others within the Incident Command System (ICS). Under NIMS the Communications Unit resides in the Logistics Branch. The Communications Unit is under control of the Communications Unit Leader (COML). Under the COML is the Incident Communications Center Manager (INCM). The INCM oversees Radio Operators (RADO), Incident Tactical Dispatchers (INTD) and Auxiliary Communications (AUXC).

Amateur radio makes up the AUXC. The AUXC is responsible to:

Install appropriate/approved auxiliary communications equipment as directed by the COML or INCM.

§ Test all components of auxiliary communications equipment to ensure systems are operational.

§ Operate auxiliary communications equipment for voice and data communications.

§ Establish auxiliary communications area(s) of operation; and

§ Interact and coordinates with appropriate auxiliary communications operational personnel.

If needed, duties could also expand to other duties as directed by the COML and the INCM depending on the level of expertise (*some expedient training may be provided*) such as:

§ Distributing and recovering communications equipment assigned to incident personnel.

§ Programming Public Safety radios

§ Administrative duties

§ Acting as a scribe for a particular P25 channel

Training for the AUXC duties is the AUXCOMM course (*highly recommended*) provided by FEMA. This is a twenty-hour resident course. The course is spread out over a three-day period. Prerequisites for the AUXCOMM course are the current IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 which are free online courses. Go to <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?lang=en> for the course list. The AUXCOMM training is designed to inform students about working in a NIMS environment. When working with our NIMS partners there is a dress code for an AUXC. The dress code will be casual dress with no distinguishing markings with affiliation to other groups or organizations.

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VE Testing News

For the past 6 months, the W5ES VE team has implemented a digital paperwork process that has made testing faster and easier than ever. The VE team has also held 3 online test sessions in the past month. Thinking of upgrading? We can help make it happen on your schedule, from the comfort of your QTH. Email Chris (kc8goq@qsl.net) for more information about online testing. The next VE session will be held on May 6 4 at K5WPH at 3709 Wickham Ave. at 9:00AM.

Net Meetings

Don't forget our Sunday night net at 7:00 PM on the Amigo Link. Also - -

2-Meter Sideband Net -Sundays at 8:00 PM on 144.200.

D-STAR Net Mondays at 7:15PM on Reflector 55A

WTR – Mondays at 8:00 PM on Amigo Link repeaters

Classified Ads

WANTED: Donation items for the W5ES Tailgate on Oct 29. If you have any gear you would like to donate to the club, please send an email to w5es.eparc@gmail.com

WANTED: Your classified ads! Having something to sell? Have something you want? Post an ad in The Bulletin! Send your 100 words or less ad to w5es.eparc@gmail.com by the 25th of the month to be included in the next issue.

Contact W5ES

Want to join the Club? Help out around the Clubhouse? Contribute an article or classified ad to The Bulletin? Have a question? A comment? An idea? A donation? Send an email to: w5es.eparc@gmail.com

May Business Meeting 5/12/23

Our next meeting will be held Friday May 12 at 7:00PM.

Our usual dinner meeting on the 4th Friday will be Friday May 26 at 6:00PM.

The ZOOM links for our meetings will be as follows:

Fridays- [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/833 3785 7007](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83337857007)

Meeting ID: 833 3785 7007

Passcode: 039370

Repeaters

W5ES repeater is 443.150, + Offset, PL 173.8 Automatic analog and C4FM digital.

Wires X Node: 11584 Room: 21584

W5ES Merchandise



Kelly KB2RN has been hard at work and set up an online store featuring W5ES branded items with the club logo. Items include cups and mugs, stickers, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and handbags. There are many colors and styles to choose from, so hopefully there is something for everyone. Part of the proceeds come back to the club. To visit the web store, go to www.w5es.org and click on the store on the main page of the club website.

 

In-Person SKYWARN Spotter Training

May 16th – Silver City **May 19th – El Paso**

May 22nd – Las Cruces **June 8th – El Paso**

- Become a certified weather spotter
- Identify hazardous weather features
- Learn about storm structure and development
- Provide and share reports to NWS

More info and latest updates at www.weather.gov/epz/spottertalks

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	5	6 VE Exam KSWPH 3709 Wickham 9:00 - Noon
7 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	8 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	9	10	11 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	12 WSES Business Mtg 7:00PM	13
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