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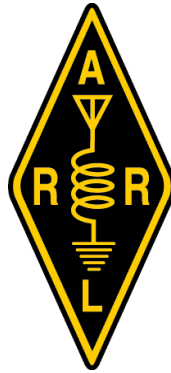


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings and Salutations Fellow HAM's,

April is history and in the books. May promises to be a rewarding month for many of us. School proms, graduations, etc. will be the order of the day. Flowers are blooming, and the red, red, robin comes bob, bob, bobbing along.

Vice-president Robert, KA5OXC conducted the business meeting and Trustee meeting in my absence. Kuddos to him. Paul, AE5OJ, conducted radio orientation training for about 50 Young Marines the other Saturday. Lunch was provided. Some of their leaders helped dish up chow to them, making my job much easier. Many thanks to them. Our Italian dinner was well attended. A hat tip to Paul, AE5OJ, and Clay & Mary Emert, and others for providing food and cooking skills that helped make the event go smoothly.

Our next business meeting is May 11th at 8pm. Our annual chili cook-off will be May 25th, 6pm. I will remind K5WPH of the date, so they can participate and submit their entries. Prizes will be awarded in different categories. Also...don't forget our Spring Auction Sale, Saturday May 26th. Bidding starts at 5:30 with a lot of good items for sale. Bid often and bid high! All proceeds benefit our club. Brats and brisket, potato salad and drinks will be served starting at 4pm.

Mark your calendars for June 23rd & 24th. ARRL Field Day commences at noon, local time and runs until noon on Sunday. We will be conducting operations from the clubhouse. Please come out and help us have a fun time contacting fellow HAM's from all over. Your help and participation would be greatly appreciated. I'm sure food and drinks will be available.

Also coming up in May...Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Don't forget your moms or significant other on her special day. I also hope we will pause during our festivities and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our way of life and freedoms we cherish. God bless our veterans and God bless the USA.

73, my friends,

Paul K1DPR

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EC Bulletin

We may have the communications equipment and know how to use it, but would we know what to do if an emergency happened? If it's been a few years since we have trained with ARES® the answer is no. The ARES® training has had some significant changes in the past few years, and there will be more to come in the next few months. A person just doesn't walk into a disaster situation sit down and start talking on a radio.



Before we can sit down in front of our equipment we must know what is going on, how are things being handled etc. That is why ARES® training is so valuable and necessary. It takes a commitment to the amateur radio service in today's ARES®. Sometimes we may wonder why we are doing this. "Nothing ever happens in El Paso". If the skills are not maintained, and something does happen one could find themselves in an embarrassing position.

The role ARES® plays in a disaster may not be a major one, but we can at least go to bed after it's all over and feel good about being able to have helped someone. We helped them get in contact with a loved one somewhere else and told them that everything will be fine. Or, we sent that message and got those supplies that were so desperately needed for that aid station or hospital. That makes all those boring training hours' worth while.

For the ARES® training to be meaningful we must train with the agencies we are going to serve. The agencies must write their exercises and include amateur radio. I can write a scenario, but without being able to interact with the agency personnel the exercise is meaningless. We are just acting out a pipe dream that is going to have a disastrous ending. We are not building a relationship with the agency. For this relationship to work we should have some of *their* training as well so that we can understand what they do in certain situations. We must learn *their* terminology. We are unpaid employees of that agency. Our goals are the same as theirs – how can we make the agency succeed during this disaster? It's not about amateur radio.

So many times, when I ask some of the older hams to come back to ARES® they reply with "call me when the real emergency happens, and I'll be there". The problem with that attitude is that without practice the

skills erode. This attitude can also be a major problem because ARES® has had some dramatic changes over the past few years. Ten-year-old skills are nearly useless for these types of communications. Especially now that the ARRL is in the process of updating the amateur radio service. Credentialing is a major part of becoming an ARES® member. More training is going to be mandated in the future. Without the proper credentials you are non-deployable and placed in the unaffiliated spontaneous volunteer category.

I would like to ask that those who are willing to make the commitment to take a fresh look at ARES® and ask how can I help? Merely having an amateur radio license today is not enough if you intend on stepping up to the plate in an emergency – unless you are content with helping run a copy machine or emptying the wastebaskets.

Our ranks are thin in ARES®. Success is in the numbers. We have the equipment and communications skills. We just need to update that equipment and those skills to the same level as the rest of the group. It won't take long, but you must take the first step. It's a big step because you must be seriously committed to the amateur radio service.

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

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Birthdays in May

Richard Hibbert		May 17
James Newman	KG4TRI	May 19
Manny Gonzalez	W2BFI	May 23
Larry Nickey	KB5BDY	May 25
Mary Emert	WB5UNG	May 28
Lorena Moore	KB5HBT	May 29

Young Marines

40 young men and women, ages 9-17, attended a presentation on Radio and Amateur Radio, accompanied by 10 adult leaders. Several attendees expressed interest in obtaining their amateur licenses. We made contact on 20m with the NS Savannah, the country's first nuclear-powered merchant ship, moored in Baltimore Harbor. The operator took time to speak with several young people and encourage them to investigate Amateur Radio. Hot dogs and chips were enjoyed by all.

Chili Cookoff May25th 6:00 PM

Bring out the cast iron pot, dust off Grandma's recipe book and stir up at least a gallon of the old family secret recipe! First and second prizes will be awarded for Hottest Chili and Best Chili. A \$ 5.00 donation allows you to sample all the entries and vote for the chilis you like the best. Don't Miss It!

Spring Auction May 26th 5:30 - ?

There's a store room full of radio gear to auction off. Bring your checkbooks and shopping list for those treasures you can't live without. Doors open at 4:30 to preview the goodies. Refreshments will be sold.

Field Day June 23rd & 24th

Plans are being made for Field Day Participation this year. Take the opportunity to join in, log a few contacts, and celebrate the ARRL flagship event of the year to demonstrate Amateur Radio readiness and enjoy the fellowship of other Hams. Details will be released as plans are firmed up.

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 25th 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!

YOUNG MARINES RADIO TRAINING

APRIL 21, 2018



MAY 2018

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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