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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Again,

Autumn is finally here, and like I said last month, that means absolutely nothing in Texas. It's still in the middle 90's most days!

We had a nice turnout at our last business meeting and a lively discussion ensued as we discussed Club Officers and the upcoming election this month. I have declined to accept another term as President due to individual and family health issues. We really need someone to step up and volunteer time and energy to help this club succeed!

We had our pizza party last evening with 8 club members participating. Pepperoni pizza and salad were enjoyed by all.

Our business meeting this month will be October 12th, with Club elections being held. I would invite all to attend this meeting.

Also, in October: VE session, Saturday October 6th, 9am. Scout Jamboree-on-the-Air, Saturday October 20th, 9am, Oktoberfest, Friday October 26th, 6pm, AND, Autumn Auction, Saturday October 27th, doors open 3pm, auction at 5:30pm. Bring your wallets.

Fire Prevention Week begins Sunday, October 7th. This is a good reminder to test and change the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO₂ detectors.

Halloween will be upon us before you know it. Be extra careful while driving and watch closely for the spooks, witches, and goblins running around that evening.

Until next time.

Best 73's,

Paul K1DPR



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

DEC Bulletin

When I give my Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) Orientation I'm asked, "Why the FEMA Courses?"



For many years, Amateur Radio has longed to be taken seriously by governmental authorities as a professional-quality resource in disaster response. Although there are areas of the country where achieving and maintaining emergency management agencies' respect is still a struggle, Amateur Radio's service during 9/11 and the major hurricane disasters has brought us a new level of respect and new opportunities at the national level.

Being taken seriously as a resource comes with a price that must be paid by individual volunteers not in dollars but in precious personal time. When the federal government instituted the National Incident Management System (NIMS), it imposed a set of requirements on state and local emergency management agencies and their personnel. Affected personnel include not only paid employees of emergency management and related agencies, but also volunteers such as those in volunteer fire companies, ARES®, and RACES. If the emergency management agencies are to continue receiving federal funds, personnel must complete several FEMA training courses having to do with the Incident Command System (ICS) and NIMS. Individuals who do not complete the training will not be allowed to participate, even as volunteers.

These FEMA courses are free of charge, available on line or sometimes in person at emergency management offices, and not difficult to master. The courses are useful in familiarizing volunteers with the principles of the Incident Command System and showing where communications fits into the ICS structure. These formal requirements are here to stay and more may follow. At the national level, Amateur Radio has earned the respect we always wanted, bringing us closer to the emergency management establishment.

In addition to the FEMA courses individuals are required to complete the ARRL Introduction to Emergency Communication Course (EC-001). The EC-001 is a revision of the former Emergency Communications Basic/Level 1 course. This on-line course is designed to provide basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer. This course costs \$50 for ARRL members and \$75 for non-members/guests. Prerequisites for this course are IS-100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System); and IS-700 (National Incident Management System). The IS-200.b (ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents) teaches you how to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). Finally, the IS-800 introduces participants to the concepts and principles of the National Response Framework. IS-200 and IS-800 have no prerequisites. Served agencies may require additional credentials as well. Those will be addressed later.

Ø FEMA IS-100 (Introduction to Incident Command System)

<http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?page=3>

Ø FEMA IS-200 (ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents)

<http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?page=4>

Ø FEMA IS-700 (National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction

<http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?page=9>

Ø FEMA IS-800 (National Response Framework, An Introduction

<http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?page=10>

Ø ARRL Introduction to Emergency Communication Course EC-001

<http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog>

Having the proper credentials are more important than your operating skills. Without these basic credential's volunteers are classified as "non-deployable". They will not be used in a capacity where they will be serving an agency no matter how badly the agency might need them. When individuals complete the courses make sure that a copy of the training certificate is given to the local EC. Also, make sure a copy of the certificates is a part of the paper work in

the "GO BAG". Credentials will be screened at the Staging Area prior to deployment. The local EC is not the person that is requiring volunteers to have these credentials but is required to enforce the requirements established by FEMA and the served agencies.

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 October

Ron Cruz	KG5AEC	Oct 6 th
Teodoro Juarez	KG5BXX	Oct 10 th
Rich Borum	KG5JMY	Oct 15 th
Jose Fernandez		Oct 15 th
Benny Quidashay		Oct 15 th
Marilyn Robinson	N5HWB	Oct 27 th

VE Session October 6th 9:00-12:00

W5ES will host a VE test session for Tech, General, and Extra class licenses on Saturday October 6. Participants should bring \$15.00 in cash or check and govt-issued Identification such as Driver's license. All upgrades should bring a COPY of their existing license.

Elections Friday Oct 12 8:00 PM

W5ES Members! Support You Club! Come to the Election Night Business Meeting!

Current Slate of Officers:

President _____
Vice President – Robert Moses
Secretary – Mary Emert
Treasurer – Pete Hensgen
Trustees – Paul Roberts, Greer Craig

JOTA October 20th 9:00AM to ?

W5ES will host interested scouts to demonstrate amateur radio operations and answer questions about radio and electronics

Octoberfest Fri October 26 6:00 PM

Don't miss the gutessen und gemutlichkeit!

Sauerbraten, Bratwurst, red cabbage, Kartoffelsalat and more!

Fall Auction Saturday Oct 27 5:30PM

Dust off that useless Equipment and donate for the fall auction! Bring your spare dollars and buy some new or used treasures!

Doors open at 3:30PM; Kitchen open at 4:30 PM; Bidding starts at 5:30PM

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

FOR SALE

The W5ES Bulletin accepts ads to sell radio equipment from club members and sponsors at no charge. Contact the editor at (915) 253-4952 or Email to Oldwils@gmail.com.

YAESU G-450A LIGHT DUTY - 360 DG 10 SQ. FT
WITH ROTOR CABLE - USED - VERY GOOD SHAPE
WITH ROTOR CABLE & CONNECTORS



\$350.00

Call Clay (915)859-5502 cemert@elp.rr.com

OCTOBER 2018

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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



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