



FOUR STATES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 20, 1989

First A Word of Thanks....

I would like to express my appreciation to the 1988 Officers, directors and members who helped make 1988 such a successful year for our club. It is their combined efforts & cooperation that make our club such an enjoyable association for all. To all those who helped make FSARC what it is--THANKS.

And On To This Year.....

Some of the programs and activities from 1988 will be continued or expanded in 1989 and several new ideas will be added--ideas that came from you the members. This will mean more help will be needed and a lot of you will be called upon to help in some way. Please get involved and help make this another great year.

The Newsletter....

Having recently been appointed editor of the newsletter, I have been thinking of how to best use it. The major cost associated with a regular newsletter is that of postage. Unfortunately, we cannot afford to mail it monthly so I have decided to publish it quarterly. On the plus side, I have determined that we can mail up to 5 sheets printed front and back for the same postage as one sheet; therefore, I have decided to rely on the weekly net, meetings and Packet Bulletin Board for the exchange of current information and use the newsletter for regular articles and columns of general interest and in-depth coverage of events after the fact. Also, I hope to have a new, easier to read format ready in the next issue. If you have any ideas on the newsletter, please express them in the enclosed questionnaire. I welcome all comments and suggestions.

The Survey

As shown by the survey sheet that Pat has passed around at the last few meetings, we are a diversified group with a lot of different interests in our radio hobby. There are members involved in Satellite work, Packet, 2 meter SSB, Amtor, HF SSB and CW, Contesting, Emergency Communications, Building, and Collecting to name only some of the interests expressed. Only about 15 members have filled in the sheet so far so if you have not already done so, please take the time to complete the one enclosed.

RRL News....

Our club affiliation with the ARRL should be finalized any day now after some unexpected delays. This should begin to provide the club and members with additional benefits. I will try to keep you advised.

SkyWarn.....

The Skywarn program is high on the agenda again this year with plans for a permanent antenna to be mounted on the roof of the Bi-State Justice Building. This will certainly provide a big improvement in communications capability during times of emergency operation.

Flea Market.....

One of the most exciting ideas this year is that of a Flea Market this spring here in Texarkana. This should provide a great way to buy, sell, and trade equipment and Flea Markets always seem to be a lot of fun for everyone. We hope to draw hams from all around the area for this event.

Instructional Classes.....

Another new idea this year is Instructional Classes and meetings. Novice classes are already under way and other upgrade classes can be set up as needed. Also instructional mini-Forums can be arranged if there is an interest. There are a number of club members with considerable knowledge who are willing to share this with us.

VE Testing.....

Of course VE Testing will be continued this year with testing sessions scheduled for January, March, June, September and December. Take advantage of one of these sessions to upgrade.

Field Day.....

Plans for field day are already underway and we hope this year to combine some serious operating with the fun to see if we can come up with a good competitive score. Plans are to have stations operating on all bands and modes including a Novice station.

Packet.....

Local packet activity is still increasing and a second digi on 145.07 is now available for local QSO's when .01 is busy. .07 may not be on at all times; however, .01 is still on around the clock. Contact Hal for details. A higher antenna site is still needed for the .01 digi.

In Closing.....

Since everyone has not had a chance to fill in the survey form that has been passed around at the last couple of meetings, I am enclosing one with this newsletter. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to me at any of the meetings or by mail. This is your chance to let us know what you want (or don't want) from your club this year and to give us an insight to your interests.

Also enclosed is a list of new officers, and directors, committee heads, and people to contact, dates of upcoming events, and other useful info that may be of help.

Four States Amateur Radio Club
1989 Membership Survey

Your cooperation is requested in providing information which will help us know more about member interests. Hopefully we can use the information that you provide to help make our club what you want it to be. If there are questions to which you wish not to respond, simply leave them blank. Your name and call are also optional.

Name _____
Call _____

What Bands do you work: 160 _____ 80-10 _____ 2 _____ 220 _____ 440 _____
Can you operate your station from emergency or battery power? Yes _____ No _____
Do you have a portable or mobile 2 meter rig? Yes _____ No _____
What type of Antennas do you use? _____

What Modes do you operate?

- HF SSB _____
- HF CW _____
- 2M SSB _____
- 2M FM _____
- 10M FM _____
- HF Packet _____
- VHF Packet _____
- _____

What Band(s) and mode(s) are your favorites?

Do you use a computer in conjunction with Amateur Radio? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what kind and what do you use it for?

Do you regularly read or subscribe to any radio related magazines? If so, which ones? Yes _____ No _____

Do you build any of your own equipment: Yes _____ No _____

Do you repair any of your own equipment: Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any other radio related interests?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes what? _____

Do you feel that a regular club newsletter is important? Yes _____ No _____
If so, how often should it be published? _____
What changes would you like to see in the newsletter? _____

Would you like to see some forums or programs included in our Saturday morning meetings? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what kind? _____

Would you attend a business meeting at a different time (ie at night) so that Saturdays could always be used for ragchewing or programs?
Yes _____ No _____

Do you plan to upgrade this year? Yes _____ No _____

What kind of activities would you like for the club to provide this year?

Do you have a suggestion for a field day site this year? _____

Do you have a suggestion for a site for the Flea Market that is being planned or any other comments about the Flea Market?

This space is for any other comments, ideas, etc. This is your chance to let us know your thoughts. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

Please return your completed form to any of the officers at any of the meetings or mail it to: Travis Bailey K5AVH
1206 Canadian
Texarkana, Texas 75503

Four States Amateur Radio Club

Officers

President: Pat Bell, WA5UAG
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Activities
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Local Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter FM 146.62 -
147.12 +

Packet Digipeater 145.01

Call KF5YO-1
Alias TXK
Bulletin Board KF5YO-2

LOCAL & AREA NETS

Four States Amateur Radio Club
Tuesday 8pm 146.62

Amateur Radio Club of Shreveport
Thursday 7:30pm 146.76

Shreveport Amateur Radio Assn.
Wednesday 7:30pm 147.09

Quarter Century Wireless Assn. Shv
Monday 7pm 146.76

New Boston Amateur Radio Club
Thursday 7pm 146.90

Four States Amateur Radio Club
1989 Membership Dues
Basic Membership \$ 5.00
Basic/Voice Repeaters \$15.00
Basic/Reptr/Digipeater \$20.00

Make Check to:
Four States Amateur Radio Club
c/o Bill Miller WD5HJF
#18 Highland Hills
Texarkana, AR 75502

VE Test Dates

-----TEXARKANA-----
Wadley Hospital Cafeteria 9am
Jan 21, Mar 18, Jun 17, Sep 16, Dec 16

-----SHREVEPORT-----
SWEPCO Office, Bossier
2nd Sat. of each EVEN numbered month

-----NEW BOSTON-----
New Boston High School Shop 7pm
Feb 7, Apr 18, Jun 13, Aug 22, Oct 17

Bulletin Board

February 16 SKYWARN Seminar
First Methodist Church
Naples, Tx 7:30pm
Contact Ken Alexander, K5GAT for
further information.

Four States Amateur Radio Club Meetings are held each Saturday Morning
in the rear of the cafeteria on the 2nd Floor of Wadley Hospital.
Visitors are Welcome. A business meeting is held on the 2nd Saturday of
each month at the same time and location. Members are urged to attend.