



# Four States Amateur Radio Club

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## Meeting Minutes

Date: August 2, 2014

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Place: Wadley Regional Medical Center - 2nd Floor Cafeteria

Members Present: 28

Visitors: 4

President, David Jackson (KE5ZHF) welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed and introduced the Clubs newest member Lewis Pearson KB5IOC to the meeting.

David Jackson introduced visitors from the Atlanta ARC, Jim Collom (N5YU), Steven Smith (W5YME), and Larry Weaver (N5THQ).

Jim Hickey (AC7EE) opened the meeting with a prayer and led the membership in the pledge to the flag.

Treasurer David Teague (N5GTE) reported a bank balance of \$5301.55 From June 30<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> the club deposited \$65.00 from membership dues and donations. During the same time period, the Club paid out \$115.00 for food for the Field Day lunch. A motion was made by Cap Caplinger (KG5ZJ) to accept the Treasury Report, and it was seconded by David Glenn (KF5VAE). The motion passed unanimously.

### Treasury Summary:

Opening balance June 30, 2014	\$5310.55
From June 30 <sup>th</sup> through August 2 <sup>nd</sup> the Club deposited:	\$65.00
From June 30 <sup>th</sup> through August 2 <sup>nd</sup> the Club paid out:	\$ 115.00
Closing balance August 2, 2014	\$5301.55

The minutes of the July meeting were e-mailed to all members by Carl Nyman (AA5VE). A motion was made by Danny Freeman (KE5THE) to

accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Burt Phillip (KA5LQV). The motion passed unanimously.

## Announcements

Future Club Events:

Scout –O-Rama October 3-5, 2014

Local Hamfests:

Shreveport ARA will hold a hamfest Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 9AM to 3PM. Hamfest location is 805 Brook Hollow Drive (American Red Cross Annex). [WWW.K5SAR.com](http://WWW.K5SAR.com) Talk-in Freq 146.820

Mena Arkansas, the Queen Wilhemina Hamfest will be held September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2014, Friday and Saturday at the Queen Wilhemina State Park from 8AM to 3PM on both days. <http://menahamfest.net/>

Skywarn:

Skywarn Class in Atlanta, Texas at the Atlanta Fire Department:

Basic Class      October 9, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Advance Class    October 16, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Bowie County ARES:

David Jackson (KE5ZHF) is the new coordinator for the Bowie County ARES. Anyone interested in participating in Bowie County ARES should contact David Jackson.

Miller County ARES:

Anyone wanting to participate in Miller County ARES should contact Doug Ramsey (KF5WXF).

Club Challenge:

Malcolm Bussey has challenged the FSARC members to make as many contacts as possible with W1AW/x during the Centennial QSO Party. The member with the most W1AW contacts between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 will be the winner and can chose between a nice used table top HP computer or BaoFeng handheld radio. The winner must prove the contacts by log book entry. For all the contest rules and schedule visit the ARRL website. [www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party](http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party). Please contact Malcolm Bussey if you need more information or clarification of the rules.

## Old Business

### Repeaters:

Clarence Shilling (WB5BYV) reported that the 146.62 and 146.45 repeaters were operating normally and no problems had been reported.

David Teague (N5GTE) said at the 146.45 repeater has been in operation for 30 years.

Terry Brown (AF5AW) asked if there was a plan to replace the old repeaters before they failed. The purchase of new repeaters/equipment was discussed in the Club's new business.

## New Business

### Reschedule September FSARC Meeting:

David Jackson asked if the Club would like to move the September meeting from September 6<sup>th</sup> to September 13<sup>th</sup> in order for Club members to attend the Mena Hamfest. A motion was made by Greg English (KG5BOC) to move the FSARC meeting to September 13, 2014 and it was seconded by Clarence Shilling (WB5BYV). The motion passed unanimously. Next FSARC meeting is Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 9:30 AM at Wadley Regional Medical Center Cafeteria.

### Hamfest 2015:

David Jackson asked Club members if they wanted to sponsor a Hamfest in 2015. The Hamfest would be held on the first weekend of May. A motion was made by Greg English for the Club to sponsor the 2015 Hamfest, Gerald Dycus (KG5BOA). The motion passed unanimously. The FSARC will sponsor a Hamfest on May 2, 2015.

### Education:

Clarence Shilling asked if there was any interest in a General Class Seminar in September. There was very little support for a General Class Seminar; most members were interested in an Extra Class Seminar. Clarence Shilling will schedule an Extra Class seminar in September. Steve Rogers said the Nash Fire Department could be used as a training center if the classes don't conflict with the Fire Department activities.

### Fund Raising :

Robert Bailey made a presentation on raising funds for the Four States Amateur Radio Club. He explained that the Clubs only sources of revenue

is from dues, donations and annual hamfest. Currently the Club doesn't have enough revenue saved to sponsor a hamfest, purchase new equipment, pay normal club costs and cover cost of an unexpected radio equipment failure. The club will need one more successful Hamfest in order to have enough funds to cover a new repeater and unexpected radio equipment failures. The Club's fixed costs excluding hamfest and bereavement fund are:

Tower	\$600
Insurance	300
Mail Box	150
Banking Cost	60 (estimate)
Total	\$1110

Robert said two main ways Clubs/Organizations raise money is through Flea Market Sales and Raffles. The most popular way to raise money was by conducting a raffle.

There was a discussion by membership on why the club needed to raise more money and what the money would be used to purchase. Several ideas were discussed including new repeater equipment or purchase of a club trailer to move and store club equipment. One member asked the cost of a new repeater (radio and controls). Clarence Shillings said a new repeater would cost approximately \$1400. It was also discussed that money raised could go into a general fund and spend on items as needed.

Most Club members were in interested in a club raffle.

Doug Ramsey (KF5WXF) said he had experience in raffling firearms for local organizations. He said firearms were a very popular item to raffle especially just before hunting season and they produce a good source of revenue for the organizations. He volunteered his help to facilitate a gun raffle by selling the club a firearm (long gun) at cost and completing all the legal paperwork to transfer the long gun to the raffle winner. This idea generated a lot of interest.

Several points were made by the membership to ensure the Club uses a raffle to promote the club and its activities to the public/community. The more the community knows about the Four States Amateur Radio Club the better response the Club would have during a Raffle.

Robert Bailey said a special meeting will be called to discuss raising funds for the Club.

**Fox Hunt:**

Clarence Shilling asked if there was interest in having a Fox Hunt. Several Club members were interested in a Fox Hunt.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30AM

**Officers and Board of Directors Present:**

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| President        | David Jackson (KE5ZHF)     |
| Vice-President   | Danny Freeman (KE5THI)     |
| Treasurer        | David Teague (N5GTE)       |
| Secretary        | Carl Nyman (AA5VE)         |
| Director         | Robert Bailey (N5ITN)      |
| Director         | Malcolm Bussey (N5GKV)     |
| Trustee/Director | Clarence Shilling (WB5BYV) |

**Officers and Board of Directors Not Present:**

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| Director | Jason Spivey (N5YEV) |
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**Submitted by:**

Carl Nyman (AA5VE)  
Secretary - Four States Amateur Radio Club