

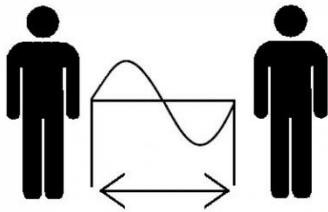


F O U R S T A T E S AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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October 22, 2020

Social Distancing



**Keep one wavelength
apart at 146.52 MHz**

We are looking for more Net Control Operators!! If you are willing, please let me know.

The Net Control Operator tonight is Eric Richards KI5BZO. Pre-net visiting and early check-ins start around 7 PM and the “formal” part of the Net starting with Prayer and Pledge at 7:30 PM.

Here is the rotation for net control. This is subject to change and most the time without notice! If you cannot fulfill your duties on your night, please contact the next weeks net control operator.

Oct 29 - David Jackson
Nov 05 - Clarence Shilling
Nov 12 - Eric Richards
Nov 19 - David Jackson
Nov 26 - Clarence Shilling
Dec 03 - Eric Richards
Dec 10 - David Jackson
Dec 17 - Clarence Shilling
Dec 24 - Eric Richards
Dec 31 - David Jackson



It's time again for another quarterly ETARC Eatin' Meetin', Tuesday November 3rd. The "gang" will get together in Omaha, Texas (US Hwy 67, one block east of US Hwy 259) at "The Rear of The Steer" restaurant. We'll casually gather together in the back room somewhere between 6:30 - 7:00 pm for food and fellowship. Rear of the Steer has great fried catfish, chicken fried steak, hamburgers, homemade desserts, and of course barbecue.

We had a good group and a great time last quarter. There's no official business, no officers, no agenda, no dues, just food and fun. Come join us, bring a spouse or friend, and meet some new area hams, and visit with old friends.

This is a quarterly event, meeting the First Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.
Hope to see you there!

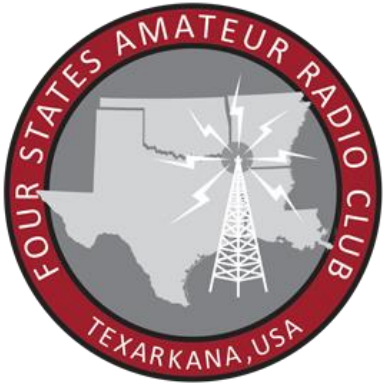
Find us on 145.23, tone 151.4



Tuesday morning breakfast has changed to B and J Downtown Diner! Located at 422 N. Stateline Avenue just behind the courthouse.

Friday Morning breakfast at Johnny B's. They now open at 6am!

Bring a mask!!



Website and Tower Update

There are a couple of things that needs attention.

1. I am in need a computer monitor with a standard 3 prong electrical power cable to be used at the tower. It can have VGA, DVI and HDMI. Too long to explain here. Basically, the current monitor has a power brick which does not provide earth ground. This causes extremely high voltages and blows the video card. I have gone through 2 video cards. The club can purchase a monitor and another video card from Amazon for about \$170. It can also be donated as well. It does not need to be fancy!
2. Our club website is comprised of a lot of different modules (plug-ins) written by different companies. I created the website about 5 years ago using free plug-ins.

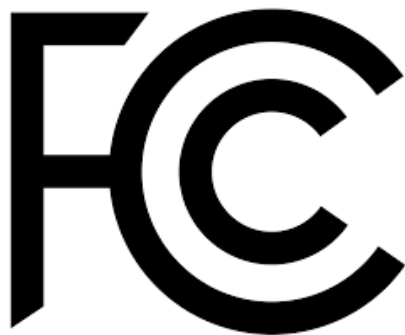
However, over the years, there is one company that has started charging for their plug-in. This plug-in is the Paid Membership Pro. This plug-in allows people to have unrestricted access to the members only section and allows members to use PayPal to create or renew their account instantly. The version of the plug-in we have will continue to be free. We have not lost any functionality. However, this plug-in is 5 years old and needs to be updated. There has been a lot of security added and updates since we started using it. There are several more functions in this plug-in that we could advantage of.

There are quite a few members that either do not live here or not able to attend meetings but still supports the club by paying dues via PayPal.

This is a very critical function of our website. The plug-in is regular \$340. They have promotions from time to time for around \$240. I suspect they may have another promotion around Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Since this is a new cost to the club, this needs to be voted on at the next meeting.

This is separate from the website hosting which is paid every 2 years. The webhosting will be due in March at \$240. I believe David Glenn mention this in the September Meeting and was passed by the club.

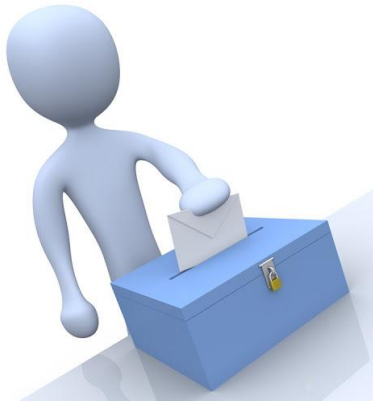


FCC Wants to Re-instate Fees

What used to be free, the FCC is now proposing a \$50 fee for Technician, General or Extra upgrade. This is on top of the ARRL fee of \$15.

Read more about it.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-proposes-to-reinstate-amateur-radio-service-fees#:~:text=%5BUPDATED%202020%2D09%2D01,rules%20it%20proposed%20this%20week.>



Election Of Officers

It's that time of year again where we elect officers for the upcoming year. At this time, we would like to know if you are Willing To Serve as either President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Board of Directors.

Richard Arthur, N5RGA, will be ending his 3-year term at the end of the year. This position along with President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure will be up for elections.

If you are Willing To Serve and meet the qualifications of sections 4.2.3 and 4.3.1 of the by-laws, please submit the form below. Submitting this form does not mean you are being nominated. It simply provides a list of willing servants that can be nominated by the club.

https://www.4sarc.org/?page_id=2433



Virtual Skywarn Training Classes.

From NWS:

We really appreciate the reports you continue to send to us! Your spotting was definitely helpful during Hurricane Laura and it will certainly come to use in the upcoming Fall severe weather season. Due to popular demand, we will be offering four Fall Skywarn Spotter Training Sessions through early November. Please help us advertise this for the public in your area.

3. Facebook Live - October 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Matt Hemingway will be providing training on how to identify severe weather and report it to the National

Weather Service in Shreveport. Please join us via Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/NWSShreveport

4. GoToWebinar - November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Brandon Thorne will be providing training on how to identify severe weather and report it to the National Weather Service in Shreveport. Please make sure to register at: [NWS Shreveport - Skywarn Spotter Training](#)

You can become an official Skywarn Spotter and get a certificate by attending either of these webinars.

For any questions related to this training session, please contact NWS Shreveport Skywarn Focal Point, [Chris Nuttall@noaa.gov](mailto:Chris.Nuttall@noaa.gov), and NWS Shreveport Warning Coordination Meteorologist Charles.Woodrum@noaa.gov.



Steve Ogelsby, KX5FUZ, has been appointed as the ARRL ARES Emergency Coordinator for Bowie, Cass, and Morris Counties.

If you would like to join Bowie County ARES, submit the form at

http://www.4sarc.org/?page_id=1074



We don't always have a radio with us all the time. But most of us don't leave home without our cell phones.

This has become very useful. Since I am in direct communication with the meteorologist at the National Weather Service, I usually know about pending weather before it is publicly broadcasted.

There have been a few times where this was useful when non-weather related information needed to be disseminated quickly.

If you would like to be added to this group, email me at KF5VWN@windstream.net.



Northeast Texas Club Websites

ARRL North Texas Section

<http://arrlntx.org/>

Four States Amateur Radio

<https://www.4sarc.org/>

Radio Amateurs of Cass County

<http://www.raccradio.org/>

Wichita Amateur Radio Society

<https://www.sachseradio.org/>

Central Texas Amateur Radio

<http://www.ctarc.org/>

Denton County Amateur Radio

<http://dcara.net/>

Grayson County Amateur Radio

<http://www.graysoncountyar.com/>

Dallas Amateur Radio Club

<https://w5fc.org/>

Nacogdoches Amateur Radio

<http://w5nac.com/>

Sachse Amateur Radio Association

<http://www.sachseradio.org/>

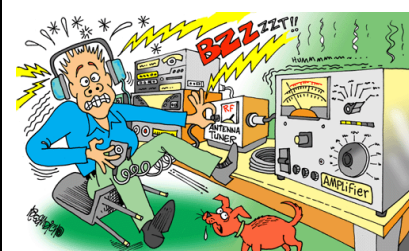
Springhill Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.springhillhamradio.com>



Ready for your Technician or upgrade to General, or Extra?

Email us at exam@4sarc.org! It's that easy!



Got NET?

Sunday	8:30	Daingerfield	145.230 / 151.4
Sunday	9:01	Nashville	147.045 / 107.2
Tuesday	8:00	Atlanta	145.390 / 100
Wed day	8:30	Longview	147.340 / 136.5
Thursday	7:30	Texarkana	146.620 / 100
Thursday	8:00	Shreveport	145.390 / 100

The Shreveport net is on the Freedom Link. You may check the [Freedom Link map](#) for a repeater near you.



2020 Club Officers

President: -Charles Mackey KF5VAA
Vice-President: -Carl Nyman AA5VE
Secretary: -Robert Ward N5TXK
Treasurer: -David Glenn KF5VAE
Director 1: -David Teague (2022) N5GTE
Director 2: -Richard Arthur (2020) N5RGA
Director 3: -Clarence Shilling (2021) WB5BYV



If you have any news worthy items you would like to include in the newsletter, email it to newsletter@4sarc.org before Tuesday.

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