

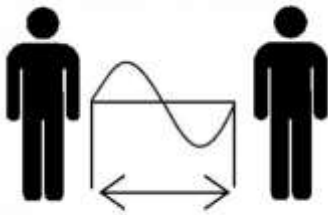


F O U R S T A T E S AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Social Distancing



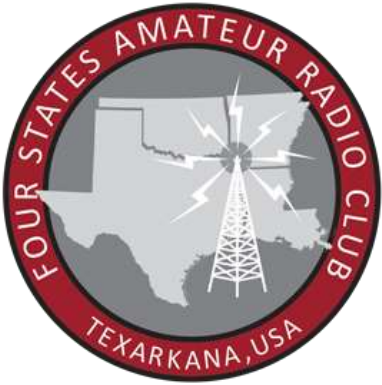
**Keep one wavelength
apart at 146.52 MHz**

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.

Dec 10 - David Jackson
Dec 17 - Clarence Shilling
Dec 24 - Eric Richards
Dec 31 - David Jackson
Jan 07 - Clarence Shilling
Jan 14 - Eric Richards
Jan 21 - David Jackson
Jan 28 - Clarence Shilling
Feb 04 - Eric Richards
Feb 11 - David Jackson
Feb 18 - Clarence Shilling



December Activities

The December 5th club meeting will be held on the air. People start chatting about 9am or earlier. All December activities has been cancelled. This includes Ring the Bells, Angel Tree, Christmas Party, etc.

In November, the club unanimously re-elected the current officers and director to serve another term for year 2021. Charles Mackey, president, had contacted each one. They agreed to serve another term. There were no oppositions in any position.

Officers for 2021

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D Star Nets



There are 2 D-star nets that you may be interested in.

Sunday at 8:30pm on reflector 77A. This is a Nashville net. Then switch over to Nashville analog repeater at 9pm for the FM net.

Tuesday at 7:30 on reflector 48B. I believe this is a Little Rock net. There has been couple of local operators check in.



You may use a dongle or change the 4SARC club D-Star repeater to any reflector. Keep in mind, that after 15 minutes of no key up, the club D Star repeater will change automatically to reflector 1C. So, just key up about 14 minutes!



We are excited to share that on Saturday, December 5th, the National Weather Service in Shreveport will host Skywarn Recognition Day virtually. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to welcome you inside of our office this year. However, this opens up a great opportunity to host both our Skywarn Spotters and our amateur radio operators virtually over GoogleMeet from 9:00-10:30 a.m. We invite all of our Skywarn Spotters to attend. This will be a part of a larger, national Skywarn Recognition Day event that runs from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4th to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th. That morning, we will have a presentation reviewing the high impact weather events for our area in 2020 and we will also recognize the 2020 Skywarn Spotter of the Year (2019 Spotter of the Year- Steven Carter, Haworth, OK). Please pass this along to any Skywarn Spotters and HAMS within your network.

If you plan to attend, you must first register at: [Skywarn Recognition Day Registration](#) by Tuesday, December 1st. The GoogleMeet information will be shared with registrants on December 2nd.

Amateur radio operators that want to set up and operate from the office parking lot from 6:00 p.m. on December 4th until 6:00 p.m. on December 5th may do so, however please understand that due to COVID-19 restrictions you will not be able to come into our office or access our restrooms. Those that set up outside in the parking lot are expected to social distance or wear a mask when that is not possible. If you plan to set up in our parking lot, please make sure you include that in the notes of the registration form. Also, please note that if you are setting up outside during the

	<p>GoogleMeet you'll need to watch it outside from a laptop or phone.</p>
	<p>Tuesday morning breakfast has changed to B and J Downtown Diner! Located at 422 N. Stateline Avenue just behind the courthouse.</p> <p>Friday Morning breakfast at Johnny B's. They now open at 6am! Bring a mask!!</p>
	<p>FCC Wants to Re-instate Fees</p> <p>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. ARRL strongly recommends filing a complaint with FCC. To file a complaint go here.</p> <p>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.</p>



Membership Renewal

You may now renew your membership for \$20 on the website via PayPal. After paying, please verify the expiration date of January 31, **2022**. Since the club is not meeting due to Covid, this is the simplest way to join or renew.

You may pay by Paypal, Check or by credit /debit card from the website. You do not need a Paypal account to pay online.

If you are a NEW member, click on Register at the top of the page, then Select for FSARC Membership.

If you are RENEWING your current membership or changing Membership Level (Newsletter to Dues paying), it is easy to. Login as you normally do, then goto Members Only / Membership Account Detail / My Memberships / Renew or Change.

If you do not have a Paypal account, once the website transfers you to Paypal.com, scroll further down the page and to "Pay with a debit or credit card".

VERY IMPORTANT STEP!! After the Paypal redirects you back to the club website, make sure you scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Complete Processing. If this step is skipped, your membership will not be completed.

You may also mail a check via snail mail. The address is on the renewal page of the website.



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

Doug Ramsey, KF5WXF, is the Emergency Coordinator for Miller County.

If you would like to join Miller County ARES, see their website <https://aresweb.wixsite.com/mcares>.

The Emergency Coordinator of Tyler has announced they have new repeater located at 147.380 MHz / 136.5 Hz tone.

They have also started up a digital repeater, Digi/KA-Node: alias "gilmer" 145.010 MHz which provides a path for their WinLink RMS Gateway : N9JN-10.



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.



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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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