



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

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

The Net Control Operator tonight is Clarence Shilling WB5BYV. 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 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



New NWS Radar Website

A new radar webpage (currently found at <https://preview-radar.weather.gov/>) will replace the current page (<https://radar.weather.gov/>) on or about Dec.16, 2020. Through Dec.15, the new webpage will run in parallel with the current one, in order to allow users the necessary time to transition to learning the new interactive radar webpage.

The NWS has redesigned the new page to improve our radar services based on feedback we received from many of you. The upgrade will also move the agency off the soon-to-be-obsolete Adobe Flash technology used in the current pages for radar loops.

To learn about the other new features, please read the Aware Report, 2nd article in the newsletter at: <https://www.weather.gov/media/publications/Aware/20oct-aware.pdf>

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.

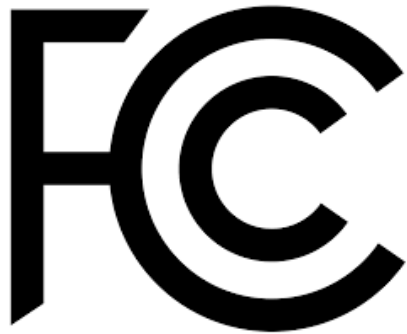
Tuesday at 7:30 on reflector 48B. I believe this is a Little Rock net. There has been couple of local operators check in.

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!



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!!



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. ARRL strongly recommends filing a complaint with FCC. [To file a complaint go here.](#)

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>.



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

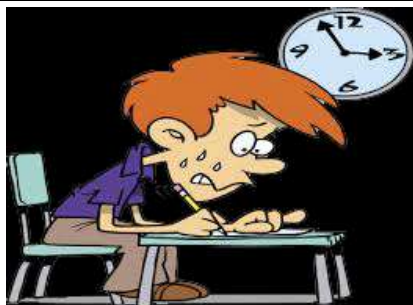
<http://w5nac.com/>

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.



2021 Club Officers

President:	-Charles Mackey KF5VAA
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Director 2:	-Richard Arthur (2023) 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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