



# 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.

Feb 25 - Eric Richards  
Mar 04 - David Jackson  
Mar 11 - Clarence Shilling  
Mar 18 - Eric Richards  
Mar 25 - David Jackson  
Apr 01 - Clarence Shilling  
Apr 08 - Eric Richards  
Apr 15 - David Jackson  
Apr 22 - Clarence Shilling  
Apr 29 - Eric Richards  
May 06 - David Jackson  
May 13 - Clarence Shilling  
May 20 - Eric Richards  
May 27 - David Jackson

I hope everybody as survived the snow storm of the century! We are lucky we did not have the ice to go with it. Although, when this stuff starts to melt and freeze at night things will be slick.







## Skywarn Training

Now that we are into the New Year, we'll soon be approaching our spring severe weather season. That means it's time for the Spring 2021 Skywarn Training Season. Unfortunately, due to ongoing COVID restrictions, we will not be able to conduct in-person classes. Therefore, we are going to handle this season much like last fall. We will conduct four virtual classes. Two will use Facebook Live and will not require pre-registration. Two will use GoToMeeting and will require pre-registration. The dates are listed below. These four classes all start at 7pm Central Time.

- Thursday, February 25, 2021: 7:00pm-8:30pm
  - Facebook Live: No registration required
- Thursday, March 4, 2021: 7:00pm-8:30pm
  - GoToMeeting: [Click here to register](#)
- Thursday, March 25, 2021: 7:00pm-8:30pm
  - Facebook Live: No registration required



## New NWS Radar Website

A new radar webpage has been launched. This is a very welcome change.

<https://radar.weather.gov/>

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.

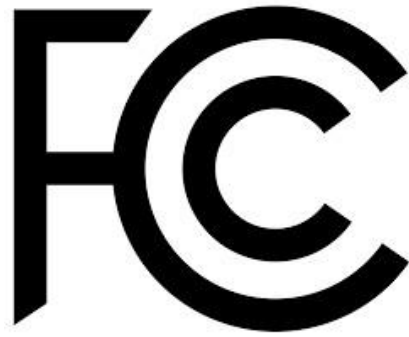
You may use a dongle or change the 4SARC club D-Star repeater to any reflector. Keep in mind, that after 15 minutes of no key up, the club D Star repeater will change automatically to reflector 1C. So, just key up about 14 minutes!



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 has FINALIZED a fee

What used to be free, the FCC has now finalized the fee for Technician, General or Extra upgrade. The fee is now \$35. This is on top of the ARRL fee of \$15.

Read more about it.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-reduces-proposed-amateur-radio-application-fee-to-35>



## 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.

By logging in first, the website will auto fill in your information so you don't have to re-enter. This also allows you to verify the information is correct. You may correct or update any field.

### My Memberships

Level	Billing
FSARC Membership <a href="#">Renew</a>   <a href="#">Change</a>   <a href="#">Cancel</a>	\$20.00 now.

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](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/KANode: 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](mailto: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.graysoncountyarcs.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](mailto:exam@4sarc.org)! It's that easy!



## Got NET?

Sunday	8:30	Daingerfield	145.230 / 151.4
Sunday	8:30	D-Star	REF 77A
Sunday	9:01	Nashville	147.045 / 107.2
Monday	8:20	Slow Scan TV	147.285 / 77
Tuesday	7:30	D-Star	REF 48B
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
Vice-President:	-Carl Nyman AA5VE
Secretary:	-Robert Ward N5TXK
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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](mailto:newsletter@4sarc.org) before Tuesday.

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