



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

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December 07, 2023



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

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.

There is a Net Control Operator Script on the website with everything you need. Print it and practice it. Let me know if you would like to call a net.

[Goto Members Only / Net Control Operator Scripts.](#)

The Net Control Operator is:

Dec 07 - Eric Richards

Dec 14 - David Jackson

Dec 21 - Greg Waits

Dec 28 - Clarence Shilling

Jan 04 - Eric Richards

Jan 11 - David Jackson

Jan 18 - Greg Waits

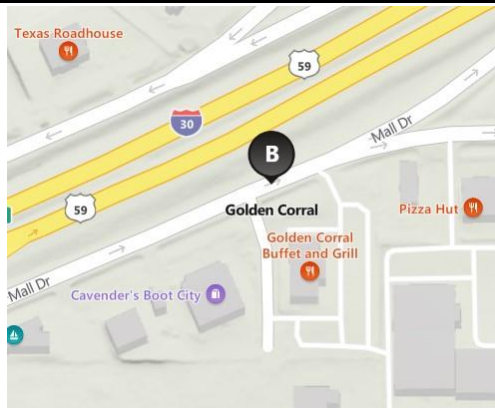
Jan 25 - Clarence Shilling



2024 Club Officers

New officers were elected during the December meeting:

President:	Adam Huggins
Vice-President:	Greg Waits
Secretary:	Richard Hopkins
Treasure:	Greg English
Director 1:	Karen Houston (2025)
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Club Meeting!

The meetings are always held on the first Saturday of the month. The meeting starts at 9:30am.

The January 6th meeting will be held at GOLDEN CORRAL located on the access road of I-30 and Richmond Road.

The meeting area is located to the right of the cashier, all the way to the wall. Find the ice cream machine! The meeting will begin at 9:30. You are encouraged to eat. They will allow us to meet in the meeting room along as the majority of us eat. They have just about every breakfast food you can think of. Eggs and Omelets made to order, bacon, sausage, waffles, pancakes, fruit, yogurt and a lot more. Coffee is available at the table, just tell the waiter. The doors open at 8am. Just watch for antennas in the parking lot!



Total Solar Eclipse

I attended a seminar presented by the National Weather Service. The Solar Eclipse was a major topic in this all day meeting.

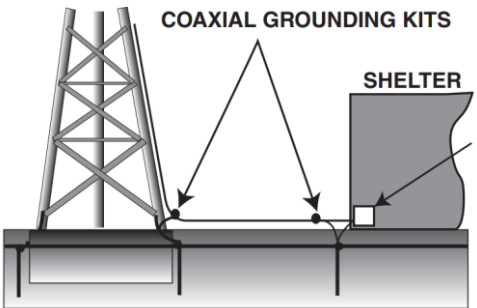
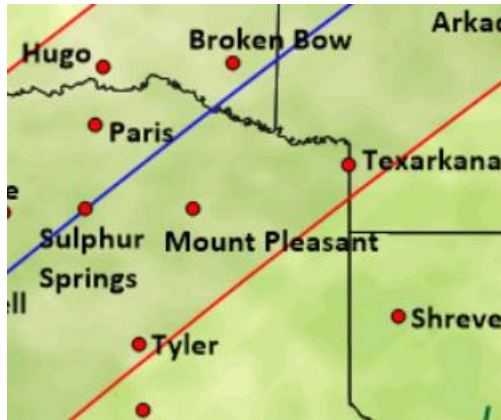
The eclipse will happen on April 8, 2024. Texarkana will be on the very edge of the visibility path. The partial eclipse is predicted to be about 2 minutes in length.

However, Paris and Sulphur Springs is expected to have total eclipse lasting about 4 minutes starting about 1:45pm.

For more information see:

<https://www.click2houston.com/features/2023/09/22/where-to-watch-the-2024-solar-eclipse-in-texas/>

<https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/texas-2024-eclipse>



Tower Grounding Documentation

The documentation we have been using for grounding the tower and equipment is a must for any tower owner. The link below will open the Motorola R56 in a PDF. The R56 is the standard for ground or surge protection. This is a 518 pages of very good information. Of course, not all 518 pages will apply to residential. Preparing the soil, foundation and grounding rods will apply. The table of contents is helpful in navigating this. I found good information around page 53.

https://www.staticworx.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Motorola_R56_2005_manual.pdf

Signal App



Signal app is a chat app that has become invaluable for the club. It is available for every platform, Android, iPhone, Windows and even Linux. It is FREE.

During severe storms, I am able to send radar pictures. Or if you need tech help, send a question, you will have the lot of people that is willing to help.

During the last week, the storms just kept coming. I was able to pass along radar images of incoming weather and weather alerts from the NWS.



1. Download the Signal App from your app store. Look for the Logo above.
2. Register. It's free.
3. Contact Greg KI5NHZ at gregwaits@outlook.com. He will approve the registration.



Welcome! Flyer

A very long time ago, I created an auto responder. I don't know why, but never advertised it. Well, here it is. Send a blank email to either

Info@4sarc.org or
Information@4sarc.org

You will receive an email with information about the club. Great for new hams!

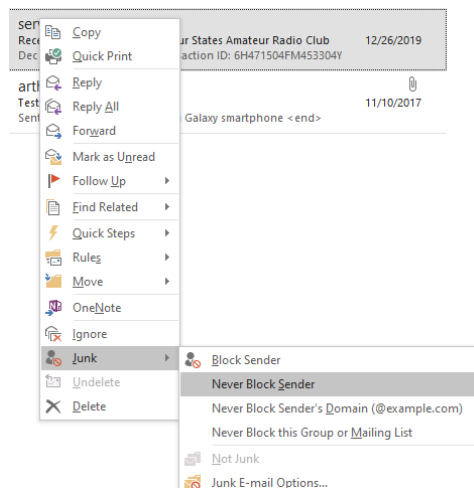
Pass it out!



Newsletter to Junk Mail

If you are not getting this newsletter, this article won't do you any good!! (That's like saying "stand up if you're not here"). If you are getting the newsletter but repeatedly going to junk mail, then read on!

Depending on your email client you may have an option to change this behavior. The Microsoft Outlook client has this option. Simply right mouse click on the newsletter, look in Junk Mail, select Junk / Never Block Sender or Never Block Senders Domain or you may try Never Block this Group. It may say Add To Safe Senders List. There may be some other option that will work to.





Broadcastify is Back!

If you are not familiar with Broadcastify, this is an audio streaming service. This is similar to YouTube, except it streams audio only over the internet. If you are traveling away from Texarkana, you can still listen to the 62 machine.

It is really easy to setup. There are 2 ways to listen. You may either listen to the traffic by website by going to <https://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/39186> or by phone app.

To use the phone app, download Broadcastify by RadioReference from your app store and search for 'KD5RCA' or 'Four States ARC'. There is about 30 seconds or longer delay.

If you are not familiar with it, many fire, police, ambulance, OEM and other agencies from around the country broadcast their traffic. So if a hurricane hits Florida or Texas, search for agencies in that area.



Membership Renewal

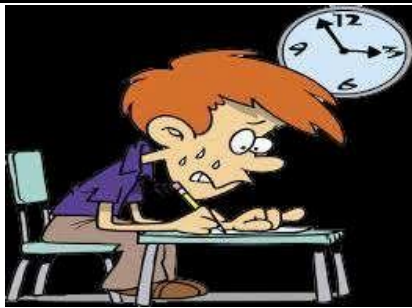
It's time to renew. It's easy! If you are already a member, login as normally do, then click on Member Only / Member Detail. Your information should automatically populate.

If you are not member yet, click on Register at the top of the home page.

You may pay by Paypal or by check, online or in person at the meeting.



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



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	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.



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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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