



# Four States Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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### Membership Chairman

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## From The President

Pat, KG5SC

In every organization, there are high points and low points. All endeavors seem to run in cycles and the Four States Amateur Radio Club is no different.

I felt that last year we were on a high cycle, lots of activities, enthusiasm and interest. This year the cycle seems to have turned down. That's a shame because I had such a good time during the high cycle and most of you have told me that you did too.

Why don't we do something about it? It is a simple process. We quit waiting for the other guy to do something and do it ourselves. We offer suggestions on what needs to be done and then help to see it gets done. I'll admit that I have been negligent lately and I will do something about it. Will you join me or just sit back and see our club go downhill?

## DX-ing

Pat, KG5SC

Some very happy folks here finally heard and worked Spratly Island (1S0XV) on 5/8/90, 15:54, 14.229.9 listening up 5.

Listen on 20 meters around 14.197, 2:00 UTC for JT1CS and JT1BX, Mongolia. They are friends that chase DX together.

Mats, SM7PKK, said that he and several others would be operating from Conway Reef, 3D2, starting on May 17th.

San Marino, T77C, has been heard on 14.218, 00:11 UTC, strong signal.

VK9TR, Willis Island, is on most mornings between 14.175 -14.200. I have heard him several times around 12:00 UTC. He also checks into the 14.226.5 net.

The 6DAPAX call that you heard was a commemorative call for the Papal visit to Mexico.

If your receivers have been taking longer to recover lately it's because Carl, KG5RX has his beam up and an amp going. He has been working some very nice DX.

## Business Meeting

The May business meeting of the FSARC was held Saturday May 12 at the Wadley Hospital Cafeteria. Pat KG5SC called the meeting to order at 9am.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the April newsletter and the treasurers report showed a \$788.05 bank balance with 75 paid members on the roster. Wes reminded everyone of the VE testing on May 19. Cap said he needs more items for the swap & shop net. Wimpy reported on the need to be on standby if needed for emergency communications during the Red River flooding. Dick announced that the field day site at Piney Point on Lake Wright Patman has been secured and Bill, WD5HJF suggested a fish fry instead of the traditional hamburger cook on field day. Pat announced that the club ARRL liability insurance policy is due for renewal and would be renewed upon the due date. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26

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### THE RAGING RED

Wimpy, KG5XF

As most of you know, the Red River was on a rampage the week of May 11. The civil defense along with the Corp of Engineers worked around the clock to contain the river

On Wednesday May 9th, we were called to help in the project. The Office of Emergency management was looking for someone to help keep an all night vigil. With the pool of names they had, I was called, then Pat, KG5SC. Although the help they wanted was not Ham radio related, I went on down to take phone calls and help wherever needed.

The OEM in Texarkana was in support of the county agency. Although the city of Texarkana was not coordinating, they provided much valuable assistance. Everything that the County needed, Texarkana OEM provided upon request, down to a lunch delivered in a pink Cadillac. (You'll have to ask me about that one.)

One thing that I found in serving with this agency was that no matter how you think you are prepared, unforeseen challenges arise. Although we were not asked to serve as radio operators, that could have changed at any

moment. Friday night presented a time that we could have been called up to help evacuate people north of town. The levee had a crack and no one knew if it would hold. Saturday brought the possibility of storms and more rain. Everyone was thankful that the weather moved south. Jack, KASIQB reported hail covering the ground at his house.

The OEM in Texarkana is not prepared at this time to use us in the ways that Dallas, Shreveport, Paris and so many other towns are using their Ham Radio resource, but we know that a day will come that we will be much more valuable than just a way to get weather information.

One group of volunteers we cannot forget is the American Red Cross. These people put in many man hours of time. They provided food and whatever comforts were needed to help other volunteers perform.

Wes, WV5I gave of his time to this group. Thursday morning long distance telephone service was out. The Red Cross asked if we could get a message to their office in Dallas. Basil, NSBH was able to make the connection with Dallas on 40 meters on the very same morning. Those of you who have handled traffic know that sometimes it take more than an hour or two.

We had Wayne, KB5MCZ helping with the sandbagging one of the nights. Then he was at the levee site with a four wheeler to evacuate troops all day Saturday.

All in all, the project went very well. There were many agencies involved and they all worked as one unit. Although we were not at the leading edge of this project, we never know when we will be called on to provide communications that could save life and property.

Thanks also to Ken, K5MCF, and Bob, WA5KVO who helped out.

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### DIGITAL TALK

Hal, KF5Y0

Field Day is just around the corner and looks as if we will have plenty of digital communication gadgets out at the site. Dave (N5MTO), is planning on bringing 2 meter and 10 meter packet equipment, Wimpy is planning on bringing equipment for working AMTOR and

RTTY, and I will be bringing H.F. Packet equipment. The equipment will be available for everyone's use. Field Day will be a very good opportunity for all those that are interested in digital communications to see what its all about. I now have packet set up at the office. Feel free to connect at anytime and if I'm at my desk I will answer back. Otherwise leave me a message on the mail drop and I'll connect back as soon as I can. Also by having packet set up at work, I will be able to send emergency traffic out in case the need arises. Feel free to call me at the hospital. The number is 798-5100 and have me paged.

## HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE A TRUE DXer

### The True DXer:

1. Goes to work when he is sick so he can call in sick when a new country is on.
2. Gets the industrial rate from SWEPCO for his amplifier.
3. Bypassed the FAA and went straight to NASA for permission to put up his tower.
4. Enjoys hearing Memphis come in on 14.
5. Upon entering a tall building, immediately takes his H.T. to the roof to see how many repeaters he can kerchunk
6. Has an echo chamber, equalizer, and three speech processors between his mike and rig.
7. Thinks an ideal vacation spot is one where you get shot at, fall in the water, and make 32,000 QSO's.

### THE NON-DXer:

1. Removed the 20 meter position from his rig's bandswitch.
2. Thinks a pile-up is something in a football game.
3. Had 100 QSL cards printed when he was a Novice and still has 98 of them.
4. Thinks a gray line is something old people get in their hair.
5. Thinks a sterba curtain is something you hang in a window.
6. Doesn't know what W.F.W. means

(From Arlington ARC Newsletter)

## FIELD DAY '90

Dick W5NEU

Field Day this year will be the 23rd and 24th of June which is the last full weekend of the month. We have reserved Piney Point at Lake Wright Patman which is the same site that we have used the last few years. It is an excellent spot for our radio operation and the associated field day activities.

We will begin to set up camp Friday afternoon June 22. There is room on site for camping however there are no electrical or water hookups so come prepared to rough it. There are rest rooms near the site and water and electricity are available at the pavilion where we will be set up.

Our regular Saturday morning coffee which is normally held at the Wadley Cafeteria will be held at the field day site that Saturday.

The Field Day Contest starts at 1pm CDT on Saturday and runs for 24 hours.

As in years past, our goal is to Work All States on as many modes and bands as possible.

As usual, the club will furnish soft drinks, paper plates, etc. A catfish cookout is planned for 6pm. The club will furnish the fish, hushpuppies etc. but you are encouraged to bring your favorite dish to supplement the fish, and snacks for the day.

Also, don't forget multiple outlet extension cords, nylon cord for putting up antennas, masts, feedlines, power supplies and other necessities for setting up your station.

Plan on coming on out and get on the air or just sit back, relax and enjoy the fun. As usual we expect to have a great time, eat a lot, and have fun operating during the contest.

### For Sale

Astron 35 Amp Power Supply with meters  
 5 position coax switch rated at 5KW  
 Kenwood SP-70 Speaker  
 Two Collins speakers  
 Daiwa CN-630 Power Meter  
 San, K5YY 832-3344

# FOUR STATES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## Calendar

**FSARC 2m Net (146.62)**  
**Lunch**  
**Digital Net (145.01 Packet)**  
**DX Net (146.55 Simplex)**  
**Ham Com**  
**Field Day**

Each Tuesday 8:30pm ( Swap Net Follows)  
Each Wednesday 12 noon Mr. Gatti's State Line  
Each Thursday Night 8:30pm  
Daily 7-8am and 5:30 pm until  
Arlington, Tx June 9,10  
June 23,24 Piney Point, Lake Wright Patman

## Skywarn

**May**  
**June**

Mike, KG5RV  
Wes, WY5I

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