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**Deadline: Saturday @ 19:00CST before GCARC Meeting. The K5GCC Newsletter will be published ~36 hours following this deadline.**

## **Thank you for visiting the GCARC Newsletter**

"It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community."

From the GCARC Constitution

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## Presidents Corner – August 2009

Greetings,

This month the club provided communications for the Sherman Kiwanis Bike Rally <http://www.shermankiwanis.org> . This was our second year to participate. We set up the tent on Friday evening to avoid the early morning darkness on the following Saturday. Thanks to the following hams for coming out to help set up the tent: Wilmer – WB5DCU, Jim- KI5DQ, David- KC0EHR, David- KD5KPR, Jerry-KE5GPH, Wade- KF5AUD, John- N2JWM , Bob- NJ5A & Donald-W5DWH. On Saturday August 15th, approximately 350 riders participated in the rally. Net Control was set up inside the Apple Stadium. Net Control operators were: Jim-KI5DQ, John-N2JWM & David-KCOEHR. We utilized the club call sign K5GCC and the 147.000+ repeater. The following hams provided communications for the rest stops: Jerry Bylander-KE5GPH, Richard Dyer-N5GLN, Donald Hofmann-W5DWH, Richard Mutz-KE5UMO, Rod Gross-KD5HQF, Kelly Gross- KE5HNG, Bob Robertson-NJ5A, David Woods-W5COP, Jack Nash-N5MME, and Gordon Duke-N5TPO. SAG vehicles were manned by: Jerry Bylander-KE5GPH, and Don Kerr-KD5KIR. Moe Knight-NT7C and Rick Simmons-K5ECX were the Rovers. Steve Roberson-KE5DLZ and Belinda Roberson-KE5UML was once again “Tail-end Charlie”. Last but not least, Jim Hubbell-N5COP served as the event photographer. Thanks to everyone that participated (and if I left your name off I apologize).

There were several bikes with flats, several routes that were changed (and therefore the rest stops had to be changed) as well as a fire drill at Gunter that caused last minute route changes. One biker succumbed to the heat and was taken to WNJ. It was a hot, humid day so several rest stops ran out of water and ice. All in all, it was a fun event and we are looking forward to next year’s event. Additional details on page 6.

Also we had a new net start this month. “Girls Net Out” meets every Thursday at 8:00pm on the 147.000+ repeater. This net is for ladies only. So far the net has met three times. Linda KE5YUC is the net control operator. Linda says that the net will discuss whatever the group wants too- from gardening, to cooking and possibly even ham radio. If you are a lady and have your license but haven’t used it in the past, here is a good opportunity. I encourage you to join in the fun.

Callsign lookup page: I found this search page <http://callsign.ualr.edu/callsign.shtml> which is useful for searching for a ham by callsign, name, city, state or zip code.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me.

73 Donald Hofmann W5DWH

You can contact me:

Via email at [w5dwh.donald@gmail.com](mailto:w5dwh.donald@gmail.com)

Via the 147.000+ repeater as I monitor it at various times during the day as well as evenings

Via cell phone at 903-271-0827 up until 9 pm (in emergencies call 24/7)

73 Donald Hofmann W5DWH

## GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

### Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

August 21, 2009 @ 18:45CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

<http://www.k5gcc.us>

Program: Wilmer-WB5DCU will discuss the Grayson County VHF Society and the organizations purpose. We will have a debriefing on the bike rally and discuss what we could have done better or different. We will also discuss having a special event station in the future.

### Cooke County ARC Hamfest

August 22, 2009

<http://www.gainesvillehamfest.org>

Gainesville Civic Center 311 South Weaver Street Gainesville, TX 76240

Talk-In: 147.340 w/100Hz PL & 442.775 w/100Hz PL

Contact: James K. Floyd, N5ZPU 1704 East California Street Gainesville, TX 76240

Phone: 940-668-7511

[jfloyd@swbell.net](mailto:jfloyd@swbell.net)

### Fannin County Amateur Radio Club (FCARC) Meeting / VE Test Session

August 22, 2009 @ 09:30CST for the FCARC Meeting.

August 22, 2009 @ 10:00CST for the VE Test Session.

Bonham VA Hospital, 1201 East 9th St., Bonham TX, 75418, Talk in 145.470 - offset no PL.

Topic: TBA

Informal breakfast - meeting before the meeting - at Cappy's @ 07:30CST.

Contact: Roger Ashcroft, President

<http://www.k5frc.com>

### Dallas Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, Dallas Chapter #41

September 05, 2009

Midway Pointe Restaurant, S-W corner of Loop I-635 and Midway Roads in Dallas.

Featured Program: a 2-hour presentation of the Sun and Solar Sun Spot Cycles at 12:00CST.

QCWA belt buckles are available for purchase @ \$24.95, plus \$4.00 S&H each from the QCWA National Headquarters, Box 3247, Framingham, MA 01705, (508)405-1930, [qcwagm@rcn.com](mailto:qcwagm@rcn.com). Please allow 4 weeks for delivery via USPS from Framingham, MA.

For additional details, please contact: Steve Brodie, K5ZYZ, 903-786-4064, 903-818-0234 (cell)

### McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Meeting

September 14, 2009 @ 19:00CST <http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

### Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

September 18, 2009 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

<http://www.k5gcc.us>

Program: TBA

## Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session

October 01, 2009 @ 19:30CST (First Thursday of every EVEN month – Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)  
 Sherman Municipal Airport  
 1200 S. Dewey Ave  
 Sherman TX 75090

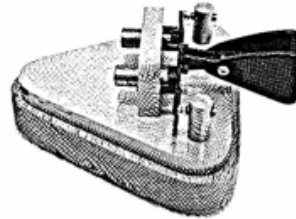
VE Testing sponsored by the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club takes place the first Thursday of every EVEN numbered month (e.g. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, & Dec.) Testing will take place at the Sherman Municipal Airport, 19:30 hours. Testing fee for 2009 is \$15.00 for one try of any or all elements. Retests of any failed element will require another \$15.00 fee and is at the exclusive discretion of the VE team.

If testing, you must show a picture ID issued by a governmental agency. Other ID (such as a school picture ID) will be at the discretion of the VE team. For young children a parent's ID and some school record of the student may be accepted. In this circumstance please contact me in advance if possible. For upgrades, please bring your original license. For paper upgrades (i.e. old Tech or Tech Plus claiming code credit) bring a copy of your old license you are using to claim credit. We have no copy machines at the testing facility.

Don't forget we will be testing at the Gainesville Hamfest, Gainesville Civic Center (actually the test session will be in the Library) at 9:30 am. This test session will take place 21 August 2009. If you have any questions about testing at Gainesville, contact Wilmer – WB5DCU.

## Paris Hamfest

Paris Texas Radio Group  
 October 09-10, 2009 <http://www.paritexasradio.com/hamfest>  
 Red River Valley Fairgrounds  
 570 East Center Street, Paris Texas 75460  
 Phone: 903-783-0968  
 Talk-In: 147.040+ (PL 100.0)  
 Contact: Richard Lenoir, KI5DX



Any other questions about testing please feel free to contact Moe Knight – NT7C – or anyone on the VE Team. You may call Moe at 903-815-0342.

The 6 August 09 VE session had one person taking exams. There is a new General, our own, – Rick – K5ECX among us. When you hear Rick on the air please welcome him warmly. Thanks to all VE's who helped out. Leo, David, and Wilmer, I really appreciate your support; without you it wouldn't be possible.

There are no new classes scheduled at this moment. I am looking at scheduling a new Tech class in late September/early October. I am working on a new class for upgrading from Technician to General. If you would be interested in this class please let me know. It is probably a year out before I have everything ready.

## Amateur Radio News Around the County

### Silent Key – WJ5V

Edward R. Shaw, Denison TX

### Silent Key – WO6T ... W6S

Mickey "Santa Claus" Hicks, WO6T (SK) (Aug 11, 2009) -- Mickey Hicks, WO6T -- known to many amateurs and their children as Santa Claus -- passed away Sunday, August 9. He was 79. For the past 38 years, Hicks, a ham for almost 50 years and a long-time Amateur Radio instructor, would get on the air for 10 days each December as W6S (Whiskers-6-Santa). ARRL Youth Editor Duncan MacLachlan, KU0DM, profiled Hicks in December 2008: "The Amateur Radio community has been quick to embrace the W6S operation. Mickey says that the first year operating as W6S was 'a hit with the operators of all ages and their children.'" <http://www.arrl.org/?artid=9123>

### 2009 Atlantic Hurricane Season

The 2009 Atlantic hurricane season officially began June 01, 2009 and runs through the end of November. The National Hurricane Center (NHC) <http://www.hwn.org> in Miami is the focal point for hurricane predictions and advisories once a storm is identified. Information on the storm is gathered from a variety of sources, one being Amateur Radio. When a hurricane comes within 300 miles of landfall, the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) generally is activated; the net may also be activated for a tropical storm that is expected to intensify to hurricane status. HWN's primary thrust is to provide information to the NHC regarding the position and conditions within the storm area and providing advisories to those in the affected area who might not have any other way to get that information. HWN is not a "check-in" net, and checking in from outside of the affected area is strongly discouraged. HWN is also not a health and welfare traffic net but it will provide information as to frequencies where health and welfare nets are operational. When there is a named storm, feel free to tune to 14.325MHz and listen, but please don't transmit unless you have good reason. When the HWN is in operation, keep in mind that a clear frequency on either side is appreciated, since reporting stations will often be using makeshift antennas and low power. You can get up-to-date information on the storm, as well as receive the latest outlook and advisory bulletins via e-mail, at the Hurricane Watch Net

### North Texas Balloon Project – ARBONET-3

<http://www.arbonet.net>

From: W5BL

July 06, 2009

... As much as I want to fly the mission, we have got to have a full complement of people available to make sure we are successful with the mission including recovery of the payloads.

I take full responsibility for the on-again-off- again schedule for the flight. The lesson learned is that as much as I would like to fly in the spring, we are going to have to stay away from planning to fly that time of year. It just proves to be problematic and rescheduling is tough too.

I would like to propose that we have a meeting on Sunday the 30th of August to reset the stage and regroup. I will check and see if the meeting room at the Frisco library is available on that date. In the mean time we need to nail down a proposed launch back-up date. I will consult with various groups involved and let everyone know what dates we decide to go with.

73,

Doug, W5BL

## Sherman Kiwanis 4th annual Red River Bike Rally

August 15, 2009

Several area amateur radio operators provided communications during this event. This fund raiser was choreographed by the Sherman Kiwanis <http://www.shermankiwanis.org>, sponsored by numerous local business and private individuals. Communications were provided by the K5GCC Radio Club with net control station located at the event finish line which simultaneously interfaced the event staff to all rest stops, and support vehicles.



Jerry, KE5GPH



Kiwanis Staff with Jerry, KE5GPH



Luella Rest Stop – Kiwanis Staff



Luella Rest Stop – Richard, KE5UMO



Luella Rest Stop



Luella Rest Stop – Kiwanis Staff



TomBean Rest Stop



TomBean Rest Stop



Van Alstyne Rest Stop



Van Alstyne Rest Stop



Van Alstyne Rest Stop – David, W5COP



Howe Rest Stop – Jack, N5MME



Rover 1 – Moe, NT7C and Rick, K5ECX



Sag 2 – Don, KD5KIR



Net Control Station – James, KI5DQ



Net Control Station – John, N2JWM

## Nets:

### Fannin County Amateur Radio Weekly Net

Every Tuesday @ 21:00CST on the 145.470-repeater

This is an informal information net.

### Grayson County ARES Net

2nd/4th Sundays @ 21:00CST on the 147.000+ repeater.

This is a directed information net. Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU, Net control

### 28.480MHz ARES Net

2nd/4th Monday @ 19:15CST on 28.480MHz USB.

### McKinney ARES Net

2nd Sunday @ 2100CST on the 146.740 repeater.

### Grayson County Repeaters

Primary – 147.000+ MHz w/100HZ CTSS PL

Secondary A – 147.080+ MHz w/100HZ PL

Secondary B – 146.520 MHz

444.750 MHz w/ 100Hz PL

### Durant Oklahoma Repeaters

147.390+ MHz w/118.8PL

147.255+ MHz w/118.8PL

### Van Alstyne TX

443.800+ MHz w/141.3PL

### Gainesville TX Repeater

147.340+ MHz w/100.0PL

### Bonham TX Repeater

145.470- MHz

### McKinney TX Repeater

146.740-MHz w/110.9PL

### Rosston TX

145.490-MHz w/84.5PL

### McKinney Info Net

Each Sunday @ 2000CST on the 146.740 repeater with Mike N5BQZ as net manager

### McKinney 6 meter AM Net

Each Wednesday @ 22:00CST on 50.400MHz



## GCARC Treasury Report

Bank Statement of 07/30/2009

Starting Acct. _____	\$2174.23
Deposits _____	\$ 70.00
Expenses _____	\$ 497.00
Account Balance of 07/12/2009 ____	\$1447.23

#### NOTES:

##### Deposits:

\$ 30.00 – Clue Dues

\$40.00 – GCARC Shirts

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##### Expenses:

\$497.00 Club Shirts

\$ (300 place holder for non-profit filing)

Updated 08/15/2009

Ross Chlapecka, KE5NAV

GCARC Treasurer

# Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU  
EC Grayson County

## HAZMAT Incidents

The term “hazardous materials” (HAZMAT) refers to any substances or materials which, if released in an uncontrolled manner (spilled, for example), can be harmful to people, animals, crops, water systems or other elements of the environment. The list is long and includes explosives, gases, flammable and combustible liquids, flammable solids or substances, oxidizing substances, poisonous and infectious substances, radioactive materials and corrosives.

One of the major problems is to determine what chemicals are where and in what quantities. Various organizations in the US have established or defined classes or lists of hazardous materials for regulatory purposes or for the purpose of providing rapid indication of the hazards associated with individual substances. As the primary regulatory agency concerned with the safe transportation of such materials in interstate commerce, the US Department of Transportation (DOT) has established definitions of various classes of hazardous materials, established placarding and marking requirements for containers and packages, and adopted an international cargo commodity numbering system.

The DOT requires that all freight containers, trucks and rail cars transporting these materials display placards identifying the hazard class or classes of the materials they are carrying. The placards are diamond shaped, 10 inches on a side, color-coded and show an icon or graphic symbol depicting the hazard class.

They are displayed on the ends and sides of transport vehicles. A four-digit identification number may be displayed on the placard or on an adjacent rectangular orange panel.

If you have spent time on the roads you have undoubtedly seen these placards or panels displayed on trucks and railroad tank cars. You may recognize some of the more common ones, such as 1993, which covers a multitude of chemicals including road tar, cosmetics, diesel fuel and home heating oil. Or you may have seen tankers placarded 1203 filling the underground tanks at the local gasoline station.

In addition to the placards, warning labels must be displayed on most packages containing hazardous materials. The labels are smaller versions of the placards (4 inches on a side). In some cases, more than one label must be displayed, in which case the labels must be placed next to each other. In addition to labels for each of the DOT hazard classes, other labels with specific warning messages may be required. Individual containers also have to be accompanied by shipping papers (if you can safely get close enough!) which contain the proper shipping name, the four-digit ID number and other important information about the hazards of the material.

Details of the placards and emergency response procedures can be found in the comprehensive DOT Emergency Response Guidebook, copies of which may be available for review from local civil preparedness officials or your police, sheriff or fire department. You may also want to consult your Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) or State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) concerning what role Amateur Radio might have in your local plan. For more information about hazardous materials in general, contact FEMA, Technological Hazards Division, 500 C St SW, Washington, DC 20472, tel 202-566-1600 or online at <http://www.fema.gov/rrr/carep.shtm> . More information is also available from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, online at <http://hazmat.dot.gov> .

## HAZMAT Incident Guidelines

1. Approach the scene cautiously—from uphill and upwind. If you have binoculars, use them!
2. Try to identify the material by any one of the following:
  - The four-digit number on a placard or orange panel
  - The four-digit number (preceded by the initials “UN/NA”) on a shipping paper or package
  - The name of the material on the shipping paper, placard or package.
3. Call for help immediately and let the experts handle the situation. Do not attempt to take any action beyond your level of training. Know what you are capable of doing.

The above information is from the ARES Field Resources Manual published by the ARRL.

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pubservice.html#resources>

The Grayson County Local Emergency Planning Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 8:00AM at the Grayson County Courthouse, Second Floor, Assembly Room. <http://www.co.grayson.tx.us/EM/lepc.htm>



### **Grayson County ARES Nets**

Remember that our ARES Nets are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday nights of each month at 9:00PM.  
Next Net is 8/23/2009

### **Sherman Warning Siren Test Net for September 2009**

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday September 2, 2009 at 9:00AM. The net will be called up at 8:40AM from the Sherman EOC using the EOC call WC5GC. The Net Control Operators will either be Johnnie, KD5NIC or Daniel, KD5LLW. If the test is canceled all stations will be notified at this time. I will send out a roster each month prior to the test to all participants who have e-mail capability listing the station calls and siren numbers.

We are in need of more volunteers to monitor the sirens or as back-ups for the folks that are assigned a siren. This exercise takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. You DO NOT have to live in Sherman to participate. If anyone would like to volunteer to monitor one of the sirens the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00AM give me a call. If you have any questions about the siren test net or if you can not participate please give me a call on the radio or on the phone, the phone numbers are at the bottom of the article.

Anyway the warning siren net is going very well. Keep up the good work!!!!

### **E-Mail Communications for Events**

Please make sure that I have your correct email address and if you change make sure you pass the new address along to me. I am going to be using email more often to inform or remind everyone about events that we will be participating in or to just pass along information that I think might be of interest to all.

### **When to Display ARES Magnetic Door Signs**

Always display your ARES magnetic door signs when you are storm spotting. Most Public Service and/or law enforcement officers in Grayson County will recognize them and will know what you are doing when storm spotting, especially at night time. DO NOT leave them on your vehicle all of the time!!

Whenever we provide communications for public service events or other events you will be ask to display them so all event officials and participants will recognize who you are and what you are doing.

When participating in any events or storm spotting make sure you wear your ARES picture ID badge. Always have your RACES picture ID badge along with you in case an emergency is declared by a public official. Should that happen we will immediately roll over into a RACES net.

If you need magnetic door signs or ID badges please read the respective paragraphs below.

### **Skywarn Window Stickers**

I now have vinyl SKYWARN stickers, they are \$1.50 each. We can't seem to find any of the free ones any more!

### **ARES Magnetic Door Signs & TECA Patches & Window Stickers**

I have 10 sets of magnetic door signs available. They are \$6.00 per set (2). Call me or e-mail me if you need a set. I also have a supply of Texoma Emergency Communications Association (TECA) patches. They are \$2.00 each.

### **Grayson County ARES/RACES**

If you need to fill out a ARES/RACES application please contact me or go to the website "AMATEUR RADIO in GRAYSON. Click on "ARES", look at the lower right hand corner and you should see the "Amateur Radio Emergency Service" and "Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service" forms. They are .pdf files, just download, fill them out and return them to me.

All of the information is confidential and will not be made public. The forms will be kept in a secure location. If I don't have a digital picture of you on file I will be glad to take one, just let me know. RACES will only be activated if a disaster is declared by a government entity or upon request of the local Emergency Management Directors. David Woods, W5COP or myself, WB5DCU are the local RACES contacts.

Want to join ARES or RACES? Need an ARES badge? I can take digital pictures for your badges. Please contact me. I appreciate each and every ones hard work and dedication to ARES, SKYWARN and Public Service in Grayson County.

Thank you,  
Wilmer O. Kinsey - WB5DCU  
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350 Mitchell Road  
Sherman, TX 75090-3223  
Home - 903-893-5872  
Cell - 903-271-3557  
E-mail: [wb5dcu1@verizon.net](mailto:wb5dcu1@verizon.net)

**Buy- Sell-Trade Net 08/09/2009**

**FS** – International Reply Coupon (IRC) issued by the USPS. They are a great way to receive international QSL cards that require an IRC. For available quantities (I have many) and pricing, contact James, KI5DQ, 903-891-1701.

**FS** - N5TPO has your electronic hardware needs. He has hose clamps, cable ties, alligator clips, terminal blocks and other assorted hardware. N5TPO, Gordon 903-868-0479

**FS** – Unadilla KW-17 meter traps. Easily add 17 meters to your 20/40/80 meter dipole(s).  
<http://www.unadilla.com/?p=34> Contact: James, KI5DQ, 903-891-1701

**FS**- Heathkit SWR and Power meter -\$25.00  
55' Rohn 45G Tower, rotor plate, thrust bearing and top plate, 2 guy bradcdkets, 6 Phillystran guys + turnbuckles with hardware. Complete tower and all listed hardware - \$1500.00  
Contact: Wilmer – WB5DCU, 903-893-5872 [wb5dcu1@verizon.net](mailto:wb5dcu1@verizon.net)

**FS** – Alinco DR610 VHF/UHF Radio  
Contact: Ray – AA5UO, 903-421-1515

**FS** – Drake L4-B RF Amplifier, 80-10 meters, 1KW+, serial #2039 w/matching power supply. \$600obo  
Contact: Steve Brodie – K5ZYZ, 903-818-0234

**FS** – Yaesu FT250R Hand Held w/desktop charger, 1400maH battery  
Contact Dwain – N0WDH, 580-847-2585

**Free/Give Away** – 1 to 2 years of QST magazines  
Contact: Gene – W5DPS, 903-892-9945

**Free/Give Away** – Military RF Signal Generator 10 to 420MHz Model #TS510A/U  
Contact: Wilmer – WB5DCU, 903-893-5872 [wb5dcu1@verizon.net](mailto:wb5dcu1@verizon.net)

## Meeting Minutes 19 June 2009 Meeting

Call to Order by Donald Hofmann – W5DWH – 19:30 hours

Introductions were made and roll sheet passed around (roll sheet is missing in action).

Treasurer's report and Minutes correct as printed in newsletter.

### Old Business

- Shirt order needs to get to Ross – KE5NAV – by 27 June 09.
- Boy Scout Camp demo
- 2m/70cm/HF and code challenge demonstration
- Contact Wilmer – WB5DCU or Donald if you wish to participate.
- Gainesville Hamfest is coming up 22 August 09.

### New Business

- There will be a Proclamation of Amateur Radio Week by the Grayson County Commissioners Court. If you can attend, it will take place at 10:00CST, 22 June 2009.
- Governor Rick Perry signed a Proclamation of Amateur Radio Week for Texas.
- Field Day
- We will be using logging software for the first time this year. Glenn – W5VQ and Jim – KI5DQ demonstrated the software for us.
- Everyone is encouraged to arrive at 0800 Saturday for set up.
- Operation starts at 1300 local.
- Pot luck dinner starts at 1700.
- There will be a new CERT team graduating on 1 September 2009.

Next meeting 17 July 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 20:11 hours

Respectfully submitted,  
Moe Knight - NT7C –Secretary

## Meeting Minutes 17 July 2009 Meeting

Call to Order by Donald Hofmann – W5DWH – 19:32 hours

Introductions were made and roll sheet passed around (30 members & visitors).

Treasurer's report correct as printed in newsletter.

Minutes approved as distributed at the meeting – will be printed in next club newsletter.

### Old Business

- Shirt order – check with Ross – KE5NAV to make sure he has correct information prior to placing the order.
- Boy Scout Camp demo – report given.
- Gainesville Hamfest is coming up. There is some remodeling of the Civic Center taking place that may impact floor space. The usual coffee, donuts and popcorn will be made available.
- Field Day – Thanks to Glenn – W5VQ
- General comments about participating in something other than field day – too hot?
- Eisenhower's Birthplace/birthday?
- Remote from someone's shack via Internet?
- Club to revisit some slow month.

### New Business

- A-1 operator award is a prestigious award bestowed upon US hams who demonstrate excellence in operations and promoting amateur radio. This award is given only after a ham is recommended by two A-1 operators. (review ARRL for more information on A-1 Operator). Paul – K1PKZ, and Hendrik – N5KA happen to be members of this elite group of ham radio operators. With their recommendation, the ARRL has conferred the title of A-1 Operator on Wilmer – WB5DCU. Congratulations, Wilmer.
- Kiwanis bike ride is 15 August 2009. Those interested in helping please email Wilmer or Donald. We will need hams for checkpoints, net control, SAG's, and rovers.
- There will be a new CERT team graduating on 1 September 2009. Hams from CERT team A are asked to be present for graduation exercise on 1 September 2009.
- Moe – NT7C, will not be able to make the club meeting on 21 August. Someone will need to take minutes for the club.

Next meeting 21 August 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 20:29 hours

Respectfully submitted,  
Moe Knight - NT7C –Secretary