



# The GroundWire

## The President's Corner

August 2017



Hot and humid! Humid and hot! Summer is upon us in all its glory! Be sure and stay hydrated and when possible, work outside in the cooler part of the day.

We enjoyed the informative MARS presentation at the meeting on July 18th. Ed (K5ZPC) had 60 years involvement with that organization and had lots of interesting experiences to relate.

The amended and updated Bylaws were approved unanimously by the members in good standing who were in attendance. An election committee and candidates for offices for the 2018 calendar year will now need to be secured.

We are looking forward to the August meeting with Rick (KJ5UY) who will do a Field Day 2017 recap for us. At the September meeting, Johnny (KJ5LB) will demonstrate constructing VHF and UHF Fox Hunting antennas.

See you there!

73

Pat

(KB5YPP)

### Visitors Welcome!

#### General Meetings

3rd Tuesday

7:00 p.m.

#### Board Meetings

1st Tuesday

7:00 p.m.

Windsor Park Baptist Church  
750 W. Pleasant Run Rd.  
DeSoto, TX 75115

### REPEATERS

#### VHF 2 Meter

W5WB

147.060/+/-110.9

Input  $f = 147.660$

#### UHF 70 cm

W5AUU

444.500/+/-110.9

Input  $f = 449.500$

Monday night nets at 8:00 p.m.

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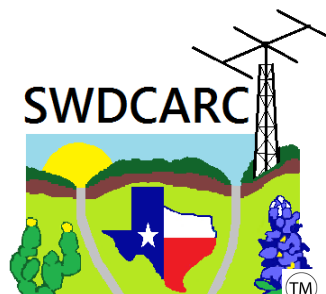
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## Club Calendar

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August 1st 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

August 15th 7:00 p.m. General Meeting

September 5th 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

September 19th 7:00 p.m. General Meeting

October 17th SWDCARC Annual Chili Social

December 19th SWDCARC Annual Christmas Party

**Weekly:** Mondays 8:00 p.m. Informal Nets

Thursdays 8:00 p.m. (CST) SWDCARC HF "Ragchew"

Normal f = 3.6085 MHz or 3.8065 MHz (for General)

Frequency coordination on 147.06

Contact Floyd (KC5QBC) for more information

Saturdays 7:00 a.m. Breakfast, Alcapulo's Restaurant

225 E. Beltline Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115



## VE Testing

VE Testing will be conducted monthly **by appointment.**

If you would like to test for the  
Technician, General, or Extra,  
please email Paul Dryer (KD5IVP)  
at [psdryer@tx.rr.com](mailto:psdryer@tx.rr.com)



**REMEMBER TO**



## Upcoming Programs

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August 15th at 7:00 p.m.—Come enjoy a visual representation of the Field Day events. If you were not able to attend Field Day, this is your opportunity to see all the goings-on!

September 19th at 7:00 p.m.—Johnny (KJ5LB) will demonstrate the construction of VHF and UHF antennas for Fox Hunting

October 17th at 7:00 p.m.—Chili Social

November 21st at 7:00 p.m.—Open

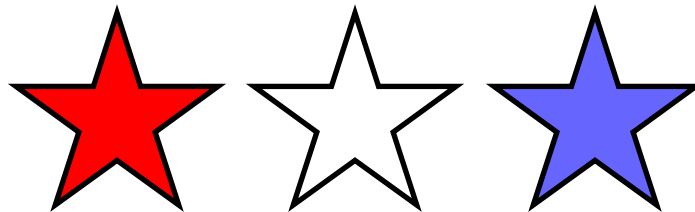
December 19th at 7:00 p.m.—Christmas Dinner Social, Ham of the Year Award, and the (always fun!) White Elephant Gift Exchange.

## Opportunities & Upcoming Events



Will your summer vacation take you on the road? Here's a link to all the Hamfest events being held across the nation in June through October. Happy planning!

Click here: [http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq\\_hamfest\\_events.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_hamfest_events.html)



### **ARRL South Texas Section Convention in conjunction with the 34th annual Austin Summerfest 2017**

When: August 4th and 5th

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6121 N. I-35 N & US 290 E, Austin, TX

Cost: \$10 at the door; \$2 discount with online registration

No charge to attend the Tailgate Swaps

Link for additional information: <http://www.austinsummerfest.org>

# Need Help? Ask an Elmer!

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Thanks to the following folks that have volunteered to share their knowledge and time in helping others!

CATEGORY	PRIMARY	CALL	SECONDARY	CALL
APRS	Jerry Keltner	KB6OJE		
Antennas	Paul Dryer	KD5IVP		
Contesting	Jerry Keltner	KB6OJE		
CW	Russ Thompson	KX5G	Paul Dryer	KD5IVP
DF'ing	Rick Ellis	KJ5UY		
DX				
JPole Construction	Barry McCoy	K5BSM	James Jackson	KF5RBN
Kit Building &	Paul Dryer	KD5IVP		
Net Operations	Russ Thompson	KX5G		
Portable Operation	Gene Boulton	N5PKZ		
PSK31	Jerry Keltner	KB6OJE		
QSL'ing				
Radio Bargains	Barry McCoy	K5BSM		
Satellites	Bob Best	KA4JSQ		
Traffic Handling	Russ Thompson	KX5G		
WSPR				
NPOTA				
Repeater Use & Etiquette	Johnny Roberson	KJ5LB		

**What is YOUR specialty?**

If you would like to add your name to the list, please send an email to [GroundwireEditor@gmail.com](mailto:GroundwireEditor@gmail.com) with your name, call, & category of interest.

## Financial Report - July 2017

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June-17	Income	Expense	Balance	Petty Cash
General Fund				
Beginning Balance			\$2,102.54	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income-2017	\$12.50			
A6				
TOTAL INCOME	\$12.50			
EXPENSES				
GoDaddy Dlx Linux Hosting		\$191.50		
cPan				
Transfer to Material Property				
Transfer to Special Events				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$191.50		
Ending Balance			\$1,923.54	
Special Events Fund				
Beginning Balance			\$0.00	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Trans from General Fund				
TOTAL INCOME				
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES				
Ending Balance			\$0.00	
Material Property Fund				
Beginning Balance			\$2,901.87	
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Dues Income-2017	\$12.50			
Transfer from General Fund				
TOTAL INCOME	\$12.50			
EXPENSES				
Transfer to General Fund				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		
Ending Balance			\$2,914.37	
June Balance			\$4,837.91	

### 2017 Board Members

#### President

Pat Roberson (KB5YPP)

#### Vice-President

Don Dewberry (K5DEW)

#### Treasurer

Jerry Keltner (KB6OJE)

#### Secretary

Bill Sawyer (W1SAW)

#### Directors

Anthony Guthrie (KD5TKN)

Wayne Schier (KE4SGS)

Vacant

### Committee Positions

#### Repeater Trustee

Johnny Roberson (KJ5LB)

#### Repeater Committee Chair

Pat Roberson (KB5YPP)

#### Newsletter Editors

Judy Vergara (WA5EDD)

#### Web Master

OPEN

[1] KB6OJE:  
Drena, KK5YC, \$25

No activity since last month.

The Board  
did not meet  
in July  
because of the  
4th of July holiday.

## SWDCARC General Membership Meeting Agenda July 18, 1917

The meeting was called to order by Pat (KB5YPP) at 7:04 PM. at the Windsor Park Baptist Church in DeSoto, Texas.

Invocation was given by Johnny (KJ5LB).

### Executive Board members :

#### Officers

President - Pat Roberson (KB5YPP)

Vice-Pres - Don Dewberry (K5DEW)

Treasurer - Jerry Keltner (KB6OJE)

Secretary -

#### Directors

Program -

Property - Wayne Schier (KE4SGS) -absent

Membership - Anthony Guthrie (KD5TKN) - absent

**Name/Call Sign Introductions** - attendance sheet was passed around.

**Guests:** JD (K5HH)

**Program:** MARS, Past and Present by Ed Jones (K5ZPC).

**VE's and test takers to test session (if scheduled)** none .

### Business Meeting

**Minutes of previous General Meeting:** Motion by Johnny (KJ5LB) with second by Ed (K5ZPC). Approved as printed in the Groundwire.

**Treasurer's Report of previous General Meeting:** Motion by Johnny (KJ5LB) with second by Ed (K5ZPC). Approved as printed in the Groundwire.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Repeaters:** C.H. - working fine

Backup - work in progress

**VE Session:** none

**EOC:** no report

**Membership:** no report

**Net:** Mike (N5NXN) had good participation on the 17th.

**Web:** Word Press and GoDaddy information provided to JD (K5HH).

**Groundwire:** All submissions for the Groundwire need to be in **MS Word** format and sent to Judy (WA5EDD), or Pat (KB5YPP) by the **25th** of the month.

**Field Day:** Johnny (KJ5LB) and Floyd (KC5QBC) are compiling data for the report to ARRL. All who attended Field Day 2017 with the SWDCARC had a good time, exercised their equipment, and demonstrated our ability to respond and support our community in an emergency.

**Material Property:** no report

**Programs:** August - Field Day Review by Rick (KJ5UY). September - 2-meter Fox Hunt antenna building. October - Chili social. If you have a program suggestion, please contact one of the members of the Board.

### OLD BUSINESS

All members in good standing were previously emailed copies of the updated and revised SWDCARC By-laws. Don (K5DEW) called for a vote on the updated and revised SWDCARC Bylaws dated July 18, 2017. All members in good standing who were present voted unanimously to approve the July 18, 2017 SWDCARC Bylaws.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Club needs a volunteer to fill the Secretary position until a new election is held.

See the newly approved Bylaws for updated information on when a nominating committee needs to be activated, and when the new officers will begin their term.

**ADJOURN :** Motion by Johnny (KJ5LB) at 7:43 p.m.