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The Stephen F. Austin Radio Club, Inc.

An Association of Amateur Radio Operators in the Austin, Fayette and Waller County Areas

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Vice President, Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Croker, KB5ITB

February 24, 2010

Minutes of the January 2010 Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The January 2010 meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 6:58 p.m. on the 27th by Vice President Cameron Mitchell. Dan White reported that the radio and computer equipment purchased by Austin County has now been installed and is in its own room. He also gave out copies of the manuals in CD format for all equipment located at the Courthouse.

A general discussion ensued regarding the dismantling of the Club's antenna and towers at Deanne Hickman's home. Dan said that David Warren has volunteered to climb the smaller tower to dismantle it. Wade Eilers and Dennis Alexander each have gin poles, but it remains to be determined how and when one can be borrowed for the project and from whom.

Kathy Croker suggested listing the larger tower on Craig's List in such a manner that the tower and antenna would be given to anyone willing to come dismantle it and haul it away, and the Club's tower sections would be offered for sale, once they were on the ground. The larger tower and antenna are personal property of Deanne, so someone would have to contact her and see if the plan is agreeable to her. David Jenkins made a motion to list the Club's equipment on Craig's List (with a notation made that it should be on the ground by March 1, 2010), which was seconded by Johnny Holmes. The motion carried. Dan then gave Kathy a list of the equipment and description of the towers so she could construct the ad.

Two visitors were welcomed to the meeting. Ed Firasek, KC5AHR, and Jerry Gilmore were recognized by Cameron Mitchell and each was given the opportunity to introduce himself. Jerry is studying for his license and Ed has been an inactive operator for some time, but is now returning to the hobby.

Cameron Mitchell then commented on the success of the Annual Banquet. Kathy Croker called for a motion to reimburse Cameron for the expenses of the barbeque meal, but he waived the motion and made it a donation.

Mention was made of the MS-150, but all reported having no contact or news of the upcoming event.

The door prize drawing was held and Cameron Mitchell won a pocket knife, generously donated by Carl and Linda Pleasant.

Cameron then called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by Kathy Croker, who then also gave the Treasurer's Report. David Jenkins moved that both were approved as read.

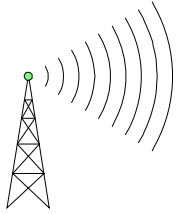
Bruce Mitchell then made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Linda Pleasant. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
John B. Holmes, Jr., W5ALG
Dave F. Jenkins, K5KX
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Tommie Maness, N5YUJ
Billie Maness, N5YUI
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March 31, 2010

Minutes of the February 2010 Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The February 24 meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for the reading of the previous meeting Minutes by Kathy Croker. The Minutes were approved as read. Ben then called for the Treasurer's Report, after which Dave Jenkins made a Motion to accept, followed by Robert Croker's second. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

John Holmes made a Motion to grant Cameron Mitchell a dues-free year for his accomplishments with the tower situation. Kathy Croker seconded the Motion. The Motion carried.

The door prize drawing was held and Cameron Mitchell won a set of 9mm Luger shells, generously donated by Carl and Linda Pleasant.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan White suggested we use the remaining Bluebonnet monies to replace the antenna on the Courthouse with a B&W Stainless model. Dave Jenkins made a Motion that the antenna, its support structure and the labor to install it does not exceed \$431.00, the balance remaining in the account for the Bluebonnet monies. The Motion was seconded by John Holmes. The Motion carried.

Dan then reported that a man had called the previous Monday and will be at Deanne Hickman's house to get the tower. He will give the Club its antenna and is willing to pay \$15-\$20 per section to the Club for 5 sections.

It was also reported that ARES has now taken over communications for the MS-150. We are officially out of it as a club function.

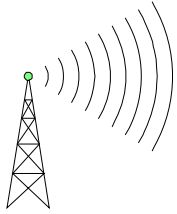
Carl Pleasant then made a Motion to adjourn, followed by a second by Kathy Croker. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

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Robert Croker, AD5ME
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
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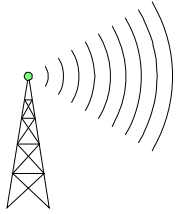
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April 28, 2010

April 2010 – No official meeting was held. Members met at the Courthouse for an informative session with members of the local CERT team regarding licensing requirements, study materials and test sessions.

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Ben Worrell, NE5B
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Linda White, Guest
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP
Kathie Brown, CERT
John Dubas, Guest
Ray Chislett, CERT
James Schmidt, CERT
Butch Stone, CERT
April Eschete, CERT
Jay S. Aguilar, CERT
Jenni Aguilar, CERT
Roberert Croker, AD5ME
Dan White, W5AOV
John B. Holmes, Jr., W5ALG
Dave Jenkins, K5KX
Eliz Payne, CERT



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May 26, 2010

Minutes of the March 2010 Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The March 31 meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order by Ben Worrell at 7:20 p.m. A drawing was held and Robert Croker won a custom-made Texas State Flag glass magnet, designed and signed by David Jenkins.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to conclude from the previous month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan White reported that he had sold the Club's 5 tower sections for \$100.00, which he will bring to the meeting in April. He also reported that the antenna from the Hickman place is now on the Cat Spring Tower. He has also bought the B&W Antenna and Switchbox and he, Johnny Holmes and Dave Jenkins installed these items at the Courthouse.

A letter will need to be written to the Bluebonnet Society informing them of the equipment we purchased with their grant monies and thanking them again for their contribution to our Club and the community.

It was also reported that the radio equipment has now been properly installed at the Courthouse and a training session will need to be conducted to familiarize members with its operation. Dave Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Kathy Croker, that the April 2010 Club meeting be held onsite at the Courthouse in order to accomplish this. The motion carried.

Dan mentioned that there were five members of the Austin County Citizens Emergency Response Team who wanted to train to become radio operators and assist with our functions at the Courthouse. He will inform them of our plans to hold the training session there in April.

Guest Mike Hardwicke reported on the upcoming MS-150 Bike Ride, scheduled for April 17-18, 2010, and slated to be the largest ride yet with over 15,000 riders. He noted that all communications will now be conducted from Net Central in Houston, effectively eliminating the outpost net controls as in previous years. Mike also mentioned that Jerry Irwin, responsible for the communications for the motorcycle riders along the bike route, can possibly do a cram study course for the CERT members in order to get them up to speed and licensed quickly.

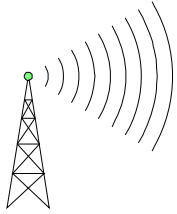
Dave Jenkins then made a motion, followed by a second from Robert Croker, to end the meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP
John Holmes, W5ALG
Dan White, W5AOV
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Dave Jenkins, K5KX
Ben Worrell, NE5B



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June 30, 2010

Minutes of the May 2010 Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The May meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for the reading of the previous meeting minutes and Treasurer's report. Both reports were given by Kathy Croker and approved as read.

The door prize drawing was held and Cameron Mitchell won a set of tools, generously donated by Carl and Linda Pleasant.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan White reported that no volunteers from our club participated in the MS-150 race this year and that none of our repeater frequencies were used by that organization during that time.

Kathy Croker then gave a head-count on the training session held at the courthouse the previous month. There were 18 attendees: 8 members, 1 YL and 9 guests. A short discussion then ensued regarding how future meetings of this nature could be better presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections will be held during the June meeting. Ben Worrell opened the floor to nominations for officers to serve in the coming year. Cameron Mitchell made a motion to re-elect the current officers, after which Johnny Holmes moved that nominations cease. The motion was seconded by Ben Worrell and passed. Current officers are: President – Ben Worrell; Vice-President – Cameron Mitchell; Secretary/Treasurer – Kathy Croker. Notwithstanding additional nominations or objections during the June meeting, these members will be voted upon and re-elected at that time.

Kathy Croker reminded everyone that dues will be due during the June meeting.

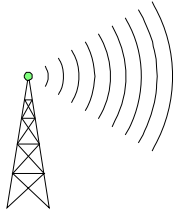
Johnny Holmes then made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Kathy Croker. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP
Linda White, Guest
Dan White, W5AOV
Allan Hill, NQ5B
Ben Worrell, NE5B



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July 28, 2010

Minutes of the June 2010 Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The Stephen F. Austin Radio Club June 30, 2010, meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report by Kathy Croker. Ben Worrell noted that, as President, he could not second a Motion during the previous meeting. Once settled, the Minutes were approved.

Dan White made a Motion to accept Nominees as mentioned in the Minutes previously read, which was seconded by Linda Pleasant. New officers for the upcoming year were elected by acclamation and include: President – Ben Worrell; Vice-President – Cameron Mitchell; and Secretary/Treasurer – Kathy Croker.

Ben Worrell then welcomed visiting guest, Allan Hill, who updated those in attendance on the recent activities of the RACES and ARES groups. A short discussion was held in this regard.

Dan White announced that the Columbus repeater and the two Club repeaters located in Cat Spring were now linked, but that the Columbus repeater might "go to sleep" on occasion. The remedy for this situation is to key the repeater and press the code: 111. A similar code: 222, is in effect for the Cat Spring repeaters.

Dan also mentioned that a repeater owned by Steve White and Steve Agee which operates on the 444.075 frequency was moved to Cat Spring. Dan will send a note to the Coordinator regarding uncoordinated repeaters.

A general discussion was held regarding the pending VE situation and whether or not there was adequate interest within the Club to pursue scheduled testing. Ben Worrell reported that he had spoken to the VE in Schulenburg, who said he would be willing to attend test sessions in our area. Cameron Mitchell submitted his application to become the third W5YI sponsored volunteer examiner. Dan White reported that the tests could be held in the Austin County Courthouse basement. No commitments were made regarding specific

dates, times or options to advertise the sessions. The topic was tabled for a further discussion at a later date.

Allan Hill updated those in attendance on the recent activities of the RACES groups and gave a talk on the reasons he likes RACES. A short discussion was held in this regard.

The door prize, a pocket knife generously donated by Carl and Linda Pleasant, was won by Kathy Croker.

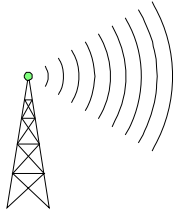
At 8:10 p.m., Linda Pleasant made a Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dan White. After a brief discussion, and there being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer
Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

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Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
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August 25, 2010

Minutes of the July 2010 Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The July 28, 2010, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order by President Ben Worrell at 7:19 p.m., at which time he asked for the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting, as well as the Treasurer's Report, by Kathy Croker. A motion was made by Dave Jenkins, seconded by Linda Pleasant, that both be approved as read. The Motion carried.

The door prize drawing was held and Dave Jenkins won a new pocket knife, generously donated by Carl and Linda Pleasant.

Dan White asked if anyone had attended the Commissioner's Court meeting, held July 26. He reported being contacted by Judge Bilski, to notify him of the dedication of the radio room at the Courthouse. She had a plaque made, naming the room in honor of Dan White. Dan reported that he suggested to her that the room should be named in honor of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club. No one from the Club had attended the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ben Worrell will mail Cameron Mitchell's application for W5YI VEC and will also call Ray Chislett to inquire whether or not he has received the books and/or study guides for those who were interested in becoming radio operators.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan White gave a report on the current repeater status, noting that they are still not staying linked. He is still working to correct the problem, but access to the Columbus repeater site is becoming increasingly difficult due to new regulations. A representative from San Bernard Electric must now be scheduled in advance to meet us onsite and remain there while we are working on the repeaters.

A brief discussion on each of the repeaters and its status/operations followed.

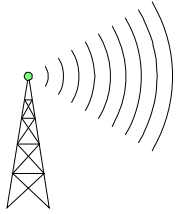
Linda Pleasant made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second by Dave Jenkins. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Carl D. Pleasant, W5MPX
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Dave Jenkins, K5KX
Dan White, W5AOV
Linda White, Guest
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September 29, 2010

Minutes of the August 2010 Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The August 2010 meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on the 25th by Vice President Cameron Mitchell, who called for the reading of the Minutes of the previous month's meeting, as well as the Treasurer's Report. Both were given by Kathy Croker. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion to accept the Minutes as read, which was seconded by Carl Pleasant. Linda Pleasant made a Motion, seconded by Dave Jenkins, to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Both Motions carried.

The door prize drawing was held and Dan White won a turquoise embellished pocket knife, generously donated by Carl and Linda Pleasant.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan White reported his conversation with Ray Chislett about study guides for the emergency response team. Ray has not yet ordered them, but will order 10 of them from the W5YI website. A discussion ensued regarding the Club ordering testing supplies for our future use. Dan also reported that Judge Bilski would like for us to hold another meeting after the study guides have come in and the candidates have had a chance to review them, in order to hold a Question and Answer session. Kathy Croker suggested the possibility of a pop quiz to help familiarize the team with the way a typical test session is set up.

Dan then gave a short update on the current status of the repeaters.

NEW BUSINESS

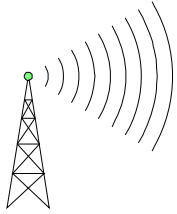
Cameron Mitchell read from the Austin County Meeting Minutes the entry regarding the Dan White Room at the Courthouse, as the Club's emergency response room setup will be called.

Robert Croker then made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Carl Pleasant. The Motion carried and, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 7:19 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

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October 27, 2010

Minutes of the September 2010 Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The September 29, 2010, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who asked for the reading of the Minutes from the August 2010 meeting by Kathy Croker. It was noted that the word, "tabled" was to be changed to "made", in the body of the Minutes. Kathy then gave the Treasurer's Report. A Motion was made by Robert Croker, which was seconded by David Jenkins, that the reports be approved with the noted Minutes changes. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan White announced there were at least five individuals slated to take the test to obtain their radio operator's license. A general discussion ensued and it was decided that Club VEs would administer the tests with the help of the VE Coordinator after the Club's regularly scheduled monthly meeting in October. To be held in the basement of the Austin County Courthouse, the meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m., followed at 7:00 p.m. by the test session.

Dan also reported that the UHF repeater power supply was non-operational, due to a visit by a gecko. He had not yet sent it to the factory for repairs, but will look up the warranty information to ascertain whether or not the unit is covered. He will report during the October meeting the outcome of that research, and if a repair bill is due by the Club and he is aware of a total, he will let Kathy Croker know then so that the bill can be paid in a timely manner.

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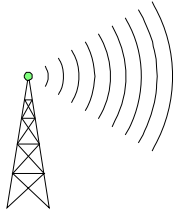
A brief discussion was had regarding the Annual Banquet and it was decided to table the matter until the October meeting.

A Motion was made by Robert Croker, seconded by Dave Jenkins, to adjourn. The Motion carried. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 7:21 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP
Dan White, W5AOV
Linda White, Guest
Dave Jenkins, K5KX
John B. Holmes, Jr., W5ALG
Ben Worrell, NE5B
Ron Beauregard, New Member
Robert Croker, AD5ME
William (Bob) Smothers, WD5FDU, New Member



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February 23, 2011

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The October meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order by President Ben Worrell at 6:00 p.m. Johnny Holmes made a motion to dispense with a reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting, which was seconded by Robert Croker and passed. Johnny Holmes then made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report. It, also, was seconded by Robert Croker and passed.

Ben Worrell welcomed new club members William (Bob) Smothers, WD5FDU, and Ron Beauregard, who was testing to regain his Amateur license after a lapse of several years.

Dan White reported that the radio was still broken. He also reported that W5MMO, Art, is not doing well (health-wise), and his son wants to liquidate his radio gear. Anyone interested may call Dan to get the contact information for Art's son.

*** Meeting was suspended at 6:30 p.m. for the scheduled test session to begin ***

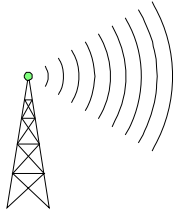
At the end of the test session, Kathy Croker requested a motion for adjournment, which was made by Dan White and seconded by Robert Croker. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

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David F. Jenkins, K5KX
Ben Worrell, NE5B
Bob Smothers, WD5FDU
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Johnny Holmes, W5ALG
Ray Chislett, Guest
Gil Franke, WB5RFQ
Beth Franke, KD5KAD
Agnes Beauregard, Guest
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC
Dan White, W5AOV
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP
Joe Kallina, K8KP



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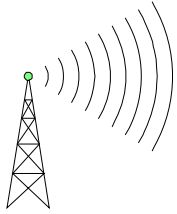
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