



The Repeater

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Andrew is taking a break from this month's newsletter, so your newsletter editor will fill some space here.

First, here's a rundown of speakers lined up for our April 13th and May 11th meetings:

For April, **Andrew** (KD5NNN) and **Martin** (N5WSU) will give a presentation on Echo Link.

At the May meeting, our speaker will be **Rodney W. Baker** (W5DY). He's the ARRL West Gulf Division, South Texas Section, Section Traffic Manager.



He will be talking about Handling Traffic.

The picture of Baker on the bottom left corner of this page comes from his website on QRZ.com when he was an oil well fighter in Kuwait.

By now you know the AARO 70CM repeater is back on the air.

Repeater Trustee **Benny** (NU5P) found a supplier in San Marcos, California that stocked the repeater component that had failed.

Benny says he will be showing the non-functioning component at our April meeting.

On the "related sites" bar on our website (www.aa5ro.org), a link the R.O.O.S.T (Radio Operators of South Texas) has been added. This is in keeping with the spirit of cooperation between all

hams in the San Antonio area.

Contributions to the AARO group for the use of the repeaters are always accepted and appreciated. Gentle reminders about paying dues aren't looming in your mailbox, but as membership chairman, I do keep a list!

There are some repeater upgrades in the talking stage and the upgrades will involve spending money.

If you're not sure if you paid dues for 2011, get my attention at the meeting.

73's for now..

Stan

(KD5ZSY)



Tidbits

Field Day 2011 will be held Saturday, June 25th from noon to midnight at **Raymond Russell Park** off I-10 past the Camp Bullis Road.

We will be at Pavilion #3. Volunteers are needed.

The 5th Annual Rock N' Roll Marathon will be held Sunday, November 13th in San Antonio.

ARRL National Convention at Ham-Com June 10-11, 2011 Plano, Texas



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Alamo Honor Flight

In November, 2010, 60 Armed Services veterans left San Antonio on a flight to Washington D.C. as part of a free flight and weekend honoring the vet's service to our country.

Among them was AARO member **Ray Ware** (W5MLW).

Alamo Honor Flight has embarked on a mission to fly as many San Antonio-area World War II veterans as possible to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., at no charge.

With the help of companies and groups including the AT&T Pioneers, Southwest Airlines, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care and many individual donors, Alamo Honor Flight flew the veterans to Washington in 2010, its first year of operation.

Ware gave a slide presentation of his D.C. visit along with a detailed narration of his recollections of his time in the service.

In April, the group hopes to take 40 more vets to D.C.. Their goal is to help all WW II veterans from Bexar and area counties visit their memorial.

Thanks for the presentation and your military service Ray.

KBIB Project gets reviewed

We had a blast at KBIB in February. This all started when a Ham read an article about 160m propagation and discussed it with another Ham. They were interested in knowing what was possible using a broadcasting station antenna and before you know it, it was a project.

Once we started talking about it as a project, things started coming together.

Get the location, equipment, supplies, plus most importantly, other Hams. (We needed witnesses to our great discoveries.)

The one important thing I got out of this project is that much like business, one of the most important things for a good Ham station is Location, Location Location.

We may not work this site again. But we will certainly be doing other projects.

Hams from ROOST and AARO came by to visit, help set up, and/or operate during this project.

AARO members helping us included **Andrew** (K5NNN), the

President of AARO and several other members too many to mention.

Also some members from the ZORN net came out to help. Thank you Guys.

Setenta y tres para todos.

This is KE5ZUP Clear! *_(Tony Saucedo is the Vice President of AARO and a director on the board of R.O.O.S.T.).*



Upcoming Hamfests

ARRL EXPO at Dayton Hamvention®
May 20-22, 2011
Dayton, Ohio



Welcome New Members

A A R O ' s membership rolls continue to grow. Joining us recently are:

Jesse Lamphere (AC2DE); **Ralph Ward** (KB5UAA); **Lyn Willoughby** (AE5LK); and **Kevin Wilson** (KF5JJQ).

Welcome!

Membership information is available on our website.

Come join us.



The AARO Membership Roster is updated every month on the website. Please check your information and let Stan know of any changes.

Apologies to **Ed Ringold** on the omission of his birthday in March. Many happy returns Ed.

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Crash Course for Technician Class License detailed

The one day Ham Radio review course for the Amateur Radio Technician License Exam will be held Saturday, April 9, 2011 between the hours of 8:30a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

This is the 10th crash course sponsored in part by A A R O , S o u t h w e s t Research Center Amateur Radio Club, and the University of the Incarnate Word.

The event is going to be held at the Lecture Hall, Bonilla Science Building, University of the Incarnate Word, 4301 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Cost of the all day course includes continental breakfast, lunch, and fee for one 35-item multiple-choice exam given at the end of the day.

This course is open to anyone wanting to earn their entry-level ham radio license.

People wishing to pass the FCC exam must study the **Gordon West** (W B 6 N O A) book BEFORE coming to class.

Purchase, study and bring to class (7th edition, ISBN 978-0-945053-62-0) Technician Class, EFFECTIVE July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014, by Gordon West.

Available at KCOMM, 10815 Gulfdale, 344-3311 (call ahead). Also available online.

Other requirements:

✓ To Register: Call (210) 522-3008 or (210)680-6841 or E-mail jwallace at (@) swri.org.

✓ Send your check, payable to AARO, to P.O. Box 380032, San Antonio, TX 78268

Registration Info Needed:

- Name • Address
- Phone Number(s) • E-mail address •

If you have special needs, please let us know as soon as possible.

Materials to Bring:

- Photo ID • Social Security Number •
- G o r d o n W e s t ' s Technician Class book •

An on-line Learning Center can also be found at <http://aa5ro.org>. Study early, study often!

GOOD LUCK!

Texoma Hamarama Hamfest
Oct 21, and Oct 22, 2011
Ardmore, Oklahoma

More Tidbits around the Ham Community

The AARO Elmer Pool has been formed.

The program is designed to get new hams engaged in helping learn some of the intricacies of the hobby.

This includes the use of new digital modes, etc.

The pool consists of hams who have been licensed at least 10 years and have a General Class or above rating.

For more information on this, call **Andrew** at 340-6154.

Membership dues are now being accepted.

Send them to PO BOX 380032, SA TX 78268.

Dues are \$15 for individuals or \$25 for a family.

This is your newsletter, too. If you have something you would like to submit for the newsletter, send it to

KD5ZSY@satx.rr.com.

Submissions should arrive by the third Monday of the month.

Attendance at our meetings has increased dramatically since we moved to Mamacita's Restaurant.

Dinner begins at 6:30PM, but you might want to arrive a little earlier to get a good seat.

The meeting starts at 7PM.

Mamacita's is located on the I-10 access road near Callaghan Rd..

Ya'll come!

Talk Net
146.420 Simplex
Tuesday nights
7:00 o'clock

Check out the "Rainfall Net" every night at 8 o'clock on 146.940. Tone 179.9

Calendar of Events

- April 9th - Crash Course at the Bonilla Science Building, University of the Incarnate Word, 4301 Broadway
- April 13 - AARO Meeting at Mamacita's Restaurant. 8030 I-10 West near Callaghan. Dinner at 6:30PM, Meeting starts at 7PM.



April Birthdays



Barry Hiddema	W5BLH
Arthur Borland	N4HAG
Susie DuBose	WB5WXY
Curtis Briley	KE5HDL

Chuck Kenworthy	WB5FWI
Jorge Martinez	WP4KTF
Daniel Golenski	KC5QPC

Join Us on 147.380+ and 443.875+ (both PL tone 162.2) for *Newsline* and the *InfoNet* - Monday Evenings at 8:30 p.m., followed by a *SLOW "Learn CW" Net* *Saturday Night Code & NightOwl Net* - starting at 10:00 p.m.
Also check out the club's web site - <http://aa5ro.org>

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