



WX5ARC

MONTAGUE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (MCARC)

MAY 2022 BULLETIN

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Club meetings are on every second Thursday of the month
7:00 PM at the Bible Baptist Church, 1400 Hwy 59N in Bowie Texas.
A practice net is held every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM on the MCARC
147.320+ & 442.650+, both repeaters use a 192.8 tone.

President's Prattle

April was a good month for the Montague County Amateur Radio Club (MCARC). I signed a 2 year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MCARC and Montague County regarding the repurposing of a county owned tower that has not been in use for several years. The tower is located west of the city of Montague about 2 miles on FM 455. It is the multi-bay VHF antennas on top at about 180' AGL and should provide us with excellent coverage of Montague County. Alan (N5MSE) and myself testing the antennnas and all three ware in working condition. The shack at the base of the

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MCARC News and Events

2022 Officers

Markus Thomerson, K5UFO, President
Mike Sherwood, K5FT, Vice-President
Bill Rupert, KI5JWV, Secretary
Alan Walraven, N5MSE, Treasurer
Gary Weseman, N5DGP, VEC Liaison

The MCARC dues are \$35 (cash or check) per calendar year. 2022 dues are payable now. The application for membership is on Pages 11 & 12 of this newsletter.

2022 MCARC Meeting Dates

5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8.

Net control operators for May

5/10 - K5FT, 5/17 - K5EAG, 5/24 - KI5CHB, 5/31 - KI5DVX.

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MONTAGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (MCARC) INFORMATION

Our Mission and Values

MCARC is made up of Amateur Radio (Ham) operators who are connected by not only their radio equipment but their ability and willingness to assist the public during times of emergency.

We are trained weather and storm spotters and coordinate with the National Weather Service to report what we see that they can't see under the radar.

How We Can Help You

MCARC members are able to assist new Hams with their equipment and antennae needs. Hams helping Hams is one of our main goals.

With so much equipment available online, it is hard to know what to buy and how much to pay. We are here to guide you.

Bi-Monthly VE Testing

2022 VEC Testing Dates are 3/10, 5/12, 7/14, 9/8, 11/10. All tests start at 4PM and are given at the Bible Baptist Church, 1400 Hwy 59N in Bowie Texas. Please register on the Sunday prior to the Thursday test date. No walk-ins. Contact Gary Weseman. N5DGP, 940-366-3834, Garyweseman@icloud.com to register.

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base of the tower will need some work. The site was abandoned in 2009 when the Montague County Sheriff's Office, Public Works, and Volunteer Fire Department moved to a newer tower. The shack is full mouse crap, shredded insulation and other assorted grunge, but should clean up OK. We will be having some clean up days to gussy up the place and the surrounding area. We are planning on moving the repeater from Mike Davis's house to the site on Monday. I will keep the membership posted. Please read over the agenda for the 5/12 meeting, we will have a lot of things to discuss.

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Net controls for June and July:

6/7 – N5MSE, 6/14 – Olan, KI5DVX, 6/21 – K5EAG, 6/28 – KI5CHB

7/5 – N5MSE, 7/12 – K5YNC, 7/19 – K5EAG, 7/26 – KI5DVX



MAY 2022 AGENDA

May 2022 Agenda

Call to Order:

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

Approval of April meeting minutes and financial report.

Update on new repeater antenna site.

New Business:

Finalize plans for Field Day with Clay County ARC, 6/25 & 6/26

Discussion on ARRL Foundation Grant

Discussion regarding pursuit of the 501C status for the club

Discussion on any ideas from the floor

Discussion on SKYWARN Net operations (could be a long one)

Wrap-Up and Adjournment



SKYWARN



What to report during an active SKYWARN Net

What the NCS Needs to Know

<i>Type of report:</i>	What are you reporting
<i>Time of event:</i>	When did it occur? Now, or earlier?
<i>Location of event:</i>	Where did it occur?
<i>How?</i>	Measured vs. estimated?
<i>Magnitude?</i>	Damage, injuries, etc.

What to Report

Tornadoes, or signs one may be developing (funnel clouds, strongly rotating wall clouds, etc.)

Flash Flooding: rapidly rising water into areas that do not typically flood

Hail: larger than 3/4 inch in diameter (penny-sized or larger)

Damaging Winds: damage caused by thunderstorm winds or measured winds of 50 mph or greater

Remember

Only report what you see, do not embellish the report or assume what you cannot directly observe.



**SKYWARN
2022 TRAINING**



**All SKYWARN weather
spotter training from the
Fort Worth NWS and
Norman NWS has concluded
for 2022**



AREA RADIO CLUB MEETINGS AND REPEATERS

Area Repeaters

Bowie, TX

147.320+, 192.8

442.650+, 192.8

Decatur, TX

146.780-, 131.8

442.600+, 131.8

443.250+, 110.9

444.400+, 156.7

Henrietta, TX

146.680-, 192.8

146.800-, 192.8

146.860-, 192.8

444.750+, 192.8

Nocona, TX

146.360-, 123.0

Rosston, TX

53.100-, 103.5

145.490-, 85.4

224.200-, 110.9

443.7375+, 141.3

927.050-, 110.9

1293.200-, no tone

Wichita Falls, TX

146.940-, 192.8

147.140+, 192.8

444.000+, 192.8

Waurika, OK

146.745+, 123.0

(SWIRA LINK)

Area Radio Clubs

Clay County Amateur Radio Club

1st Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM

Clay County Farm Bureau

1110 N. Bridge St., Henrietta, TX, 76365

Montague County Amateur Radio Club

2nd Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM

Bible Baptist Church

1400 TX-59, Bowie, TX 76230

www.wx5arc.org

Wichita Amateur Radio Society

3rd Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM

American Red Cross of North Central Texas

1809 5th St., Wichita Falls, TX

West Fork Amateur Radio Club

4th Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM

Paradise Fire Department

www.WFARC.org

Denton County Amateur Radio Association

4th Monday of every Month @ 7:00 PM

Denton County EOC

9060 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76210

www.dcara.net



LOCAL VHF NETS, STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL HF NETS

Local 2 Meter Nets

NAME	DAY	TIME (Local)	FREQUENCY (MHz)
Montague County Amateur Radio Club Weekly Practice Net	Tuesday	19:00	147.320+, tone 192.8
Montague County Amateur Radio Club Weekly Simplex Net	Saturday	09:00	147.500 Simplex
Montague County Amateur Radio Club Weekly Ragchew	Saturday	10:00	3.990 ±
Clay County Amateur Radio Club Weekly Practice Net	Tuesday	20:00	146.680-, 146.800- tone 192.8
Wichita Amateur Radio Society Weekly Net	Sunday	20:00	147.140+, tone 192.8
Denton County Amateur Radio Association Weekly Net	Monday	20:00	146.920-, tone 110.9

HF Traffic & Emergency Nets

NAME	DAY	TIME (Local)	FREQUENCY (MHz)
Texas Traffic Net	Monday - Saturday	8:30	7.285
Region 5 Traffic Net	Monday - Saturday	9:30	7.280
7290 Traffic Net	Monday - Saturday	10:00	7.290
7290 Traffic Net	Monday - Saturday	13:00	7.290
Texas Traffic Net	Monday- Saturday	18:30	3.873
Texas ARES Net	Monday	19:30	3.873
Panhandle Traffic and Emergency Net	Monday - Sunday	19:00	3.933
Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net	Monday - Saturday	19:00	3.935



DFW METROPLEX VHF/UHF NETS

Day	Call Sign	Frequency	Tone	Time	Notes
Sunday	KB5YBI	145.490	88.5	18:30	North TX Youth Net
Sunday	W5NGU	146.920	110.9	14:00	Denton BBHN
Sunday	W5HRC	147.100	110.9	19:30	Hurst ARC
Sunday	K5FTW	145.110	110.9	20:00	Saginaw ARC
Sunday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	1st & 3rd Sunday – DARC Monthly Meeting
Sunday	KB5YBI	145.490	88.5	19:30	Johnson County News & Info Net
Sunday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	20:00	1st & 3rd Sunday – Dallas RACES
Monday	K5FTW	146.940	110.9	19:30	1st Monday RACES Net
Monday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	1st & 3rd Monday DARC Hamfixin's Net
Monday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	2nd Monday ECOMM Net
Monday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	4th Monday Geek Net
Monday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	5th Monday Surprise Net
Monday	W5PC	147.040	110.9	20:00	ARCPC Weekly Net
Monday	WA5FWC	145.390	167.9	20:00	YL Net
Tuesday	W5SH	146.840	110.9	20:30	Fort Worth Kilocycle Club Net
Tuesday	W5SH	146.840	110.9	19:30	Quarter Century Wireless
Wednesday	N4MSE	443.450	127.3	19:00	Handy Ham Net
Wednesday	K5FTW	146.940	110.9	20:00	34/94 Swap Net
Wednesday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	Vet Net
Wednesday	NONE	144.250	NONE	20:00	2M SSB Net (USB)
Wednesday	N6LXX	443.738	141.3	21:00	San Diego Six Shooter Net
Wednesday	K5SLD	147.140	110.9	21:00	AMSAT Net
Thursday	WC5C	147.160	110.9	20:00	Tri-County ARC Net
Thursday	W5FA	145.330	110.9	19:30	"Six Shooter"
Thursday	N5UN	224.460	110.9	20:00	220 Weekly Net
Thursday	KA5HND	443.200	110.9	20:30	NCTC Net
Friday	N6LXX	443.738	141.3	22:00	San Diego Six Shooter Net
Friday	WA5JRS	448.775	167.9	19:00	MJARS Info Net
Saturday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	DARC Tech Net
Saturday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	21:00	DARC Skynet
Saturday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	22:30	Afterglow Net
Daily	W5FC	146.880	110.9	18:30	DFW Early Traffic Net



2022 HAMFESTS

DFW Ham Expo, Music City Mall, 2401 S Stemmons Frwy, Lewisville, TX
Saturday 6/11, Time 9 AM – 6 PM
<http://dfwham.com/>

Radio Fiesta, Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, TX 78154
Friday 6/17, Time 1 PM – 5 PM
Saturday 6/18, Time 8 AM - 2 PM
www.w5sc.org/radio-fiesta/

Ham Holiday 2022, Venue TBA, Oklahoma City, OK
Friday 7/22 & Saturday 7/23, Time TBA
www.hamholiday.com

All dates and times subject to change or cancellation



AMATEUR RADIO LINKS

Miscellaneous

[ARRL Home Page](#)
[ARRL North Texas Section](#)
[ARRL North Texas Section Officers](#)
[FCC License Search](#)
[QRZ Home Page](#)
[eHam Home Page](#)
[APRS Map Centered on Bowie, TX](#)

Equipment For Sale

[QRZ Classified](#)
[QTH Classified](#)
[eHam Classified](#)

Weather

[Texas SKYWARN](#)
[NWS Storm Prediction Center](#)
[NWS Weather Prediction Center](#)
[NWS Texas Rivers](#)

Space Weather

[NOAA/NWS Space Weather Center](#)
[Solar Weather Ionosode MUF Graphs](#)
[Space Weather](#)
[VHF Propagation](#)

MONTAGUE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Application

1. Last Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

D.O.B. _____

2. Address _____

3. City _____

4. State and Zip Code _____

5. Home Phone (_____) _____

6. Fax # (_____) _____

7. CELL PHONE (_____) _____

8. Workplace _____

9. Work Phone (_____) _____

10. E-Mail Address _____

11. Years with any Club or Amateur organization _____

Name of Organization _____

12. Call Sign _____ Years as an Amateur Operator _____

13. Briefly describe you Skywarn training experience, if any:

MCARC Application continued

14. Why do you think you would be an asset to our club.

15. Have you ever been expelled from any Club or Amateur organization? If yes, explain.

16. Have you ever been put on probation from any Club or Amateur organization? If yes, explain.

17. Have you ever been turned down for membership for a Club or Amateur organization? If yes, explain.

I would like to make application to the Montague County Amateur Radio Club. I submit the above application as true and correct. Any false information will disqualify my application. There is no appeal to this application.



MCARC APRIL 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Montague County Amateur Radio Club – WX5ARC 04-14-2022

Officers:

Markus Thomerson, K5UFO (P)
Mike Sherwood K5FT {VP}
Bill Rupert, K15JWV (S)
Alan Walraven, N5MSE (T)

Call to Order-Welcome and Briefing

Vice president Mike Sherwood presiding. The April 14 2022 meeting was held at the Bible Baptist Church in Bowie, Tx, and was hosted by the MCARC officers. Call to order was at 7 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Club Officers.

Members Present:

William Rupert, K15JWV	Mike Sherwood, K5FT	Olan Rich, K15CVX
Gary Weseman, N5DGP	Johnny Arnn, AA5JA	Mike Davis, K15CHB
Larry Cox, K5GLC	Alan Walraven, N5MSE	Bill Miller, K5EAG
Sheryl Walraven, K5TTP	Topp Robertson, K15LET	Shannon Robertson
Kathleen Rupert	Brent Boydston, KF5THB	Ray Ketchan

Opening Remarks:

Bill Miller made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting as published on the MCARC website. Brent Boydston made the second, and motion carried. Bill Miller made a motion to accept the financial report as published on the MCARC website. Sheryl Walraven made the second, and the motion was carried.

Old Business:

Alan Walraven briefed us on the proposed new repeater sites. The cross band repeater for the Saint Jo water tower, and the 455 tower. We have received the MOU from the county attorney which will be presented and signed at the county commissioners court in April for the use of the 455 tower. The county will conduct emergency communications testing sometime in the next 60 days, and they would like us to participate.

MCARC club meetings will be held at the Montague courthouse annex building beginning in July. Bill Miller moved to move the club meetings to the courthouse annex building on the 4th Thursday in July, seconded by Gary Weseman and motion carried.

Adjournment

Gary Weseman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Johnny Arnn, motion carried.



MCARC APRIL 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April Financial Statement, 4/1/2022 through 4/30/2022

Beginning Balance	\$3194.00
Income:	
Dues	\$0
Donations	\$0
Circle Stickers	\$0
VEC Testing Fees	\$0
Total Income	\$0
Expense:	
Quarterly Donation to Bible Baptist	\$75.00
Texas State POTA Food	\$35.00
Total Expense	\$110.00
Ending Balance	\$3084.00

Submitted by Alan Walraven, MCARC Treasurer