

The Relay

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From the Prez.....

Good news for a change! Our number of members attending the monthly meetings have greatly improved. It is really great to have enough members attending to be able to conduct business as the Bylaws require. Thanks to all who have taken time to attend the last few months. We are now planning for Field Day so anyone who plans to do Field Day with us this year needs to come to the meetings and give us a hand in planning. We need to know how much help we can depend on to decide what size station we will run.

Thanks to Fran KD5LKB for handling the net for us (among many other things). She was sick last Tuesday, but got the word out in time for Virginia KA5KBP to take over. Thanks Virginia for being there on short notice when needed. Next meeting same place, same time, April 18. Hope to see you all (not to be confused with youall) there.

Dusty, N5COL

Field Day 2009

Here we go everyone, its that time of year again. Field Day is coming, and this is one of the most fun events we do every year. There will be operating for everyone from the public to the most experienced hams. I will have a copy of the new rules for this year at the next meeting so we can see what we changes have been made and start the plans for this year. Time: June 26-28, Place: TBA. We usually have a CW tent, SSB tent and a GOTA tent. Some of us get together and camp out on Friday night so we can get a little fun time operating in and you will have to just come on out to find out what else we might do, I can guarantee it will be fun. So make your plans to come on out and have a fun filled weekend with us.

Net on the Link System every Tuesday night at 8pm. Anyone who is willing to call the net contact Fran Sullivan, kd5lkb.

Club meeting on the third Saturday of every month at 12:15 at the Exacta Inn in Minden.

March Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Dusty Collins KB5WFE at 12:15 on Saturday March 21. He welcomed everyone then the opening prayer was given by Wayne Hatfield KD5JJP. There were 18 members present and 2 visitors.

Dusty gave the Treasurer's report with the balance and activities.

Fran KD5LKB gave the Secretary's report, she reported that SSC status was renewed and ARRL was updated on new club information. She also asked that anyone wanting to put anything in Relay to let her know.

Virginia KA5KBP reported in the vice president's report that she attended the Disaster Relief work shop in Ruston last month and stated that it was a good event.

In his president's report Dusty N5COL stated that he had nothing new to report.

In old business, Wayne reported on the work shop held in Ruston stating that there was pretty good attendance and that he would be willing to certify any club members to be able to help out with disaster communications. Wayne also had a question on what was going on with the website, Fran stated that she would call Kevin and Tommy and look into it.

In new business, Dusty started talking about Field Day. He stated that he would check with Mike Delano KD5ETE, about our site. Edwin stated the Jerry Henley planned on attending this year and that he planned on making a 6m antenna. Edwin then made a motion to make John Wallace, K5APB a lifetime member, this was seconded by Wayne KD5JJP and the motion passed unanimously. Sad news was also given that we have lost a vital member of the ham community with the death of Tony Hall, K5KDQ. Fran stated that she would send a sympathy card to the family from the club.

In more business, Fran checked with John Armistead and he stated that he had nothing new to report on the Sci Port bike tour.

With there being no further business Bill Moore W5WSM made a motion to adjourn with a second by Virginia KA5KBP. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35.

Up and Coming Events.....

- Testing the 3rd Saturday August and October in Shreveport, Christus Schumpert, Classroom 1 at 9am.
- Monroe Hamfest, Saturday April 25, Barak Shrine Temple in Monroe
- ARCOS Swapmeet, Saturday May 2, Cypress/Black Bayou Recreation Area
- PHARA Swapmeet/Hot Dog Social, Saturday May 9, at Cook Park in Ruston
- ARRL Field Day, June 26-28, place to be announced.

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