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

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Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Croker, KB5ITB

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### Minutes of the February 26, 2014, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The February 26, 2014 meeting of the Stephen F. Austin radio club was called to order at 7:02 pm by Vice President Cameron Mitchell, who called for a reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Kathy Croker. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Johnny Holmes. The motion carried. Cameron then called for the treasurer's report. Bruce Mitchell made a motion to accept, followed by a second from Don Hodges. The motion carried.

Kathy Croker thanked Cameron Mitchell on behalf of the club for hosting the annual banquet in January.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Gil Franke reported that he contacted Neal Neumann ne5al in Brenham regarding that club's repeater. Nel told Gil that it was back on the air. He is currently moving some of the equipment to a new site, but it will not be located on the water tower as it had been.

Ray Chislett reported that Skip Ferguson has been contacted regarding a new class for folks wanting to obtain their licenses. Ray is trying to get a group of attendees to choose some dates and will coordinate with skip so they can announce when the new class can be held. Ray will let the club know when it is set up.

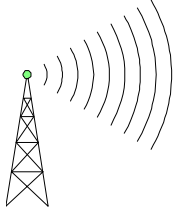
#### NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Croker passed around a membership roster to be updated and a general discussion ensued regarding the list serve and member listing.

Ray Chislett reported on Dan White's letter to the county commissioners court regarding the San Felipe tower sections. During their last meeting the commissioners court voted to donate the tower sections to our club. There are 28 sections (approx. 280 feet) there, as well as the rg58 coax. Ray and Dan will each provide the trailer to load the sections onto and they will coordinate a date to go to the site to remove the pieces. A preliminary count of who wanted how many sections each was taken.

Dan and Cameron then reported they had each reserved a table for the Greater Houston hamfest and asked for a show of hands as to how many might attend the event on March 22. They also reminded everyone of the hamfest in Belton on March 29.

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Croker and seconded by Bruce Mitchell. There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



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### Minutes of the March 26, 2014, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The March 26, 2014, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for a reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report by Kathy Croker. Roger Klein made a Motion, seconded by Bruce Mitchell, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. Cameron Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Linda White, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Skip Ferguson announced he would be holding a Technician Class Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, 2014, at the Fire Station located at the corners of Highway 105 and Alamo Street in Brenham. The address for the Station is 101 North Chappell Hill Street, Brenham, Texas 77833. The class is scheduled to commence at 8:30 a.m. and last until 4:30 p.m. on both days.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Roger Klein asked if there was any interest in doing Field Day as a coordinated group this year.

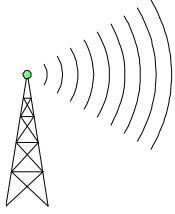
Skip Ferguson made mention that April 1, 2014, is State Parks on the Air, and described the types of activities that would take place on that day.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Linda Pleasant. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Croker  
KB5ITB  
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB  
Robert Croker, AD5ME  
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG  
Linda White, K5LBW  
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM  
Ben Worrell, NE5B  
Roger Klein, N5RWK  
Pam Klein, Guest  
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX  
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP  
Skip Ferguson, K5LLR



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### Minutes of the April 30, 2014, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The April 30, 2014, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for a reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report by Kathy Croker. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Roger Klein, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Skip Ferguson, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Dan White sold cables from the County tower for scrap, which netted \$84.00 for the Club. He gave that to Kathy, who will deposit it in the Club's bank account. Skip Ferguson reported he had seven (7) students in the class, all of whom passed the Technician segment with one also passing the General segment of tests. He also reported there were many attending who were members of the Civil Air Patrol, the youngest being 15 years old.

Field Day was once again discussed. Skip will have a station set up at Kruse Village in Brenham. He reported on the activities and attendance during last year's event. Cameron again volunteered to host a hot dog and favorite "wheat beverage" event at the barndominium in Cat Spring. He will publicize the information on the list serve to see if there is any interest.

#### NEW BUSINESS

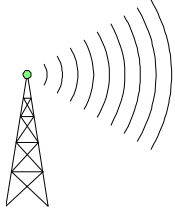
There was no New Business to discuss.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Skip Ferguson. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Croker  
KB5ITB  
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB  
Robert Croker, AD5ME  
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG  
Sam Cyrus, Guest (Testing)  
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC  
Dan White, W5AOV  
Linda White, K5LBW  
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM  
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### Minutes of the May 28, 2014, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The May 28, 2014, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Secretary-Treasurer, Kathy Croker, who read the Minutes from the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report. Roger Klein made a Motion, seconded by Linda White, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. Linda Pleasant made a Motion, seconded by Skip Ferguson, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Field Day was once again discussed. Anyone interested in participating with other Club members can contact Skip Ferguson and coordinate with him.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Skip reported on the meeting of the Brenham Radio Club. Approximately 24-25 people were in attendance at the first meeting held in several years. It was reported about \$4,000.00 in the Club checking account. The Club is trying to make a comeback. Bruce Gaskamp is President and his brother, Brian Gaskamp, is the Treasurer. This meeting, as well as future ones, will be held at the new EMS building in Brenham, located on Highway 290.

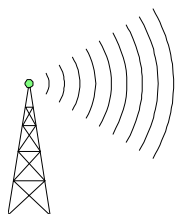
A Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Croker and seconded by Skip Ferguson. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Croker  
KB5ITB  
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB  
Robert Croker, AD5ME  
Sam Cyrus, KG5BZD  
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC  
Dan White, W5AOV  
Linda White, K5LBW  
Roger Klein, N5RWK  
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX  
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP  
Skip Ferguson, K5LLR  
Jason Fink, KF5DJP





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### Minutes of the June 25, 2014, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The June 25, 2014, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for a reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the previous meeting by Secretary-Treasurer, Kathy Croker. The Minutes were accepted, as read. Roger Klein made a Motion, seconded by Don Hodges, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Skip Ferguson reminded everyone of the upcoming Field Day and invited anyone interested to join him at Kruse Village, where he will be setting up a remote station. Roger Klein led a short discussion about a 5-band fishing pole vertical antenna he built following instructions in the May issue of QST Magazine. He will bring it with him to the Field Day operations with Skip.

Skip also mentioned the Officer elections for the newly reformed Brenham Club would be held the following evening at their monthly meeting. The new name for the Club is Washington County ARC. Its callsign is W5AUM. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Skip also reported they have about 10-12 members at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ben Worrell opened the floor for nominations for Officers for the upcoming year. Nominations include: President: Roger Klein and Ben Worrell; Vice-President: Cameron Mitchell; and Secretary-Treasurer: Kathy Croker. Elections will be held during the July 2014 meeting. Robert Croker made a Motion to close nominations, which was seconded by Linda Pleasant. The Motion carried.

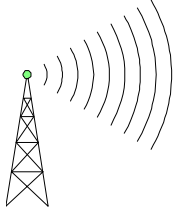
Skip Ferguson will be teaching another Technician Class July 26-27. It will be held at the Tomball Fire Station from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both days.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Croker and seconded by Ron Beauregard. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Croker  
KB5ITB  
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB  
Robert Croker, AD5ME  
Ben Worrell, NE5B  
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC  
Donald Hodges, KF5W  
Roger Klein, N5RWK  
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX  
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Skip Ferguson, K5LLR  
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM



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Vice President, Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM  
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### Minutes of the July 30, 2014, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The July 30, 2014, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for a reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the previous meeting by Secretary-Treasurer, Kathy Croker. The Minutes were accepted, as read. Skip Ferguson made a Motion, seconded by Roger Klein, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Elections were held and officers for the upcoming year were installed. Officers are: President, Roger Klein; Vice President, Cameron Mitchell; and Secretary-Treasurer, Kathy Croker. Ben Worrell officially passed the President's gavel to Roger.

Skip and Roger also gave a report on a successful Field Day event. Skip also reported on the meeting of the Washington County Amateur Radio Club. There are presently approximately 23 members. That club's next meeting will be the following evening, July 31, 2014.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dan White reported that the VHF/UHF repeater in Bellville is down. There is an electrical problem in the building and an electrician has to come to fix it.

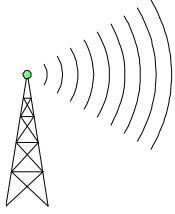
Roger announced he will be going to the Austin Summer Fest on Saturday, August 3, 2014, and invited anyone else who would like to attend to ride with him.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Beauregard and seconded by Linda White. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Croker  
KB5ITB  
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB  
Robert Croker, AD5ME  
Ben Worrell, NE5B  
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC  
Sam Cyrus, KG5BZD  
Roger Klein, N5RWK  
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX  
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP  
Skip Ferguson, K5LLR  
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Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG  
Philip Shockey, KC5YNY



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### Minutes of the August 27, 2014, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The August 27, 2014, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 6:56 p.m. by President Roger Klein, who called for a reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the previous meeting by Secretary-Treasurer, Kathy Croker. Skip Ferguson made a Motion, seconded by Ron Beauregard, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. Linda White made a Motion, seconded by Ray Chislett, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Roger introduced the guests to the meeting. Dan White reported the repeaters are back up. Evidently, the building in which they are housed has an "over temperature" alarm, which locks out all 110 volt outlets to the repeaters when the temperature reaches 120 degrees F or above. This feature does not automatically reset, so Dan and the electrician searched to find the circuit, reset it and everything came back up normally. Dan said now we will know how to fix the problem, should it occur again.

Ron Beauregard, Roger and Dan all went to Summer Fest and had a very good time, but reported that none of them won anything in any of the drawings. Their report led to a short discussion on mesh WiFi and how it is currently being used and what they learned about it during the Summer Fest.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A discussion followed regarding the RACES group and getting together a list of Club members who will show up in the event of an emergency, as volunteers to man the courthouse radio room or a mobile operations center.

Kathy Croker asked for a Motion to pass so she can pay the insurance bill, which is due at the end of September. Dan made the Motion, which was then seconded by Skip, and the Motion passed.

Guest Ron Mitchell gave a short talk on Disaster Preparedness needs. He is asking Club members to help with disaster relief set up by his church, First Baptist Church – Bellville. Volunteers will set up October 5, 2014, in order to have a demonstration after church services. There will be a radio station, feeding station, shower station, equipment station (including chain saws, shovels, tools, etc.). A meal will be served about noon that day. He asked for volunteers to help set up and demonstrate the radio station area of the demonstration. Skip will be there at 10:00 a.m. Skip made a Motion, followed by a second from Ray, for the Club to participate. Ben Worrell mentioned he has the Club banners, and will get them to Roger.

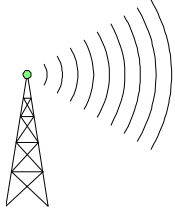
Roger mentioned that the Belton Ham Fest is coming up on October 4, 2014. He also reported that there is a DXpedition planned in 2016 and he will post information on the list serve in the event any members wish to contribute/donate to the event.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Skip and seconded by Ron. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Croker  
KB5ITB  
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB  
Ben Worrell, NE5B  
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC  
Roger Klein, N5RWK  
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX  
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP  
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Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG  
Don Mitchell, KC5WNN  
Ray Chislett, KF5JYB  
Kent N. Buford, Guest  
Jack Bates, Guest  
Gil Franke, WB5RFQ  
Dennis Alexander, W5KU



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### Minutes of the September 24, 2014, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The September 24, 2014, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Roger Klein, who called for a reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the previous meeting by Secretary-Treasurer, Kathy Croker. Cameron Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Skip Ferguson, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. Skip Ferguson made a Motion, seconded by Cameron Mitchell, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Roger reported receipt of an email from Ray Chislett, who still needs to send a form to Roger regarding the list of Club members who will act as volunteer communications personnel during emergencies.

The group was updated on the preparations for the upcoming church function in Bellville. Plans are on target for volunteers to show up at 10:00 a.m. About 45 persons have so far mentioned planning to attend. Roger has banners from Ben Worrell. He is going to clean them and get them ready to use. Kathy will check at her house for the banners she and Robert have left over from the communications station they operated during their years working the MS-150.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Kathy mentioned the upcoming Annual Banquet in January. The discussion was tabled until the November meeting. Cameron may host the event again.

Skip then mentioned the QSO Party coming up the following weekend. Roger mentioned the upcoming Belton Ham Expo on October 4. He will be attending. Skip mentioned he was going to try to attend the South Texas Ham Fest in November in Aransas Pass.

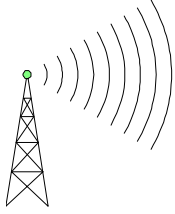
A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Skip. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Croker  
KB5ITB  
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB  
Roger Klein, N5RWK  
Skip Ferguson, K5LLR  
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Carl R. Martin, K5BDR





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### Minutes of the October 29, 2014, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The October 29, 2014, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Roger Klein, who called for a reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the previous meeting by Secretary-Treasurer, Kathy Croker. Johnny Holmes made a Motion, seconded by Dan White, to accept the Minutes, as amended to read that the discussion regarding the Annual Banquet be tabled until the October meeting, not the November meeting, as was reported. The Motion carried. Linda Pleasant made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as read. The Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Skip Ferguson reported on the Disaster Relief Fair at the church. Five members attended, setting up three stations, with several very interested onlookers. The solar-powered Lark was there and made a good impression. A good lunch was served and everyone had a good time. Dan White reported that Danny Myers, who owned Bellville Butane, came by the station and was very interested in operations.

Roger reported he now has the Club banners.

A discussion ensued regarding the Annual Banquet, which will be held January 24, 2015, starting with a mingle from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and the meal to be served at 3:00 p.m. Cameron Mitchell will host it at his barndominium in Cat Spring. The final menu will be decided between now and the time of the banquet.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Cameron also mentioned recent discussions between the RACES and ARES groups and the Fort Bend Club. Fort Bend joined both RACES and ARES in order to avoid conflicts as the RACES members are more State/US oriented, handling traffic between the courthouse and state only, and the ARES group is more county oriented, handling mainly message traffic. Dan explained some facets of the differences between the two organizations. Roger spoke with Ray Chislett at the Disaster Relief Fair, who said that although his form is for the RACES organization, it did not matter to him with which group the Club decided to align. Roger suggested forming a

committee to determine the best course of action, whether that will be to join either RACES or ARES, or both organizations, or neither. Volunteers for the committee include Cameron, Ron Beauregard, Skip and Roger. They will further the discussion online to determine the best solution for the Club, suggest a contact person and then report back during the next meeting regarding their suggestions.

Roger continued the discussion regarding the Special Event Station planned for the upcoming year, saying the Club needs to come up with a theme for the event, as well as a proposed date. Discussion will continue online regarding the event.

Skip announced he will teach another Technician Class. This one will be held at the Tomball Fire Station, starting Saturday, November 15, 2014, with the second day being Sunday, November 23, 2014. So far, six students have registered for the class, which is being sponsored by NARS.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Dan and seconded by Johnny. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Croker  
KB5ITB  
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

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Roger Klein, N5RWK  
Pam Klein, Guest  
Skip Ferguson, K5LLR  
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM  
Kent N. Buford, KG5DVO, and spouse  
Dan White, W5AOV  
Linda White, W5LBW  
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC  
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX  
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP  
John B. Holmes, W5ALG  
Jack Bates, K5FRT