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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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2012-13 Officers: President, Roger Klein, N5RWK
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Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Croker, KB5ITB

Minutes of the February 25, 2015, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The February 25, 2015, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:00 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. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Skip Ferguson, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was approved, as read.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Cameron Mitchell and Skip Ferguson led a discussion regarding who can be a member of AREA and RACES organizations and which areas can be manned by which people who live in the area. Roger Klein brought up questions about the coordinator for the Austin County area and Skip will email Roger the Southeast Texas Coordinator's information. Roger will follow up to find out what needs to be done in the event Club members wish to join either or both organizations and will canvas the members to see if anyone wants to volunteer to be the coordinator for the Club/Area.

A general discussion ensued regarding the Special Event Station. It was decided that it will coincide roughly with the establishment date of the Austin Colony, finally settling on the weekend of September 26-27, 2015, which is also the same weekend of the Texas QSO Party, which should provide a greater number of contacts. A QSL certificate will also need to be designed.

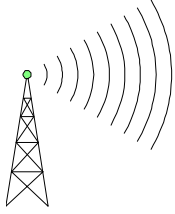
Roger posted to the reflector all upcoming Hamfests, with the BVARC fest being the largest in the upcoming schedule.

Skip made a Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Bruce. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Roger Klein, N5RWK
Pam Klein, Guest
Skip Ferguson, K5LLR
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
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Minutes of the March 25, 2015, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The March 25, 2015, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Vice President Cameron Mitchell, 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. The Treasurer's Report was approved, as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Croker thanked Cameron for hosting the Annual Banquet. Cameron mentioned the survey put forth by Roger Klein on Survey Monkey regarding the special interest event in planning stages. Cameron reported some people expressed interest in the event and opened a discussion as to whether the Club should apply for a 1x1 call sign or use our current call sign, W5SFA, noting that the 1x1 generally attracts more attention during these types of events. The consensus is that, since this event centers on the Stephen F. Austin Colony formation, our current call sign would be the most appropriate to use. An informal agreement among members present confirmed the decision and a Motion was made by Skip to use our current call sign. The Motion was seconded by Dan White and carried. Skip volunteered to take the Lark to the park for the event. Dan will check on the rules regarding separate stations identifying with the same call sign during the event and will report back during the next meeting.

The issue of Club member involvement in ARES and/or RACES was brought up and it was reported that Roger is checking into the specifics of joining either or both of the groups. Dan suggested that the RACES Coordinator for our Club/Area should be Ray Chislett. Ray said he is willing to take on the task.

NEW BUSINESS

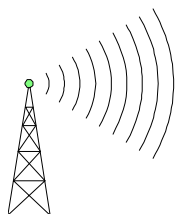
A general discussion was held regarding Field Day 2015, coming up June 27-28, and whether the Club is to operate the station at the courthouse. Dan made a Motion, seconded by Skip, to open the courthouse and operate the station there, inviting the public to observe and ask questions. The Motion carried. In absentia, Roger was elected by popular informal vote to head up the Field Day activities.

Ron made a Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Skip. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Skip Ferguson, K5LLR
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC
Dan White, W5AOV
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Minutes of the April 27, 2015, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The April 27, 2015, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:12 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. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Cameron Mitchell, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was given and a Motion to accept, as read, was made by Linda Pleasant and seconded by Linda White. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Roger reported research conducted regarding the Club's operation of multiple locations during Field Day operations and the Special Event Station operations. There will be no issue using the Club callsign at multiple locations. He also will touch base with Ray Chislett regarding the RACES issue and said that results of the survey issued to Club members showed there is interest in joining and participating in that organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Roger opened a short discussion regarding Field Day operations and will follow up via email to see who would like to participate at the courthouse location. A discussion then ensued regarding setting up a portable station outside the courthouse to make community access to the event more easily available and visible.

Roger suggested hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2015, and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, 2015, for the Special Event Station operations. Kathy Croker made a Motion, seconded by Dan White, to accept those times as the official hours to advertise. The Motion carried. A discussion ensued regarding operating frequencies. The Club will advertise 40 meters, 20 meters and will try some 6 meter operations, all within the General Class bands.

A discussion was then had regarding a contact address for the event. A Post Office box in Cat Spring costs \$24.00 for six months, a period which all agreed was reasonable to keep it open. Two keys would need to be purchased, at a cost of \$3.00 each. Linda Pleasant made a Motion to use Cameron's current P.O. Box in Cat Spring, and to pay Cameron the \$24.00 for the privilege. The Motion was seconded by Bruce and carried.

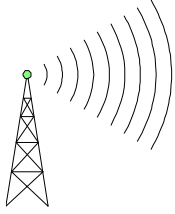
Roger solicited suggestions for QSL cards and a Certificate for the Special Event. Any member who is interested may design and offer one or both for consideration by the Club.

Bruce made a Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dan. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Bruce Mitchell, KB5OG
Roger Klein, N5RWK
Pam Klein, Guest
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP
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Dan White, W5AOV
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Beth Franke, KD5KAD



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Minutes of the May 27, 2015, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The May 27, 2015, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Vice President Cameron Mitchell, who also read the Minutes from the previous. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. No Treasurer's Report was given.

Cameron welcomed visitor Dave Homeier, who was scheduled to take the General Class license test after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day operations will be at the courthouse with a station under the portico and an antenna on the roof. This is to draw in the public. A second station will be the EOC station in the basement. Participants will gather at about 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2015, to setup the outside station. The event starts at 1:00 p.m. Bruce made a Motion, seconded by Linda White, to name Roger head of operations. The Motion carried.

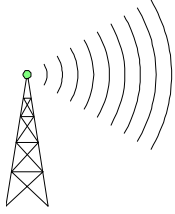
Further action/discussion regarding the Special Event Station was postponed until a later time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

Bruce made a Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by all in attendance. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer



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2015-16 Officers: President, Roger Klein, N5RWK
Vice President, Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Croker, KB5ITB

Minutes of the June 24, 2015, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The June 24, 2015, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Roger Klein, who called for a reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting by Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Croker. Linda White made a Motion, which was seconded by Skip Ferguson, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. Ron Beauregard made a Motion, which was seconded by Linda White, to accept the Treasurer's Report, as read. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Roger passed out Field Day checklists and reviewed plans for the upcoming event. Participants are scheduled to arrive at the courthouse at 10:00 a.m. to begin the event. A discussion of the checklist ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda White reported that DeeAnne Hickman, wife of longtime member and Silent Key, Carl Hickman, passed away. Kathy Croker will send a condolence card from the Club members to the family.

A general discussion ensued regarding the Special Events station.

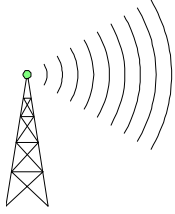
Kathy Croker reported that elections will be held in July and that nominations for Club officers should be opened. She also reminded members that annual dues will be due in July. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, which was seconded by Skip Ferguson, to nominate current officers to remain in their respective positions for the 2015-2016 year. The Motion carried.

Bruce made a Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Linda White. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

Attendees:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Roger Klein, N5RWK
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Skip Ferguson, K5LLR
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC
Dan White, W5AOV
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Pam Klein, Guest
Aaron Long-Jordan, Guest



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Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Croker, KB5ITB

Minutes of the July 29, 2015, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The July 29, 2015, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Roger Klein, who called for a reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting by Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Croker. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, which was seconded by Ron Beauregard, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was accepted, as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Roger welcomed Darryl and Debbie Strader, guests. Darryl will be taking a test following the meeting.

Linda White made a Motion to re-elect officers for the coming year in their current capacity. The Motion was seconded by Skip Ferguson and carried. Officers for the 2015-2016 year are Roger Klein, President; Cameron Mitchell, Vice President; and Kathy Croker, Secretary-Treasurer.

Roger reported on the Field Day activities. Participants included Ray Chislett, Ron Beauregard, Bruce Mitchell, Cameron Mitchell, Roger Klein and Dan White. Cameron posted pictures of the event on the Club website.

Roger passed out information for the upcoming Special Events Station, including a proposed QSL card and certificate. He suggested any ideas for changes, etc., to be sent to the Club reflector. Cameron proposed a planning session wherein those interested in participating can meet and coordinate who is operating when and where for the event. Roger handed out a schedule for folks to sign up, tentatively, to participate. Ron Beauregard reported on operating procedures at the State Park and rules and regulations at that facility. Again, the event will be held Saturday, September 26, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan White reported that Yaesu offered a new digital repeater for \$500.00, model DX1R. Dan requested two (2) of them for the Club. This model works in four (4) modes: C4, FM, Digital Voice Wide and Digital Voice Narrow with GPS capabilities. He requested a Motion be made for the Club to purchase one of these from him. Skip Ferguson made the Motion, which was seconded by Bruce Mitchell. The Motion carried. The Club will pay \$500.00 plus shipping and handling for the new repeater. The plan is to install it in place of the Bellville repeater currently in use and use the current repeater as a spare.

Skip Ferguson reported that Saturday, September 12, 2015, and Saturday, September 19, 2015, he will be teaching a General Class license course at Step By Step Academy on Cherry Street in Tomball, Texas. The course will be held on consecutive Saturdays and run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. The test will be held at the end of the second session.

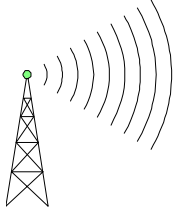
Roger suggested organizing a Net on the repeater, to be held on Wednesday evenings.

Skip made a Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ray Chislett. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

Attendees:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Pam Klein, Guest
Roger Klein, N5RWK
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Minutes of the August 26, 2015, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The August 26, 2015, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by President Roger Klein, who called for a reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting by Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Croker. Skip Ferguson made a Motion, which was seconded by Linda White, to accept the Minutes, as read. The Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was accepted, as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Roger announced that Cameron Mitchell was ill and everyone wished him a speedy recovery. Kathy Croker announced that Ben Worrell was ill and everyone wished him a speedy recovery.

Roger opened a discussion regarding the Special Events Station and its locations, operating times and tentative operators manning each site. The Stephen F. Austin site will be manned on Saturday all day, but the station site will be moved at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, due to early check-out time at the State Park. After 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, the station will be located at the Historical Site. The second site for operations will be at the Austin County Courthouse. The third operations site will be at Cameron's barndominium in Cat Spring.

Roger then led a discussion about the ARES group, saying that he, Ray Chislett and Gilbert Franke met with the District Emergency Coordinator, Mark Taylor, to learn what the Club members need to know in order to become members of the organization. The Section Emergency Coordinator is Frank Aguillar. Roger has documents for signing up with ARES for all those interested in doing so.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Croker requested a Motion be made to pay the equipment insurance, which is due September 30, 2015. Linda White made the Motion, which was seconded by Ron Beauregard, and the Motion carried.

Skip reported that he has ten candidates for the General Class license course he will be teaching at Step By Step Academy on Cherry Street in Tomball, Texas, on Saturday, September 12, 2015, and Saturday, September 19, 2015. The course will be held each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The test will be held at the end of the second session. He also reported that an Extra Class study group is in the works, with a possible starting date sometime in October.

Ron Beauregard made a Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Linda White. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

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Darryl Strader, KG5ITZ
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Joe Cucuzza, KA8WEP
Jack Bates, K5FRT
William Hielscher, KG5WPH
Beth Franke, m KD5KAD
Gil Franke, WB5RFQ
Trevor Holerns, Guest