

November 2, 2021 AARC General Meeting on Zoom

Mark Jenkins, W5MPJ, Treasurer, hosts the Zoom meetings
Kerby Spruiell, KG5DLD, President, started the meeting at 7 pm with a slide presentation
Lewis Thompson, W5IFQ, Vice President; Joan Cox, KD4SRD, Secretary
2021 Officers were introduced.

Welcome New Members from October:

Andre	No call
Michael Dion	KD5AGP
Rudy Stefenel	W6OQW

November New Members: None

Visitors:	Al Sproul	N5YPV
	Raul Aldape	KE5FAH
	Vitaliy Sychev	UN6GVA

New Calls or Upgrades: None

Critical Infrastructure Simulated Emergency Test 2021C – A Success!

Practice reporting operational status of Critical Infrastructure.
Data submitted via 60m to US Army MARS via M110A from ECT.
100% of Critical Infrastructure Sites Covered.
Reports on 146.58 Simplex
Annual exercise

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services Statewide RACES Exercise 10-30-2021

21 Participants
15 WinLink/Voice check-ins + 6 Voice only check-ins
7.00Mhz critical frequency at net time
23 WinLink messages sent

November Ham of the Month:

Patrick Rogers, W5DVG
-organized ARES and RACES in these exercises & much more

Old Business:

Treasurer Report: W5MPJ, Mark Jenkins
-Approximately \$3,800 in Savings & \$7,100 in checking = approximately \$11,245 total
-Eight new fully paid members since last meeting
-30 new members have signed up but have not paid yet
-Your dues pay for repeater upkeep, insurance, and equipment costs,
Along with our Emergency Communication trailer which was used in both Exercises above and more

Special Interest Groups (SIGs):

ARES: KG5RXG, Michael Marks, Travis County Emergency Coordinator
-New Emergency Coordinator as of November 1, 2021 is Robert Schuller
K8REX, better known as Rex
-See Groups.io for current information & join TCARES.ORG
-Join net on Sunday at 7 pm, 147.36, tone 131.8 kHz
-ARES Meeting 4th Tuesday of month

Technical: WA5YZD, Roy Walker, all repeaters are working
-Systems linked over most of the state during exercises
- We used most of our equipment last weekend
-Contact Roy if you have questions about repeaters & tours of facilities
-Locations of repeaters is on the website

New Business:

Amazon Smiles When you designate a charity, any purchase you make from Amazon Will give the club ½ of one percent donation.
More information on AustinHams.org under “About”.

Officer Election Taking nominations for all offices now until the Election next meeting
-Election will be at December meeting
-President, Kerby Spruiell – willing to run again, nominations are open
-Vice president, Lew Thompson – willing to run again but open for other
Nominations, VP is in charge of monthly programs
-Secretary, Joan Cox is not running – Looking for nominations
-Treasurer, Mark Jenkins, is willing to run again, nominations are open

Christmas party planning to start soon.

ARRL Grants -Contact Kerby if you want to be on the committee
ARRL is making grants available in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range.
-Dr. David Woolweaver is director of ARRL Foundation.
-Applications will be available at the end of the first quarter of next year.
-Start thinking about what the club could do for a project so we are ready.
-Looking for ideas and people who can help write a grant.
-contact Kerby at President@austinhams.org

Program 1: Solar Weather by W5IFQ Lew Thompson, See AustinHams.org for slides
Another excellent program by Lew.
-Websites: Region 6 Army Mars, SolarHam.org, spaceweather.com
-contact Lew with any questions

Program 2: Emergency Generators by Kerby Spruiell KG5DLD
What you need to know to select the best generator for your home.
What causes power outages, types of fuel to use, types of generators, generator size,
Operations and maintenance, costs.

Adjourn: 9:20 pm – 55 in attendance, submitted by AARC Secretary Joan Cox, KD4SRD.