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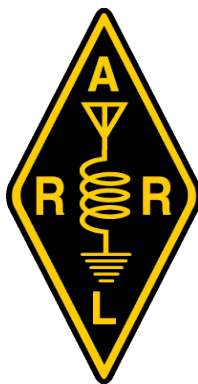


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President's Corner

Well, another month has come and gone along with some really cold temperatures. As a precaution make sure to stay warm and wrap your water pipes. As they say an ounce of prevention.



For our program night at W5ES on January 24th we voted to not have it at the club and instead we (myself, Javier, Ray, Ben, and Lew) went to Cornudas, Tx to support WS5B Chris Vinegre in his quest of starting a club there. There is a need for an emergency communication system in Hudspeth County. Chris's presentation was good and the food at the Cornudas Cafe was also really good.

For February some of our members have birthdays; Denny Younge -KI5UFO on the 4th, Andres Romero- KJ5FRM on the 7th, James Green- W4JEG on 2/19, Jorge Feliciano- KJ5FSN and Mitch Wilson- KB5PSF on the 28th. We wish all of them a wonderful Happy Birthday!

For our February VE testing it will be on February 1st at the W5ES club house at 0900 am. All are welcome to take their test or to upgrade.

We send our condolences to Terry Shade KJ5IGR on the death of his daughter Ryan Venegas.

Jim McCain- KI5GTJ
President El Paso Amateur Radio Club

DEC Bulletin

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This month we will discuss what we as Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) members will do leading up to a disaster/emergency activation. We don't self-activate or self-deploy. We only respond when we are invited by either our served agencies or Emergency Management. Before responding for duty as an ARES® volunteer we must meet the following conditions:



1. Be sure you and your family are safe and secure. Remember the pets, or livestock.
2. Be sure your property is secure. Check on the neighbors. For some people in or close to the disaster area this may be the extent of your participation. You may be the only help they have until the real help arrives. It's neighbors. helping neighbors.
3. While we wait to see if we will be invited to participate, we should start making sure we have a fresh charge on our batteries.
4. Monitor the following:
 - Check for messages from the Citizen Alert Network.
 - Emergency Alert System (EAS), (KLAQ FM, KROD AM, or KTSM FM), KFOX Channel 14 or KVIA Channel 7, or
 - TxDOT TIS radio (1610 kHz) for Emergency information from Emergency Management.
5. We should start making sure our disaster supply go-bag and radio go-kits are ready for deployment. Are all the last-minute items put in the go-bags?

When the activation order does come a Resource Net will be activated. Follow the instructions given by the net control operator.

Remember, what happens while on duty remains with the duty station when we leave. DO NOT discuss anything with friends in private, over the air, or on the net about what happened.

For the non-ARES® folks. Do not go to the disaster site looking for something to do. There is nothing to do there if you are not an ARES® member. Join

ARES®, get trained and become part of the solution not part of the problem.

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Questions and comments are always welcome and encouraged. Send an email to the address shown below.

73,

Lew, KB5HPT

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VE Testing News

For the past year, the W5ES VE team has implemented a digital paperwork process that has made testing faster and easier than ever. The VE team has also held multiple online test sessions. Thinking of upgrading? We can help make it happen on your schedule, from the comfort of your QTH. Email Chris (kc8goq@qsl.net) for more information about online testing. The next VE session will be held on February 1 at W5ES 2100 San Diego, 9:00AM to Noon.

Business Mtg. Feb 14, 2025, 7:00PM

Our next business meeting will be held February 14 at 7:00PM. On February 28th at 6:00PM we will have a Pot Luck Dinner and Paul AE5OJ will present "The 7 Deadly Sins of Hand Soldering."

Repeaters

W5ES repeater is 443.150, + Offset, PL 173.8 Automatic analog and C4FM digital.

Wires X Node: 11584 Room: 21584

Amigo Link Repeaters

145.290	- Offset	PL 100
146.700	- Offset	PL 114.8
147.240	-660 Offset	PL 162.2
147.280	+ Offset	PL 67
147.320	+580 Offset	PL 162.2
443.400	+ Offset	PL 100
444.200	+ Offset	PL 100
442.825	+ Offset	PL 100
442.950	+ Offset	PL 67
144.325	+ Offset	PL 94.8

W5ES Merchandise

Kelly KB2RN has been hard at work and set up an online store featuring W5ES branded items with the club logo.

Items include cups and mugs, stickers, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and handbags. There are many colors and styles to choose from, so hopefully there is something for everyone. Part of the proceeds come back to the club. To visit the web store, go to www.w5es.org and click on the store on the main page of the club website.



2025

February



COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 VE Exam WSES 2100 San Diego 9:00 --Noon
2 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	3 WTRA Meeting K5WPH 7:00 PM	4	5	6 <div>West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM</div>	7	8
9 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	10 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	11	12	13 <div>West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM</div>	14 <div>WSES Business Meeting 7:00 PM</div>	15
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W5ES PLANNING GUIDE

Tentative Schedule

2025

JANUARY	10	7:00 PM Business Meeting	24	6:00 PM Pizza Party	ARRL Winter Field Day
FEBRUARY	7	7:00 PM Business Meeting	21	6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner	W5ES 1st Sat 9AM VE Session February 8th
MARCH	14	7:00 PM Business Meeting	28	6:00 PM Fish Fry	Board Meeting TBD
APRIL	11	7:00 PM Business Meeting	25	6:00 PM Ice Cream Social	W5ES 1st Sat 9AM VE Session
MAY	9	7:00 PM Business Meeting	23	6:00 PM Mexican Dinner	
JUNE	13	7:00 PM Business Meeting	27	6:00 PM Burgers	ARRL Summer Field Day June /W5ES 1st SAT VE SESSION 9AM
JULY	11	7:00 PM Business Meeting	25	6:00 PM Italian Dinner	Quarterly Board Meeting
AUGUST	8	7:00 PM Business Meeting	22	6:00 PM Chili Cook Off	W5ES 1st Sat 9AM VE Session
SEPTEMBER	12	7:00 PM Business Meeting	26	6:00 PM End of summer BBQ	Emergency Preparedness Month
OCTOBER	10	7:00 PM Business Meeting	24	6:00 PM October Fest Dinner	Quarterly Board Meeting TBD & W5ES 1st Sat 9AM VE Session
NOVEMBER	14	7:00 PM Business Meeting	28	Thanksgiving - No meeting	On the 14th canned good drive for donation WAE Contest
DECEMBER	12	7:00 PM Business Meeting	26	Christmas – No meeting	W5ES 1st Sat 9AM VE Session