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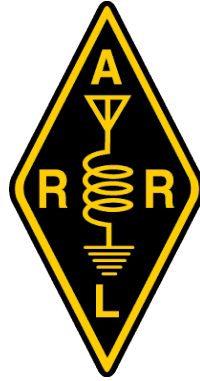


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President's Corner

Well, with 2024 behind us, it's been a long year. 2024 had its challenges as well as its rewards.

Upgrades were done to the club house especially in the kitchen area, i.e., a new electric oven.

A lot of tower work was completed and lots of work on the repeaters.

A new desk was purchased and a new Flat screen television was installed. Finally, our Alarm system was upgraded and has been working really well.

We lost several of our ham radio people this past year, Keith Amspauagh, WD4ISK, Reiner Junge, AE5RJ, and Rick Rumbaugh, W5PIE.

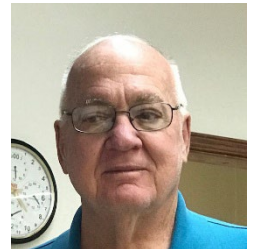
Our next business meeting will be January 10th at 7:00 pm. On January 24th we will have a pizza party with Javier doing a presentation on ARRL Winter Field Day.

As always, I would like to take this time to wish each and every one of you a happy, safe, and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Clubhouse.

73,

Jim McCain KI5GTJ

President El Paso Amateur Radi Club (W5ES)



DEC Bulletin

The EPCARES will be requiring its ARES® communicators to obtain and complete the tasks in the ARRL Position Task Book.

(The following is taken from the ARRL Basic EMCOMM Module 1 Topic 5 material.) “The ARRL Position Task Book (PTB) is a working document that enables ARES® communicators electing to participate in the ARRL training plan to track and document their training elements as they are completed toward the various levels of increasing proficiency.

You are encouraged to utilize the PTB to document the performance criteria in the Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Leadership Academies. The performance criteria are associated with core ARES® competencies, behaviors, and tasks.

The PTB should contain all training plan items, completion dates, and signoffs as the ARES® communicator advances through the various skill levels. The ARES® communicator is responsible for maintaining his or her PTB and having it with them during training and assignments. The PTB also contains sections with definitions of the communicator levels, as well as common responsibilities.

Recommendations of minimum proficiencies and skills per level are listed. ECs can add or substitute skills considered important to meet the needs of the partner agencies at their discretion. Prior experience may be substituted for some listed tasks. It is suggested that items in the proficiency/skills section be used in training sessions or for meeting/event presentations.”

(editor’s note) It is understood that simply completing the Basic EMCOMM course does not make the ARES® communicator deployable. He or she should complete the Intermediate, or advanced portion of the training plan.

Items listed in the proficiency/skill part of the task book can be used for meetings. The group can complete the tasks in a group setting.



The WTX Section Emergency Coordinator will be maintaining a database of the people in the section who is participating in the PTB plan.

Send me an email and I will send you back a copy of the ARRL Position Task Book we are using.

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

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 January 11th at K5WPH 3709 Wickham, 9:00AM to Noon.

Business Mtg. Jan 10, 2025 7:00PM

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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

January



COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	3	4 -
5 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	6 WTRA Meeting K5WPH 7:00 PM	7	8	9 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	10 WSES Business Meeting 7:00 PM	11 VE Exam K5WPH 3709 Wickham 9:00 --Noon
12 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	13 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	14	15	16 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	17	18
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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