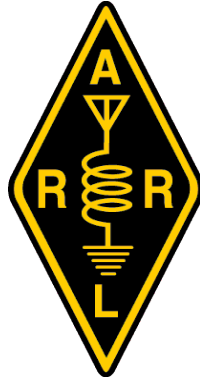


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**President's Corner**

Great things are happening for the El Paso Amateur Radio Club, W5ES!  
Numbers are up for our business meetings and also for our Program Nights.  
A new range will be installed in our club house very soon. Repeaters will be working, and antennas installed very soon.



Tickets for our October 26<sup>th</sup> Secretary Swap-net and Roundup will be going on sale very soon. A Yaesu FT710 Transceiver will be the big prize. Tickets will cost \$20.00 each. If you buy \$100 worth you will get one ticket free. Javier K5MHC has secured some vendors with nice give aways'. We hope everyone will help support our Roundup and Raffle by buying tickets and selling them to your friends.

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so. You can mail your checks to Pete at EPARC 2100 San Diego, El Paso, TX 79930 or use our Pay Pal account on W5ES.Org on the "Membership" page.

We are working on plans for Field Day for June 22-23, so, stay tuned.

As always if any of you can think of anything that will help our club, please feel free to contact us.

All concerns or suggestions are welcomed.  
Thanks to all, and 73,

Jim KI5GTJ  
President El Paso Amateur Radio Club "W5ES"

# DEC Bulletin

We will continue from where we left off with our discussion last month about Basic Communications Skills in EMCOMM.

## Tactical Call Signs

Tactical Call Signs will be assigned for each station during a disaster. Tactical Call signs will identify a unique station in a net without using a call sign.

They will immediately identify the calling station and the station that your traffic is destined for. EX: "Aid 2 this is Aid 3". In this example "Aid" is a short name for a First Aid Station.

## Calling with Tactical Call Signs

To make a call with tactical call signs use the tactical call of called station first, followed by your tactical call. EX: "Net, Aid 3" this tells the Net Control Station that you have traffic to pass and that the Aid 3 station is the calling station. You do not need to announce your FCC call sign now.

## Station Identification

Give your FCC call sign at the end of each complete exchange [§97.119 (a)]. During the exchange, use only your tactical call sign. Information exchanges on an EMERGENCY net will normally NOT take ten (10) minutes to complete. Rendering your FCC call sign at the completion of each exchange serves two (2) purposes.

1. It satisfies the FCC requirement to identify at 10-minute intervals during an exchange, and at the completion of each exchange.

2. Announcing your FCC call sign tells the NCS or the receiving station that you have NOTHING FURTHER and that you are continuing to monitor the net.

## Completing a call

Complete a call by giving your tactical call AND your FCC call sign. EX: Aid 3, KB5HPT. The called station now knows that you have nothing further.

## Habits to avoid.

1. Thinking out loud while on the air. It wastes net time. Think about what you are going to say before pressing the PTT. Then press the PTT and say exactly what you thought about saying.

2. On-air arguments or criticism. On an EMCOMM net is not the place for these things. It wastes net time. Keep it PROFESSIONAL ALWAYS.

3. Rambling commentaries. Always keep the messages as short as possible. Someone else may have EMERGENCY traffic waiting to send.

4. Shouting into the microphone. The receiving station will not understand what is being said because shouting into the microphone only distorts the signal. to us. No affiliation patches or logos are displayed on clothing. Do not wear any ARES®, RACES, MARS etc.



5. Cute phonetics. Do not use these types of phonetics while on an EMCOMM net. We use ONLY the ITU Phonetics

6. Identifying every time, you key or unkey the microphone. ID your station at the end of a transmission or every 10 minutes.

7. Using 10 codes. EMCOMM operators use only plain English.

8. Talking just to pass the time. In an EMCOMM net you are stopping someone else from passing their EMERGENCY message.

## Allowing Critical Responder to Speak Directly Over The Radio

**Third party traffic is allowed** by the FCC Regulations [§ 97.115(b)(1)]. Often the terminology used will not be part of the radio operator's vocabulary. Most of us don't speak the language of Doctors, Paramedics, Firemen, Police Officers, etc.... Direct conversation between critical responders.

- 1 Saves time (may be essential to life saving).

- 2 Eliminates errors in translation (which could cost lives).

3. The licensed operator is present and is in control of the radio.

- 4 A record of the individual speaking over the radio should be noted.

- a. Note the NAME of the person.

- b. Note the DATE/TIME of the third-party traffic.

- c. Note the TACTICAL CALL of the other station in the contact.

- d. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE PASSED ON THE EC AT THE HOT WASH.

## WHAT YOU SEE (HEAR) THERE STAYS THERE

At your assigned duty station, you may be exposed to "INSIDER" (proprietary) information that should/must not be revealed outside of that establishment. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE OF THE PLACE OF BUSSINESS, WITH ANYONE. Criminal Acts ARE NOT proprietary information and MUST be disclosed to the proper authority. Who should be notified depends on the position/authority of the violator. Perhaps the safest bet is to notify the ARES® EC, and let that individual determine the best approach to reporting. It is extremely important that ARES® volunteers establish and maintain a trusted and respected relationship with those we serve.

## APPEARANCE

Always present yourself in a professional manner. First responders have a dress code that is adhered to. EMCOMM operators are the outsiders and so all eyes will be directed. affiliated caps or shirts. Do not wear Public Safety type uniforms without express consent from the emergency.

## **DEC Bulletin**, Continued

manager. Play it safe dress in casual attire. Don't make a negative impression. Any negativity is what people will most likely remember.

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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](mailto:kc8goq@qsl.net)) for more information about online testing. The next VE session will be held on May 4, 2024, at K5WPH 3709 Wickham, at 9:00 AM.

## **Business Mtg. May 10,2024 7:00PM**

Our next business meeting will be held Friday May 10 at 7:00PM. Program night will be Friday May 24 at 6:00 PM. The Event will be a Mexican Dinner. Ole!

## **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](http://www.w5es.org) and click on the store on the main page of the club website.



**In Loving Memory**  
**Samuel Keith Amspaugh**  
**WD4ISK**

**December 8, 1953 — April 2, 2024**

Keith Amspaugh, WD4ISK, was a valued and respected member of W5ES and a dear friend. He supported all club activities and offered his help wherever possible to friends. He was chief technical officer for Huntleigh Engineering, an El Paso Communications company. Keith was also an active member and supporter of TruChurch on Remcon Circle.

Samuel is predeceased by his mother and father, Faith and Kenneth. He is survived by his wife, Cristina, and his three sons, Daniel, George and Derek.

Memorial services were held on April 6, 2024 at the TruChurch Sanctuary.



# 2024 May



## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	3	4 VE Exam K5WPH 3709 Wickham 9:00 - Noon
5 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	6 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	7	8	9 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	10 WSES Business Mtg 7:00 PM	11
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Tentative Schedule						
2024						
JANUARY	12	7:00 PM Business Meeting	26	6:00 PM Pizza Party	Pico Balloon Presentation	Quarterly Board meeting TBD & ARRL Winter Field Day 28-29
FEBRUARY	9	7:00 PM Business Meeting	23	6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner	Antenna Grounding	1st Sat 9AM VE Session
MARCH	8	7:00 PM Business Meeting	22	6:00 PM Fish Fry	DMR Demo	
APRIL	12	7:00 PM Business Meeting	26	6:00 PM Ice Cream Social		Quarterly Board meeting TBD & 1st Sat 9AM VE Session
MAY	10	7:00 PM Business Meeting	24	6:00 PM Mexican Dinner		Raffle
JUNE	14	7:00 PM Business Meeting	21	6:00 PM Burgers	Field Day Prep.	ARRL Summer Field Day June 24-25 & 1st Sat 9AM VE Session
JULY	12	7:00 PM Business Meeting	19	6:00 PM Italian Dinner		Quarterly Board Meeting TBD
AUGUST	9	7:00 PM Business Meeting	23	6:00 PM Chili Cook Off	Repeaters	1st Sat 9AM VE Session
SEPTEMBER	13	7:00 PM Business Meeting	20	6:00 PM End of summer BBQ		Emergency Preparedness Month
OCTOBER	11	7:00 PM Business Meeting	25	6:00 PM October Fest Dinner	WAE Prep	Quarterly Board Meeting TBD & 1st Sat 9AM VE Session
NOVEMBER	8	7:00 PM Business Meeting	22	Thanksgiving - No meeting	Thanksgiving Dinner Food Collection	WAE Contest 4-5
DECEMBER	13	7:00 PM Business Meeting	27	6:00 PM Holiday Feast	Christmas Party Gift Exchange	1st Sat 9AM VE Session