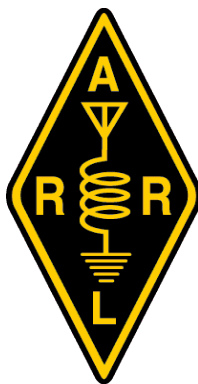


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## President's Corner

As of today, we will be celebrating another successful Swap Meet and Tailgate. Lots of treasure traded hands and good fellowship was enjoyed by all! Richard Good won the Yaesu FT-710 transceiver and Victor Legarreta won the Alinco HT. Congratulations!

November is filled with many important events in our annual calendar. November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Annual Worked All El Paso Contest, alive and well since 1936! On Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual election of officers and trustees, (a proforma ballot is attached to this bulletin.) and on November 28<sup>th</sup> we will gather with our families to celebrate Thanksgiving.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, November we will have a short business meeting along with a potluck dinner. Be thinking about what you can bring. Also think about bringing extra canned goods that we can donate. We are going to donate it to the VA home on Myrtle Avenue.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in November, we will not have a meeting or dinner because of Thanksgiving.

A celebration of life was held October 19, 2024 at 2 pm for our past QCWA Chapter 64 Secretary and Treasurer Reiner Junge-AE5RJ. It was a joyful celebration for Reiner, and he will be missed by the many that knew him. Several ham radio operators shared memories of him; Raymond Morales AK9B, Martin Raue WB5LJO, and Sean Gardner KD6CUB. On October 20<sup>th</sup> his ashes were carried high on Mount Franklin and scattered. A send-off was done for him on the 146.520 repeater.

73,

Jim McCain KI5GTJ

President W5ES



# DEC Bulletin

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) is currently seeking applications for membership.

1. Will you register your qualifications and communications equipment for use in public service during a communications emergency?
2. Can you work in a controlled environment?
3. Do you have a desire to contribute to your community?



If you answered “yes” to these questions, then consider volunteering for the ARES®.

The first thing in the FCC Rules and Regulations concerning the amateur radio service is our basis and purpose:

## §97.1 Basis and purpose.

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of radio art.
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

To keep our service current with our served agencies requirements the amateur radio service has always been on the cutting edge of technology, and we will continue to move forward with new and improved methods of communication.

Candidates for ARES® are asked to visit <https://www.hamradioelpaso.com/emergency-coordinations> and do the prerequisites to get started with becoming a member.

## Texas RACES

We are also seeking applications for the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). RACES is the only

amateur service recognized by the FCC. The continuity of governance is our mission. It is governed by FCC rule part “§97.407 Radio amateur civil emergency service”. Completion of the FEMA courses is required just as with ARES®.

Candidates seeking membership in RACES must be able to pass a criminal background history check. Candidates can send me an email at [kb5hpt@arrl.net](mailto:kb5hpt@arrl.net). I will email the RACES application along with the criminal history disqualifier form. Fill out and sign the forms and send them back to me along with a copy of your FCC amateur radio license. The application must be signed by the District Radio Officer, (DRO). I will complete the application and send it on to Austin. We have many open positions.

## AUXCOMM

There is a new kid on the block now - AUXCOMM or Auxiliary Communicator. The Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) is moving in this direction. AUXCOMM does not replace ARES® or RACES but provides an alternative communications opportunity for amateur services to serve the community alongside our public safety partners with communications support.

Candidates must complete a 20-hour resident course or there are some virtual courses still being offered. The course introduces the auxiliary communicator on how to work in a NIMS/ICS environment under the direction of the Communications Unit Leader (COML) or at an EOC under the direction of the EMA Director or designated representative.

To register for an AUXCOMM course go to [Preparing Texas Blackboard Learning Management System \(LMS\) link](#). and then create an account and watch for a course announcement. The prerequisites for the course are the same FEMA courses as for membership with ARES® and must be the current version.

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TX RACES: DRO-08A

## **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 November 2 at K5WPH at 3709 Wickham 9:00AM to Noon.

## **Business Mtg. Nov 8, 2024, 7:00PM**

Our next business meeting will be held November 8 at 7:00PM. This will be our annual election. We will be selecting our 4 officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 Trustees. A pro forma ballot is attached. We will also enjoy a potluck dinner so bring your favorite dish!

In the Thanksgiving tradition we will also be collecting can goods and non-perishable food to donate to a Veteran's Home on Myrtle Ave.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday we will not hold a meeting on November 22.

## **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.



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

*October 19, 2024*



*Reiner Junge - AE5RJ*

October 20, 1953 - September 26, 2023

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." *Matthew 5: 4*

"Knowing that whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight.) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labor, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him." *2 Corinthians 5: 6-9*

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His Countenance upon you, And give you peace." *Numbers 6: 24 - 26*

**W5ES 2025 Election of Officers**

**Write-In**

**President**

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Jim McCain, KI5GTJ

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**Vice President**

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Javier Polendo, K5MHC

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**Treasurer**

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Pete Hensgen, KB5HTF

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**Secretary**

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Terry Shade, KJ5IGR

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**Trustees (2-year Term)**

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Kelly Briarton, KB2RN

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## **RULES FOR THE 2024 WORKED ALL EL PASO CONTEST**

### **OBJECT OF CONTEST:**

The object of the contest is to provide the opportunity for El Paso Amateur Radio Operators to exhibit their operational abilities, provide comradeship among amateur radio operators, and provide information and contacts for the *WORKED ALL EL PASO* certificate.

The Worked All El Paso Contest takes place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Any amateur radio operator who is a bona fide resident of El Paso County, Texas.

### **REGISTRATION:**

**Fee is \$ 5.00. to be paid with your log submission.**

All funds to support WAE activities only.

Because your submission is remote, please include your personal information including:

License class

QCWA Chapter 64 membership, if any

10-10 number, if any

YL or XYL

### **OPERATION:**

Operation on all bands, frequencies and all modes, Digital or Analog,. Including Repeaters, Reflectors, etc. Operation and logging must be by a single operator.

**Calling procedures shall be "CQ El Paso Contest".**

**Contacts shall be informed of the rules for winning the WAE certificate unless the contact already has the information.**

### **LOGGING:**

1. UTC Date and Time
2. Call
- 3, QTH (US Town and State or Canadian town and province. Country for DX contacts)
- 4 Handle (optional)
5. 10-10 contact number (optional)
6. Grid Square (optional)

### **SCORING**

Each valid two-way contact (outside of El Paso County) will count for one point. EACH STATE of the United States, each CALL AREA of Canada, and each Country will count as multipliers. Duplicate contacts and multipliers will not count. The Contestant's score will be the total number of contacts times the total number of multipliers. Contestant is requested to show claimed score, sign the log, place the log (or a copy) in an envelope, mark WAE CONTEST on the envelope. The contest log must be in the W5ES clubhouse, 2100 San Diego Ave., El Paso, Texas 79930 no later than November 30. Contestant may also submit a Cabrillo File by email to W5ES.EPARC@gmail.com.

### **JUDGING:**

The judging of all logs for all awards, including the Special Awards, will be done by a minimum of three registered contestants who are not in contention for FIRST or SECOND awards or special awards. Logs are subject to verification by the judges. All contestants that submit 15 or more contacts will receive an official WAE Certificate The decisions of the judges will be final. Winners will be announced, and all awards will be presented in January of 2020 at a time and place to be announced.

**AWARDS:**

- A.** 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Total Contacts
- B.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Total Contacts
- C.** Most contacts by Tech Licensee
- D.** Most contacts by YL
- E.** Most DX Contacts
- F.** Most CW Contacts
- G.** Most Contacts by QCWA Chapter 64 member
- H.** Most States Contacted
- I.** Most 10-10 No. Contacts
- J.** Most Grid Squares Contacted

**W A E**  
**WORKED ALL EL PASO CERTIFICATE**

Started in 1936 the WAE Certificate is believed to be the second oldest contest in Amateur Radio

**RULES FOR THE WORKED ALL EL PASO CERTIFICATE**

1. Work any 15 El Paso county stations, any time, any band, any mode, digital or analog.
2. No charge for the WAE Certificates. No QSL cards required. Send log information to W5ES  
2100 San Diego Street, El Paso, Texas 79930 or send Cabrillo file to  
W5ES.EPARC@gmail.com.

# 2024 November



## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <b>WAE Contest</b>
3 <b>WAE Contest</b>	4 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	5 <b>VOTE !</b>	6	7 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	8 <b>WSES Elections &amp; Potluck 7:00 PM</b>	9
10 <b>WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK</b>	11 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	12	13	14 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	15	16
17 <b>WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK</b>	18 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	19	20	21 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	22	23
24 <b>WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK</b>	25 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	26	27	28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	29	30
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WSES PLANNING GUIDE						
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