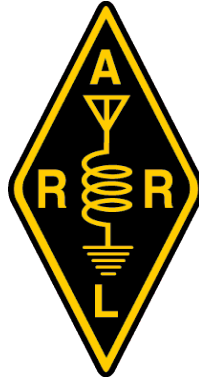


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**President's Corner**

Well, another month has gone by, and we are finally into fall. Cooler days should be coming our way. Halloween is around the corner so watch out for the trick-or-treaters.

October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am we are having a VE session at W5ES club house. If you are new to ham radio or looking to upgrade, come on by. We can and will accommodate your needs.

On to bigger news! We will be having our El Paso Roundup and Swap-net on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. The doors for vendors will open at 7AM and to the public at 8AM. Check out the flyer on page 4. We will have a lot of neat prizes for the raffle so come on by.

Be thinking if there is anything you would like to see in the Presidents Corner, please let us know and don't be shy. The ARRL was hacked by ransomware in May and paid \$ 1 million in ransom. Checkout the link on page 3 about LOTW recovery and other problems.

The Quarterly WTRA meeting will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 8pm at the W5ES Clubhouse. If you're interested in the repeaters and want to know what's being done with them come on by 2100 San Diego El Paso, Texas 79930. All are welcome.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> we will have an October Fest Dinner and somewhere between October and December we will be having a board meeting with our Trustees and Directors. Date and time to be announced later.

Thanks to all that support us.

Jim McCain KI5GTJ

President W5ES



## **DEC Bulletin**

Q - What is the meaning of spontaneous?

A – doing things that have not been planned but that seem enjoyable and worth doing at a particular time.

Q - What is a volunteer?

A – a person who does work without getting paid for it.



When disasters happen there are always spontaneous volunteers showing up at the disaster site looking to be of service in some way. The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) is planning on having spontaneous volunteer amateur radio operators show up as well. They will be vetted and placed accordingly.

Spontaneous volunteers have some skillsets that might be usable when a disaster hits, but they are not fully qualified for the task at hand. They have not trained with the EMCOMM group so are considered planning unknowns. Maybe with some expedient training they can be brought to a level of expertise and with the proper supervision could be of use in an EMCOMM situation. But during a disaster is *NOT* the time for on-the-job training. Spontaneous volunteers most likely will not have the proper credentials which keeps them from being used in critical positions.

*DO NOT GO TO THE DISASTER SITE LOOKING TO BE OF SERVICE.* Just like ARES® members before reporting for deployment there are some things spontaneous volunteers must take care of first. Before responding for duty, the following conditions must be met.

- 1 Be sure all family members are safe. This includes the family pets and/or livestock.
2. Be sure your property is secure.
3. Check in on the neighbors or elderly people in the neighborhood to see if they need help. Don't forget the shut-ins in the neighborhood either. This can be a critical task and be the only task a spontaneous volunteer will do. They will have communications capabilities of calling for help or give a status report.
4. Monitor the following:
  - a. Check for messages from the Citizens Alert Network.

b. Emergency Alert System (AES), (KLAQ FM, KROD AM or KTSM FM) KFOX Channel 14 or KTSM channel 7.

c. TXDOT TIS radio (1610 KZ) for emergency information from Emergency Management.

5. Tune an amateur radio to 146.52 MHz simplex to obtain further information given on the ARES® Information Net.
6. Determine what the level of activation is and prepare to get to that level as soon as possible. This includes getting the radio go-kit and emergency personal kit ready. These two items should have been prepared months in advance.

Once ready tune the amateur radio to 146.70 MHz repeater and listen for the ARES® Resource Net. Follow instructions provided by the net control. *DO NOT SELF ACTIVATE*, or *DO NOT SELF DEPLOY*.

1. While at the Staging Area be sure to obtain an ICS 205A (Communications List).
2. Once at the assigned destination initiate an ICS 214 (Activity Log) if no other amateur radio operators are present, and an ICS 309 (Communications Log).
3. Use an ICS 213 (General Message) form when precise records are required. Be sure all messages are properly signed by an agency personnel.
4. Use the tactical call sign of the assignment location. However, observe the FCC rules for station ID (Part 97.119).
5. *ALWAYS* monitor your assigned frequency.

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

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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 October 5, 2024, at W5ES at 2100 San Diego from 9:00AM to Noon.

## Business Mtg. Oct 11, 2024, 7:00PM

Our next business meeting will be held Oct 11th at 7:00PM. Program night will be Friday October 25th at 6:00 PM. The Event will be Oktoberfest Dinner which is the night before our 2025 Roundup and Swap meet!!!

## ARRL Cyberattack in May

Some of you may know that ARRL was struck by an international Cyber attack group and held in ransom. Membership data was not affected, however, financial data, and particular, LOTW (Logbook of The World) were lost. A ransom of \$1 million was paid and efforts are being made to restore or re create the lost information. Chuck Shook gave us this link from an online SEDXCC meeting if you would like more details starting at Minute 16 with Mickey Baker.

The video is

[https://sedxc.org/sedxc/zoom/zoom\\_09.19.2024.mp4](https://sedxc.org/sedxc/zoom/zoom_09.19.2024.mp4)

## 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.







# OCTOBER 26, 2024

## EL PASO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 3RD ANNUAL ROUNDUP AND SWAP 8am to 1pm



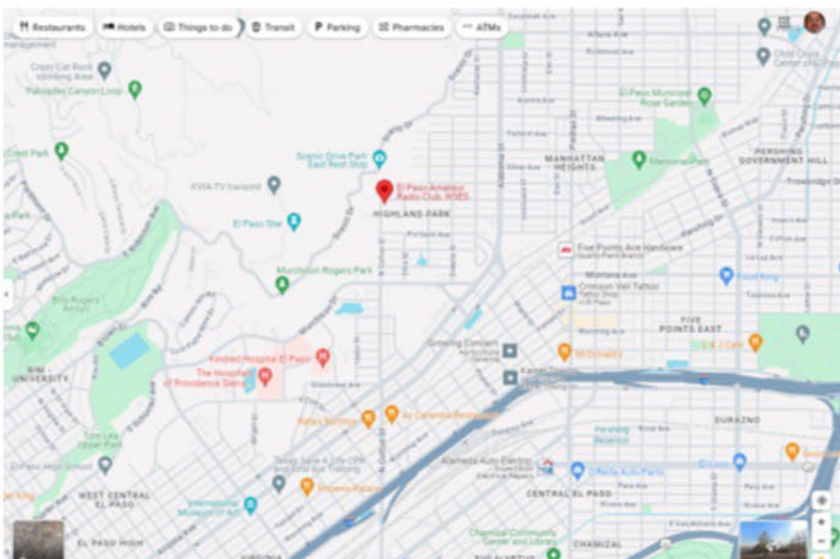
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### W5ES DRAWINGS

**\*\*HF Radio Raffle\*\***

FT 710 FIELD

HF/50mhz & Alinco

**\*Door Prizes\***

**Doughnuts & Coffee**

\$2.00 Burritos

\$1.00 sodas

\$1.00 chips

**Vendor Spaces**

**Still Available!**

\$15 Inside Table & Chairs

\$10 Tailgate Spot

LIMITED SPACES

### Sponsors

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MFJ

DX ENGINEERING

BIOENO BATTERIES

L & J CAFFEE

7am for vendors



# 2024 October



## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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