



THE UPLINK



NEWSLETTER OF THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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Hello, and Welcome to the UPLINK, your JSC Amateur Radio Club monthly newsletter. Minutes for each monthly meeting will be circulated in the newsletter, together with other information of interest. Please submit any comments to the minutes to the JSC ARC Secretary, Bob Scully (contact information on the last page).

The newsletter is just starting up again after a time, and needs help to be better! To that end, please send in any suggestions for changes or improvement. Also, it would be great to start up some monthly columns, so please send in any information and/or articles of general or technical interest for consideration for publishing in the newsletter.

Minutes from the Meeting held on 17 November 2016 at the W5RRR Shack 1800 – 1917

Attendees:

Scott Hassett, Barbara Hassett, Dave Fanelli, Ken Goodwin, ?? Farrar (SP?), John Maca, Ken Nichols (visitor, ARISS Rep), Paula Hobgood (visitor), Christi Evans, Dave Lee, Keith Grimm, Jack Gafford, Larry Dietrich, Beth Scully, Bob Scully, 3 others (did not get names) – 18 total

Meeting called to order by Scott Hassett at 1800 hrs. Scott made the case for needing a Mission Statement, and presented a draft. Scott also provided a brief description of the 501(c)(3) process the Club will be going through early 2017. Scott then turned over to the nominating committee for election proceedings.

Proceedings started with Bob Scully providing a description of the efforts and outputs of the committee. Bob then offered a motion to waive the term limit for the current Treasurer for one more term, predicated on locating and training a suitable replacement. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the voting members present at the meeting.

With the Treasurer position filled, the positions remaining were for President, Vice President & Program Chair, and Secretary. The Secretary position had no previous candidates identified. Bob Scully volunteered for Secretary. Keith Grimm KG5HOK nominated Bob. With no other candidates nominated, the position was filled by unanimous consent of the voting members present at the meeting.

The remaining positions on the ballot had the following candidates:

President – Keith Grimm KG5HOK and Barbara Hassett KF5QNS

Vice President & Program Chair – Scott Hassett AF5DR, Carl Kotila, WD5JRD, and Dave Lee, W5OC

After statements from each of nominees (Carl Kotila was not in attendance but Ken K5RG and John AB5SS spoke on his behalf), a secret ballot was circulated by the new Secretary who compiled the results and presented them to Scott Hassett, the current President, for announcement. Successful candidates were Keith Grimm for President, and Dave Lee for Vice President.

Note that a hand-off meeting between the outgoing and incoming officers will take place before the next JSC ARC meeting, currently scheduled for 26 January at the W5RRR shack, located at the Gilruth center.



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Following the elections, the floor was opened for discussion of any on-going business or activities. After discussion of the ongoing repair of the Kenwood TL-992 linear being conducted by Dave Lee, a motion was made by Dave Fanelli to reimburse Dave Lee for the \$25 expense of a replacement ac Main rocker switch and a \$150 3-500Z tube. The tube is part of a matched pair, and further discussion focused on the need for replacement of both 3-500Z tubes (matched pair) at an estimated total cost of \$300. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the voting members present at the meeting. Dave also performed some work on the rotator; more to follow.

Scott Hassett provided a report of activity at the local ARISS meeting, and discussed the briefing that he and Barbara gave to the ARISS meeting attendees. The briefing will be uploaded to the YAHOO! Site (<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/W5RRR/info>). Please email the Secretary at robet.c.scully@nasa.gov for a copy if unable to access the YAHOO! Site. Concomitant with Scott's ARISS status discussion, Ken Nichols who is the local ARILL tele-bridge technical representative, offered organizational and technical assistance to the JSC ARC, including assistance in setting up tele-bridge operations at the W5RRR shack. Ken also provided a DrobBox link that can be used to access all of the presentation materials from the recent ARISS meeting, back in November 2016. If anyone wishes to contact Ken, he can be reached at the following:

Ken Nichols KD3VK, (m)301-717-4571, ariss.kd3vk@gmail.com

A motion was offered by Ken Goodwin to hold JSC ARC meetings on the last Thursday of the month, starting in January. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the voting members present at the meeting. A related motion was offered by Beth Scully to not hold a meeting in the month of December, 2016. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the voting members present at the meeting. Note that JSC ARC meetings are normally held during the second week of December.

Some general discussions ensued regarding HR 1301, the Amateur Radio parity Act, legislation in US Congress related to HOA activities and restrictions. HR 1301, was considered and passed by the House on 12 Sep 2016 and sent to the Senate. The Senate failed to act on the bill before they adjourned for the year. A new bill, HR 555, was introduced by Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16) into the 115th Congress on 13 Jan 2017. Mr. Kinzinger was joined by Representative Joe Courtney (D-CT-02) and Representative Greg Walden, W7EQI, (R-OR-02) as original co-sponsors. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which is chaired by Congressman Walden. The wording of HR 555 is identical to the language of HR 1301, which passed the US House of Representatives by a unanimous consent vote in September 2016 during the 114th Congress. Additional status on this topic should be available on the ARRL website, <http://www.arrl.org/> in future.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken K5RG, and was passed by unanimous consent of the voting members present, meeting adjourned at 1930, 17 Nov 2016.



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General Information

Checkout the W5RRR Facebook page at url: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/W5RRR-JSC-Amateur-Radio-Club/134474909947681>

The W5RRR operating license was renewed by J. Maca on 8 Nov 2016. Thanks, John!

A new repeater is up and running in Angleton on 145.17, 146.2 encode only, no tone squelch.

The Galveston County Emergency Communications Group (GCECG) holds a net each Monday night at 2100 on 145.41, tone 131.8.

The Clear Lake Amateur Radio Club (CLARC) holds a net each Wednesday at 2000 on 146.86, tone 100.

Skywarn holds a net each Thursday night at 2000 on 146.64, no tone.

Upcoming HAMFEST activities:

Orange, Texas: Saturday 25 Feb 2017; doors open at 0730, located at the Orange County Convention & Expo Center @ 11475 FM 1442, Orange, Texas 77632. See url:

http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index_files/HAMFEST%20INFO/Orange_hamfest_2017_FlyerB.pdf
for more information

Houston Hamfest: Friday and Saturday, 24/25 Mar 2017; doors open at noon on Friday, 0800 on Saturday, located at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds 4310 Texas 36 Rosenberg, Texas 77471. See url:

<http://houstonhamfest.org/> for more information.

Texas City Hamfest: Saturday 8 Jul 2017. See url: <http://texascityhamfest.org/> for more information.



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2017-2019 Elected Officers (all elected terms are for 2 years)

Position	Name & Call Sign	Phone Number(s)	eMail Address
President (elected) (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)	Keith Grimm KG5HOK	(281) 483-1532 (w) (713) 907-3105 (c)	kgrimm_77546@yahoo.com
Immediate Past President	Scott Hassett AF5DR	(281) 792-5544 (w) (281) 910-4862 (c)	sbgrp@godoodit.net
Vice-President (elected) (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)	Dave Lee W5OC	(281) 334-3432 (h) (713) 854-4377 (c)	david.d.lee@nasa.gov
Immediate Past Vice- President	Barbara Hassett KF5QNS	(281) 332-7629 (h)	sbgrp@godoodit.net
Secretary (elected) (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)	Bob Scully N9RCS	(281) 483-1499 (w) (281) 217-2409 (c)	robert.c.scully@nasa.gov
Immediate Past Secretary	Ken Goodwin K5RG	(281) 333-2636 (h) (281) 635-5696 (c)	krgoodwin@comcast.net
Treasurer (elected) (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)	Ken Goodwin K5RG	(281) 333-2636 (h) (281) 635-5696 (c)	krgoodwin@comcast.net

Appointed Officers

Position	Name & Call Sign	Phone Number(s)	eMail Address
Equip/Station Mgr (appointed)	John Maca AB5SS	(281) 483-8802 (w) (281) 687-6761 (c)	john.j.maca@nasa.gov
Property Custodian (appointed)	David Fretz K5DLF	(281) 461-1949 (h) (281) 236-2282 (c)	k5dlf@arrl.net
Past Property Custodian	Larry Dietrich WD8KUJ	(281) 483-9198 (w) (281) 639-7091 (c)	wd8kuj@verizon.net
QSL Manager (appointed)	Dale Martin KG5U	(281) 484-4465 (h) (281) 901-9147 (c)	kg5u@att.net
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