



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 26 January 2017 at the W5RRR Shack 1730 – 1845

Attendees:

Phil Burley, Larry Dietrich, Stu Donnan, John Dusl*, David Fanelli, David Fretz, Ken Goodwin, Keith Grimm, Carl Kotila, David Lee, John Maca, Mike McCann, Dale Martin, Beth Scully, Bob Scully, Dennis Shouse*, Jeff Sugar*, Ken Wood – 18 total (attendees with an asterisk are potential new members)

Meeting called to order by Keith Grimm at 1735 hrs. Keith welcomed all attendees, and asked the newly elected officers to identify themselves. Keith then asked if anyone had questions or comments on the minutes from the November meeting; Mike McCann asked that his name be added to the meeting attendee listing. No other comments were raised, and Keith asked for approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent of the voting members present at the meeting.

Following this, Ken Goodwin provided the Treasurer report. According to Ken, the Club has 41 paid members (Ken indicated that he and Bob Scully need to get together to work out final details on the member listing), \$1336.64 split across accounts, with the largest expense the reimbursement of \$172.64 to David Lee for the linear repair (frm prev mins: “ ... repair of the Kenwood TL-992 linear being conducted by Dave Lee ... \$25 expense of a replacement ac Main rocker switch and a \$150 3-500Z tube ...”). Ken noted that the TL-992 is now working and producing a full 1kW. Discussions began regarding the status of the ICOM 781. John Maca did indicate he might be able to effect repair for no cost. That being said, the current status indicates that the Club has an approximate \$50 RoM cost on the ICOM already, with a target max of \$200 (incl the \$50). Motion was made that the Treasurer report be accepted. The report was approved by unanimous consent of the voting members present at the meeting.

Keith then called for volunteers to work with Ken as mentor to assume the Treasurer role, to assist Dale Martin and possibly assume the role of Webmaster. Dale and Ken both indicated that Dale needs input for the Website. Dale also indicated he was working on some new pages, including a new home page. Dale also indicated he had posted the previous minutes, and updated the meeting page and the officer listing.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the assignment of Larry Dietrich as the Control Operator will now divulge to John Maca; the VEC remains David Fanelli.



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The W5RRR website is at url: <http://w5rrr.org/index.html>

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

The W5RRR Yahoo! Site is at url: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/W5RRR/info>. John Maca is the PoC for getting added to the access list.

Upcoming Activities:

EA Reunion, 22 April (D. Lee to provide addtl info)

Monthly FCC Amateur Radio Operators' License Examinations, 11 March, Gilruth Center, 0900 for check-in and credential verification, 0930 start of exams (D. Fanelli can provide addtl info)

General Interest:

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 the WR5GC repeater, 145.41, tone 131.8. GCECG meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Emergency Management Facility on SH 646 just east of IH-45, in League City, from 1900 to 2100.

Our sister organization, the Clear Lake Amateur Radio Club (CLARC), holds a net each Wednesday at 2000 on the K5HOU repeater, 146.86, tone 100. CLARC also holds monthly meetings in the Clear Lake Park Community Building, Civic Room south of NASA Parkway, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586, on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 1900 to 2100.

Skywarn holds a net each Thursday night at 2000 on the JSC ARC repeater, 146.64, no tone.

Upcoming HAMFEST activities:

Orange Hamfest, 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)	kgoodwin@comcast.net
Treasurer (elected) (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)	Ken Goodwin K5RG	(281) 333-2636 (h) (281) 635-5696 (c)	kgoodwin@comcast.net

Appointed Officers

Position	Name & Call Sign	Phone Number(s)	eMail Address
Equip/Station Mgr	John Maca AB5SS	(281) 483-8802 (w) (281) 687-6761 (c)	john.j.maca@nasa.gov
Property Custodian	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 & Webmaster	Dale Martin KG5U	(281) 484-4465 (h) (281) 901-9147 (c)	kg5u@att.net
Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC)	David Fanelli KB5PGY	(281) 483-4833 (w)	kb5pgy@flash.net