



Hurst Amateur Radio Club  
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## Hurst Amateur Radio Club Newsletter June, 2014



### Presidents Letter By Craig Leikis

#### Board of Directors

Butch Seaman —KF5ONZ  
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#### Newsletter

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#### Life Members

Mike Roden W5JR  
Gene Clardy W5KXC  
Charles Penry WA5VHU  
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#### HARC Repeaters

147.100 T-110.9 W5HRC  
442.850 T-110.9 KM5HT

#### Monthly Reminders

Meetings are held every  
3rd Monday of the  
month

#### Meeting location:

Fire Station #2  
Pipeline Road  
Hurst, Texas

#### VE Testing:

*By appointment,  
Please call*

W5EFZ 817-267-3860  
N5YM 817-480-4425

### Field Day and Hamfests!

I never thought I would say this as a long-time Texas resident, but June has become one of my favorite months. First, the new Executive Board met for the first time week and there is definite atmosphere of getting things done. If you thought the club was actively doing things before, wait until you see us implement some of the ideas we discussed!

I've been to lots of hamfests, but I have to say that HamCom in Plano is the one that really look forward to each year. For the last two years, I've been there on both days from the time they opened until the time they closed. I don't think I will get to do that this year, but I'm still looking forward to picking up some goodies for Field Day.

Field Day is just a few weeks away and I'm super excited. This will be my third year as a Field Day participant and I know it will be the best yet. The first year we were in the air conditioned comfort of the EOC and I think we only had 3 of us that logged contacts. Last year, we ventured outside to Heritage Park, but we had the EOC to retreat to when it got too unbearable. This year, we are doing Field Day like it was intended and that means it will both be fun and miserable at the same time. We're ready and it's going to be totally worth bearing the heat to show the public and the city what we can do.

73,  
Craig

#### Club Officers

Craig Leikis – N5LNX  
President  
Noel Lee—KF5SLK  
Vice-President  
Denise Lucas—N5WTK  
Secretary  
Everett Bailey –KE5ZHU  
Treasurer



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**FIELD DAY — FIELD DAY — FIELD DAY**

June 28th 1pm until June 29th 1pm

**FIELD DAY—Looking Back 100 years**

One hundred years ago, the population of the United States had not quite reached 100 million. There were only forty-eight stars on the US flag, the last one (Arizona) having only been added two years earlier... The number of automobiles registered in the US was just pushing 500,000... The right to vote for women was still six years away... The cost of an average home in the US was about \$6,000 and the annual average wage was about \$540... Coffee was about 30¢ a pound, Sugar was about 9¢ a pound, Milk was about 11¢ a quart, Bread about 9¢ a loaf and a Sirloin Steak would set you back about 33¢ a pound.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

There are many positions open for volunteers. Starting Saturday morning on 6/28 we need people to help with set up, and you can believe that on 6/29 at 1:00PM the need for volunteers to help break down will be huge. We will need volunteers who will help as Band Captains, Information Booth Volunteers, Traffic Handlers, NTS , GOTA, and of course, operators and more operators. It is a 24 hour event! So please, look at your schedule, evaluate your time and sign up!

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Contact Noel Lee for Field Day  
June 28th and 29th  
Volunteer Sign Up  
Phone 817-919-6979  
Email [noeldlee@gmail.com](mailto:noeldlee@gmail.com)**

One hundred years later Amateur Radio is still going strong - new technologies... new bands... new countries. ... There is always a new challenge in Amateur Radio. Nowhere does the Amateur Community embrace our hobby more than ARRL Field Day. What started as a one-time test of portable operation has grown to become the largest single operating event in the United States. Field Day is our annual opportunity to tell our story and invite our friends, neighbors and communities to discover and share in our passion.

### Recipe Corner

Please send recipes to DG@DeniseLucas.com

#### Quick Pickled Cucumbers

- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cucumber, very thinly sliced
- 1/4 sweet or white onion, thinly sliced

In a medium bowl, combine the vinegar, sugar, and 1/4 teaspoon salt, stirring until the sugar and salt are dissolved. Add the cucumber and onion and toss to combine. Let sit, tossing occasionally, at least 15 minutes and up to 6 hours. Makes one cup.

### Swap and Sell

Please send item descriptions to dg@deniselucas.com for inclusion in the newsletter. HARC is not responsible for any transactions that occur.

Contact Joe Waldrop WB5TDJ 817-226-6496 on the following items:

TS140 HF	200.00
TR7400 2M (NO PL)	40.00
TR7400 2M (TECH SPL)	10.00
Alinco 2M HT/DJ-F1	50.00
AUTEK Filter	25.00
CB SWR Meter	5.00
CB SWR Meter	5.00
YAESU VHF SWR Meter	35.00
DRAKE VHF SWR Meter	50.00
DRAKE HF Meter	50.00
Kenwood Phone Patch	35.00
Triplett Vom (Tech)	5.00
Computer Speakers	5.00
Antennas (All)	50.00
Hustler Mast (Mobile)	35.00
Hustler Resonators (Mobile)	7.50 each
Hustler Base Spring (Mobile)	5.00
Scanner (Tech)	5.00
Realistic SWL Receiver	35.00
Realistic 808 SWL Receiver	65.00

### July Birthdays

Karen Hilger	July 2
Joe Waldrop	July 3
Jack Hendrickson	July 24
Bub Mueller	July 26
Maggie Moncrief	July 30

### Upcoming Events—June/July

HARC uses Meetup.Com to schedule and manage most events. Joining this group (it's free!) is the best way to stay informed of upcoming events as well as stay in touch with other attendees.

#### June

- 6/05—Volunteer Exam Testing, as needed
- 6/07—Quarterly NE Tarrant County Joint Club Meeting
- 6/07—Code Class/Saturday Group
- 6/14—Extra Study/Saturday Group
- 6/16—HARC Monthly Business Meeting
- 6/21—Code Class/Saturday Group
- 6/23—Field Day Volunteer Meeting @ Chisholm Park Longhorn and Bluebonnet Pavilions
- 6/28—Field Day 2014 starts at 1:00pm
- 6/29—Field Day 2014 ends at 1:00pm

#### July

- 7/4—Independence Day
- 7/5—Code Class/Saturday Group
- 7/12—Extra Study/Saturday Group
- 7/19—Code Class/Saturday Group
- 7/21—Monthly Business Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 7/26—Extra Study/Saturday Group

### Dah Dits from Denise

The newsletter is now available via email. To receive an electronic copy, please send email to dg@deniselucas.com. Our goal is to reduce the number of paper copies we use each month.



**HURST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Business Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2014**  
**DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Craig Leikis (N5LNX) opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**INVOCATION**

Joe Waldrop (WB5TDJ) opened with prayer.

**Attendance**

32 members

3 Visitors

Chris Hood (KE5SBP), Phillip Hinkle (N5PRT), and Bob Powell (KF5WHI) were distinguished visitors tonight.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Saturday, 5/24 at 9:00am - Tech Talk will be about AMSAT, Amateur Radio Satellites.

Saturday, 5/24 at 9:00am – EOC Radio Test and will include WinLink. Frank Knox will send out the information this week.

Yearly Membership Dues – \$22.00 per year and are due no later than 6/30/2014.

Saturday 5/31 at 9:00am – Tech Talk will be a Field Day Primer and Refresher.

Saturday 6/28 and Sunday 6/29 – ARRL Field Day at Chisholm Park.

Sign Up sheet for Net Control was passed around for volunteers.

Refreshment sign-up was passed around for volunteers.

Roster verification sheet was passed around for corrections.

Ballots for Elections and Awards were passed out for voting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Everett (KE5ZHU) reported a correction from March's report. The April 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted as read.

**MINUTES**

April 2014 Minutes were accepted as published in the May 2014 HARC Newsletter.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

President Craig (N5LNX) stated the need for a Sunshine Committee coordinator. There were no reports of illness or hospitalizations. Everett (KE5ZHU) gave positive reports for his daughter and granddaughter and thanks HARC for all their prayers and wishes during their difficult time. It was great to hear that mother and child are doing well.

**REPEATERS**

Bub (K5BUB) reported that the new shack is now painted. Gratitude and thanks were expressed by members present to those who assisted with the painting.

## RACES

Gary (KA5KPC) was at the RACES Leadership meeting and will provide a full report in June's Business Meeting.

## CLUB CAPS AND SHIRTS

Everett (KE5ZHU) reported that we still have 6 shirts with pockets (\$24.00 each), and 6 shirts without pockets (\$15.00 each). Sizes are Large and Extra-Large. Caps are an inventory item at West Creations, and can be ordered for \$12.00 each. Caps and shirts can be taken to Ginny at West Creations, Inc. at 1305 Brown Trail, Suite D, or call 817-282-6885 to make arrangements to have your name and call sign embroidered on the shirt and/or cap.

## CERT

Tonya, (K5TGL) Volunteer Assistant Coordinator for City of Hurst CERT provided a status report.

May 13<sup>th</sup> the City of Hurst City Council recognized the 16 graduates from the Bedford-Hurst CERT training class.

May 15<sup>th</sup> the core team met to work on a formal organization. They officially formed an Advisory Board and determined that meetings would occur the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

The next CERT training class is in September and will be taught by Bedford CERT, however, the goal is that for the February, 2015 class, it will be staffed and taught by Hurst CERT volunteers.

CERT Bedford will be training with the Texas State Guard on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are welcome.

## FIELD DAY

Noel (KF5SLK) will have a sign-up sheet at the Saturday morning work shop. The Roster will be in two hour blocks. A roster will be generated from the sign-up sheet for Field Day. An update on media activities was provided by Denise (N5WTK); the Proclamation Letter for HAM Radio Week has been drafted and given to President Craig (N5LNX) for presentation to Chief Palla. Also, an invitation to Mayor Ward and the City of Hurst Council Members was drafted inviting them to visit the club on Field Day, Saturday, June 28, between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Additionally, 8X11 posters of the Field Day post cards that Noel (KF5SLK) had made will be posted at select businesses for advertising. Overall, we are current and on schedule with Field Day activities.

## TESTING

Mike Haefner (N5YM) had none to report. Frank Schnell (W5EFZ) reported one test session, which passed. It was also mentioned that the web page for testing is confusing too many people. They just show up without calling first and find no one available. Visitor Phillip Hinkle (N5PRT) confirmed this statement. It was requested on the newsletter and web page to state that testing is by pre-arrangement.

## REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments were provided by Bill Grobe (KF5OON). Many thanks for the drinks and snacks.

## AWARDS

The HARC Member of the Year for 2013 – 2014 was awarded to Gary Moncrief (KA5KPC).

The HARC Operator of the Year for 2013 – 2014 was awarded to Bub Mueller (K5BUB).

A Certificate of Appreciation for Year 2013 – 2014 was presented to Chris Hood (KE5SBP) with gratitude.

The final award, the Old Crow Award, was presented to Mike Haefner, for all of the undocumented, behind the scenes work that he does for the benefit of the club. Mike will keep the Old Crow award for one year, and when he brings it back, it will need to have a larger base, as there are no more spaces for names. The Old Crow Award has a first date of 1967 and is a distinguished honor from HARC.

Congratulations to all award winners. HARC thanks you for your many hours of labor to improve the club.

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

The votes were tallied and the 2014 – 2015 Club Officers are:

President – Craig Leikis (N5LNX)

Vice President – Noel Lee (KF5SLK)

Secretary – Denise Lucas (N5WTK)

Treasurer – Everett Bailey (KE5ZHU)

The Directors for 2014 – 2016 are:

Greg Fair (KC5TGF)

Butch Seaman (KC5ONZ)

Jason Johnston (KC5HWB)

Minta McDuff (N5ELB) made a motion that for his untiring efforts over many years of keeping the Club Repeaters in top shape, that Gene Clardy (W5KXC) be made a Lifetime Member of the Hurst Amateur Radio Club. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

## **50/50 Drawing**

Nick Milano (KA5TVI) won the 50/50 Drawing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Craig (N5LNX) adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.