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A note from a fellow member: Attached is a copy of a recent edition of "World Radio". World Radio has a national circulation and I believe a small international component.

On pages 32 through 34 you will find an article describing the annual messages to Santa which are taken at the annual "Holidays in the Heart of the City." It was written by Jim Wades, a fellow who has traveled to Saginaw over the past three years to run a telegraph "landline" connection to Fairbanks, Alaska.

You will find pictures taken in the Castle Museum and reference to a YouTube video posting of the event.

Thanks to the Historical Society, PRIDE and SVARA for making this event possible.

Joe, K8CQF

For ARES Members: Next training will be on February 24.

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2.

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 8, November 5, and December 3.

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: February 16, March 16, April 13, May 18, June 15, July 13, August 17, September 14, October 19, November 16, and December 14.

General Meeting Minutes

American Red Cross Building

January 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by **madam** president Judy KC8BYI with 34 members and guest present. Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

A motion to accept the minutes as presented in the current Harmonic with redaction was made by Gordy KC8YVD and seconded by Joe K8CQF.

The Treasures Report: presented by Jeff KC8BDQ was accepted via a motion made by Steve KD8FQL and seconded by David W8DW. Jeff KC8BDQ also presented the yearly report motion to accept made by Dave N8REB and Duane KD8AUJ with the second.

Former members and an associate member with a new ticket submitted applications for membership.

Motion to accept with second

Accepted member

Dave N8REB and Jeff KC8BDQ

John Perkins KC8BWD

Emmett W8EAB and Ron KC8YVF

Mike Gascoyne KD8PEZ

Dave N8REB and Joe K8CQF

John Greenough N8VQW

Some ideas presented for the new year included project nights with events to put to use. The club station will be opened for the North American QSO Party and will try for other contests. The February meeting will include net control training. As part of plans to assist Roger KB8QO.

Ron KC8YVF reported that ARES training will be on January 27th at the Harry Brown Airport with a topic to be determined. The county has asked to partake in quarterly drills the next set for May 18th.

Dave W8DW commented on the success of testing session with all earning a license with two new technicians attending this evening. He also spoke of receiving several QSL cards.

Lee KC8TI of the Midland delegation reported M.A.R.C. would be conducting a General and Extra licensing classes with testing sessions.

A warm welcome home was raised for Joe Schram KD8AFM on his return from serving overseas.

There was no New Business to report before the meeting was suspended for the auction.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe K8CQF seconded by Emmett W8EAB passed at 9:35p.m.

We gathered our bargains and were on our way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Linton N8XPS
Secretary

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Board of Directors Meeting

Texan Restaurant on State Street

January 19, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Judy KC8BYI at 7:55p.m. with Mike N8XPS, Emmett W8EAB, Rob KC8IJN, Doris KD8MMG, Mike KD8MMH, Duane KD8AUY, Jeff KC8BDQ, and Judy KC8BYI in attendance.

The new members were welcomed to the board as Duane KD8AUY provided a little orientation and Emmett suggested copies of the constitution be provided.

The first order of business was to name people to the repeater committee and chairman of the board. Emmett W8EAB nominated Duane KD8AUY as chairman with a second by Jeff KC8BDQ motion carried. Jeff KB8SWR was named to the boards position on the repeater committee, nominated by Emmett W8EAB seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ. Judy named Ron KC8YVF to the president's position. Bob N8YXR will be the committee as license trustee. Ron KC8YVF will still serve as Emergency Coordinator. The Public Information Officer will continue to be Lou W8LPV.

The Treasure's Report: was accepted at the general business meeting

Judy KC8BYI made the motion to accept the secretary's report as presented in the current Harmonic with a second by Emmett W8EAB.

The subject most discussed was the goals that we hoped to achieve, primarily to raise money and increase participation. Some others were to complete the Rosien Tower project, Opening club station once per month, project nights with events to use them, public service events, and training sessions planned for upcoming meetings including echolink and Net control.

Net control training is planned for the February meeting. Judy KB8BYI reported discussing net control operations with Roger KB8QO and will make extra effort to ensure Rogers attendance. Emmett reported we are not receiving credit for our traffic net. The logs should go to district.

Curiosity was expressed about the phone bill. Judy KC8BYI reported we need one for telephonic communications and remote interface with no reasonable alternatives. It seems expensive because we are billed as a business.

Hand outs were distributed to be read as homework for the next board meeting.

Duane KD8AUY made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jeff KC8BDQ it was carried without opposition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 8:00 p.m.
at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday
following the general membership meeting,
8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting,
8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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