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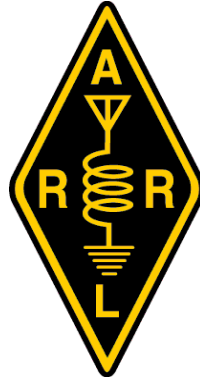


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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**LET'S ALL GIVE A BIG WELCOME TO PRESIDENT JIM, KI5GTJ!**

Jim is kinda bashful so I'm editorializing this month.

Your new officers and trustees are off on a good start with their first trustees meeting to plan for 2024 held on December 15, 2023! The proposed budget was approved by the board and will be submitted to the membership on January 12, 2024. The balance of the meeting was dedicated to brainstorming on improving participation in scheduled club activities and regular meetings and dinners. A schedule of meetings, dinner plans, and programs is being prepared and will be published on the web site and in the monthly bulletin. Please check it out and make plans to attend and participate. Your ideas and suggestions are important too, so, contact any of the officers and trustees with your ideas.



Many thanks to the members who continue to clean and upgrade the clubhouse facilities.

Joel, N6TOC is re-installing repeaters in the equipment room adjacent to the radio room in the club house. More information on this and connection with the W5ES repeater, currently at Western Tech, will be available soon.

We are sworn this year to conduct organized programs for Field Day and WAE (Worked All El Paso) in the tradition of EPARC. We also seek more cooperation and joint activities with our sister club, K5WPH.

Don't forget to participate in the weekly W5ES ARC Sunday Nite Net at 7:00 pm MST on the Amigo Link System. We are beholden to WTRA for the use of the Amigo link for our Sunday night nets.

W5ES has a ZOOM account and below is the link for our meetings and officers/trustee meetings.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/833 3785 7007](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83337857007) Passcode: 039370

This past year we have enjoyed increased involvement at the ARRL West Texas Section level thanks to weekly ZOOM meeting with Dale, W5WI and David KF5WDJ. We encourage all of you to set aside time on Thursday evenings to tune in at 7:00 pm MST.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86158956437?pwd=UnlBVVpmVzhQTElWM240NUVHLOwxdz09>

**Club Dues are Due on January 1, 2024**

You may pay dues by mail to W5ES EPARC, 2100 San Diego St. El Paso, Texas 79930. Our PayPal account allows you to pay your dues and/or make your contribution electronically. Please consult the W5ES website for more information.

## DEC Bulletin

I hope everyone reading this had Happy Holidays and I hope your 2024 New Year will be joyful and prosperous. I also hope Santa left the new radio or accessory under your Christmas tree.



If you are interested in becoming an ARES® member you may contact me at the email shown below.

1. Will you register your qualifications and communications equipment for use in public service during a communications emergency?
2. Can you work in a controlled environment?
3. Do you have a desire to contribute to your community?

If you can answer “yes” to the above questions then you are encouraged check the [https://www.hamradioelpaso.com/emergency-coordination website](https://www.hamradioelpaso.com/emergency-coordination-website) to find the certifications needed to become an ARES® member.

The WTX Section is introducing the Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System (NBEMS) as an alternative method of communication that can be used in place of the Winlink System. NBEMS can be used in the UHF/VHF bands as well as HF. It uses FLDIGI and its suite of programs to move digital messages around the county as well as out of the county. Join us each Thursday evening at 6:30 pm (MST) for the Section Manager ZOOM meeting for a half-hour session. If you are not on the Section Managers mailing list let me know and I will send you the invitation.

The Winlink station at the American Red Cross (ARC) is on the air 24/7 in digipeat mode. Connect to the ARC station using 439.010 MHz It is set to connect to the KB5HPT-10 VARA FM RMS. The

Winlink Express and VARA FM programs must be used to generate email. If you cannot reach the RMS using a direct path, try to digipeat through the ARC station. Enter KB5HPT-5 in the first via box. If the recipient has a valid email address the email will be delivered to their inbox.

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Questions and comments about the content of this article are always welcome. Send an 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 January 6 at K5WPH 3709 Wickham. at 9:00AM.

**Repeaters** W5ES repeater is 443.150, + Offset, PL 173.8 Automatic analog and C4FM digital.

**Wires X Node: 11584 Room: 21584**

## Business Mtg. January 12 7:00PM

Our next business meeting will be held on Friday January 12 at 7:00PM. Program night will be January 26 at 6:00 PM.

## WAE Worked All El Paso

I want to thank Bernie KD5QHV and Charles WD5FVQ

For registering for this year's WAE Contest and their tireless support of this great tradition. This year's contest was a draw and neither Bernie nor Chuck wants another trophy.

I want to apologize for the poor organization last November, on my part. I commit to holding a well-planned WAE program for 2024.

## Net Meetings

Don't forget our Sunday night net at 7:00 PM on the Amigo Link.

**Amigo System Linked Repeaters** are: 145.290, 146.700, 147.240, 147.280, 147.320, 443.400, and 444.200 in El Paso, 444.325 in Montana Vista TX, 442.825 in Sunland Park NM, 442.950 in Anthony TX, 145.230 at Benson Ridge NM, the 147.04 near Deming NM, and the 444.075 on Capilla Peak (near Albq NM).

Also - -

**2-Meter Sideband Net** -Sundays at 8:00 PM on 144.200.

**D-STAR Net** Mondays at 7:15PM on **Reflector 55A**

**WTRA** – Mondays at 8:00 PM on **Amigo Link repeaters.**

## 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.





# WE WANT YOU!

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**Make a plan this year to attend and participate in your  
EPARC meetings and activities in person or on ZOOM.**

**Volunteers for interesting programs on Ham activities and  
technology are always welcome!**

**W5ES PLANNING GUIDE**  
**Tentative Schedule**

**2024**

JANUARY	12	7:00 PM Business Meeting	26	6:00 PM Pizza Party
FEBRUARY	9	7:00 PM Business Meeting	23	6:00 PM Potluck Dinner
MARCH	8	7:00 PM Business Meeting	22	6:00 PM Fish Fry
APRIL	12	7:00 PM Business Meeting	26	6:00 PM Ice Cream Social
MAY	10	7:00 PM Business Meeting	24	6:00 PM Mexican Dinner
JUNE	14	7:00 PM Business Meeting	21	6:00 PM Burgers
JULY	12	7:00 PM Business Meeting	19	6:00 PM Italian Dinner
AUGUST	9	7:00 PM Business Meeting	23	6:00 PM Chili Cook Off
SEPTEMBER	13	7:00 PM Business Meeting	20	6:00 PM End of summer BBQ
OCTOBER	11	7:00 PM Business Meeting	25	6:00 PM Octoberfest Dinner
NOVEMBER	8	7:00 PM Business Meeting	22	Thanksgiving - No meeting
DECEMBER	13	7:00 PM Business Meeting	27	6:00 PM Holiday Feast

2024 January



COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	15	6 VE Exam K5WPH 3709 Wickham 9:00 -Noon
7 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	8 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	9	10	11 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	12 WSES Business Mtg 7:00 PM	13
14 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	15 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	16	17	18 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	19	20
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