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Web Master (Appointed):Denton Sachs [WX5HOG](#)
Judge Advocate (Appointed): Gary Moore [KF5XK](#)
Training Officer Jeff Scoville [AE5ME](#)

Next Club Event

Date: January 13, 2024

Location: Harvey Young Airport

1419 S 135th East Ave, Tulsa, OK 74108

Start Time: 9 AM CST

Topic: RCWA Brainstorming for 2024 Meetings

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President's Thoughts

From the grey matter of "the" Jeff...WX5WDG

Greetings earthlings,

Jeff here, WX5WDG and I wanted to put a few thoughts on the page and introduce you to the all-new, re-vamped RCWA newsletter! Johnny N5XQK always called me "the" Jeff and it kinda stuck haha. Sure miss that fella and I know you all do too...

I would like to take a moment and thank all of you for making The Rogers County Wireless Association an amazing and fun-filled amateur radio club! I believe we have had more radio fun than ever this year with Winter Field Day, the two burger burns, summer Field Day, our special event station (N5W) we did at the Will Rogers Memorial, The uBitX radio build, and the many demonstrations put on by Jeff AE5ME. All of this would not be possible without your help and support in making RCWA an awesome club! Salute!

I would like to give a special shoutout to a few key individuals who have been and continue to be instrumental in promoting amateur radio in general and in turn promoting RCWA.

Ray K5CFY—Ray is always on the radio and always has a good word to say. Ray is our 2nd vice president as well as our net coordinator and he has done an excellent job at maintaining a list of net controllers ready to run any of the many nets that we host! Thank you Ray!!

Jeff AE5ME—The "other" Jeff is our 1st vice president, and he is the "machine" that make all our links and different modes work. Jeff works behind the scenes tirelessly to keep all of our internet links maintained and working flawlessly. He does so out of his love for amateur radio and for the club. Thanks Jeff!!

President's Thoughts continued

Dustin AB5C—Dustin works behind the scenes as well. Dustin is our club treasurer, and he makes sure we have money for all our projects and activities and makes sure we stay in the black. Dustin also helps maintain the website and club records. Thanks Dustin!!

Denton W5HOG—Denton is our webmaster. Denton makes sure that RCWA.ORG is up and running and keeps all the grease on the gears behind the interwebs so that we can have the best and most up to date website around. Thanks Denton!!

Greg AI5HV—Greg has recently taken on the responsibility of creating and maintaining a club newsletter. One of my goals was to re-create the RCWA club newsletter and get it sent out on a regular basis and when I approached him, he said CAN-DO!! Thanks Greg!!

And finally, to all of the folks who have volunteered as new controls over the years. Hats off to you! Being an NCO is a fun way to meet folks over the airwaves and become more familiar with radios and operating protocols. Sometimes it's not easy, but it's always fun! Thanks guys!!

Anyway, enough of my rambling. Happy New Year to all and here's to a fun filled and radioactive 2024!!

73
WX5WDG

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1st Vice President's Notes

Many thanks to everyone who turned out for the December meeting and got to see the "Module 17" plug and play board in action with the Yaesu FTM-6000R and Yaesu FTM-100DR. We checked out both boards to club members at the meeting. We received four more boards at the end of December and three have already been checked out to club members. I would expect to see some people on the air with M17 in the coming weeks as they get cables and radios squared away to test their boards.

I will be giving a presentation on the OklahomaLink at the upcoming Checotah hamfest on January 6th at 10:00 AM. The hamfest is being held at the Granite Station Cowboy Church in Checotah at 1128 White Stag Avenue. Looking forward to seeing a lot of our Muskogee crew that talks to us on P25, DMR, and Yaesu System Fusion through the OklahomaLink. I encourage others to attend the hamfest and meet some of the voices behind the radio that we hear either during the Boredom Breaker nets or the OklahomaLink nets.

By the time this is published, we will have had our third annual operating during New Year's Eve with the GB0NYE special event group out of the UK. Always neat to hear stations from around the world on the 147.090 repeater. We appreciated the efforts from the Extended Freedom Network for their efforts in putting the event together every year!

Speaking of nets, did you know there are thirteen nets a week on the RCWA repeaters? And there are just as many FM nets as there are "digital only" nets. Please see pages 8 & 9 for a brief list of nets to check out in the coming New Year.

1st Vice President's continued

If there are other nets you would like to see carried on the RCWA repeaters, drop an email to ae5me@yahoo.com and we'll get added.

As Jeff WX5WDG states elsewhere in this newsletter, the success of the RCWA is due to the many dedicated club members. We appreciate all of your efforts and feedback in taking the club to even greater heights in 2024.

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2nd Vice President's Notes

Happy New Year everyone hope this year is better then 2023. The RCWA nets have done quite well. The Sunday night C4Fusson Oklahoma Link net we had 597 check-ins for the year. The Tuesday Night 2 meter net we had 1,017 check ins , The Boredom Breaker Net is doing quite well. We have ran the Boredom Breaker net 1,368 consecative days. We had 1,690 check-ins for December, Total count since April 3rd 2020 is 86,742 . Average check-in 57.58 per day. Total call signs is 3,642. We have made contactaks in all 50 states and Puerto Rico and 58 countries. I want to thank all the net controles for all ther help. If anyone would like to help with net control give me a e-mail at

broncoman351@sbcglobal.net.

Upcoming HamFests

- [CARC Hamfest](#) — Jan. 6, 2024
- [Cowntown Hamfest](#) — Jan. 19 - 20, 2024
- [Hamcation](#) — Feb. 9 - 11, 2024
- [Rio Amateur Radio Club](#) — Feb. 24, 2024
- [Greater Houston HamFest](#) — Mar. 1 - 2, 2024
- [Green Country Hamfest](#) — Apr 12 - 13, 2024
- [HAMBASH 2024](#) — April 20, 2024
- [Hannibal/Quincy Hamfest](#) — May 4, 2024
- [Hamvention](#) — May 17 - 19, 2024

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VE Testing

- **01/06/2024 9:00 AM**
ae5mm@arrl.net
Broken Arrow Public Safety Complex
1101 N 6th St Broken Arrow OK 74012
- **01/20/2024 10:00 AM**
n5dmk@att.net
University of Tulsa Keplinger Hall Rm 3140
430 S Gary Pl Tulsa OK 74104
- **02/03/2024 9:00 AM**
danbelcher@earthlink.net
Evergreen Baptist Church 10301 E 111th St
Bixby OK 74008
- **02/10/2024 9:30 AM**
AC5II@ARRL.NET
Broken Arrow Public Safety Complex
1101 N 6th St Broken Arrow OK 74012
- **03/02/2024 9:00 AM**
ae5mm@arrl.net
Broken Arrow Public Safety Complex
1101 N 6th St Broken Arrow OK 74012

VE Testing continued

- **03/16/2024 10:00 AM**
n5dmk@att.net
University of Tulsa Keplinger Hall Rm 3140
430 S Gary Pl Tulsa OK 74104
- **03/23/2024 9:00 AM**
danbelcher@earthlink.net
Evergreen Baptist Church 10301 E 111th St
Bixby OK 74008
- **05/04/2024 9:00 AM**
ae5mm@arrl.net
Broken Arrow Public Safety Complex
1101 N 6th St Broken Arrow OK 74012
- **05/25/2024 10:00 AM**
n5dmk@att.net
University of Tulsa Keplinger Hall Rm 3140
430 S Gary Pl Tulsa OK 74104
- **06/01/2024 9:00 AM**
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Latest ARRL news

No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the Legislature is in session."

A centuries old truism often attributed to Mark Twain — it is applicable to any elected organization with the power to alter the lives

and rights of others — public, private, or governmental — including the ARRL Board of Directors.

While the Agenda for the Board Meeting is always published before a Board meeting, the many motions to be considered by the Board have rarely ever been published before a Board Meeting. The most recent and notorious exception occurred before the January 2018 Board meeting when

the Executive Committee and Lisenco motions intended to juice the 2017 "Code of Conduct" were leaked to the general Membership. The overwhelming Membership outrage resulting from the unintentional disclosure was instrumental in the punitive proposals being withdrawn.

The 2017 Code of Conduct was itself overturned by a newly elected Board in January 2019.

The Members' voices were heard — and their wishes were honored.

It is my belief, that of a small minority of Directors, and Vice Director Lee Cooper's, that the Members should be permitted to have advance notice of the substantive matters to be considered by the Board of Directors at its meetings.

To that end, the West Gulf intends to publish to its website the substantive motions scheduled to be considered at the January Board meeting and subsequent meetings.

It is our intent to discuss each known January 2024 motion in a separate email, although we will publish to the website each motion as it becomes available.

At present, there are three known motions. The Agenda for the January Board meeting and each of these three motions are available for review and download at:

<https://westgulfddivision.org/motion>

Latest ARRL news continued

The first motion we wish to discuss is the:

Motion To Honor Membership Contracts

In July 2023, the Board voted to raise the annual dues from \$49 to \$59

and to eliminate the delivery of a printed copy of QST or On The Air,

effective January 2024, unless a Member paid an extra \$25/year.

The West Gulf Division, the Atlantic Division, the Southeastern Division, and the Southwestern Divisions voted against both proposals, but the two proposals passed by an 11-4 vote.

While a dues increase was long overdue and actually needed, the West Gulf Division voted against it because it was tied to the termination of the delivery of a printed copy of QST/On The Air unless a Member paid an extra \$25/year.

The four divisions argued it was a breach of the ARRL's legal contract with those Members — both annual memberships and 3-year memberships — to terminate their promised printed copy of QST/On The Air before their membership contracts expired. The membership applications in use at the time promised, in writing, the delivery of QST/On The Air magazines by "standard mail."

Besides the risks attendant upon a breach of contract, Article 11 of the ARRL Articles of Association prohibits the Board from terminating or reducing the rights of any Member. The stripping of the delivery of printed copies of QST/On The Air from unexpired Memberships constitutes a reduction in the rights of the affected Member.

Both the Membership Application and Article 11 are promises — and the League should stand on its promises. That is the reason we have filed the Motion To Honor Membership Contracts.

The ARRL is a membership organization, and the opinions of the Members are important.

I have been asked by each of the West Gulf Division Section Managers — NTX SM Steve Smith (KG5VK), STX SM Stuart Wolfe (KF5NIX), WTX SM Dale Durham (W5WI), and OK SM Mark Kleine (N5HZR) — to share that they each support the Motion To Honor Membership Contracts.

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If you believe the Motion has merit and it should pass, it would be

important for you to share your support for the Motion with the ARRL

President, Rick Roderick, and the other Directors. All of their email

addresses can be found on Page 15 of QST or at

[Divisions](#) . If you choose to share your views,

Please be respectful — we choose to disagree, but need not be disrespectful.

John Robert Stratton

N5AUS

West Gulf Division Director

Lee H. Cooper

W5LHC

West Gulf Division Vice Director

Latest ARRL news continued

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Nets

EVERY DAY FROM 12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM (approx)

N5XQK BOREDOM BREAKERS NET

147.09 Repeater | Allstar Node 49562 | Echolink N5XQK-R | XLXOKXL Module "A" on Dstar & YSF | DMR TGIF 49562

Started as a health and welfare net during the onset of Covid-19, has grown into a daily gathering both on 147.09 wide coverage repeater as well as Allstar.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:00 PM

RASPBERRY PI Net 147.09 Repeater

SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM

SKYWARN YOUTH Net 147.09 Repeater

SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM

RCWA/OklahomaLink C4FM Net 444.35 Repeater
444.35 Repeater | Wires-X 28292 | YSF US-OklahomaLink | DMR TGIF 31403 | DMR Brandmeister 3140122 | P25 31403 |
NXDN 31403 | DSTAR XLXOKL Module "B"

This is a great ragchew net and an opportunity to meet hams that are operating on digital voice. Supported by the the OklahomaLink network, you can talk to hams on Fusion, Wires-X, Dstar, P25, NXDN, and DMR.

SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 9:00 PM

RCWA Sunday night D-Star net!
444.35 Multi mode repeater located in Claremore Ok.
We also link up to REF052B for the net!

Nets continued

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 9:00 PM

BEACON Net 147.09 Repeater

MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7:15 PM

STATEWIDE VOIP NET 444.35 Repeater
444.35 Repeater | Wires-X 28292 | YSF US-OklahomaLink | DMR TGIF 31403 | DMR Brandmeister 3140122 | P25 31403 | NXDN 31403 | DSTAR XLXOKL Module "B"

147.09 Repeater | Allstar 49562 | Echolink N5XQK-R
Net that covers the aspects of digital voice and data in amateur radio. This net is the newest addition, starting in 2012 as a Sstar/Echolink crossmode net, it has now expanded into many, many other modes, including both analog and digital. M17 soon coming to the net!!

MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:15 PM

OKLAHOMA ARES DMR Net 444.35 Repeater

TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 PM

RCWA Weekly Net
147.09 Repeater | Allstar Node 49562 | Echolink N5XQK-R | XLXOKXL Module "A" on Dstar & YSF | DMR TGIF 49562

A great net that has been held on the 147.09 wide coverage repeater for many, many years. Now with the expansion of the repeater on Allstar with the Boredom Breaker's HUB, we literally get checkins from around the world in addition to all of NE Oklahoma.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM

ILLINOISLink P25 Net 444.35 Repeater

FRIDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 PM

DIXIE TRADER'S Net 147.09 Repeater

SATURDAY NIGHTS AT 5:00 PM

MMDVM DSTAR Net 444.35 Repeater

Useful Links

- <https://www.rcwa.org/>
- <https://ok.arrl.org/>
- [**Boredom Breaker Net**](#)
- [**Ham Radio Outlet**](#)
- [**DX Engineering**](#)
- [**Gigaparts**](#)
- [**MTC Radio**](#)
- [**R&L Electronics**](#)
- [**Hamshack Dashboard**](#)