



# Majors Field Amateur Radio Club

Regular Business Meeting

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

# Agenda

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- ❖ Opening
- ❖ Officer Reports
- ❖ Calendar of Events & Announcements
- ❖ New/Old Business
- ❖ Program – Field Day Preparations
- ❖ Adjournment



# Current Officers

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- **PRESIDENT**

Larry Smith – K5XB

- **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Michael Ketchum – K5MDK

- **SECRETARY-TREASURER**

John C. Nelson Jr. – NØDFW

- **TRUSTEE (appointed position)**

Jonathan Brown – WB5KSD



# Officer Reports

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- **MEETING MINUTES** – as published in the AirWaves newsletter.
- **TREASURER’S REPORT** – John Nelson Jr. – N0DFW



# Calendar of Events & Announcements

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- Rains ARA Meeting October TBD, will either be Thursday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at Circle H BBQ at 5 PM or October 14<sup>th</sup> in Paris during MTC Radio day
- SVARA Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Hunt County Regional Hospital, Greenville – 2nd floor conference room
- Hopkins ARA Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, First Church of the Nazarene, Sulphur Springs (ARRL VEC test session after the meeting)
- Next Majors Field ARC Regular Business Meeting October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am --- right here
- MFARC Technician preparation class Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 to 9 pm and Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 5 pm Hunt County Regional Hospital, Greenville – 2nd floor conference room. LARC VEC test session immediately follows prep class Nov 4<sup>th</sup>



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- Upcoming Oct/Nov/Dec:

- Belton Ham Expo, Belton, TX October 6 -7<sup>th</sup> <https://www.tarc.org/hamexpo>
- Main Trading Company Radio Day, Paris, TX October 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00AM to 2:00 PM (tailgate swap-meet starts (much) earlier) [www.mtcradio.com](http://www.mtcradio.com)
- Randy Griffin Memorial Hamfest, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Morrilton, AR, <http://k5boc.org>
- Texoma Hamarama, Ardmore, OK, October 27-28<sup>th</sup> <http://www.texomahamarama.org/>
- Enid ARC Hamfest, Enid, OK, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 <http://enidarc.org>
- MARA Annual Christmas Hamfest, Minden, LA, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 <http://www.n5rd.org>



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- ARRL pushing Amateur Radio Parity Act in Senate. Support effort by emailing Senators, <https://arrrl.rallycongress.net/>
- American Red Cross asking ARRL to provide Amateur Radio Operators for 3 week assignment in Puerto Rico to support relief communications (ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U (860-594-0222))



# New Business

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- TS-2000 Status. We have an interested buyer at \$200. Is the sale approved to proceed?
- Winter Field Day, January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Rules: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/rules/>
- Proposal to change meeting date and/or time.
- MFARC Elections, end of year festivities, coming up.





# Old Business

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- Field Day is history. Let's debrief it. It was suggested we get together somewhere and debrief, thorns and roses, keep a record to get a jump on next year.
- Repeater Maintenance and Upgrade – update/priorities
  - VHF upgrade with modern hardware
  - UHF to Digital
  - E-Club grant to cover shortfall in funds.
  - Donations? Larry and Michael have pledged \$200 each
  - Can we get this done this year?
- Shack Location (ongoing)



# Wrap-Up

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- Go Backs?
- Do Overs?
- Second Guesses?
- I Wish I Had Said....?
- Any others?



# Program

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- This Month
  - Cotton Patch Challenge– Slide show / Debrief
  
- Next Month?



# Adjournment

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Please Rain on MFARC!



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**KG5SKP – Hommy Figueroa-Salas**

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