

TVARC Minutes
8-27-09 Meeting

Carl called the meeting to order at 6:55pm at CiCi's in Terrell, with 12 members present.

1. All of the prior Minutes are now available for viewing on the Club's website. If a discrepancy is found in this document, members may e-mail the Secretary for any proposed change, to be discussed at the following meeting.
2. Marline reported a current treasury balance of \$474.46. This report was accepted as presented.
3. Personal Joys and Concerns—1) Ruth Hall, KE5NEJ, has been traveling and recently underwent foot surgery. After her boot is removed, she will be able to drive. We are hopeful that Ruth will join us next month and, particularly, for the Annual Meeting in October. 2) Linda passed around photos of her newborn grandson, Finley Ryan Price, who weighed in at 9 lbs., 10 oz., on August 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Net Control Operators (NCO)—September - Randy; October - Rusty; November - Ed
5. Summer Newsletter—Thanks to Katy for an excellent newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Nominations Committee Appointments—Ed Puckett, who is chairman, announced that Mark Lamar, K5RFX, and Johnny Ballard, K2YKQ, will serve on this committee. Candidates for election of officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 24th. A sign-up sheet for supplemental foods for the dinner prior to that meeting will be available at our September 29th meeting.
7. EchoLink—Rusty reported that he had been in contact recently with Rob Dittert, N0QIX, via Echo Link. Rob and Amber moved away several years ago. Rusty reiterated that the EchoLink software is free. Access EchoLink through Google; then register by entering your call sign and e-mail address, and link through WK5R-R. For those who might be traveling, this is a means by which to join the net or call a fellow member of the Club.
8. The "28" Repeater—Mel reported that this repeater is down at the moment, awaiting installation of a pre-amp. The repeater should be in operation soon.
9. Tower Party—Randy will be hosting this event on the first free Saturday in September that Rusty has to come out and help, probably mid-month.
10. Benevolence—Johnny reported that a neighbor of his and Marline's needs help getting her TV antenna installed and the converter box correctly programmed so that she has access to all the available channels. He suggested that Club members take on that task, and several items will be donated toward this effort. Johnny will compile a list of everything needed, and Katy, Marianne and Rusty volunteered to help. As a project for the future, the Club may assist other needy individuals who do not understand electronic devices or know what they need to make them work properly.

11. House Bill 55—This bill pertains to the operation of wireless communications devices (cell phones) from vehicles in school zones. It will become law on September 1, 2009. Ham radio operators are exempted, since we are licensed by the FCC and operate a different type of communications device.
12. September 29th Meeting—We will meet at CiCi's Pizza next month. Mel agreed to make the necessary arrangements.
13. Adjournment—The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Members in Attendance

Marline Ballard	N5VVM
Johnny Ballard	K2YKQ
Mel Goodwin	W5EEY
Mildred Goodwin	W5ELS
Marianne Marsden	KA7CZX
Rusty Mott	WK5R
Katy O'Mary	KE5CGL
Randy Pease	KE5NXU
Ed Puckett	KD5ZUM
Ted Scherbel	KF5HV
Carl Sherman	W5SBH
Linda Sherman	KC5QKN