

TVARC Minutes
2-24-09 Meeting

Carl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Napolis Italian Restaurant in Terrell, at which 14 members and two guests were present.

1. Meeting Minutes may be viewed on the Club's website within a few days of the last meeting. If a discrepancy is found, members may e-mail the Secretary for any proposed change to be discussed at the following meeting.
2. Marline reported a treasury balance of \$669.71, and this report was accepted as presented.
3. Personal Concerns—Mel reported that both Rusty and Lawrence were OK after Rusty's house fire and Lawrence's accident.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Trustee application—Transfer has not been completed, although the application has been submitted, according to Ed. Mel stated that the process often is slow in these matters.
5. Net Control Operators—Randy will be NCO for March, Rusty for April, and Ed for May.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Newsletter and Website Status—Katy is awaiting information on the repeater that has been interfering with our net. She did take some photos at this meeting.
7. Aubrey Repeater—This repeater, with a 1,000-foot tower and the antenna placed at 930 ft., has been operating with about 200 Watts ERP. The repeater is linked across the US to California, so its owner, Patrick Parks, can communicate with people on the West Coast. Aubrey is located eight miles NE of Denton. Coordinator Paul Craig did not check the specifications on this repeater and has admitted that he should not have coordinated it in its current configuration. Carl has been working with Mr. Parks, who has already lowered the power to 50W, and has promised to move the antenna to a different side of the tower on 2-26-09. Mr. Parks already is disconnecting the link during our net time, and Ed mentioned that the lack of this interference was quite favorably noticeable on the net last night.
8. Next meeting—3-31-09. It was discovered after the fact that Napolis charged \$60 for the screen used for presentation at the meeting, and would charge \$100 for the room in the future, unless 25 or more people are in attendance. Carl will notify Club members of the venue for March, but it probably will be Los Hermanos or Cici's, but not Napolis.
9. Adjournment—The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm, so that Eric Wolf could make a presentation on the GR Level 3 radar storm-spotting software. Eric did a good presentation.

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Members in Attendance

Johnny Ballard	K2YKQ
Marline Ballard	N5VVM
Mel Goodwin	W5EEY
Mildred Goodwin	W5ELS
Ruth Hall	KE5NEJ
Otis Hanby	W5TKK
David Jones	N5UFG
Marianne Marsden	KA7CZX
Katy O'Mary	KE5CGL
Ed Puckett	KD5ZUM
George Purnell	K5SXE
Ted Scherbel	KF5HV
Carl Sherman	W5SBH
Linda Sherman	KC5QKN

Visitors (both of Rockwall Amateur Radio Club)

Fred Basye	W0UPU
Eric Wolf	N5EBW (Presenter)