

Trinity Valley Amateur Radio Club

Spring 2009



Emergency Communication Presentation



Bert Schmiesing, KC5HWX, who is the Radio Officer for Rockwall County, presented a program entitled "Emergency Communication". He explained the proper procedure for HAMs to follow to report any kind of emergency. He also handed out hard copies of the program for future reference.

Field Day Is Coming!

ARRL Field Day began in the 1930s as an operating event to show the field preparedness and emergency communications skills of Amateur Radio Operators. This is a good opportunity for Amateurs to show public officials what skills and resources are at their disposal in case of emergency or natural disaster.

Field Day will be June 27 - 28, 2009 (the fourth full weekend in June). The focus of ARRL Field Day is to work as many stations as possible under simulated emergency conditions. The GOTA (Get On The Air) station is a chance to attract new hams or at least let visitors know what it feels like to talk to someone far away. Last year's GOTA station was a huge success, with two girl scouts earning their technology badges and Travis Wendt making 20 contacts in one day.

We will again be participating in Field Day with the Rockwall Amateur Radio Club. Those of you who made the trip last year know how much fun it was. This year Field Day will be held in an **air conditioned** building in Fate!

Welcome Jacob!

Jacob Horsman, KF5AKW, joined our Club as member #169. Jacob, age 12, passed his Technician test last month.



**TRINITY VALLEY AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB
WB5HGI
OFFICERS**

President..... Carl Sherman, W5SBH
Vice President..... Katy O'Mary, KE5CGL
Treasurer Marline Ballard, N5VVM
Secretary Linda Sherman, KC5QKN

MONDAY NIGHT NET

Don't forget to check in to the Club Net
at 7:30 on Monday nights!
145.270Mhz, PI 136.5

VE TESTING

Call Rusty Mott (WK5R) (972) 921-6685

CLUB WEB PAGE

<http://www.trinityvalleyarc.org>

I still need Ham Shack pictures from
members for the web site!

Email them to me at :
ke5cgl@arrl.net

NEWSLETTER

Thanks to e. l. marsden, inc. for donating
the printing of our newsletter!

MEETING NOTICE

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
LOS HERMANOS
1500 MOORE AVENUE
TERRELL, TX

EAT AT 6:00 AND MEET AT 7:00

SILENT KEY

Howard Curtis Winnett, K5BNI
March 29, 1918 - April 25, 2009



Skywarn Class



Stacie Hanes, KD4ODG

On March 12, 2009 some of us attended a National Weather Service Skywarn class at the Rockwall Library. The class was conducted by Stacie Hanes, KD4ODG, a Meteorologist with the Fort Worth Weather Service. There were over 200 people in attendance including HAMS, Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Department personnel, EMS workers, and the public in general.

Stacie showed storm pictures and pointed out the differences between conditions which mean severe weather and those which indicate a danger to lives and property.

The class covered:

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

Stacie is an Amateur Radio Operator and suggested several times that people in the audience get their HAM license.

The SKYWARN® program started in the 1970's and there are now nearly 290,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

SKYWARN® spotters provide essential information for all types of weather hazards. The main responsibility of a SKYWARN® spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms. In the average year, 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes occur across the United States. These events threaten lives and property.





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June 12 - 13, 2009

Field Day

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