

Trinity Valley Amateur Radio Club



2006 TVARC Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting of the Trinity Valley Amateur Radio Club (TVARC) was held at Bill Norris' country home southeast of Terrell at 5:30 P.M.. on Saturday, October 28, 2006. The attendees were:

Johnny Ballard	K3YKQ	Bill Norris	N5VBU
Marlene Ballard	N5VVM	Ed Puckett	KD5ZUM
Mel Goodwin	W5EEY	Lawrence Phillips	KD5DHV
Mildred Goodwin	W5ELS	Pam Phillips	
Otis Handby	W5TKK	Carl Sherman	W5SBH
Mark Lamar	K5RFX	Linda Sherman	KC5QKN
Rusty Mott	WK5R		

Food enough for a small army was brought to our annual social and meeting, and everything was delicious. Bill had his famous stew ready and Ed brought a huge crock-pot of hot chili with jalapeños on the side. Lawrence's smoked brisket rounded out the traditional highlights. Before the meal began, the group gathered outside in the dwindling sunlight for the annual group picture. Carl took the pictures and managed to get into the pictures himself with the help of his trusty remote control.

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**TRINITY VALLEY AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB
WB5HGI
OFFICERS**

President Ed Puckett KD5ZUM
Vice President Mark Lamar, K5RFX
Treasurer Marlene 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

NOTE: The net was voted back to Monday nights at the November meeting!

CLUB WEB PAGE

<http://www.tvarc.com>

Check here for information about repeaters, membership and VE Testing.

Webmaster Rusty Mott (WK5R)
wk5r@tvarc.com

VE TESTING

Call Rusty Mott (WK5R) (972) 921-6685 or check the club web site.

NEWSLETTER

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

MEETING NOTICE

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
6:00

MEET AND EAT AT CiCi's Pizza

NOTE: There will be no December Meeting - the next meeting will be in January!



"Talk to Santa"

December 16, 2006 at Brookshires
11:00 A.M. to about 3:00 P.M.

Otis Hanby W5TKK as Santa Claus,
transmitting from
Mel's Communications Van.

Please bring your canned goods to "Talk to Santa" and give them to Johnny and Marline.

**Silent Key
Len Mohnkern W5RFV**

**Interesting Ham Radio Links
Fun on the Internet!**

<http://www.hello-radio.org/>

Be sure to click the "100 Years of Voice" link on this one - really interesting!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amateur_radio

This is a large article with a lot of links. Wikipedia really does a nice job.

<http://www.radioing.com/>

This is a real good-looking comprehensive site that has a lot of information. There is a Ham Radio Starter Kit and Upgrade Guide, a Virtual Ham Shack, an Antenna Design Calculator, a lot of electronics information and links to the Amateur Radio sections of the FCC web site.

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The group retreated to the inside from the cool weather for a blessing of the food by Otis. The next hour was much fun with more food than could be eaten and the telling of stories as we caught up on what was going on with each other.

About 7:00 P.M., Ed called the meeting to order. Since the first order of business was to elect a new President and Vice President, Ed asked Rusty, the nominating committee chairperson, for the nominations. Rusty was not able to find any nominees and Ed agreed to accept the nomination for President. Mark similarly agreed to accept the nomination for Vice President. The vote was unanimous, and Ed and Mark were elected to their first full terms as President and Vice President respectively. Our Secretary and Treasurer positions are filled by Presidential appointment. Marlene was asked to continue as Treasurer; she accepted. Marlene has assumed this responsibility for over 20 years. We are blessed to have her handling this position of trust for so long. After the meeting, Ed asked Linda to take the job of Secretary. Linda thought about the request overnight and accepted the task the next day. Therefore, our officers for 2006-2007 are as follows:

Ed Puckett, KD5ZUM

Mark Lamar, K5RFX

Linda Sherman, KC5QKN

Marlene Ballard, N5VVM

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Ed continued the meeting and outlined three areas where he hopes to focus attention during the coming year: (1) field day, (2) finding new club members, and (3) getting involved with the scouting program to foster new ham radio operators. The club then agreed to do the "Talk to Santa" event at Brookshire's in Terrell this year. Otis agreed to help as Santa, and Mel agreed to lend the use of the Communications Van for the event. "Talk to Santa" will be done on December 16th from 11:00 A.M. to about 3:00 P.M.

It was agreed that the weekly two-meter net at 7:30 P.M. on 145.27 MHz would continue on Tuesday evenings, but may be changed back to Monday evenings in the near future. **Update: as of the November meeting, the club voted to move the Net back to Monday night.** Also, the monthly dinner meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at about 6:00 P.M. will be moved back to CiCi's in Terrell in the hope that more people can attend.

Lawrence and Pam Phillips were able to take a short break from their work near Weatherford to attend our meeting. Pam is undergoing chemo for breast cancer and took some kidding about her bald head in good spirits. Pam, you are an inspiration to us all! This may have been the first meeting of its kind that Howard, K5BNI, one of the club's founders, was unable to attend. Several of our members had to miss the meeting, and we hope to see them at the next monthly get-together at CiCi's Pizza.

Fun on the Internet!, *Continued from page 2*

<http://www.k5tit.org/>

Texas Interconnect Team, D-Star technology and its applications.

<http://www.icomamerica.com/amateur/d-star/dstar2.asp>

D-star technology

Thanks to Carl and Mark for these last two links.

SIDEWALK SALE FREE BOOTH SPACE FOR HAMS! INVITATION TO LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ONLY!

There are now two sales every month on the 1st Saturday and the 3rd Saturday at the West End location. Details and directions are available at <http://www.sidewalksale.com>

The dates for the next few months are...

December 2 and 16, 2006 and January 6 and 20 and February 3 and 17 in 2007.

A message board for discussion of this offering has been set up at: <http://s2.excoboard.com/excoforum.php?forumid=143942>

These free spaces are limited to HAM Radio Equipment only, not computers. The spaces provided for hams are limited and reservations are needed to guarantee a free space. If you would like to reserve space, please contact pete@sidewalksale.com or see us at the sale for details and registration.

Program Committee

Otis opened discussion concerning the fact that Programs at the meeting might stimulate interest and raise meeting attendance. The members indicated that they would like programs, so Ed appointed a Program Committee consisting of Otis, Carl and Marianne. If you would like to be the program or if you have an idea for a program, let one of the committee members hear from you.



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