

Oak Forest ARC Monthly Meeting June 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting at TranStar Building Conference Center and Online.

Breakfast meeting for first time at Toasted Yolk on Washington. Consensus was this was a good choice.

Steve W2WF called meeting to order at approximately 9:00.

Participants:

Don KG5PFN (breakfast), Elisha KF5WFB remote, Hal KG5OIR, Jeremy KG5PYY, Jim NR5ED, Ken KI5GHU, David KD5IBM, Lee NR5Q, Malcolm KG5NFN, Mark WB5ANN, Mike KA5CVH, Ralph KE5HDF remote, Rusty WD8JJR, Clem NA5NA remote, Ken KW5EN, Brad K5BES remote, Bob N5RLN, Steve W2WF, Barry KG5IRR. New member Robert KI5PZT. Ben Gillis, Dexter Lewis, Alan Isaacson (TranStar) a few online and in meeting not captured. +2 VE test candidates.

Business Meeting Items – not necessarily in order.

- Breakfast meeting for first time at Toasted Yolk on Washington. Consensus was this was a good choice.
- Noted 2nd meeting in TranStar. Meeting was live streamed on Zoom with several remote participants. The operation went smoothly.
- Introductions around the room.
- No financial report and no major business items this month.
- The VE session included 2 candidates with 1 passing Technician.

The Technical Session included:

- Field Day Videos available from YouTube. One video from ARRL went through the setup and rules. Second video showed some actual field day setup selected from YouTube.
- Some slides were presented showing a water tower climb featuring the preparation and execution steps to get repeaters set up.
- A brief question and answer session regarding basics of programming, tips and tricks and some general guidance for buying radios and accessories.

Meeting closed at approximately 11:30 AM.

Field Day: Club members transitioned to Field Day location at American Legion Park after the meeting. Jeremy KG5PYY was set up with a portable battery powered station with an Icom 7100 and Buddy Pole.

Steve, W2WF set up with the Icom 7300, LiFePO battery and 100 watt solar panel highlighted at last month's meeting. Antennas included Wolf River Coil, and DX Commander verticals. Wolf River worked well given its size. The DX Commander worked very well after fixing a faulty connection.

Mark WB5ANN had a mobile setup with an Icom 706, AH-4 auto-tuner and 102 in whip. This unit was not working well on 20M due to some RF problem which could not be resolved well enough to make any contacts. This was fixed on Sunday with some chokes and adjustments.

Malcolm KG5NFN brought out his Elecraft K-3 QRP rig running on the Wolf. The K3 just did not have enough punch for the crowded band conditions but it got a workout.

Rain was intermittent until about 3:00 PM and it kept the temperature down. We logged 19 clean contacts from around the country, from California to New York and Ontario on 20 meters which was open during the operating period from about 1:00 to 5:30 PM.

Errors, omissions or other details to be corrected next meeting. Mark WB5ANN.



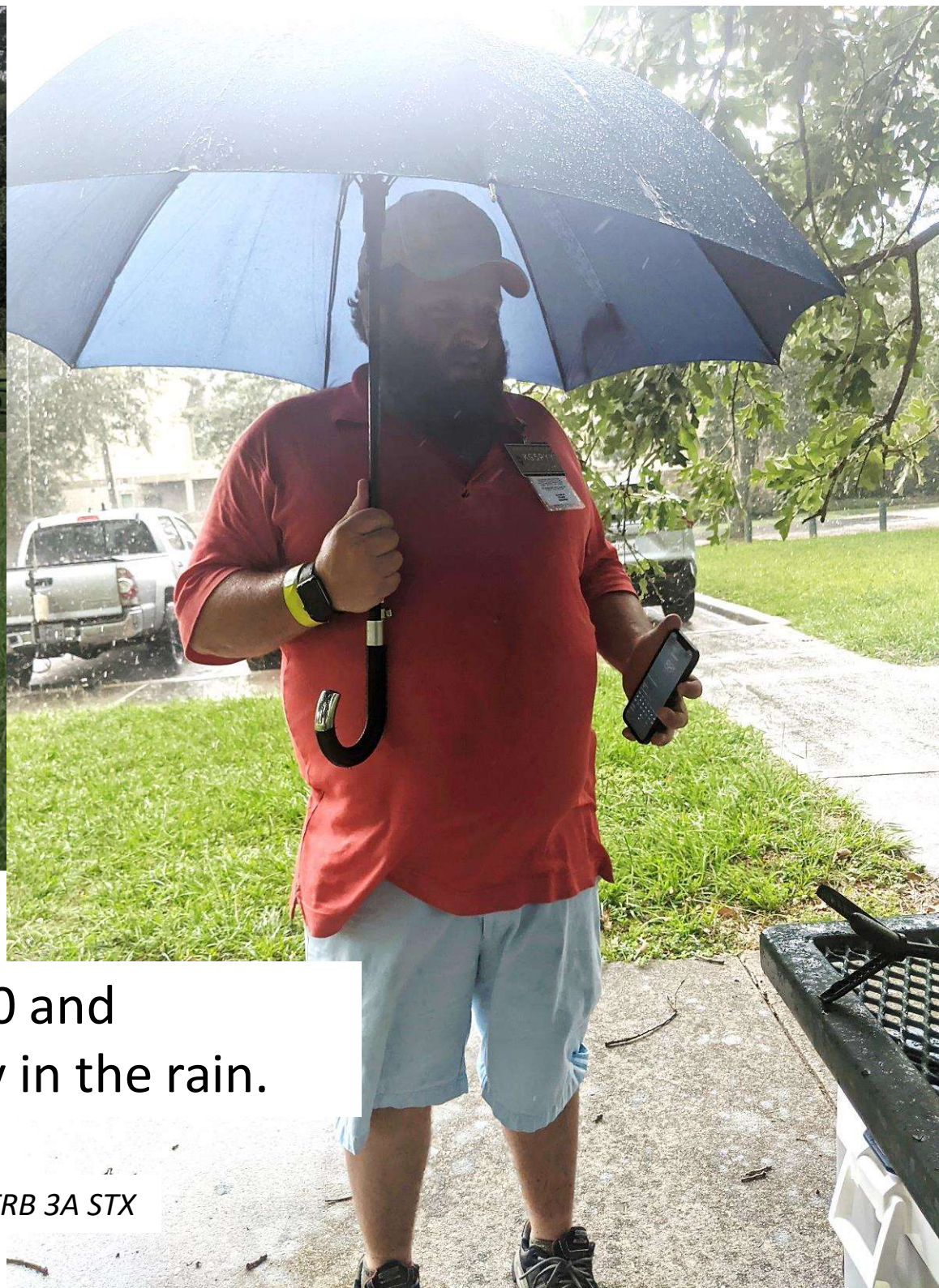
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Oak Forest Amateur Radio Club 2021 Field Day KE5TRB 3A-STX



Public Location American Legion Park, Houston, TX





KG5PYY Setup with Icom 7100 and Buddypole. Trying to stay dry in the rain.

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KG5PYY setup with WB5ANN Icom 706 and AH4 tuner on the mobile.



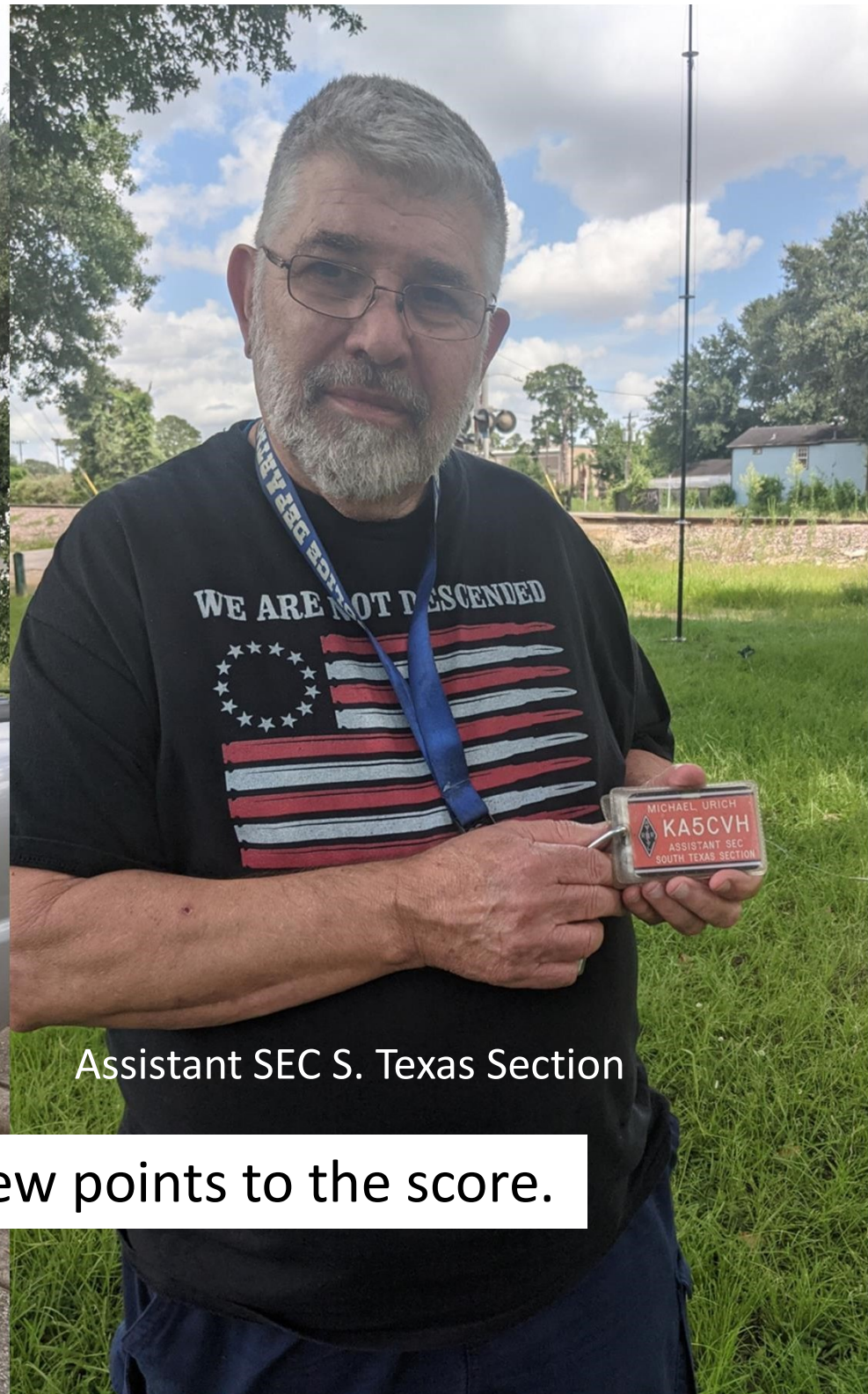


W2WF with Icom
7300 and solar setup.





Technical Specialist S. Texas Section



Assistant SEC S. Texas Section

KA5QDG and KA5CVH adding a few points to the score.



Installation of the DX Commander.



Scary thunder
cloud



Untangling and laying out
the radials on the DX
Commander by W2WF,
N5RLN and KG5NFN.

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Ready....Hike

Wolf River antenna worked well during the contest.





KG5NFN

W2WF

Making a few Qs with the Icom 7300.

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100 Watt solar charging setup
and operating station.

The Qs

Date	Time CT	Call	Section	Freq
26-Jun	14:05	W9MVA	3A WI	14.205
26-Jun	14:07	W2PJ	1D WNY	14.202
26-Jun	14:15	N0ZY	1A KS	14.307
26-Jun	14:20	WBYYBZ	1D OK	14.312
26-Jun	14:43	N6OKU	1D ORG	14.227
26-Jun	14:45	WA0TTS	2A MO	14.207
26-Jun	14:47	WC6H	1D SJV	14.224
26-Jun	15:11	VA3UG	1D ONT	14.209
26-Jun	15:59	KG5A	2A AR	14.177
26-Jun	16:03	WA2CP	2F NLI	14.197
26-Jun	16:06	W6KW	2DGA	14.173
26-Jun	16:32	K5NE	1A AR	14.175
26-Jun	16:34	W2E	3E WNY	14.157
26-Jun	17:05	W9XB	1D IL	14.231
26-Jun	17:08	KY4X	3A KY	14.250
26-Jun	17:21	K4JJ	3A GA	14.287
26-Jun	17:23	K1B	4E NH	14.221
26-Jun	17:27	K1R	3A NH	14.256
26-Jun	17:35	W1AQ	1A RI	14.265