
OFARC Monthly Meeting Minutes 2025_0524

The meeting was started by Hal Herdklotz KG5OIR at 0915.

0950 Meeting started by Mark WB5ANN

Erica and Tyler joined us again to test for General and passed with a score of 100%! There was an introduction by all the members with background information on when and why they became HAM operators.

90% of the problems setting things up is bad cables and/or connectors.

We will probably be at the Red Cross for Summer Field Day.

KG5IRR Barry - Licensed in 2015, joined the club in 2016 and is an electronic engineer. His special interest is antennas. A slot antenna (made from Direct TV dish) was shown last meeting. Has been struggling a little bit to renew his license expiring in August.

KG5OIR Hal - Got into radio after Mark and he met. Hal is into antennas and things involved in getting antennas to work better.

KE5AOA Rick - His dad worked for Slumberger and they had bought Heathkit, that got him started in 1968, license lapsed and in 2004 got back into HAM radio.

N5TCB Dom - Started in Corpus Christi Each county operated on Simplex. Repeaters were not as prevalent. He moved back to Houston and got his General and Amateur Extra.

KT1KKA Mark - Got licensed last year. He has been interested for years, and finally got licensed and worked his way quickly into Extra. He is part of ECHO radio club that meets here.

W5OFT Mike Nault - or (W5 Oil Field Trash) He's been with the Red Cross since 2002 and worked as a paleontologists first licensed in 1988. He was first licensed as a Novice, and made General in 2000. Likes Icom radios: 7300s and 736 Icom are used primarily at the Red Cross Radio Room.

WB5HJV Dave - Built his first radio at 12years old. Licensed since 1972. He had a friend who ran a HAM Radio store and he bought way too many radios. Icom 7300s are the Swiss Army knife of Ham Radios. He worked at Chase in the Tech department where he just retired. He likes voice, as there is so much impersonal digital right now.

NR5ED Jim - Got his first license in 1973. He also had a Heathkit. He let his license expire due to the Morris code requirement, went 25 years without a license, and about 15 years ago his wife told him to find something to do, so he got his license, going from Tech to Extra in 3 weeks. He is working on getting into digital because he can't put an

antenna up due to living in an apartment. He has a dozen wire antennas. Roxy is his partner now after his wife died. He retired to take care of his wife. He had been a submarine ROV pilot, and worked in the oil field.

KJ5LDJ Erica McCready KJ5LDJ is a principal (9-12) who just got licensed.

KJ5LDE Tyler Soderstrom KJ5LDE Chemical Engineer just got licensed. Dabbles in Amplifiers and guitar electronics.

KW5KEN Ken Wenzel - Was first licensed in 2016 and got his General a year later. Big into hand held radios with BaoFeng radios with various antenna lengths.

Minutes Recorded by Ken Wenzel, KW5KEN