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# MILAM COUNTY ARES NEWSLETTER

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## MILAM COUNTY ARES NEWS



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This month I would like to give out some praises to a couple of our neighbors in Williamson County. Tom Whiteside – N5TW, and Brad Davis – NA5BD who came out to Cameron on April 14<sup>th</sup> to help us diagnose an issue that was occurring on the Cameron Digipeater. Not only did we find the problem, a power supply for the Digipeater equipment, but had a member of Milam Amateur Radio Club, Pete Lawson – KG5PEE, graciously donate his power supply to keep the Digipeater on the air while we find a replacement.

During the visit we also tried to fix the very short timeout on the Cameron repeater. We had the right cable, but not the right software. But since that time I have acquired the right software and will work out a schedule with Tom Whiteside to return to the site and correct the timeout on the repeater.

The next bit of news is that in the very near future, the Milam Amateur Radio Club – KG5DUO will be doing a few Fox Hunts in preparations for their next ARRL Field Day. If you would like to participate in those please contact me at the email below. Milam ARC will also be promoting the ARRL Field Day event with another ‘Social Gathering’ on the same day as the Field Day. It will be just like a regular Field Day, except the focus will be on eyeball QSO’s, making a few contacts, and food!! There will be radios if you wish to get on one, but the focus is talking and having a good time, with a little radio time.

Last month I said we would be doing events in the future for Milam County ARES. These events will not be all day events. They will be to show that you can setup a station from scratch and actually make a contact, whether it is on a repeater or HF, it does not matter. All of the equipment will be provided, you just need to show up. The first event will be mentioned on the ARES NET of next week, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next event will be mentioned in next month’s newsletter.

If you would like to be Net Controller for the Ares net, be it for one week, or several, please let me know and we can work you into the schedule.

Also if you wish to have something put in one of the newsletters, send it to me at [KF5NIX@ARRL.NET](mailto:KF5NIX@ARRL.NET) and I will find a way to put it in.

If you have not done so yet, go to the ARRLSTX depot site listed below. [http://www.arrlstxvps.org/vault\\_area/vault\\_gateway/site\\_gateway/vault\\_gateway.php](http://www.arrlstxvps.org/vault_area/vault_gateway/site_gateway/vault_gateway.php) There are several items listed on the workbook there that many of you have already accomplished in the past, just use your best guess as to the date and I will approve them.

If you complete any of the online courses send me a copy of the certificate so we can have it on file in case of an emergency so we know who we can call on.

You can get your workbook as well as other forms at the Milam County Ares website: <http://milamcountyares.weebly.com/>

Thank you,  
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**Rockdale** – 146.760 – PL – 123, Milam ARC weekly net – Monday nights at 8:00 P.M.

**Cameron** – 147.020 – PL – 123, Milam County ARES net – Thursday nights at 7:00 P.M.

**Davilla** – 147.000 – PL – 123, Milam ARC nets – Last Monday of each month held here. **Milam ARES 2 Meter Data Repeater** 145.030 Mhz This repeater is a simplex repeater with store and resend software in the modem at the transceiver. This call sign is CAMRLY. The repeater is on the Milam County Communication Tower and uses the same antenna as the 147.020 repeater. That antenna is a db224 with 6db gain. It is approximately 150 feet AGL.