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This month's newsletter will be about building your Go-Kits, the wiring of the kits specifically. When most of us build our Go-Kits, we mainly focus on getting everything, or most of everything on our list(s) in one place as well as our Go-Kit. Recently I was able to visit our Special Operation Center (SOC) at my workplace, The Texas Department of Public Safety and got to see their Go-Kits. One thing I noticed was that they had all the radios, wiring, and power supplies all installed very nicely into a very nice little carrying case. The one thing I did not see is a way to power all of that equipment if there was no commercial power available. They could go anywhere with that case and look good, but in an actual emergency it would not help them at all if all commercial power were out.

When you are considering building your Go-Kit, put Anderson Power Pole connectors between all of your equipment and the power supplies. Then make a few pigtailed of the same size wire with the same connectors on one end, but put connectors on the other end to connect to a car battery. This way if you get deployed to a site with no commercial power you are still able to operate. I only mentioned one type of connector, but there are many ways to make it work. The best way is the way you have available when you are building your Go-Kit. I want to mention that the accepted way by ARRL STX ARES of making connections is using Anderson Power Pole connectors. This way, no matter where you are deployed, everyone present should be able to connect to any power source with the same connections. It just makes it more convenient for all who arrive if we are all on the same page.

If anyone is not versed in the type connectors mentioned above, go to this site and check out what all they have to offer.

<https://powerwerx.com/anderson-power-pole-sb-connectors>

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 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 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 workbooks 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.