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MILAM COUNTY ARES NEWSLETTER

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I would like to start off letting everyone know that the ARES Net's format that has been used by me since I took over as EC of Milam County will be changed. Starting with the next net, on April 15th, we will be changing to a roll call type of net. I will start off each net going down the list of each person who is currently receiving the newsletter, first by calling your name, then call sign. If I get no response I will move on to the next on the list. But each person receiving this newsletter will have their call-sign called out each week from here on out. At the end of each ARES Net, we will have a rag chew session, but only at the end.

This new method will accomplish several things. One of the first things is to try getting more participation in our weekly nets. One of the other things is to make our nets more formal. When I took over as EC of Milam County, I noticed that our county has not had very many new licensed Amateur Radio operators. We need to correct that, but first we need to show everyone who only listens to our net's that we do have licensed hams in our county, that want to participate in Milam County events.

There are several in our county who have signed up on the ARRLSTX Depot website. I wish to thank those of you who have taken time to do so. If some of you do not understand the need for this, I will state it as plainly as possible. When we have an emergency in our county I need to know who is properly trained to help in certain positions. I will not send you away if you show up wanting to help, but you may be sent to hand out water, or blankets. Make no mistake, if you show up wanting to get on a radio, without proper training you will not be allowed to enter the Command HQ.

On April 6th we had a very bad storm that produced a lot of rain, some hail, and a few tornados. During that day, we started one of the first bad weather nets since I became EC. I want to commend those who helped out with getting information back to me, and on the air. We followed the first storm till it left, then followed the second one as well. While we were on the air we also notified another ham in Rosebud what was coming, and the direction, as well as the speed. I would like to never have a need for a bad weather net, but since we will always have a need, I think it would be best to have as many licensed hams as possible report in to these bad weather nets the current situation at their locations.

There were several people who were asking if we were okay, and all I could report back is what was reported to me on the net. So the more info the net controller has, the more we can pass along to our EMC, and other hams in other counties. In the future we will try to have more training on the air, for not only bad weather nets but also for other events.

Always remember, anyone licensed can start any net. You do not need to be the net controller to start one, but if a net controller shows up you can either pass it off to them or continue the net if they are unable to take over or state they wish you to continue. This is our county, and the best way to show what we think of it is how we represent it on the air. So I challenge each of you to make at least two nets a month!

If there is a topic you wish discussed in a newsletter, send it to me at

KF5NIX@ARRL.NET

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 workbook, the newsletters, or 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. The members also voted to move the Milam County Ares net to Monday nights, at 7:00 P.M. Most felt that having the ARES net on the same night as the Milam Amateur Radio Club's net may increase the sign-ins for both nets as well as free up the rest of the week.

Cameron – 147.020 – PL – 123, Milam County ARES net – **Monday 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.



Wishing Everyone a Special Easter with
Family and Friends
Stay Safe!

