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When I sit down to write the newsletter I try to imagine if I was reading a newsletter, what would I like to read about. For those that read my newsletters I wish to thank you, and extend an offer to you. If you want to see certain topics discussed send me an email, or better yet, get on the Milam Co ARES Net and let me know.

For almost 10 years the Cameron repeater was a Kenwood repeater, and now has been changed out to a Yaesu System Fusion repeater. A DR-2X to be precise, and as of the writing of this email a few of us has been testing a piece of equipment that will give the Cameron repeater even greater coverage. In the short time I have been in the hobby, since 2011, C4FM (Fusion), DMR, and several Hotspots have made an incredible impact on this hobby. Normally I try to keep these newsletters fairly close to ARES topics. I think that all the new devices, and software that is currently being used for Amateur Radio is a good benefit to our hobby even if not directly ARES related.

If you trace back most of the tried and true methods used today for Emergency Communications you will find that somewhere in their past they too were 'New' and many of the Amateur radio operators at that time dismissed them due to them being so new. As much as I like to use my boat anchor, I also like to use all the digital stuff as well. In this hobby I think that if you are only willing to use very specific equipment or modes you are short changing yourself. Each mode, radio, and piece of equipment has a specific purpose, and if used correctly can not only increase the enjoyment of the hobby for yourself but also bring in a younger audience to a hobby that frankly needs an infusion of the younger generation.

As EC of Milam Co. and ARRL STX Affiliated Club Coordinator I like to try out a lot of the new things in this hobby so if a club asks me about something I can say yes I tried it and here is what I feel are the pros and cons. I feel that I can't give an honest opinion towards something if I never tried to make it work, or even tried it out. For this next month I request each one of you to try one new thing out and report back to the net when you have finished with it.

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://milamcountvares.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.

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TESTING DATES:

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Saturday, April 4, 2020

All testing sites are conducted at the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce

Located at 1203 West Cameron Street, Rockdale, TX 76567

Starting time: 10:00 A. M.

Walk-Ins Welcome.

New Repeater Installation Photos



Thank You
to Stuart & Nicole
for
taking time
from your
Saturday to install
the new repeater.
*We appreciate your dedication.
and continued support!..*

