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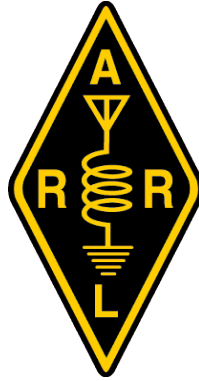


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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE 2023 HOLIDAY SEASON!**

W5es will conduct their business meetings on the second Fridays of November and December, but will not meet on the fourth Fridays due to holiday activities.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual W5ES Roundup was a big success! We had five vendors (tailgaters) and approximately 25-30 attendees! The winner of the ICom 7300 transceiver is Cesar Galvan XE2GRC. The other door prizes, including beer glasses, batteries, L&J café gift certs were also very much appreciated.

Check out the pictures on page 4.

Our new officers for 2024, elected in October, include:

President – Jim McCain KI5GTJ      Vice President – Javier Polendo K5MHC

Secretary – Paul Wilson AE5OJ      Treasurer – Pete Hensgen KB5HTF

Trustees: Paul Roberts K1DPR, Chris Roberts KC8GOQ, Keith Amspaugh WD4ISK, Kelly Briarton KB2RN



Don't forget to participate in the weekly W5ES ARC Sunday Nite Net at 7:00 pm MST on the Amigo Link System on 146.700. If you are a frequent user of these repeaters, The WTRA would like your donation. For more information, please visit the website at: <https://www.hamradioelpaso.com> and click on the WTRA tab for more information.

W5ES has a ZOOM account and below is the link for our meetings and officers/trustee meetings.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83337857007> Passcode: 039370

This past year we have enjoyed increased involvement at the ARRL West Texas Section level thanks to weekly ZOOM meeting with Dale, W5WI and David KF5WDJ. We encourage all of you to set aside time on Thursday evenings to tune in at 7:00 pm MST.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86158956437?pwd=UnlBVVpmVzhQTElWM240NUVHLOwxdz09>

**Club Dues are Due on January 1, 2024**

You may pay dues by mail to W5ES EPARC, 2100 San Diego St. El Paso, Texas 79930. Our PayPal account allows you to pay your dues and/or make your contribution electronically. Please consult the W5ES for more information.

## DEC Bulletin

When amateur radio operators are asked to define the amateur radio service most of the time, they will respond not by telling what the amateur radio service is today or what it can be. They respond with what the amateur radio service was back in the “good ole days.” Through experimentation and development breakthroughs by amateur radio operators the amateur radio service has been on the cutting edge of technology for years. But for some reason we are putting so much emphasis on outdated technology and as a result technology is passing us by.



Don't misunderstand me. That outdated technology has an important place in the history of the amateur radio service. But technology has come a long way since those “good ole days.” This generation of the working class knows and understands computers and email, cell phones and text messaging. That is what they trust and are most comfortable with. The amateur radio service must keep progressing with time. Otherwise, amateur radio will die. It will die from lack of interest.

Let me say “Thank You” to those pioneers who brought us to the level of technology the amateur radio service is today. It's time to hand the baton over and let the younger generation take the lead. Let them start experimenting with and developing the new amateur radio service of tomorrow. I am sure it will be something awesome.

I am convinced that El Paso County ARES® is doing everything right in developing and implementing the new digital technology. If the need for the Rapid Response Teams should happen in El Paso, the infrastructure will be in place when they arrive.

The West Texas Section has been busy developing an alert system for the Section. When something happens somewhere in the section we can be alerted and given instructions to standby on an HF voice frequency. The alert notification will come in the form of an SMS or MMS message on our cell phones. We have six designated Winlink Peer-to-Peer (P2P) relay stations that can receive and forward messages to designated

recipients. Each P2P station has its own designated frequency to go to and standby. Other Winlink participants will connect to the P2P stations and pick up specific instructions for them to complete. Only housekeeping traffic will be handled on the voice nets. All stations will come back to the section voice net frequency for any updates using the modified Wilderness Protocol method. All agency messages will be handled by Winlink VARA HF if delivered outside of the counties.

This same process will be used by El Paso ARES® when responding to an activation within the county. We will use the SMS or MMS method for initial activation. We will establish the ARES® Tactical Net, Information net, Liaison net and the Resource net on the UHF/VHF frequencies. All agency messages handled within the county will be by Winlink VARA FM.

Questions and comments are welcome and encouraged. Send an email to the address shown below.

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## Silent Key Reiner Junge

With Fondness and sadness, we report the passing of Reiner Junge AE5RJ on September 26, 2023. Reiner was a friend and member of W5ES and K5WPH. He was a director at El Paso Electric and previous instructor at Western Technical College. He will be missed.

## VE Testing News

For the past year, the W5ES VE team has implemented a digital paperwork process that has made testing faster and easier than ever. The VE team has also held multiple online test sessions. Thinking of upgrading? We can help make it happen on your schedule, from the comfort of your QTH. Email Chris ([kc8goq@qsl.net](mailto:kc8goq@qsl.net)) for more information about online testing. The next VE session will be held on November 4 at K5WPH at 3709 Wickam. at 9:00AM.

## Repeaters

W5ES repeater is 443.150, + Offset, PL 173.8 Automatic analog and C4FM digital.

Wires X Node: 11584 Room: 21584

## Classified Ads

*WANTED:* Donation items for the W5ES Tailgate on Oct 29. If you have any gear you would like to donate to the club, please send an email to [w5es.eparc@gmail.com](mailto:w5es.eparc@gmail.com)

*WANTED:* Your classified ads! Having something to sell? Have something you want? Post an ad in The Bulletin! Send your 100 words or less ad to [w5es.eparc@gmail.com](mailto:w5es.eparc@gmail.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next issue.

## Contact W5ES

Want to join the Club? Help out around the Clubhouse? Contribute an article or classified ad to The Bulletin? Have a question? A comment? An idea? A donation?

Send an email to: [w5es.eparc@gmail.com](mailto:w5es.eparc@gmail.com)

## Net Meetings

Don't forget our Sunday night net at 7:00 PM on the Amigo Link. Also - -  
**2-Meter Sideband Net** -Sundays at 8:00 PM on 144.200.  
**D-STAR Net** Mondays at 7:15PM on Reflector  
**55AWTRA** – Mondays at 8:00 PM on Amigo Link repeaters

Our next meeting will be held Friday November 10th at 7:00PM.

The ZOOM links for our meetings will be as follows:

**Fridays-** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/833 3785 7007](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83337857007)

**Meeting ID:** 833 3785 7007

**Passcode:** 039370

## W5ES Merchandise

Kelly KB2RN has been hard at work and set up an online store featuring W5ES branded items with the club logo.

Items include cups and mugs, stickers, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and handbags. There are many colors and styles to choose from, so hopefully there is something for everyone. Part of the proceeds come back to the club. To visit the web store, go to [www.w5es.org](http://www.w5es.org) and click on the store on the main page of the club website.



# W5ES 2023 ROUNDUP AND

# TAILGATE PICTURES



2023 November



COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM		1	West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	2	3  VE Exam KSWPH 3509 Wickham 9:00 - Noon
5 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	5 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	7	8	9 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	10 WSES Business Mtg 7:00 PM	11
12 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	13 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	14	15	16 West Texas Zoom Mtg. 7:00 PM	17	18
19 WSES NET 7:00 PM AMIGO LINK	20 D-Star Net 7:15 PM WTRA NET 8:00PM	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
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