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KD5WRO Commentary

The Beginning and Where We Are Headed

On September 9, 2001 there were no active amateur radio organizations in Milam County. Faced with a growing terrorist threat at home and enemies in the Middle East, the United States began an effort to better prepare Americans for more attacks as well as natural disasters.



The American Radio Relay League began a campaign to recruit amateurs into the Amateur Radio Emergency Services and be prepared to provide emergency services to served agencies in an attack or a disaster.

A small group of amateurs in Milam County began an effort to license volunteers by holding test sessions at the Courthouse. The first Milam ARES newsletter was published in June 2008 after Franklin Stewart, KD5WRO, was appointed EC for Milam County. Finally the ARES group went on the air with a repeater on July 4, 2008. Susan Reinders, KE5LVI, Milam County Homeland Security/Emergency Management Coordinator was licensed as the repeater trustee.

In September 2013 a digital repeater was added at the county tower communications' tower at McLerran Hill. Tom Whiteside, N5TW and Brad Davis, N5BD were instrumental in obtaining equipment and making the installation.

A second amateur group, The Milam County Amateur Radio Club (MARC), was formed in Rockdale in 2015. This group is organized by Stuart Wolfe, KF5NIX. This group is building and installing a repeater in Rockdale and operation is scheduled to start in January 2016. Also another repeater is in the planning stage. This will be in Davilla area on a 100 foot tower. A proposed coverage map is included in this newsletter.

The addition of the Rockdale and Davilla repeaters will give Milam County amateurs very high reliability in emergency situations. Our 2 Meter communications will be as close to fail safe as we can reasonably make it.

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INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

The US Federal Government produced a series of online training webinars after 911 for training first responders as well as local, state and federal elected officials. The training is also valuable for amateur operators who may be involved in emergency situations. The series of online courses are available at the following website: [www.http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx](http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx)

ICS-700.a National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction

ICS-800.b National Response Framework, An Introduction

ICS-100.b Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100 (*Specific for agency ex: LEb law enforcement, HCb Healthcare/Hospitals, PWb Public Works, etc.*)

ICS-200.b ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (*Specific for agency*)

ICS 300 and 400 are offered in class room settings and are offered to those who will be in command positions.

Check out www.preparingtexas.org for the nearest class schedule.



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Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM 147.020 PL 123.0 Khz.

Bell County NET Thursday 8 PM 145.130 PL 123.0

STX ARES HF Net Monday at 7:30 pm on 3873 Khz

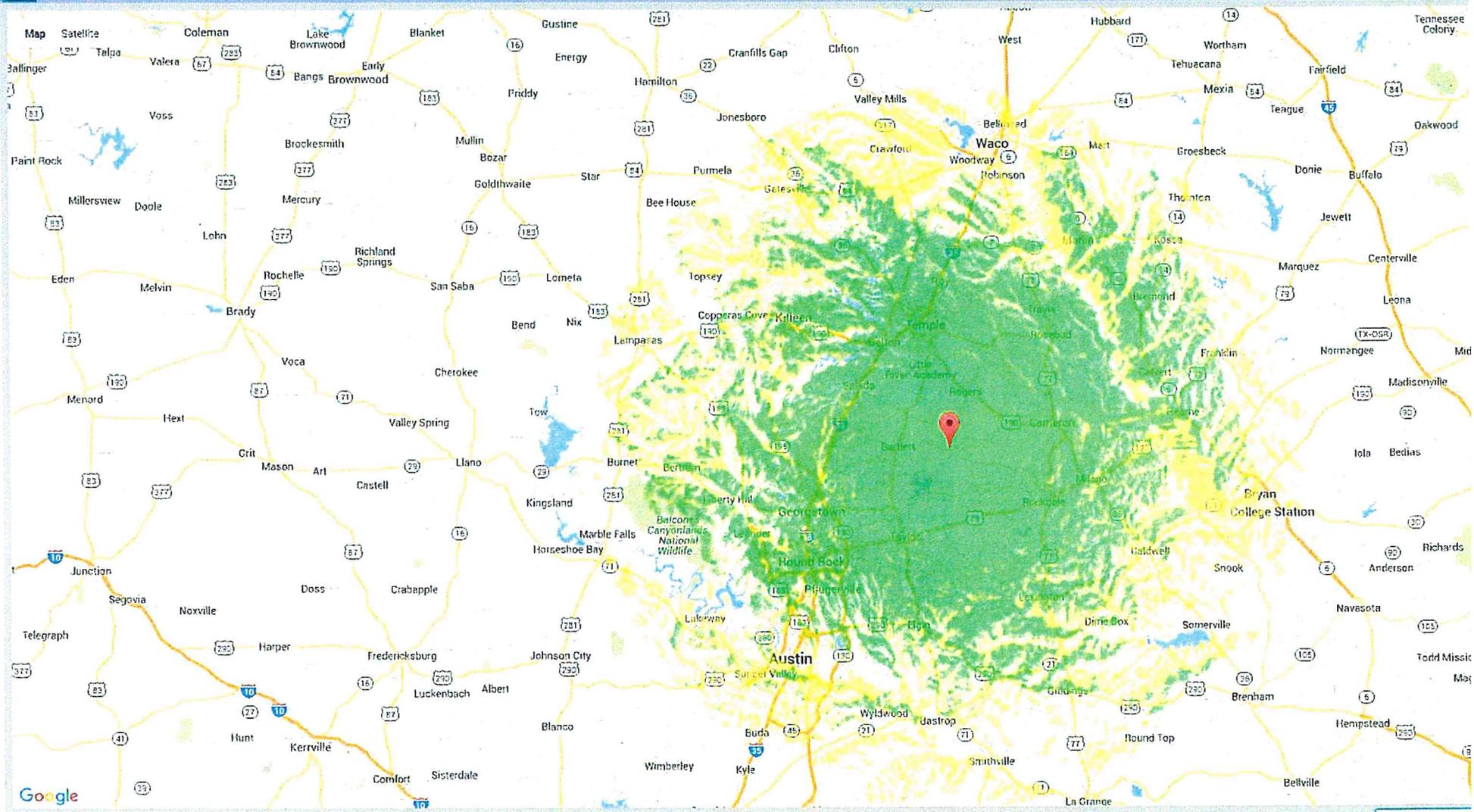
MILAM COUNTY ARES NET

The following checked into the NET on 11-29-2015
KF5NIX KD5MTG KE6OFA KE5ISN KF6OKG N5IRQ W5JDG
KE5LVI KD5WRO
Please check in on Thursday nite at 7 PM when possible.

NOAA WEATHER FREQUENCIES
WACO 162.475 Mhz
BRYAN 162.550 Mhz



Radio Mobile Par/By Roger Coude VE2DBE



20W 2m repeater coverage to a mobile, assumes a 6dB base antenna and 3dB mobile antenna, centered on Davilla TX with a 100' tower Davilla TX

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