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# MILAM COUNTY ARES NEWSLETTER

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## MILAM COUNTY ARES NEWS



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After several months of trying to host the Milam County Ares net with a very short time out timer on the repeater, I am pleased to announce that myself and Tom Whiteside – N5TW paid one more visit to the tower site and changed the setting! So now everyone can continue their rag chews without interruption!!

With hurricane season upon us, I would like to take a minute and remind everyone that when a hurricane is about to make landfall is the time to try to contact relatives and loved ones to make sure they are ok. If you wait till after it makes landfall you may have a lot of difficulty due to the cell networks and phone systems being either down or overloaded.

On another note, there are several local Amateur Radio clubs that are making sure everyone is able to connect to their repeaters by using either Echolink, or the AllStar Network. So if you have access to either of those programs I urge you to try to connect to them. If you need help with either of these programs please contact me and if I can't help you, I will point you to the right person who can.

I want to remind everyone that on June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> the West Gulf Division Hamfest will be held in Plano this year. There will be plenty of vendors and tailgaters as well. Also the Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) brick and mortar store is right down the street from the Hamfest, so if you cannot find what you want at the Hamfest you might find it there.

And lastly, next month The Milam Amateur Radio Club will be hosting their annual ARRL Field Day on June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 303 San Jacinto Dr., Rockdale TX 76567. If you wish to find other clubs and visit their Field Day, I would recommend going to the ARRL Field Day locator website and look for directions.

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](mailto: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](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 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.