

MDXA June 2010 Membership Report

We are writing this report to you, the membership of the MDXA, in an effort to better inform those of you that do not live near our monthly meetings and cannot attend them or the BOD meetings and other events. Hopefully you will find this interesting and of some value. It is a synopsis of what we, your BOD and our Membership have done to date to govern and grow this Club. We are also addressing this report to those that are able to attend.

It has not been an easy undertaking for any of us serving on your BOD. I can personally state that being your President has been one of the most difficult and challenging, yet fulfilling commitments that I have ever made. I know that I speak for the entire BOD in saying this.

There are always a handful of disgruntled members in any organization. The MDXA is not unique in this trait. A small vocal minority of our membership have made it clear through complaints via email and in statements to members, that they are unhappy with this BOD and our duties that we are compelled to carry out on your behalf. We have been accused of and it has been inferred that we have done all sorts of harmful, hurtful, unconcerned, unilateral and incorrect actions... none of which holds any truth or merit. We still suffer from perceived divisions and personal agendas on the part of a few. This is not a new phenomenon. I am on record as stating openly, both to this BOD and to the membership in general, that I have zero tolerance for this sort of activity... regardless of subject or source.

As I was writing this today, our Past President Randy Becnel W5UE unexpectedly resigned from the BOD due to what he feels is the Club being taken in the wrong direction. Randy W5UE has been involved in every single decision this BOD has made. He has had the same opportunity to speak his mind openly as the rest of us

that serve on this BOD. If you read this report, you will see that Randy has been very involved in the direction of this club as well as the decision making process of the BOD. We appreciate all that Randy has done over the years and that is much. We also appreciate his service to the Club as President and as Past President serving on this BOD and it was with great regret that this BOD SADLY accepted his resignation.

As your President, I have ALWAYS treated this BOD as a co-equal group of Directors. I have never acted to limit any members of this BOD in any way. We are inviting Randy and any of the members that feel as he does, to bring their concerns to a meeting and if they wish to; we will hold a full debate on this matter and hold it in an open forum.

The Membership is the Heart and Soul of this Club and it does not reside in any one member or group of members. When this club voted to accept the Constitution and Bylaws, the MDXA was reborn as a new

entity. The Membership is who will steer the direction of this Club and its activities and we, your BOD, have strived to keep the Membership informed and up to date in all that we do. This Bi-Annual report is an example of that effort.

This BOD requests the following MDXA Creed be adhered to. This is not a mandatory set of rules but it is a short list that this BOD hopes that you will use to guide your actions as a member of this club.

MDXA Creed

- 1) Treat every member in good standing with respect and civility and in the same way that you wish to be treated by others.
- 2) Please refrain from personal attacks and the use of profanity in emails to fellow members, either on WS1L's reflector or in private emails. Debate is good... fighting is not. Please refer to number one!

3) If you hear a rumor or rumors concerning this Club, the BOD or another member, please talk with that person directly about your concerns or contact this BOD using our email links on the website or (our calls) @mdxa.org, or in the worst case, bring your concerns to a business meeting and discuss them in the open and in front of the membership and the person or persons in question.

Those of us that were members at the time we drafted the C&B, after much deliberation amongst the membership followed by suggestions and changes, ALL voted to accept our Constitution and Bylaws in a unanimous decision. You all agreed to abide by this C&B when you applied for membership. If it is not in the C&B then all rules defer to Robert's Rules of Order. I hated to have to bring this up but it must be done and it must be said if this Club is to remain intact and undivided. On to the report and thank you for your understanding in this matter.

The BOD elect first met in December 2009 at my home in McHenry, MS. This BOD elect was without power until January 1st, so we kept this a planning meeting only. We made plans for the transfer of power and all that is entailed with it. Many positions were filled and management suggestions offered by members in attendance.

Program planning was started and the first discussion of the use of the MDXA name on the 147.375 KA5VFU repeater was brought up. The BOD felt that since this repeater had used the MDXA club name on its ID since 1982, we felt that no action was necessary. Continuing questions regarding this and the reasoning some had for the removal of the MDXA name from that repeater, led to the eventual removal of the MDXA name from the KA5VFU repeater. The Club's call was also removed from the DX Cluster that I have run for the MDXA since 1991 and for similar reasons.

All members of the BOD were allowed to bring up agenda items that they wished to pursue and this procedure has carried over into all of our BOD meetings. WS1L wanted to promote growth in member skills toward being better DX'ers. We have made major strides with this agenda item. At least one program was dedicated to this goal. Active mentoring has become the norm.

Randy wished to continue with and expand the Education program to include CW classes. Other suggestions were made as to upgrade classes and all BOD members offered their ideas. These plans have been instituted. Ham Radio Deluxe and AR Cluster DX Cluster user seminars were held, in conjunction with this expanded Education program. The vast majority of students have achieved every goal that they set for themselves using this program and we have developed many new Hams, many upgrades... all the way to Extra and added some new CW ops too! I am proud to say that there is a steady stream of these new hams

becoming DX'ers and that many have and are currently becoming Full Members.

George K5JZ promoted the mentoring of new members in better repeater etiquette. This effort has had great results and yielded a much more enjoyable repeater experience. Adding additional Official Observers to the membership was discussed and at least one member is actively involved in becoming an OO at this time.

Joe Butler K5JB, Terry Lemon K5OAZ, Bill Breeden NA5DX, Mark Denton KE5ZWD (one of our newer DX'ers) and many others have been actively mentoring on the air and with great success! We have developed some dead serious new DX'ers... and they are climbing up the list fast.

An independent group was discussed and formed to oversee operation and policing of local repeaters. This group has been formed (not part of any Club) and I am

happy to report that they have had little to do.
Education and actions by example truly do work.

Randy W5UE and each BOD member wanted to make changes and modifications to the membership application process, to better serve the Club and applicants. A discussion was held and members in attendance were also allowed input. This has now been enacted and the result of W5UE's handy work is available in our membership application form located on the Club Website www.mdxa.org. Floyd N5FG also was in favor of Elmering being codified into the process of membership application. This was also adopted.

We discussed filing of the Club's tax returns under our 501 C3 tax-exempt status that we applied for and were granted. Attaining this status was not an easy task... believe me. Many members serving on this BOD were involved and other members were also working hard behind the scenes on this. Our taxes are paid in full

and records are being kept to make this a fairly easy task for the next incoming BOD.

Charlie WD5BJT wanted the BOD to stick to its decisions. We have done this where it has been the proper thing to do. Leadership requires that one set goals and action plans to achieve those goals. If one remains steadfast and rigid in any plan, even when faced with the reality that there is a different and better way to reach the desired results, then one is not serving the best interest of this Club. Pragmatic thinking demands that the leadership remain flexible and continuously communicating with each other to fine tune and improve our management decisions. Where it has been prudent and proper, we have stayed the course on the vast majority of decisions that we have made. 99% of those decisions have been reached with 100% agreement amongst the BOD.

One must understand that minutes are a "snap shot" in time... usually at the beginning of a planning process

and any leadership worth their salt performs additional research, holds discussions and allows the input and thought processes to mature before locking in a plan of action.

Charlie also stated that the BOD's function is that of directors... that we direct and the membership does. If one looks at the successful events that we have put on, the meetings that we have held, the appointments that we have made and the decisions that we have brought before the membership to vote on (including the decision to hold a 10th Anniversary Field Day exercise with the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club), it is clear to the membership that can attend these business meetings and through emails to the BOD and members making comments on WS1L's email list, that the members are in control of as much of the Club's direction and decision making process as can be accommodated.

All in attendance made many additional suggestions and those suggestions were listened to and many have been instituted. One example was that we invited Malcolm Keown W5XX and Mickey Cox K5MC to attend our Education classes to speak on behalf of the ARRL and they were both gracious and accepted.

We held our January Business Meeting at Barnhills in Gulfport. As it turned out, after years of holding our monthly breakfast meetings at this restaurant, this was to be the last meeting of the MDXA to be held there. It was a victim of this awful economy. With only an hour's notice and just days before we held our February meeting, this BOD secured a new meeting place with the Golden Corral restaurant, located less than a block or so from the old meeting place. It has turned out to be a wonderful compromise. Their hospitality has been much appreciated.

At our January meeting, Floyd N5FG hosted the program, which was on the KL7DX DXpedition Video. Everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

Ed KA5VFU gave his final Financial Report, followed by Charlie WD5BJT reading the minutes from the previous DX Dinner Meeting for the membership's approval. Chuck WS1L reported on Chairs, Committees, Web Master and Email Moderator etc.

We then held the first "official" meeting of the 2010 BOD. We discussed the budget and the process and set to the task of creating the budget and getting it passed.

We discussed upcoming DXpeditions and our donation process and criteria for support. With the bad economy, we were very cognizant of the importance of being smart and careful with your money. We have to date sponsored the following DXpeditions, with

donations from the Club as well as individual Club member donations.

- 1) 3W6C Vietnam
- 2) E4X Palestine
- 3) 3C0C Annobon Island
- 4) ZL8X Kermadec Island
- 5) CY0 Sable Island

Several others are under consideration.

We confirmed two members volunteering as Club Equipment Custodians, Megan Murphy KF5CST and Carl Killebrew KF5CXG. We have since secured a storage facility (offered to us by Fred Platts KF5CXM) and a military styled storage locker to hold some of the equipment that the MDXA owns.

Members may bring any equipment that they are now storing to the 2010 Field Day site and we will take it to

this storage facility and store it away. Carl and Megan will then administer the equipment as Club Members have need of it. Anyone wishing to continue to store any equipment that you are presently storing for the Club is more than welcome to continue to store it for the Club. It was not the intent of this BOD to move all Club equipment to this site. It will help for some of the most often used equipment to be easily managed. We have a current list (supplied to us by the 2009 BOD) of this equipment and its last location so there is an administrating list available already.

We set into motion the process of updating checking account privileges etc. The Club's CD had been renewed and we discussed that.

We approved and instituted the new Membership Application Process as mentioned earlier. We also updated the Event Insurance Application. Updates were sent to Jimmy K50P for uploading to the web site.

Dan AE5JG and Barbara KE5QHZ volunteered to take on our first Picnic of 2010. A search for the location was started. We discussed a Webinar format for the meetings but the loss of our previous meeting location and the fact that the new location does not offer any Internet connection precluded that possibility. Chris K5MOZ had started planning the equipment and system when the change came upon us.

We discussed the DX Dinner and Chuck WS1L agreed to ask for volunteers to put the DX Dinner on. We specifically requested for anyone from further upstate that wished to take on the task, with the full cooperation and support of the BOD, to put on the DX Dinner in December and to bring it into a new area away from the Coast. We requested volunteers on two separate occasions, using the mailing list and without attaining a single response. After trying to find an alternative, we decided in a unanimous decision, to book Steve's Marina Restaurant where we held it last year. It is not easy to set up such dinners with Christmas, Chanukah and other Holiday Festivities going on. We had so much positive

feedback from the membership last year and with two of our Members being friends with the owner, we felt that it made sense to go with what we know worked well. Planning is well underway for this year's dinner.

We discussed application for Honorary Membership for a Ham that has opened his home and station in Surinam for some of our Club members, hosted them in a most gracious fashion, gave them a flavor of Surinam and offered this hospitality again for future visits. After Randy W5UE and Charlie WD5BJT supported Ramon PZ5RA as a candidate, after reading and discussing an email from Darryl K5CQT requesting that Ramon be considered, Chuck WS1L nominated him. We accepted him as an Honorary Member in a unanimous decision.

Chuck WS1L discussed an ARRL Webinar on Club's and legal issues that he had viewed. Floyd N5FG voiced concerns for a one-year probationary period for new members and this had been incorporated into the new Membership Application Process. We decided to hold

future BOD meetings directly after each business meeting. George K5JZ was given the second Club PO Box key. Floyd and Charlie worked out notification of dues payments to the Secretary. Gene AE5FB, the only member in attendance, asked how the Club handled Cash receipts and this process was explained. Gene also asked about a \$50.00 discrepancy from the 2009 closeout report. Plans were made to ask the Audit Team to check into it. We adjourned.

At the February meeting, George K5JZ notified the membership that Floyd N5FG has filed the 2009 Tax form via the Internet. George also discussed the repeater/node fund and since Ed and George requested that it be utilized where it was more needed, it was decided that we would transfer all but \$1.00 into the DX Fund. Ed and George had previously taken \$1000.00 that had been donated to them personally for use in building the 147.375 repeater in its current format, and donated it to the MDXA in the form of a Certificate of Deposit. This was done so that the Club would ALWAYS have these funds available in case of a real emergency. This is

future security for the Club and its members. All of this was discussed with the membership.

Floyd N5FG submitted the 2010 budget and it was accepted by a vote of acclimation. George K5JZ announced the current paid membership as of February 13, 2010 stood at 79. Charlie WD5BJT read the minutes of the previous meeting and a vote to accept was held. Floyd N5FG presented his Treasurers Report and on problems with getting the new Checking Account Signature Cards processed. A discrepancy of \$15.40 was reported. A vote to accept was held.

Chuck reported on the Needs List and his authoring of it. He mailed the list out a few days later. He also reported on upcoming programs for future meetings. Dan AE5JG reported on the upcoming Saturday March 13, 2010 picnic and a committee was formed to assist him. Charlie WD5BJT gave a report on the Club's ARRL affiliation and Special Services designation and confirmed that all paperwork for renewal had been mailed.

George K5JZ congratulated and thanked the teachers and staff of the Education Committee. Chairman of our Education Committee is Dan AE5JG. Our Education Staff is comprised of Ed KA5VFU, BJ KB5CSQ, Vic N5YY, Charlie N2PKW, Dan AE5JG with many others helping from time to time, such as Darryl K5CQT, Chris K5RRT and Randy W5UE. My apologies to those members that I may have left out.

Gene AE5FB, Dave W5DAW and Dan AE5JG have attained DXCC credit this year. Several other new DX'ers are ready to apply for the coveted DXCC Award. Barb KE5QHZ was our third YL to qualify for Full Membership this year! ALL outstanding achievements and congratulations to all!

Terry KF5DIO applied for Membership. Jeff N9OKV announced an antenna party at his house in preparation for the upcoming 160 Meter Contest. We then adjourned.

We then held the February 13, 2010 BOD meeting. We discussed future ARRL/FCC testing remittance plan and implemented it. Plans for storage of Club equipment were discussed and accepted and plans for implementation were made. It was decided to invite Dan AE5JG and Ray WQ5L to our next meeting to discuss upcoming needs with respect to the picnic and Contest calendar. Field Day plans were discussed and research planned.

Holding a raffle or auction at our July meeting for fund raising was discussed. This is well underway and will take place at our July meeting. It was decided that Chuck would email a request to the membership for viable or repairable donations for the auction. Charlie reported on ARRL affiliation etc. Randy reported on the implementation of our Membership and Event processes and updates on the web site. DXpedition donations requests were discussed and some decisions were made. We discussed another request for volunteers to handle the location and details of the 2010 DX Dinner. If after this request, if we still have had no response, it was

decided that the BOD would handle the event as it always has done in the past. Plans were made to create and mail our two new Honorary Members, Dave Thompson K4JRB and Ramon Kaersenhout PZ5RA their Certificates. This has been done. Each member had an opportunity to bring up and discuss any agenda item of concern. Randy reported that he would have new Charter Membership Certificates to hand out at the upcoming picnic. We adjourned.

We then held the March 13, 2010 business meeting. This was also our Spring Picnic, which was held at the Denton Community center between Wiggins and Hattiesburg. Health and welfare were discussed. Charlie read the minutes for the February business meeting. A vote to accept was taken.

Dan AE5JG gave his Treasurer's report, after being appointed to serve in place of Floyd N5FG, due to Floyd's unexpected resignation. The BOD agreed not to discuss why this resignation took place (at Randy W5UE and

Floyd N5FG's request) and all questions would be referred to Floyd. A vote to accept was taken.

George K5JZ presented membership certificates to several members and announced the mailing of the Honorary Membership Certificates. Chuck made announcements on donations to 3W6C Vietnam, P4X Palestine, 3C0C Annobon Island and ZL8X Kermadec Island operations.

A donation can for DXpedition donations was placed at the rear table in the meeting room. Chuck also gave an update on Field Day 2010. Chuck said he was working on an updated activity for publication. George K5JZ mentioned a donation can was also at the rear of the room, to be used to help sponsor the current picnic. George K5JZ acknowledged the following guests:

Eddie W5ESW

Glenda KF5DIN

A motion to adjourn was made and everyone enjoyed the fantastic amount of wonderful food that Dan AE5JG and Barbara Miller KE5QHZ had arranged and the delights that many members brought in dishes and desserts. We had Sloppy Joes and hot dogs, homemade pies, cakes, fruit salads, veggies, beans, potato salad and 16,311 different kinds of cheesecake! All had much fun and the Bingo tournament was a great hit. Comments were made that this was one of the finest events that the MDXA has held to date. So many people were involved and our heartfelt thanks go out to all of them!

A short BOD meeting was held and the checkbook transfer, check signing cards, payment of bills and donations to DXpeditions were discussed. Payment of the ARRL Education Grant was discussed. Payment of the Insurance premium was discussed. We then adjourned.

We then held our April 10, 2010 Business meeting. Glen Smith K4GSG put on our program of the Month. Glen's subject was PSK and Digital modes. This was a program

that piqued the interest of many of the membership in attendance. It was both very informative and educational.

Charlie WD5BJT read the minutes from the March 13 Business Meeting. A vote to accept was held. Dan submitted his Treasurer's Report and a vote to accept followed. George K5JZ thanked Dan AE5JG and Barbara KE5QHZ and everyone else that helped to put on our best picnic to date. George K5JZ announced that there were no guests or new members.

Chuck WS1L announced that a proposal to hold a 10th Anniversary joint Field Day operation with the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club was in discussion stages. Glen K4GSG and Chuck WS1L agreed to hold discussions for both Clubs and to hold a site survey and report back to both Clubs for membership discussions and an eventual vote.

Chuck reminded members about the upcoming MDXA Auction being held in July this year. Donations for auction are being sought.

Bob Farve KD5PYC asked Dan AE5JG to investigate the possibility of moving the Club's Checking Account into an interest bearing account. Dan will report back on his findings next month. Health and Welfare announcements were made, Charlie WD5BJT showed a "Thank you" QSL for MDXA's donations, sent from the FT5GA team. Charlie announced that a Club Membership Roster is sent along with every donation to any and all DXpeditions. George K5JZ handed out Membership Certificates to W5UE, KE5PXE, N5ID, and K5DWI. We then adjourned.

Our April BOD meeting was then held. Ed KA5VFU and BJ KB5CSQ nominated Ray Novak N9JA of Icom for Honorary Membership.

Ray has done more in material support of the MDXA than any other Ham related vendor ever has. He and Icom

have supplied equipment for Club expedition use, sending rigs to members so that they could check them out and compare them to other offerings, donated equipment to and sold us equipment far below dealer cost so that we could raise money for our DX Dinner as well as allowing us to present a treasure trove of prizes to give away at our year-end event. We voted, in a unanimous decision, to grant Ray Honorary Membership status (in accordance with the C&B guidelines). A certificate was created and has been mailed.

We discussed checks being written for DXpedition donations, insurance, and reimbursement checks to Dan AE5JG for the March Picnic expenses and Ray WQ5L for the expenses from the Contests he ran as Contest Chairman. Checks were written, signed, witnessed and plans to mail them approved.

Randy W5UE brought up a discussion about his mailing list and its eventual retirement. Chuck made plans to create and moderate, with Chris K5MOZ's help, his own

list hosted by Yahoo. We discussed donations to the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition. We agreed to donate \$50.00 and George K5JZ personally donated \$100.00 for the CY0 October operation. Further discussion of Field Day was brought forward from the Business Meeting. We started the process for a site inspection and walk through so that we could fully discuss this "option" with the membership so that they could make an informed decision when the discussion and vote took place.

It was announced that Ed Byrd KA5VFU had donated a Military Styled Waterproof Locker for Club equipment storage at Fred Platts KF5CXM's business. We then discussed Dan AE5JG and ED KA5VFU contacting Steve's Marina Restaurant, concerning our DX Dinner. This has been done and planning is well underway for another enjoyable and successful event. We adjourned.

The Business and BOD meetings that took place on May 8, 2010 will be included in the second Bi-Annual report to the Membership in December. I will say that a thorough

discussion of Field Day plans took place and the vast majority of the members in attendance voted to hold a joint Field Day Exercise in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the first joint Field Day endeavor. After much discussion and weighing of options, the members voted 25 in favor of holding a joint Field Day with the Jackson County Club and with 3 voting against. Both George K5JZ and Chuck WS1L abstained, as we had been involved with planning for this option.

At the BOD meeting, we discussed updates to the website. We had previously discussed an action plan about the website and the next part of that plan is to put the Business Meeting minutes on to our website and to archive them on our site for future reference and historic perspective. This has now been implemented. We hope to eventually go all the way back to the beginning of the first 2009 meetings with our archives. Dan AE5JG briefed us on his discussion with Mary at League Headquarters. We found out that the earlier that we pay our ARRL Education Grant, the more interest that the MDXA earns while our money sits in escrow at the League. The ARRL

invests all of their education grant money together and just a couple of months of interest from the last payment, earned the Club around \$25.00. We approved early payment, signed the check and authorized payment.

Discussion took place to search for a Speaker for our DX Dinner. Several DX'ers are being considered and research is taking place to find someone to attend our event and put on the program for the evening.

We discussed the fractures that seem to be present in a small minority of the membership and how best to heal these hurt feelings and perceived problems. We developed our MDXA Creed posted above and came up with some other solutions to be set by example.

This report was discussed and authorized to help distant members understand what is going on in their club and to help keep you/them involved and in the loop. Other

items were discussed and will be covered in our next report.

In closing let us review our progress as a Club in general and also concerning this BOD.

- 1) We have lived by our C&B. We elected new officers, transitioned from one slate to the next, audited accounts, modified the Bylaws to allow ALL members to attend BOD meetings (in a unanimous vote). All evidence shows that the process is working and that this BOD and the Membership are living by our C&B as we should be.
- 2) We sent strong representation to the Jackson Hamfest, which also held the ARRL State Convention.
- 3) We have DX related programs at each and every meeting. We have been very successful in bringing new Hams into the fold and turning the vast majority of them into practicing DX'ers (hey... it is a disease)!

- 4) Joint Field Day planning with an overwhelming vote of support.
- 5) We are fiscally sound... we have more money in our Club Coffers now than we did when we took over. We have paid all of our bills including insurance, obligations, Education Grant etc.
- 6) In spite of an absolutely horrible economy, we have grown our Club to 103 paid members (75% being Full Members and 25% being Associate Members. Research shows that this ratio is optimal) and we have 3 Honorary Members.
- 7) We have further DX oriented activities planned for later this year.
- 8) Our outstanding Education Committee and their staff have earlier this year, completed the largest and most successful training class in the History of the MDXA.
- 9) Dan and Barbara Miller put on one of the finest picnics and social events that we have ever enjoyed.

- 10) Our first ARRL College Education Grant was just awarded and Dan announced the details to the membership on the email list.
- 11) We have secured a place to hold our DX Dinner and plans are well underway in planning for all aspects.
- 12) This BOD has worked hard and will continue to try to find ways in which we can satisfy ALL of our members. The fact is that there are times when you cannot satisfy everyone, for varying reasons. This BOD will continue to direct the Club in ways that allow the membership to be in charge of the direction of their club and every decision that we have made and that we will make; we will ALWAYS be guided with the best interest of the MDXA and its Membership at heart.
- 13) The MDXA has sponsored so far this year:
 - a) 3W6C Vietnam
 - b) E4X Palestine
 - c) 3C0C Annobon Island

- d) ZL8X Kermadec Island
 - e) CY0 Sable Island
 - f) WRTC World Radiosport Team Championships, July 2010.
- 14) We have a Club needs list maintained by Chuck WS1L.
 - 15) Thanks once again to Chuck WS1L; we have a new moderated email reflector for the Club Membership.
 - 16) The Club has helped the Membership install more than 7 tower and antenna installations and grounding setups.
 - 17) Dan AE5JG has balanced the financial records of the MDXA and keeps meticulous records in accordance with proper accounting procedures.
 - 18) We straightened out the Membership List and we are keeping it up to date and current.
 - 19) We are holding the MDXA DX Net on 147.375 at 8PM every Tuesday evening. You are welcome to use the N5UCF EchoLink to check in. Dan AE5JG,

- our Net Coordinator, sends Malcolm Keowen W5XX a monthly report.
- 20) We are holding a joint Field Day Exercise with the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club.
 - 21) This BOD actively assists members in many ways but with an emphasis on DX'ing and all that it entails
 - 22) This BOD is a cohesive unit, operating as a Co-Equal BOD and is guided by ALWAYS keeping the best interest of the Club and its Membership in the forefront AT ALL TIMES.
 - 23) We have been successful in holding this Club together in spite of efforts that seem at times to run counter to this goal.
 - 24) More to come!

73,

George K5JZ President

Chuck WS1L Vice President

Charlie WD5BJT Secretary

Dan AE5JG Treasurer

