



Monthly ECHO

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January 2010

GENERAL MEETING

2nd Monday of the Month
7:00 P.M.

American Red Cross
2700 SW Freeway
Houston, TX 77098

PRE MEETIN EATIN

Goode Company
Mexican Restaurant
(s.w. corner kirby/westpark)
Meet at 5:30-5:45 P.M.
(same night as club meeting)

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2009 Club Officers

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Mike Nault—W5OFT
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Parliamentarian

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2010 ECHO Officer Nominations

Nominations for the 2010 Club Officer positions will take place at the February 8, 2010 Meeting of the Houston ECHO Society. A nomination committee was not formed so nominations will be taken from the floor during the meeting.

The following officer positions are elected:

- *President
- *Vice-President
- *Treasure

- *Recording Secretary
- *Corresponding Secretary
- *Parliamentarian

Current ECHO Society Members are eligible for nomination. Interested ECHO members may be nominated by any club member as well as by self nomination. More detailed information regarding the election process can be found in the ECHO Society By-Laws, a copy is available on the ECHO website:

www.w5eco.org

President's Corner

Marty Blaise—AG5T

Happy 2010 to everybody and best wishes for a great year ahead. We had a busy year last year in the Houston ECHO Society and I hope everyone enjoyed the variety of presentations we had at our monthly meetings. ECHO also taught ham radio classes, gave amateur radio tests and assisted with marathons and bicycle rides. Field Day was very successful, as ECHO was the highest placing 2F team from the South Texas area.

My goal for this year as ECHO president is to continue with a variety of amateur radio presentations with a mix of talks, hands-on activities and special guests. We do have elections coming up soon and I've heard word that we may have several people running for offices this year, including president of ECHO. That's exciting news.

Some of ECHO's upcoming plans for 2010 include renovation and possible upgrading of repeaters, participation in public service activities and continuing to have monthly meetings with a variety of amateur radio presentations that hopefully are of interest to both newcomers and old-timers.

2010 Club Dues Now Due
RENEW Your
Membership Today!

Coming Next Month...

Houston Marathon

Greater Houston Hamfest

NEXT MEETING
MONDAY
January 11
7:00 P.M.

License Exams

The Houston ECHO Society sponsors VE Testing on the 1st Saturday and 4th Tuesday of each month. Sessions are held at the American Red Cross building at 2700 SW Freeway (Hwy 59). This is just west of Kirby Drive on the feeder road.

1st Saturday — 9:00 A.M.
4th Tuesday — 7:00 P.M.

Please check the ARRL Web Site under "Licensing" and do a search for tests using the zip code of 77098 to verify dates, as some dates are skipped.

Franz Laugermann—K3FL is the coordinator of these sessions and can be reached at the following e-mail:

franzlaugerman@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Meeting Presentations

JANUARY **Fox Hunting Adventures**
 KA5CVH, N5MT and WA5QXE

FEBRUARY **Club Officer Nominations**

MARCH **ARRL Update**
 Jeff Walter—KE5FGA

APRIL **Equipment and Setups for
 Public Service Events**
 Charlie Matthew—NOXFD

Schedule of meeting presentations is subject to change.

Are you interested or know someone who would be interested in presenting a topic at an upcoming ECHO meeting? E-mail Lee Gaspard—WA5QXE
wa5qxe@arrl.net

From the Editor...

Charlie Matthew NOXFD

Newsletter submissions are always appreciated and encouraged. You do not need to be a member of ECHO to submit an article or just pictures of a recent event you participated in.

Please send newsletter submissions to:

Charlie Matthew—NOXFD n0xfd@yahoo.com

Public Service Events

The following is a compiled list of known Public Service operating opportunities for the coming months. These events are a great way to get some hands on experience in operating your radio in a net environment, you also have some great fun. Additional updates on upcoming events can also be found on the Houston Hams yahoo group at: www.houstonhams.org

JANUARY 17 — SUNDAY Houston Marathon

100 operators, Ballpark Downtown Houston
 Talk-in: 147.000 t103.5
 Carl Hacker 713-500-9185



JANUARY 24 — SUNDAY Frost Bike

15 operators Denny's, FM1960/Hwy 290
 Talk-in: 444.075 t103.5
 Mike Hardwick 713-826-6917

MARCH 20 — SATURDAY

B-geO Magnolia Miles Bike Ride
 15 operators Denny's, Tomball/FM2920
 Talk-in: 146.720 t123.0
 George O'brien 202-552-1760



APRIL 17-18 — SATURDAY / SUNDAY BP MS150

150 Operators
 Metro Park-n-Ride, Hwy 6/Interstate 10
 Talk-in: 444.600 t71.9
 Mike Hardwick 713-826-6917



MAY 2 — SUNDAY

Tour Du Rouge—Day One Ride

35 Operators
 Humble Civic Center, Will Clayton Pkwy
 Talk-in: 147.000 t103.5
 Charlie Matthew 713-498-9802 n0xfd@yahoo.com



THE ONLY REASON MARCONI INVENTED WIRELESS BROADCASTING WAS TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO PRONOUNCE HIS FIRST NAME.

<http://www.qsl.net/k4adl/>

Amateur Radio Classes—2010

The Houston ECHO Society is again teaming up with the Disaster Services Department of the GHAC American Red Cross to offer Amateur Radio Classes. Now is the time to take a Amateur Radio Class and FINALLY get your license or FINALLY get that upgrade to a General Class license! Come and work through the material in a classroom setting where you can get your questions answered first hand and learn the ins and outs of Amateur Radio Communications.

All Classes are FREE of charge to attend.

COURSE INFORMATION

Detailed course information is available on the ECHO website under "Classes & Licensings" or at this [LINK](#)

HOW TO REGISTER

All participants are asked to pre-register for the class they wish to attend to insure a spot is saved for them. Walk-ins will only be accepted on the FIRST day of each class provided there is space available.

To register for a class please send an e-mail to: register@hamclass.n0xfd.com

Please include the following information: Name, E-Mail Address, a Phone #, and the Class # from the Schedule.

You may alternately call 713-498-9802 and leave a message with the same information.

You will receive a e-mail or phone call back to confirm your registration

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-001Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Tuesday	Jan 26	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Thursday	Jan 28	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Tuesday	Feb 2	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Thursday	Feb 4	7pm-10pm	Day 4

(Testing Avail 2/6 9am, 2/23 7pm @ GHAC)

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-003Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Saturday	Mar 20	9am-4pm	Day 1
Saturday	Mar 27	9am-4pm	Day 2

(Testing Avail 4/3 9am, 4/27 7pm @ GHAC)

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-004Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Tuesday	May 25	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Tuesday	Jun 1	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Tuesday	Jun 8	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Tuesday	Jun 15	7pm-10pm	Day 4

(Testing Avail 6/22 7pm @ GHAC)

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-006Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Monday	Sept 20	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Wednesday	Sept 22	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Monday	Sept 27	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Wednesday	Sept 29	7pm-10pm	Day 4

(Testing Avail 10/2 9am, 10/26 7pm @ GHAC)

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-007Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Saturday	Oct 16	9am-4pm	Day 1
Saturday	Oct 23	9am-4pm	Day 2

(Testing Avail 11/6 9am, 11/23 7pm @ GHAC)

GENERAL CLASS

Class #: 10-002Gen

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Prerequisite – Hold Current Technician License

Wednesday	Mar 17	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Monday	Mar 22	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Wednesday	Mar 24	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Monday	Mar 29	7pm-10pm	Day 4
Wednesday	Mar 31	7pm-10pm	Day 5
Monday	Apr 5	7pm-10pm	Day 6
Wednesday	Apr 7	7pm-10pm	Day 7

(Testing Avail 4/27 7pm, 5/1 9am @ GHAC)

GENERAL CLASS

Class #: 10-005Gen

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Prerequisite – Hold Current Technician License

Tuesday	Sept 7	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Tuesday	Sept 14	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Tuesday	Sept 21	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Tuesday	Sept 28	7pm-10pm	Day 4
Tuesday	Oct 5	7pm-10pm	Day 5
Tuesday	Oct 12	7pm-10pm	Day 6
Tuesday	Oct 19	7pm-10pm	Day 7

(Testing Avail 10/26 7pm @ GHAC)



CLUB REPEATERS

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & DATES

January 11 — MONDAY, 7pm
Houston ECHO Society
 Monthly meeting
 Houston Red Cross Building

February 8 — MONDAY, 7pm
Houston ECHO Society
 Monthly meeting — NOMINATIONS
 Houston Red Cross Building

January 17 — SUNDAY, 4:30am
Houston Marathon
 Ballpark Downtown Houston
 Talk-in: 147.000 t103.5
 Carl Hacker 713-500-9185

March 8 — MONDAY, 7pm
Houston ECHO Society
 Monthly meeting — ELECTIONS
 Houston Red Cross Building

ABOUT THE HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY

The Houston ECHO Society is a general interest amateur (ham) radio club serving greater Houston Texas and is a ARRL Special Services Club. ECHO stands for Emergency Communications by Ham Operators.

ECHO exists to provide emergency communications to various public service agencies in the greater Houston area. In order to fulfill that objective the ECHO society owns and operates repeaters that may be used in times of emergencies as well as providing a pool of trained radio operators to assist in that effort.

Because amateur radio is such a broad hobby ECHO employs the use of special interest groups, or SIG's, so that members and non-members alike may participate in common interest projects and aspects of amateur radio. ECHO offers classes, test sessions, operates repeaters, and participates in various contests such as the ARRL field day.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend our meetings, membership is not required to attend a meeting. If you would like to become a member of the Society, membership dues are only \$20 per calendar year. Please see the club treasurer at the next meeting or contact any of the club officers by e-mail (see the first page of the newsletter).



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