

## UAARC Survey 9-11-23 Comments

### 1.2.7 Field Day comments.

Exposure to new equipment and software.

Educational sessions how-tos, meet & greets, kids time, soldering.

Enjoyed everything except heat!

I enjoyed it was a **family** event with the afternoon supper.

Learning – I always learn when in this kind of environment.

Not sure, I really like the comfort of our spot at Johns. (*move to public location – ed*)

I think it could be fun – I have never done one so not sure what to expect. (*Winter FD - ed*)

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### 2.4 VE Program.

I don't know enough to have good comments here. It could be a good program to offer but I wouldn't want to overextend those folks with an extra license.

I think for a VE program to be worthwhile we need a lot more public exposure. The club must establish a public/social media presence to attract new members.

Would be a reason to go for Extra, finally.

Will help.

I'm currently a General. I would want to upgrade to Extra before becoming a VE.

All depends on club participation.

I don't plan to become VE at this time.

Start once monthly and "tune" to demand.

Would be nice to offer testing on the night of club meeting possibly with appointment.

I would want to help once I get my General – but I'm still working on that.

Would help however I can!

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### **3. Club Programs.**

Foxhunting, ARES/RACES (what they are) newbie topics (prior to meeting perhaps) weather topics, hands-on tasks?

Antennas JH & VHF  
Emergency operating  
storm spotter  
net control

Educational sessions, seek out younger groups (STEM, scouts, etc.)

Would provide programs anytime.

Someone from URECC or SWEPCO to explain the grid & power from generator to your house.

I think that programs can be repeated since we are getting new members. Antenna theory, radio type options & capabilities, services provided by Hams – ARES, RACES, community service, SKYWARN, etc. - special programs for test training to draw in new members.

Emergency type stuff.

Intro to HF operation, how to tune antenna & make one, intro to other modes, intro to POTA.

Maybe a quarterly POTA or other club get together/outing, an antenna build might be an example, or field trip.

APRS, propagation, basic electronics, maybe pick some topics from the license manual and cover a few of them.

I like any educational programs. I am still very green and learning. I liked when we did the Foxhunt things like that are fun.

Antenna classes.

Noise reduction – local.

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### **4.4 Door Prizes.**

They are fun (especially if you win!) but my preference would be to make sure our programs needs & events have funding before going to door prizes.

Doesn't increase attendance.

It's a nice add-on but it shouldn't be the reason for coming.

Maybe something small for visitors or those who get license or upgrades.

It is always nice to win something even if it is small.

Door prize nice, but not necessary.

It's fun but not necessary.

The door prize is not the reason I attend club meeting.

Maybe offer door prizes for important meetings like voting for officers, basically to get folks to show up.

I would come no matter what. I'm good either way. But, like having big or special ones at holidays.  
*(door prize – small or larger -ed)*

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### **5.3 Tail Gate Sale.**

Not in summer.

I would think during end of March early April when we have best weather.

Spring 2024 – not during hot weather.

Cooler months Oct – April, I'd be happy to lead or participate in any role.

Saturday AM late fall/early spring.

I am willing but not able.

Emory is nothing – I don't think one in Gilmer would work either. But it might due to closeness to Longview.

March – April. Lufkin does a very good one every year in a church parking lot.

Only good if a good number of Hams have stuff to sell.

I might attend but I have nothing to sell.

I think that this would be better in cooler parts of the year like spring or fall.

My work schedule would most likely prevent me from participating but I'm willing to help. We need to get Hams from outside the club invited to probably have enough stuff to "swap".

Cooler weather. I would help/learn – I have never participated in one.

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### **6.3 Club 2M net.**

I would like a tech net type net. Somewhere to discuss our ideas, problems and equipment with feedback from Elmers provided. I thinking that would help both the member with the questions as well as all listening in.

Topics should be open however a lead topic to break the ice.

Anything & everything. (*referring to topics -ed*)

Might participate if I have time.

Check ins, announcements, community happenings, ARRL audio news.

I don't think we need a topic. Most nets I have heard have just taken checkins.

Only if there are 4-6 of us. (*are you interested in being NCS -ed*) I'd like to see a rag chew style net. It could be random but require participation. "Trivia", what was your first car? "Best vacation". Allow questions, keep it fun.

Round robin check ins. Study questions for upgrading.

Ham radio topics only.

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### **7.3 Club sales and dues.**

I think that club should plan ahead couple of years figure costs after club voting and then adjust dues based on approved projects and final costs.

I thought the merch was helping the club financially. Yes there should be a significant profit on items.

I see no reason why the club should not profit from sales of club merch.

I would support an increase in dues.

This might help with refreshments door prizes, etc.

For prospective new members, the low club membership price will likely result in more choosing to join.

Keep dues reasonable.

I think the club should make \$3 -\$5 on every sale.

Either of these ideas would be beneficial to the club.

Either is fine to help the cause.

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### **8.3 Broadcast Museum and Outings.**

Eat at Back Porch in Kilgore.

Other outings – set up both at our public events (yamboree, etc).

Chili's (*can't read rest -ed*)

POTA.

Back Porch.

POTA, broadcast museum.

I'm not really sure – we haven't been to Kilgore yet.

POTA when it cools off.

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### **9.3 Voting Members.**

Maybe an alternative would be to change voting requirements i.e % of all members required for spend funds over x and a quorum only of those present for some items.

Meeting attendance (at least a certain percentage) should be required to hold officer position. That,s how most clubs have operated in the past.

Maybe the Bylaws could be changed to say something like if more than 50% of “present” member vote a certain way, that decides the vote.

Bylaws should have what percent of “full members” to be present for a vote. (*Of coarse they do -ed*)

I like “sponsor” or “supporting” member. They’re included in all activities but don’t vote. (Reduced dues for them?)

We should announce any important voting meetings every time but I support the creation of a non-voting membership for those that do not plan on making the meetings.

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### **10.7 Club refreshments.**

Everyone seems to enjoy the refreshments each month, a good way to encourage fellowship!

I’m not aware of what the expectations are but if I was told refreshments were my responsibility (because I signed up) then I would bring them!

Fund out of treasury.

Refreshments are not necessary.

They make the meeting more enjoyable.

I’m conflicted on this.

Maybe post sign up sheet online so more people can see it.

I think so. (*should we have refreshments – ed*)

Decaf coffee. (*already is - ed*)

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### **11.3 Club Officer.**

I am the least knowledgeable HAM in the room so unsure I’d be effective, but willing to assist in areas that might need help.

Whatever is needed.

I would if I could.

Do we need a PIO?

I don’t feel worthy to be an officer.

Not at this. Need to learn more about the club & how it works.

Willing to help however, shift work and county meetings hinder attendance for time being.

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## 12. Suggestions and Comments.

I think the club needs to focus more attention on the club. ARES seems to get most of the attention while this needs to continue as a major focus more focus is needed on the club UAARC part.

More social media presence more public events & participation more involvement in schools scouts, etc to increase community knowledge & involvement.

Glad we have a club here!

Designate a club house – operating locations? Ability to open a station for club operations in a matter of 24 hours or so?

More involvement with public services such as bike races, marathons, parades, CERT search & rescue, and so on.

We need more exposure in the Gilmer Mirror. Also help our with parades (yambooree, etc) where we could assist w/comms also expand to evens in Ore City, Big Sandy, Gladewater & other areas. *(from someone who has not participate in club or ARES activity -ed)*

Do we need a 70 cm repeater? Thought I head someone had one? Link them together. *(yea, 2M is so overused – ed)*

Do not loose the friendly welcoming environment.

Enjoy the meeting & meeting everyone & getting to know them. Also able to pick the brains of some on areas I am interested in.

Yamboree! I think we should “be there”.

Eventually I would like us to offer a “one-stop-shop” for new Hams. Training, testing and initial equipment setup – we are a long way away from that but we should be moving toward that. We need to offer something as a club other than just a social event once per month.

Would love to see more casual chat on repeater more! Feel like the more we know about each other the better! Great group!! Keep it up!

