



**Meeting opened at 1309.** By Treasurer Ed Warwas W5OE.

**Roll call** sign-in-sheet was passed out.

**Finance Report:** General account is \$595.08

**Rio Link report:** We still have the the threat of losing the Olmito repeater due to tower being demolished. It will cost around \$3000 to transfer over to new tower.

Toby Driscoll N5SIM has one of our repeaters for repair. John Bearden KC5WBG is handling that.

**VE Report:** Dave Waldrigge WA5MMY advises he has two testers for Tuesday the 11th. We've had testing consecutively on a monthly basis this year.

**District 3 ARES:** John Cain N5MGC advised that we have good numbers checking in during the Thursday evening net. We average about 15 check-ins.

The STARS group out of Cameron County has there net daily and during one of the there nets they can link in to our Riolink which is a good thing to have for major emergencies. John Bearden KC5WBG can do it from his home in Weslaco which is the midpoint and can reach most of the valley.

John Reed KG5EZZ advised that the club is invited to the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Communications Exercise in Frisco if anyone would like to participate we have the contact in formation in the web site. This event will not be reimbursed like the state commexs.

RACES net is the 1st Wednesday of the month on the STARS repeater system. Please check in if you can.

Dave Waldrigge WA5MMY advise he can make IDs with our logo and member pictures. Just email him a picture that you would like on your ID.

**Website Report:** Thanks to the effort of John Cain N5MGC we have a new updated website: [rgvarc.org](http://rgvarc.org). It has updated information plus a PayPal link for donations and one for membership dues. We have a list of frequencies in pdf format for downloading plus members names. The

contact email will go to Rene Lopez,Jr. KF5KYL for those needing information. John N5MGC thanked Joe Cobos KG5BPK for creating and maintaining it for the past few years and a lot of information was just transferred over. If items need to be posted please contact John N5MGC to do so. For members please click on the members tab for event information and dues.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ed Warwas W5OE posed a question if we would like member names and call sign poste on the website. It was the general concession that we can post the names with our call signs on the website under members. If you do not wish to have your name posted please contact John Cain N5MGC or Rene Lopez,Jr. KF5KYL so it can be removed.

Christmas gathering is for next Saturday the 15ths at 11am at The Whistling Duck in Mission, 495 and Stewart Rd. Please RSVP with John N5MGC at [jclcdc15@gmail.com](mailto:jclcdc15@gmail.com).

Thanks goes out to Marc Cascieto NA5J for donating some antennas and parts to several hams. He passed out the manuels for those antennas. It was noted that all donated equipment goes to good use by other hams.

Ed W5OE reported that Dick Rodgers WB5TUG is still in hospital for an infection as in good spirits.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ed W5OE advised that he has been given administrative rights to the D-STAR system by Lee Hilton N5ZZA. If you are interested in using D-STAR and need to register contact him at [edwarwas@att.net](mailto:edwarwas@att.net).

Eddie Olivarez K5UEZ invited all to his ranch near San Isidro on the 27th. Anyone interested in setting up a field station can do so or just have fun with target practice. Contact him at [eddie511@rgv.rr.com](mailto:eddie511@rgv.rr.com) for details. Usually we meet at the Stripes at 7 mile line and Conway to Caravan out there.

Bill Fogel KE5KWE donated a CW key and a G5RV antenna to be raffled off as a fundraiser. Anyone interested in donating items to raffle at the Christmas gathering please contact Rene Lopez,Jr. at [rlopezjrv1@gmail.com](mailto:rlopezjrv1@gmail.com). We hope to raise some money to pay for the Olmito repeater transfer.

Rene KF5KYL passed out patches with the RGV ARC logo to all members. Every dues paying member gets one if you wish to purchase more they are \$5 each contact him for details.

Meeting adjourned at 1348.

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President  
Eddie Olivarez, K5UEZ

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Secretary  
Rene Lopez,Jr. KF5KYL