

Hello NTMS

We had zoom issues for the December meeting, so we could not do screen sharing. We apologize for the issues. We were however able to continue our meeting at the Haggard library and we listened to 2 great presentations by Paul KI5IMN on his Arduino based controller for the DigiLO and also one by Jim KM5PO on the progress towards manufacturing and building the IF board for the Wavelab 24 GHz transverter. Due to the zoom issues, we were unable to have Kevin AD7OI do his presentation on his high power 10 GHz setup. All 3 presentations will be repeated in the near future with time & date TBD. There was also some discussion that the Cowtown Hamfest in Ft. Worth will again be an event in January. We generally have a get-together there so put Jan 21st on your calendar. It is nice to see the hamfests gain some momentum again after COVID.

I wish to thank all the officers for their support during the last year. I guess our biggest hurdle has been finding a meeting place that we can sign up for months in advance. We were quite spoiled by the old regime at the church where we could sign up for meetings every month early in the year. The various town libraries don't operate that way so it is very difficult to plan out more than a couple of months.

Jim KM5PO found a nice library in Coppell that we may try meeting at next year that is free to 501c3 organized societies like we are.

I also wish to thank Dave McCoy N5RJX for his support over the last 4 plus years on both the NTMS and Microwave Wave Update web sites. Dave has put in a phenomenal amount of effort especially on the MUD 2019 web site. Dave has also been responsible for coordinating the very successful zoom meetings that we have had since the early COVID days. Dave has decided to step down in these roles and take some needed time off. Bob Stricklin N5BRG has graciously accepted both these responsibilities as we move forward to 2023. Thank you, Dave and Bob.

On the subject of next year, at the December meeting we voted in a new President and Vice President. Please welcome Jim KM5PO as the 2023 NTMS President and Scott AA5AM as the 2023 NTMS Vice President. Wes WA5TKU and Eric AG5XV offered to continue as Treasurer and Secretary and they were also unanimously voted in. Thank you all.

Next year, I plan to continue working with Greg AA5C, Wes WA5TKU and John K5ZMJ on the NTMS beacons. First order of business is to get the 3400 MHz beacon running and then develop a new 24 GHz beacon at the TWU site. Our goal is to also get the HP Z3801 GPS receiver working again.

Have a Happy Holiday and see you all next year.

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Al W5LUA 2022 NTMS President

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