

# Austin Amateur Radio Club

March 2025



Affiliated with the AARL since December 1916

# 2025 AARC Officers

- **Chris Kacerguis, KJ5DJC**

President / Chairman

- **Lew Thompson, W5IFQ**

Vice President

- **Pat Obert, N3BYX**

Secretary

- **Mark Jenkins, W5MPJ**

Treasurer



# New Members

- Eric Ebner, AG5YL
- **Any visitors or guests?**



# Existing Members

- **Any Upgrades?**
- **Callsign changes?**



# 2025 Hams of the Month

- January: **Jeff Schmitt, N5MNW**
- February: **Mark Jenkins, W5MPJ**
- March: ...
- April: **TBD**
- May: **TBD**
- June: **TBD**
- July: **TBD**
- August: **TBD**
- September: **TBD**
- October: **TBD**
- November: **TBD**
- December: **TBD**



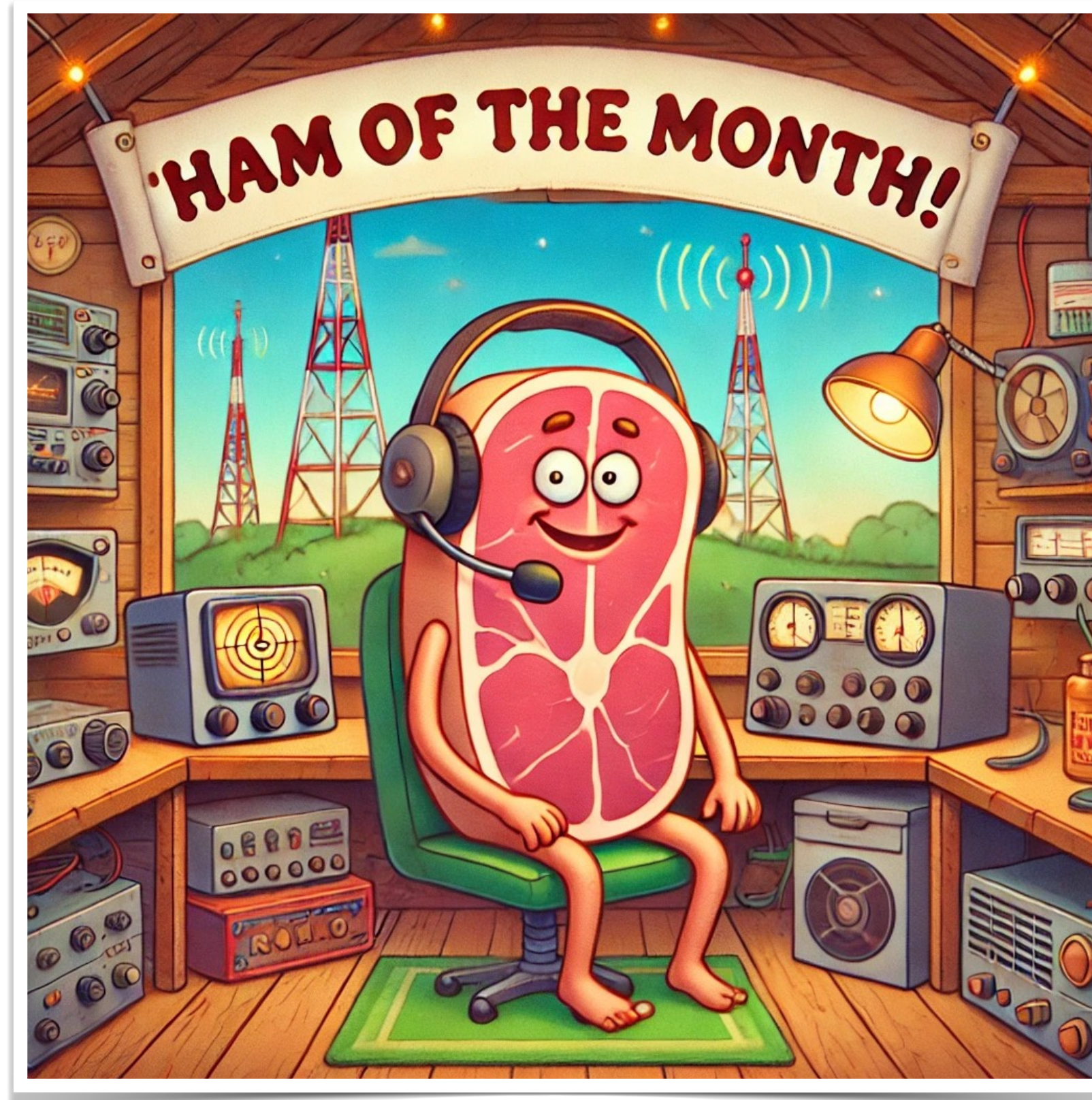
# Ham of the Month

March 2025

## Lew Thompson

W5IFQ

Send nominations to  
**[president@austinhams.org](mailto:president@austinhams.org)**



# Old Business

- **Treasurers Report**

*Mark Jenkins, W5MPJ*

- **Travis County ARES**

*Glenn Meter, W5MTR*

- **Technical Committee**

*Roy Walker, WA5YZD*



# New Business

Misc Updates

- **Austin Amateur Radio Club Discord!**

<https://discord.gg/MKMtEghS>

- **AARC Branded Merchandise @ Ham Threads**

<https://www.hamthreads.com>



# New Business

## Bylaw Updates

- Updates to modern languages / sets up group for the future
- **Key Changes**
  - Removing board position “Activity Manager” / “Activity Committee”
  - Officers / Committees Leaders **must** pass background check
  - Establishes new Committees (Emergency, Technical, and Scholarship)
  - Updates membership areas / dues (from the 1979 rate)
- To be sent out via [groups.io](https://groups.io) / discuss & vote next meeting



# Upcoming Events

- **Waterloo Breakfast (Every Saturday)**

Waterloo Icehouse @ 8600 Burnet Rd Austin, TX 78757

- **Greater Houston Hamfest (March 7 - March 8)**

Rosenberg, TX more info @ <https://houstonhamfest.org>

- **MS-150 (April 26)**

Glenn Meter, W5MTR

- **Field Day 2025 (June 28 - Jun 29)**

Location Announced Soon

- ***See SwapNet Newsletter for more...***



# Member Presentations

- **Directional Antennas & HF Long Range Propagation (Part 1)**

Lew Thompson, W5IFQ

- **Solar Weather Update**

Lew Thompson, W5IFQ



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