

## 2022 Christmas Gathering

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Each year the Magnolia Amateur Radio Club gathers for a Christmas season dinner. This year we got together on December 8 at La Terraza Mexican Restaurant, and we had a ball. About 25 folks filled up multiple tables.

First item on the agenda was dinner, and as usual, the food was really good. We were honored to have as our guest Kristen Campanella, Oktibbeha County Director of Emergency Management and E911. That's probably not her exact title, but it's what she does, and she does it well.

After dinner, each person attending got to take home a "Junk Box Starter Kit". These were 4" x 4" x 8" boxes full of plugs, sockets, code keys, fuses, LEDs, and other stuff every ham needs to have on hand. Each person also received a color wall chart of the ham bands, as well as a large grid chart.

This was followed by Dirty Santa, which saw a lot of really cool gifts exchanged. Tanya (K5BAK XYL) couldn't attend, but she sent beautiful 2022 club Christmas ornaments to the meeting, enough for each family to take one home. Our club is blessed to have a craftsman with Tanya's skills as part of our group.

Angela, KI5SAG, made packages of Christmas cookies and cards for each ham and distributed those. She also arranged a special gift for Doug, K5BAK, to show her appreciation for the hard work he puts into keeping our club active and well-organized.

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**Caleb, K5RFL (above), kept the group under control to the best of his abilities. Doug, K5BAK (below), was surprised with his special gift.**

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