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From the Prez....

I hope the New Year finds everyone healthy and happy and that the holidays were good to all of you including lots of wonderful amateur radio equipment under the tree.

First I would like to pass along my congratulations to the Dunnings. Their new harmonic is here. Karen and the baby are fine and at home.

Kid's Day was held down at the ECC on Jan 2nd, and we had a bunch of kids show up for the event and work HF. All told, the kids made over a hundred contacts and went through dozens of chocolate-chip cookies while making the exchanges. They had a great time and it was fun to watch them chasing the contacts. We even had a "pile up" at one point. See more details and a photo on page 3.

The 1999 training schedule has been released and is up on the web page at <http://www.qsl.net/garc/training.html>

Our first class for this year on NTS message handling was run by Theda Harrison KC5QZZ and was very well received and attended. Thanks for all the work, Theda. She's planning another session at HamCom, so if you missed this one, you can catch the next one in June.

The training schedule this year will be as aggressive as last year so there is no reason not to upgrade this year.

For the R.A.C.E.S. members, remember that there is a Garland SKYWARN school coming up on Feb 27. This will be held at the Garland Performing Arts Center next to the city hall in downtown Garland. You do **not** have to be a R.A.C.E.S. member to attend, and it is open to anyone who is interested in the weather. We usually have lots of teachers and school

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What's new with the ARRL

Jan 25, 1999

Jim Haney

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administrators there who simply want an understanding of what to do when the sirens sound. Ask your spouse or family members if they want to come.

The National Weather Service will be presenting the class. Besides the formal training, the NWS usually presents interesting video footage from the weather spotters who taped things from the preceding years. Last years video was quite exciting and makes the trip worth the effort. Who needs Hollywood to show us how to chase a storm!

Volunteers needed: We have the GARC information net control position covered for

January and February. I will be asking for additional volunteers to cover the later months at the next meeting.

Finally, Cliff at Avvid had a heart attack. He is back to work now, working half days, but any equipment in for repair will be delayed a bit.. For those of you who know him , you might send him a get well card.

73's
Gerry, WD4BIS



GARC General Information

Repeaters:

The GARC operates two open repeaters for its members and for all local or visiting Amateur Radio Operators: Two meters: **146.66 (-)** and 70 Cmeters: **442.70 (+)**

Voice Mail:

For late-breaking news or to leave the club a message, call our 24-hour voice-mail line at **(972) 272-4499**.

Information Net:

GARC Information Net: held every Monday at 7:30PM on 146.66 (except for meeting nights and holidays). The net features current events, "swap shop", and a technical information exchange. All area hams are encouraged to check in. All members are encouraged to volunteer to be net control for this net. Contact the GARC communications officer, Mark Durbin (*ld.durbin@mcione.com*), if you are interested.

Internet :

Information on the GARC can also be found on the world wide web address below:

<http://www.qsl.net/garc/>

The web site includes a map to the monthly meetings, classes, and links to local public services events and other items of interest to the hams in the Garland area.

Newsletter:

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the motive is the Advancement of Amateur Radio and Not For Profit.

The deadline for Arclite materials is the 2nd Monday of each month. If you have any informative or educational articles that you would like to see included in this newsletter, or if you have items to be included in the GARC calendar, please send it to the Arclite editor.

Arclite Editor
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Garland, TX 75040

or emailed to the Arclite Editor at

janet11@ibm.net

Membership:

Membership forms are available at the GARC monthly meetings and on the GARC web site. Once the membership form and dues are submitted, new members are voted in at the next GARC monthly meeting.

The GARC membership roster is distributed to GARC members only and is included most months with the Arclite. It is not to be used for any commercial purposes.

To submit changes to the GARC roster (such as change of address, updated phone numbers, license upgrade, etc), send them to the GARC secretary, Kaye Duncan (KC5JWB) at *kduncan@airmail.net*.



Who says Hams are all Old Men? Kid's Day was a Lot of Fun! By Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH

Did you know that the age of the average ham is over 50? Have you heard that Amateur Radio is viewed by many people these days as an "old man's hobby"? You can read more about this trend in the Kid's Day article, page 46, QST, January 1999 issue.

That's why the Boring (Oregon) Amateur Radio Club sponsors the Kid's Day Operating Event: to encourage activity by younger people (licensed or not) using Amateur Radio. The goal is to give young people hands-on experiences on the air, so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. And it gives hams a chance to share their stations and hobby with their children, giving them the chance to talk to other kids as third-party traffic.

On January 2, 1999, the Garland Amateur Radio Club participated in Kid's Day for the first time. It was definitely a kid's event: homemade chocolate chip cookies and colas replaced the more usual fuel of coffee and hard donuts. And the suggested exchange wasn't signal report, it was favorite color.



*Two of the GARC Kid's Day participants: Mary Crenshaw, KD5EQR and Joseph Schroeder, KD5EWQ.
Photograph by L.D. Carpenter, WA5LD.*

Joseph Schroeder, KD5EWQ, said that chocolate-chip cookies are his favorite, so I promised that there will be more for next Kid's day too.

Joseph enjoyed being able to talk to kids all over. He even made one contact in Canada. He said that about half of his contacts were with adults and it was interesting to find out that it was easier to understand adult voices on the radio. But once the contact was made, the adult would generally pass the microphone off to a child. What a wonderful family activity!

One of the highlights for Mary Crenshaw, KD5EQR, was when she worked Lisa, daughter of K6XX, station that was featured in the QST article, and she could see Lisa's picture as they were talking. She also enjoyed being able to work the station in the ECC, and thought the other club hams were very helpful in teaching her to use the equipment.

The next Kid's Day event will be on June 19, 1999, 1800-2400 UTC. And yes, the GARC will again be participating. If you have children (or grandchildren) who would be

interested in participating at the ECC, remember to put this date on your calendar.



Our Thanks

Theda Harrison, KC5QZZ and Sid Harrison, KC5PNM would like to thank those on the 66 repeater on the night of Dec. 10. While on the way to the ER we had a flat and was unable to reach our son. All I knew to do was get on the 66 repeater. Several operators stood by while I called for help. Special thanks to Gerry, WB4BIS and Jim Lawler, AA5QX, who came and changed the tire, and to those who monitored to see if we needed any more assistance.

Gerry was on his way to a band concert of Mary's. Thanks Mary, KD5EQR, for sending him to help me. Thanks to a great bunch of friends.

Theda, KC5QZZ

1998 VE Information

By Bill Reynolds, K8DNE

Applicants	Earned New License	Earned Upgrade	Earned Partial Upgrade	ExamFail	Total
Jan 98	2	0	3	2	7
Feb 98	8	2	3	15	18
Mar 98	0	1	0	3	4
Apr 98	2	1	1	5	9
May 98	0	3	4	2	9
June 98	4	2	1	2	9
July 98	5	3	4	13	25
Aug 98	0	2	3	3	8
Sept 98	1	1	1	0	3
Oct 98	0	1	2	1	4
Nov 98	No exams given due to Thanksgiving holiday				
Dec 98	3	2	0	2	7
Totals:	25	18	22	48	113

VE Team

As The Garland Area ARRL V.E. team is responsible for upgrading 18 amateurs and creating 25 new amateur radio operators during the year of 1998. The team has provided services to 113 applicants.

Examination Team:

WAYNE BAIRD	AA5NE
TERRY BARLOW	AC5AX
ROBERT M. BOND	W5LXN
MARK COLLINS	KB5RXL
MIKE COLLINS	KJ5VL
GERRY CRENSHAW	WD4BIS
JANET CRENSHAW	WB9ZPH
JOHN KLIEWER	AC5NB
MAX MONDRAGON	KC5INV
JIM PALTJON	KD5WE

Anyone wishing to become a team member, please contact K8DNE and I will do all the paperwork necessary. The basic requirements are that the V.E. applicant be at least 18 years of age and hold at least a General class amateur radio license.

W.H.(Bill) Reynolds, K8DNE
 Garland Area ARRL Liaison V.E.
 972 475-9407 *k8dne@airmail.net*

VE Testing

VE test sessions are on the 4th Thursday of each month unless announced otherwise. The next session is on Thursday, January 28, 1999. This session will be at 7:30pm at the Austin Street Church of Christ in Garland, on the SW corner of Austin and Glenbrook. The doors close at 7:30pm, so please be early.

If you have any special requirements or wish additional information, contact me at the following:

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Things to Do

Garland Area Public Service Events

from John Galvin, N5TIM (<http://www.qsl.net/n5tim/>)

Ongoing Events

Garland Siren Test - Monthly - The Garland early warning sirens are tested by the city the first Wednesday of each month at noon, weather permitting. Tests are generally conducted on the GARC repeater at 146.660Mhz with 600Khz negative offset. Amateur radio operators wishing to help with these siren tests should contact Bob Jones, W5BJ (bj1@airmail.net) if interested in helping out.

Sachse Siren Test - Saturdays - The early warning sirens located in Sachse are normally tested by the city each Saturday at noon, weather permitting. Participants are requested to be on site in Sachse by 11:45am and on frequency which is normally the GARC repeater at 146.660Mhz with 600Khz negative offset.

RACES participation credit is given towards fulfilling the yearly public service requirements. Amateur radio operators wishing to help with these siren tests should contact Doug Yates, AA5BP at 972-530-1850 (home phone with voice mail).

Final Friday Fox Hunts - Every final Friday of the month in Garland. Coordination frequency is 146.66-. Start time is approximately 7:45 pm with each hunt lasting about one hour. Usually there are three to five hunts each time utilizing different "foxes." All are welcome to participate.

Hunters can start from anywhere, but may meet at the parking lot of Albertson's on Lavon Drive between Buckingham and Highway 190. {Mapsco 19A/F}. Contact Jim Lawyer, AA5QX (aa5qx@airmail.net) for more information.

Upcoming Events

NTS Message training class - January 16 - The DFW Metroplex (Dallas, Denton, Tarrant and Collin counties) National Traffic System Nets will hold a NTS Message training class at 1:00 PM at the GARC ECC at the Central Fire Station on Austin St. Garland, Texas. A second class will be HamCom in June if there is enough interest. Please bring paper and pen. Talk in will be on the 146.66 repeater. Notify Theda Harrison, KC5QZZ, (kc5qzz1@juno.com) if interested in attending..

Dino Dash - January 30, 1999 - Walk/Run to benefit the Science Museum at Fair Park. This is a Saturday event lasting from 7:30am to 11:30am. Contact Jim Galloway, N5MDI, jamesg@airmail.net to sign on for this event.

MS Walk - April 10, 1999 - MS Walk in Denton, Texas. Contact Jim Dye, N5JZ, Denton County ARC, n5jz@aol.com if interested in helping out with this event.

MS Walk - April 18, 1999 - Annual walk in the mid-cities, Dallas, Texas. Additional walk in Plano, Texas this year. Please contact John Galvin, N5TIM to sign up for this event.

March of Dimes Walk - April 24, 1999 - Annual walk at White Rock Lake to benefit the March of Dimes. Will need about 25 amateur radio operators to help this year. Please contact John Galvin, N5TIM to sign up for this event.

MS Walk - April 10, 1999 - MS Walk in Denton, Texas. New request for Denton amateurs to support this event.

MS Walk - April 18, 1999 - Annual walk in the mid-cities, Dallas, Texas. Additional walk in Plano, Texas this year. Please contact John Galvin, N5TIM for additional information.

Past Events

29th running of the White Rock Marathon - December 13, 1998 - Annual 27 mile run from downtown Dallas, around White Rock Lake and back. Dallas, Texas. Note date change. We would like to have an APRS team and possibly one or two bicycle mobiles this year. Please contact John Galvin, N5TIM (jgalvin2@airmail.net) or Bob Jones, W5BJ (bj1@airmail.net) to sign up for this event.

Christmas Tree Lighting - December 7, 1998 - The annual downtown Garland, Texas Christmas Tree lighting and Santa arrival. The following radio amateurs provided communications for this event; KC5MXN, KC5GLM, KC5YZK, KC5JWB, WB9ZPH, KC5GZK, KD5EWQ, KD5EWT, KC5GGZ, WD4BIS, AC5AX, KC5WYE, KC5EOR, AC5NA, KB5IAA and N1QXV. Please contact Clay, KC5MXN, your event coordinator, with any follow-up comments.



Area Skywarn Schools

These schools are presented by the National Weather Service and are open to all.

January 5, 1999. Dallas County - Coppell
City Council Chambers, Coppell - 7pm . Talk-in on 444.225+. (1A-P)

January 7, 1999. Collin County - Plano City Council Chambers, Plano - 7pm. Talk-in 147.18+ [659] Map to Plano City Hall on web site.

January 19, 1999. Johnson County - Keene College, Keene - 7pm

January 22, 1999. Denton County - City Council Chambers, City Hall at 215 East McKinney St., Denton - 7pm

January 30, 1999. Tarrant County - Fort Worth City Council Chambers, Fort Worth - 8am Talk-in on 146.94-.

February 25, 1999. Hunt County - Warren Civic Center, Greenville - 7pm

February 27, 1999. Dallas County - Garland Performing Arts Center, Garland - 9am. Talk-in on 146.66- & 146.88-. (19Z). Map to Performing Arts Center is on web site above.



Challenge! AA5QX, watch out!

In response to a request from the president of the GARC, N5MQA is pleased to announce the donation of two Radio Shack 21-549B external speakers to be used as the club sees fit.

The equipment in the club house is responsible for a lot of entertainment as well as useful and needed communications. N5MQA is happy to be able to enhance the club's equipment list.

For planning purposes, I also purchased a Radio Shack "Fannie Pack" for electronic equipment. My plans are to engage AA5QX and his wife in a "game of guessing what it is or you have to take it home". I missed the fun at the auction but I think Jim would still be very entertaining and if his wife is there to "coach" him..... we all need a good laugh. Of course if Jim does guess what it is, then he has to decide what to do with it.....

Harold E. Yoder,
N5MQA

Information Net Control Operators

The following have volunteered to be control operators for the Monday night information nets:

January: John Dake, KD5CTS

February: Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH

March: we will be looking for more volunteers at the next meeting.

For Sale

55' crank-up/crank-down US Tower, TX-455.
18 SF windload rating @ 50 MPH

Excellent condition, all galvanized steel construction. Includes:

- * Base plate;
- * Hand winch;
- * 2 CX-4 coax arms;
- * IV-16 Inverted vee arm;
- * Rotor plate;
- * TB2US 2" ID thrust bearing.

Total value \$1,812.00 at Texas Tower. Asking only \$645 complete. Tower is in my back yard, in Plano, TX area lying down on blocks, ready to go.

Marty Sokolowski, WA2IRK
972-985-0439

January 1999 Calendar for Garland-area Hams

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Noon: Sachse Siren Test
3 8pm: Dallas RACES training net	4 7:30pm GARC Information Net	5	6 Noon: Garland Siren Test	7 9pm: Garland RACES training net	8	9 Noon: Sachse Siren Test
10	11 7:30pm GARC Information Net	12	13	14 9pm: Garland RACES training net	15	16 Noon: Sachse Siren Test
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24	25 7:30pm GARC Monthly Meeting	26 Tech Theory class	27	28 7:30pm Garland VE Testing Session 9pm: Garland RACES training net	29 7:45pm: Final Friday Foxhunt	30 7:30am: Dino Dash ?am – Skywarn School: Tarrant County Noon: Sachse Siren
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Current Event Details

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25 Jan: GARC Monthly Meeting – Doors open at 7pm at the Women’s Activity Building in Garland. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. Visitors and family members are especially welcome.

28 Jan: VE Testing – Doors open at 7pm at the Austing Street Church of Christ. The doors are locked at 7:30pm to permit undisturbed testing sessions, so please come early. See the info on page 4 for more information.

Tech Theory Class: See page 9 for further information

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30 Jan: Skywarn School — Tarrant County - Fort Worth City Council Chambers, Fort Worth - 8am. Talk-in on 146.94-.

30 Jan: Dino Dash — Walk/Run. Further information on Public Service Events page, page 3.

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27 Feb: Skywarn School — Garland Performing Arts Center. Talk-in on 146.66(-) and 146.88(-).

Tech Theory Class: See page 9 for further information

Training

1999 GARC Training Schedule

The Garland Amateur Radio Club's training program has the following classes underway or scheduled. Call Karen, W4YHN, or Randy, KC5QHH, Dunning at 495-9654 to verify times, locations, or to sign up for a class.

Theory Classes

Technician Theory

January: Tuesdays, Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, and 23. 7:00 to 8:30pm at the ECC. Garland VE testing on February 25.

June: Tuesdays, June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20. 7:00 to 8:30pm at the ECC. Garland VE testing

Kid's Classes

Novice in June: June 14 through 18, 10:00am to 2:00pm. Bring sack lunch. Location: Dunnings (call for directions). Garland VE testing on June 24.

Technician in July: July 12 through 16, 10:00am to 2:00pm. Bring sack lunch.

General Theory

May: Tuesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25., 7:00 to 8:30pm at the ECC. Garland VE testing on

Advanced Theory

September: Thursdays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21 at 7:00 to 8:30pm at the ECC. Garland VE testing on October 28.

Morse Code Classes

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March: Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 7:30 to 8:30pm at the ECC. Garland VE testing on April 22.

September: Tuesdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:30 to 8:30pm at the ECC. Garland VE testing on October 28.

Specialty Classes

These are practical, often hands-on, fun classes. As with all classes on this page, as times, dates, and locations are available, this page will be updated.

Getting Started in Packet Radio - CQ Video

Getting Started in Amateur Satellites - CQ Video

Getting Started in DXing - CQ Video

Fox Hunt Tips and Techniques - TBD

Many of us have professional certifications which require continuing education. For those of you with technical professions such as electronics, communications, quality, or education, you may be able to count the GARC training classes towards your re-certifications. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) may be awarded for any of our classes. One hour of training equals one CEU.

To get credit for a class, make sure the instructor writes down your name on the attendance list each day for a class. Then submit a written request to the Education Officer (Karen Dunning, W4YHN) in person or at: P.O. Box 551581, Dallas, Texas 75355.

Selected ARRL Contests and Special Events

(from <http://www.arrl.org/>)

January 1999:

Coloma, CA: El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club, AG6AU, **1600Z Jan 23 to 2100Z Jan 24**, Celebrating the 151st anniversary of the discovery of gold in California. 14.060 and lower 25 kHz of 40, 20 and 15-meter General phone bands and the 10-meter Novice/Technician Plus phone band. QSL. El Dorado County ARC, PO Box 451, Placerville, CA 95667.

St. Louis, MO: St. Louis Area Amateur Radio Clubs, WØK, **0000Z Jan 26 to 2359Z Jan 27**, Commemorating the visit of Pope John Paul II, 80-10 meters. QSL. Mike Dieckmann, KAØIAR, 703 Third St, Hillsboro, MO 63050.

San Diego, CA: Challenger Middle School ARC, KI6YG, **1600 to 2400Z Jan 28**, Commemorating the space shuttle Challenger tragedy. 14.225 21.355 28.355 146.52. QSL. Frank Forrester, KI6YG, 10810 Parkdale Ave, San Diego, CA 92126.

Jean, NV: BioRem Area 3 ARC, AL7LS, **1400Z Jan 31 to 0200Z Feb 1**, Commemorating the completion of the Salt-Lake-City-to-Los-Angeles Railroad in 1905. 3.990 7.090 7.290 14.103. Certificate. Bruce Rossi, 2127 Sierra Stone Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

Punxsutawney, PA: Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club, K3HWJ, **1300 to 2000Z Jan 30**, Annual Groundhog Day Special Event Station. 7.045 14.045 14.290. Certificate. Punxsutawney Area ARC, PO Box 20, Big Run, PA 15715.

February 1999:

Houghton, MI: Husky Amateur Radio Club, W8C, **1200Z Feb 3 to 1200Z Feb 5**, 77th Winter Carnival at Michigan Tech University. 3.984 7.246 14.256 21.336. Certificate. Husky ARC-W8YY, Electrical Eng. Dept, MTU, Houghton, MI 49931.

Saranac Lake, NY: Black Fly Amateur Radio Club, KB2WWK, **2300Z Feb 5 to 1800Z Feb 14**, operating from the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. 3.932 7.243, 14.272 28.425. Certificate. Albert Newman, Lake Simond Rd, Tupper Lake, NY 12986.

Jericho, VT: Jericho Historical Society, W1B, **1400Z Feb 6 to 2300Z Feb 7**, celebrating the 134th Birthday of Wilson A "Snowflake" Bentley. 3.870 14.250 21.250 28.415. Certificate, John R. Fowler, 385 VT Route 15, Jericho, VT 05465-2044.

Hodgenville, KY: N4CBR and Friends, K4L, **1300Z Feb 12 to 2100Z Feb 13**. Operating from the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, 7.230 14.260 21.360 28.460. Certificate. Harry Dence, N4CBR, 2929 Cedarcrest Dr, Lexington, KY 40517.

Romance, AR: Metropolitan Amateur Radio Club, N5RLJ, **1500 to 2100Z Feb 13**, 9th annual St. Valentine's Day at Romance, Arkansas, 7.265 14.265 21.350 28.465. Certificate. David Flake, 2043 Dean Martin Dr, Cabot, AR 72023.

Decatur, IL: CENOIS Amateur Radio Club, K9HGX, **1400 to 2200Z Feb 13**, commemorating Abe Lincoln's birthday, 7.245 28.485. Certificate. CENOIS ARC, PO Box 4595, Decatur, IL 62525.

Rapid City, SD: Dakota QCWA Chapter 102, WØDAK, **0000Z Feb 13 to 0000Z Feb 14**, commemorating the 22nd anniversary of the QCWA Chapter, 80-10 meters CW and SSB. QSL. Chapter 102 QCWA, 118 E Van Buren, Rapid City, SD 57701-1056.

Mount Vernon, VA: Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, K4US, **1600Z Feb 13 to 2100Z Feb 14**, commemorating George Washington's birthday, 7.240 10.110 18.080 14.240. Certificate. Mount Vernon ARC, PO Box 7324, Alexandria, VA 22307.

New Orleans, LA: Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, W5GAD, **1800Z Feb 13 to 2400Z Feb 16**, JARC celebrates Mardi Gras 1999, 7.260 14.260 21.360 28.360. Certificate. Jefferson ARC, PO Box 73665, Metairie, LA 70033.



Silent Key: Michael J. Blackwell

Michael J. Blackwell, age 46, of Pflugerville, passed away suddenly on Friday, November 13, 1998.

Michael is survived by his wife, Develle of Pflugerville; his parents, A.C. and Rachel Blackwell of Sherman; sister Suzan Bellew and her husband Jeff, and their two children Emily and Joanna of Texarcana.

Michael had many interests and hobbies. He enjoyed photography and music. He was a Texas Certified EMT and served as a volunteer with the Pflugerville Fire Department.

He was a historical researcher involved with the JFK assassination groups throughout both America and England. He interpreted for his deaf friend, Eddie Hoffman, who was a witness of the assassination. Mike was quoted in several books written about the JFK assassination, and had many of his photographs published as well. Some of his other interests included the history of the Alamo and the Titanic.

He was a Ham Radio Operator and his call sign, WD5BQH, became a "Silent Key" upon his death. He spent many hours scanning photographs and copying music for his friends at Motorola. He received ten Silver Quill Awards. He was also awarded a Scientific and Technical Society Award and recognition of superior technical accomplishment and outstanding contribution to total technology in 1995.

He was a very giving, loving, and passionate person that would do anything to help his friends. He loved and supported his church family and was very active in taking photos for the Sunday School department. He was a true Christian and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

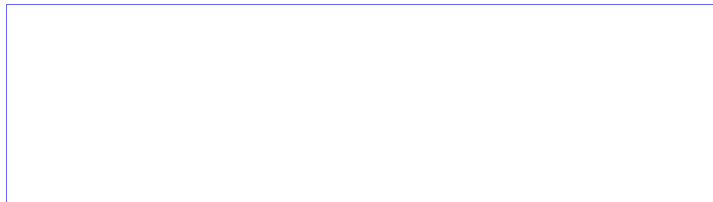


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