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From the Prez....

First, I would like to ask that anyone in the club who knows the Schroeders to remember them in their thoughts and prayers. Sharon's (KC5ZGK) dad had a heart attack last month and most of the family is in Pennsylvania staying with him right now. I can only say that my thoughts and hopes are with them and hope that her dad makes a speedy recovery.

We have several events coming up in the next couple of months that you might want to think about. The Dallas White Rock Marathon is coming up December 5th. This is a huge event and will require the services of several of the clubs in the area. The Dallas Marathon is a world class event and is a qualifier for other events such as the "Iron Man" competition in Hawaii. Last year the Dallas Amateur Radio Club took care of the south end of the route and Garland RACES and the GARC took care of the north end of the route. Lots of help is needed on this event, so if you think you can help, please contact Bob Jones (W5BJ) or John Galvin (N5TIM) to sign up.

The City of Garland has once again asked that we help them with the Christmas on the Square on December 9th. We will be lighting the Christmas Trees in the downtown square. Clay Orchard (KC5MXN) is coordinating this one and will be asking for help soon.

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Monthly GARC Meeting Announcement

Nov 22, 1999

Y2K and the City of Garland

By Bob Jones, W5BJ

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From the Prez (Continued)

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Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas party. Last year the entertainment was provide by club members and we enjoyed Christmas music on accordion, piano, and harmonica. Also several of members showed off their fine voices. If you would like to participate or perhaps find an accompanist, please contact Janet (WB9ZPH) and let her know that you would like to participate.

I once again want to thank our training officer Randy Dunning for all his effort this year. He has been a tireless force for the GARC this year. He has been setting up classes and running most of them and has done such an outstanding job that we have submitted his nomination for the ARRL Instructor of the year. I wish you good luck.

73's

Gerry, WD4BIS



Monday Night Info Net

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

Reminder: a sample "script" for new control operators is available on <http://www.qsl.net/garc/>

Thank you to all the volunteers.

November	James Schroeder, KC5EOR
December	Theda Harrison, KC5QHH
2000: January	Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH
February	No volunteer yet
March	No volunteer yet
April	No volunteer yet
May	No volunteer yet
June	No volunteer yet
July	No volunteer yet
August	No volunteer yet
September	No volunteer yet
October	No volunteer yet
November	No volunteer yet
December	No volunteer yet

Meeting Notice

Since the dates of last two meetings of the year are often moved due to holidays, we are confirming the dates here.

The dates of the November and December meetings are on the usual 4th Monday of each month as follows:

Nov 22: November GARC meeting

Dec 27: December GARC meeting (holiday party)



If you're willing to volunteer, but are just not sure if you have the time, remember that many of us have unexpected problems come up during our months. It's usually not too difficult to call a few people in the roster to arrange for a substitute.

If you'd like to volunteer to be a substitute, contact the comm operator and let him know. Your efforts will be appreciated.



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 (bobj1@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).

Upcoming Events

Turkey Roll - November 20, 1999 - Denton, Texas. This bike ride starts at the NT Fair Grounds, at the corner of Carroll Blvd. & University Dr., Denton, Texas. The Bike ride goes from Denton, then on to Pilot Point, Sanger, Slidel, Krum and back to Denton. Start time is at 8:00AM and end at noon that sat. This is a great fun ride, Lots of Good Treats and a neat-Turkey-T-Shirt. We will be using APRS for tracking the event and on the Denton Repeater 146.920 PL110.9.for com. To sign on, please e-mail to : Jim Dye, N5JZ at n5jz@aol.com

Christmas on the square - December 9, 1999 - The City of Garland's annual Christmas celebration on the Square in old downtown. As in the past amateurs are needed to help with the Christmas Tree Lighting. There is also the test exercise a few day prior. If interested in helping this year please contact Clay Orchard, KC5MXN, mcorch@juno.com or use the Easy Sign-up Form to sign up online for this event at <http://www.qsl.net/n5tim/sign-tim.htm>

White Rock Marathon - December 5, 1999 - Dallas' premier running event. This annual 27 mile run is one of the qualifying events for the New York Marathon. Usually about 60 amateurs are needed to cover this event. As usual we will have two nets, the north and the south, providing complete coverage for the course. Again we invite the ATV'ers and the APRS'ers to help. Their contribution in the past has been quite helpful and presents the many facets of amateur radio. To volunteer for this event, contact Bob Jones, W5BJ, bobj1@airmail.net, John Galvin, N5TIM, n5tim@arrrl.net or use the Easy Sign-up Form online at <http://www.qsl.net/n5tim/sign-tim.htm>



Reports on Past Events

Challenge Bike Ride - October 30, 1999 - The city of Rowlett and the Easter Seals are hosting a 60, 30 and 10 mile bike ride. This event was cancelled the morning of the event due to weather. The City is planning to host the ride again next year with hopes that the weather cooperates. The coordinator was Bob Bailey, N5ITN at rdbailey@flash.net. Many thanks to all the amateurs that were up and ready to operate. List of operators to be added as soon as information received. For more Easter Seals information visit <http://www.easterseals.com>

City of Garland, AutumnFest - October 16, 17, 1999..

Walking The Dog - October 9, 1999 - Charity Dog Walk to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. 9:00 AM at White Rock Lake. (It was held at Breckenridge Park in the past.) Communicators will need to be at Winfrey point at 8:00 and the event will be finished no later than 12 noon. It will cover approximately 2 miles starting at Winfrey point, going up Lawther Drive, and finishing back at Winfrey point. Operators will need 2 meter handhelds.



VE Testing

VE test sessions are on the 4th Thursday of each month unless announced otherwise. The next session is on Thursday, December 23, 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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Garland Area ARRL Liaison V.E.
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Help Needed: Dec 5, 1999

Dallas' premier running event is the White Rock Marathon. But as most of you know who have worked this in the past, this event requires a large number of volunteers in order to provide successful communications.

We need help! To volunteer for this event, contact Bob Jones, W5BJ, bobj1@airmail.net, or John Galvin, N5TIM, n5tim@arrl.net. You can also use the Easy Sign-up Form online at <http://www.qsl.net/n5tim/sign-tim.htm>



New Rockwall Club Started

The Rockwall Amateur Radio Club was officially formed on November 2, 1999.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of odd-numbered months. The next one is Tuesday, January 4, 2000. Join the bunch at the Rockwall Country Cafe at I-30 and Ridge Road. Come and see what ham radio can do in the smallest county in TX!

Give a yell on the KK5PP repeater at 441.525 Mhz (141.3 tone). Contact Richard Neilson at k5rn@flash.net for more info.

For more information, see the following web page:
<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Station/1566/rarc.html>



Holiday Party Entertainment

The annual GARC holiday party will be held on the usual meeting day, the 4th Monday of December, on December 27.

Kaye Duncan (KC5JWB) is coordinating the food and other refreshments. The club will provide sandwich meat and fixings and drinks. If anyone would like to bring deserts or side dishes, they will be appreciated. Let Kaye Duncan (KC5JWB) know what you are planning to bring. You can reach her by email at: kaye.duncan@home.com

Janet Crenshaw (WB9ZPH) is coordinating the entertainment. Last year we had "family-style" entertainment — club members sang, played instruments, and in general had a good time. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact janet at janet11@ibm.net.



ANTENNA AND TOWER FOR SALE

Cushcraft A4S 4 element beam w/ 40M addon. Covers 10-15-20-40M
(Cushcraft web page <http://www.cushcraft.com/amateur/hamcat.pdf>)

HAM-IV Rotator (w/o control box)
6 ft Mast

Rohn HDBX-48 self supporting 48 ft tower (not rusted)
(Rohn web page <http://www.rohnnet.com/CommPro/Towers/BX/BX.htm>)

System is disassembled and located in Parker, Texas. Sold as complete package on "As Is - Where Is" basis
Best offer over \$300. Contact: Doug Kilgore KD5OUG



Training

GARC Training Schedule

We've had a very busy year with our 1999 Training schedule. At this time, only one class is being given, and this on an 'as requested' basis:

ECC Operations: November 6. (Bob Jones, W5BJ). Additional classes to be done as needed. Contact Randy Dunning if you wish to participate in any future Operations class.



Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

This is a reminder for those of you who may need 1999 CEU's. Those of you with technical professions such as electronics, education,

communications, or quality, 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 (Randy Dunning, KC5QHH) in person or at: P.O. Box 551581, Dallas, Texas 75355.

Note: If you need this certification, get your request in prior to December 10th.



Arclite and Roster

Do you want to get your Arclite several days earlier? Do you want to save the club postage and copying fees? Do you want to be able to download a current roster whenever you would like?

The GARC Arclite is now available online in PDF format. This is an easy-to-read and print format that looks exactly like the printed copy.

When the Arclite is composed (even before it goes to the copiers), it is uploaded and club members who have requested electronic delivery of the Arclite get an email notification of where to download the Arclite (and a reminder of the next monthly meeting).

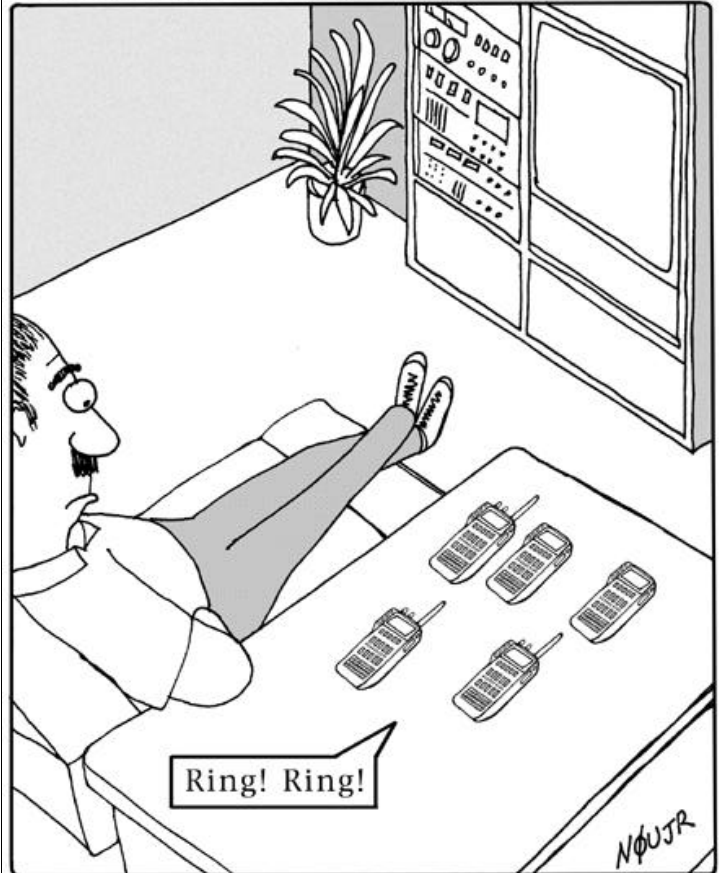
As of November 15, we are also making the current club roster available this way.. These are encrypted, so only those receiving the email will get the location of the file and the code needed to read it.

If you would like to be added to this list, please notify the club secretary. If you are a current club member and would like the access codes to the club roster, contact the Arclite Editor at janet11@ibm.net

Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH
Arclite Editor.



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Harold sometimes wished he hadn't bought a Kenyaecom HT, a Kenyaecom TV remote, a Kenyaecom cell phone, a Kenyaecom stereo remote, and a Kenyaecom cordless phone...

Things to Do

Selected ARRL Contests and Special Events

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

Rest of November, 1999:

ARRL November Sweepstakes, phone, November 20-22, 1999.

ARRL International EME Competition, November 27-28, 1999.

Waimea, HI: Kauai Amateur Radio Club, KH6E, 1900Z Nov 20 to 1600Z Nov 21, to celebrate the arrival of the HMS Bark Endeavour of the island of Kauai. 7.080 7.220 14.250 21.350 28.450. Certificate. Kauai Amateur Radio Club Special Event Station, 6605 Alahele St, Kapaa, HI, 96746.

Goodland, KS: National Weather Service, N0A, 0000 to 2400Z Nov 27, operating from the National Weather Service office. 7.110 14.285 21.340 28.440. Certificate. NWS Special Event, 920 Armory Rd, Goodland, KS 67735.

December, 1999:

Auckland, NZ: Special Awards Group Auckland, ZL1AC, to 2359Z Mar 1 (operation began September 30) to celebrate the America's Cup Yachting Regatta. 3.795 7.090 14.159 21.159. Certificate. SAGA, PO Box 15,122 Auckland, New Zealand 1007.

Annapolis, MD: W3ADO US Naval Academy, N5A, 1900Z Dec 3 to 0100Z Dec 4, for the 100th anniversary of the Army-Navy Game. 7.240 14.250 21.350 28.450. Certificate. Michael Waranis, 422 Halsey Rd, Annapolis, MD, 21401.

ARRL 160-Meter Contest, Dec 3-5, 1999.

Arecibo, PR: Arecibo Observatory Amateur Radio Club, KP4AO, 1600-2200Z Dec 4, operating from the Arecibo Radio Telescope during a maintenance shutdown. 28.385. Certificate. Arecibo Observatory ARC, HC-03 Box 53995, Arecibo, PR 00612.

Flamingo, FL: Everglades Amateur Radio Club, W4SVI, 1400Z Dec 4 to 2200Z Dec 5 for the anniversary of the dedication of Everglades National Park. 7.255, 14.255, 21.325, 28.345. Certificate. Everglades Amateur Radio Club, 31350 SW 192 Ave, Homestead, FL 33030.

Baltimore, MD: Historical Electronics Museum ARC, W2W, 1400Z Dec 4 to 2200Z Dec 5, commemorating Pearl Harbor. 7.115 7.245 14.045 14.245. Certificate. Historical Electronics Museum, W3GR, MS 4015, PO Box 746, Baltimore, MD, 21203.

Mesa, AZ: East Valley Amateur Radio Group, WA7USA, 1500-2400Z Dec 7, in memory of those who perished aboard the battleship USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor. 14.240 21.340 28.340. Certificate. EVARG, 3264 E. Carol Ave, Mesa, AZ 85204-3245.

Bethlehem, IN: Clark County ARC, W9WWI, 1500Z Dec 10 to 2200Z Dec 11, celebrating the Christmas season. 75 40 20 meters. Certificate. CCARC, W9WWI, 1805 E. 8th St. Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

St. Johnsbury, VT: St. Johnsbury Academy Wireless Club, W1SJA, 1400-2000Z Dec 11, celebrating high school ham radio clubs. 3.940 7.275 14.250 28.350. Certificate. Bruce Burk, St. Johnsbury Academy, 1000 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

ARRL 10-Meter Contest, Dec 11-12, 1999.

Nazareth, PA: Christmas City ARC/Delaware-Lehigh ARC, WX3MAS, 1300Z Dec 18 to 0100Z Dec 20, with greetings from the Christmas cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. 7.270 14.265 21.365 28.465. Certificate. Christmas City ARC/DLARC, Greystone Building- Gracedale Complex, RR8, Nazareth, PA, 18064.

Dallas, TX: Number One Christmas Carol, N1CC, 1400-2100Z Dec 24, Number One Christmas Carol 20th annual Christmas Event. 28.475. QSL. Jim La Porta, 112 Woodruff Court, Lexington, SC, 29072.

Rockford, IL: Rockford Amateur Radio Association, W1N, 1900-2300Z Dec 31, Rockford First Night New Year's Eve Celebration. 7.260 14.040 14.260 28.375. QSL. Jeffrey S. Anderson N9ZUT, 1014 Field Crest Dr, Rockford, IL, 61108.

Austin, TX: 3M Amateur Radio Club, W2T, 1100Z Dec 31 to 2400Z Jan 2, for Y2K readiness. 7.230 14.340 21.410 28.350. Certificate. 3M ARC - W3ARC, A147-5S-03, 6801 Riverplace Blvd, Austin, TX 78726-9000.

Wichita, KS: Wichita Amateur Radio Club, W0SOE, 1800Z Dec 31 to 1000Z Jan 1, tracking the arrival of the New Year and Y2K. 7.275 14.255. QSL. Barbara Foster KB0VHI, 1383 N. Park Place Rd, Milton, KS 67106-8011.

Anaconda, MT: Anaconda Amateur Radio Club, W7VNE, 2300Z Dec 31 to 0700Z Jan 1, celebrating the New Year. 3.875 7.235 14.250. Certificate. AARC, Phil Watt, 1112 Heather Dr, Anaconda, MT 59711.

Dallas, TX: Dallas Amateur Radio Club, K2M, 1800Z Dec 13 to 1800Z Jan 1, celebrating the year 2000. 3.885 7.225 14.225 21.325. Certificate. Dallas Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 744266, Dallas, TX, 75374.

Marion, IN: Grant County ARC, WA9SPT, 2300Z Dec 31 to 0700Z Jan 1, celebrating year 2000. 3.915 7.235 14.310 28.410. Certificate. L.B. Nickerson, KA6NQW, 517 N. Hendricks Ave, Marion, IN 46952.



November 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 8pm: Dallas RACES training net	22 7:30pm Monthly GARC Meeting	23	24	25 NO Garland VE session tonight. NO Garland RACES training net tonight.	26	27 Noon: Sachse Siren Test
28	29 7:30pm GARC Information Net (KC5EOR)	30				

December 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon: Garland Siren Test	2 7pm GARC Board Meeting 9pm: Garland RACES training net	3	4 Noon: Sachse Siren Test
5 Event: White Rock Marathon 8pm: Dallas RACES training net	6 7:30pm GARC Information Net (KC5QZZ)	7	8	9 Event: Garland Christmas on the Square 9pm: Garland RACES training net (Last one of the year)	10	11 Noon: Sachse Siren Test
12	13 7:30pm GARC Information Net (KC5QZZ)	14	15	16	17	18 Noon: Sachse Siren Test
19 8pm: Dallas RACES training net	20 7:30pm GARC Information Net (KC5QZZ)	21	22	23 7:30pm Garland VE Testing Session	24	25
26	27 7:30pm Monthly GARC Meeting: Holiday Party	28	29	30	31	

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 (*Mark.Durbin@wcom.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, links to local public service events, and other items of interest to the hams in the Garland area.

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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.

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or emailed to the Arclite Editor at *janet11@ibm.net*

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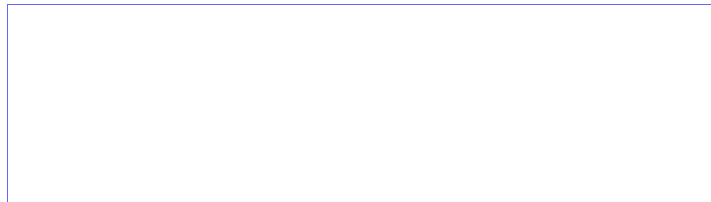
Membership forms are available at the GARC monthly meetings and on the GARC web site. Once the membership form and dues are submitted, new members are voted in at the next GARC monthly meeting.

The GARC membership roster is distributed to GARC members only and is included twice a year in 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, TJ Hoover (KC5ZTJ) at *tj@hisword.net*



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