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From the Prez....

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Skywarn school is over now and we approach the peak season for severe weather and public service events. For anyone who has not worked a public service event lately, there are a number of major events coming up that still need volunteers. Those of you with Internet access can see these at John Galvin's (N5TIM) public service web page. See the "Things to do" column in this Arclite for details.

The Skywarn school went very well this year, and the raffle for the weather station made the GARC \$216.00.

We are in the middle of the silly season and the GARC is no different. This months meeting will be our annual elections for officers for next year. We do have at least one candidate for each office. If you are interested in running for office there is still get time to get on the ballot. If you are interested in this please contact the nominating committee: Harold Yoder N5MAQ or John Dake KD5CTS. Part of what makes this club such a fun place to be is the varied interests and the people who belong to it. Think about guiding us for the next year or two.

The last two years for me have been very dynamic and filled with challenges. Between Y2K and the FCC restructuring I think I can safely say that "change" would describe the last two years.

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Monthly GARC Meeting Announcement March 27, 2000 Annual GARC Elections

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Feb 2000 Meeting Minutes

President Gerry Crenshaw (WD4BIS) called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The meeting started with pledge of allegiance and visitor introductions.

Old Business

Approval of the minutes

We made \$216.00 off the weather station raffle at Skywarn school.

John Galvin (N5TIM) listed the upcoming public service events. On April 9, Mswalk, on April 29, March of Dimes Walk, and on May 6,7 we have the MS150 bike tour.

New Business

HamCom 2000 update. This year HamCom will be June 9,10 at the Arlington Convention Center. The pre register deadline is May 20. If you have any questions check out the HamCom Web site at www.hamcom.org

Next months meeting club elections. If you would like to apply for a position, there is still time to get your name on the ballot.

Staff Reports

Training Officer Randy Dunning (KC5QHH) announced that on the next meeting he will give out the QRO awards.

Treasurer Ed Hubbuch (KC5GGZ) announced that the ending bank balance at the meeting was \$3,039.71

15 Minute Break

8:10 Program: Jim Haynie (W5JBP) gave a program on what is new at the ARRL

Meeting Adjourn

Submitted by Secretary
TJ Hoover, KC5ZTJ



From the Prez (Continued)

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For those of you who go down to the ECC for classes or meetings in the near future, I think you will see a nice change. Many thanks to Dave Rygwalski (KD5EWT) who welded up some nice heavy-duty brackets for storing the antennas and gin pole. Once these were installed and the antennas stored up, a major cleanup was done at the ECC. Some additional shelving was added to the equipment room and all the equipment has been sorted through and re-arranged.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Special VE Session Planned: April 15, 2000!

The Garland Area VE team will be holding an additional public session on April 15, 2000 because of the number of upgrades expected due to the amateur radio license class restructure. This special session will be **paperwork-only**. No tests will be given. It is for those who have already met all the requirements for an upgrade.

Date: April 15, 2000

Time: 9am-noon

Location: Garland Amateur Radio Club ECC, 1027-B Austin Street, Garland. There is very limited parking at the ECC, but plenty of additional parking is available just across Austin Street.

Bring with you:

- Your current amateur radio license (original) AND a copy of it (make sure they're signed)
- All current CSCE's (completion certificates for tests you've passed) that are needed for your upgrade. Also, bring a copy of these. You will need both the original AND the copy of each.
- A photo ID
- \$6.65 (exact change appreciated).



GARC Board Nominations

Nominating committee:

Harold Yoder, N5MQA
John Dake, KD5CTS

List of Nominees for office:

President: KC5JWB, Kaye Duncan,
(kayeduncan@home.com)

Vice President: KC5MXN, Clay Orchard,
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Treasurer: KC5GGZ, Ed Hubbuch,
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(ady@yodertronix.com)

Education Officer: Randall Dunning,
(kc5qhh@qsl.net)



Additional GARC Election Information

Remember that the next club meeting (March 2000) will be the annual Election meeting. Only those with dues paid for 2000 can vote in the election, so please remember to pay your dues at this meeting.

As a reminder, the sticker below shows your



dues status for 2000.

Frequently-Asked Questions:

1. I just joined the club in December, 1999. Aren't I paid up for 2000?

No. Dues are prorated each quarter throughout the membership year. So, your dues when joining in the final quarter of the year (December-February) were only 1/4 of the annual membership dues and were only for the rest of the 1999 membership year.

2. I'm a senior citizen. Do I get a special rate?

Yes. If you are over 65, the dues are only \$10/year. For everyone else, the dues are \$15/year.

3. I paid for 2000, but your sticker shows that I haven't. How do I get this fixed?

Check at the next meeting with the club treasurer (or contact him by phone if you can't make the meeting) and verify that our records show that you have paid your dues. Then he will contact the club secretary to make sure the roster gets updated.

4. How do I run for club president?

Contact the nominating committee and let them know your interest in running for president or any other club office.

Remember that the club bylaws require that the President have a General class license or higher. No other position has a license class requirement, so anyone can run for every other office.

It's very rewarding to participate in helping make this club work well for everyone. Please volunteer to run for an office if you can.

5. How can I renew my membership:

The renewal form is on the back of this page in the Arclite. Please fill it in and send it (or bring it to the meeting and give



Garland Amateur Radio Club Application for (circle one): New Membership or Renewal

Call Sign:	License Class (Circle one): Novice Tech Tech+ General Adv Extra
First Name:	Last Name
Street Address	
City:	State: ZipCode:
Home Phone:	Work Phone (Optional):
Pager # (Optional):	E-Mail (Optional):

General Information

(circle your response)

Are you a paid member of the ARRL? YES NO

Are you a RACES member? YES NO

Are you interested in Public Service Events? YES NO

What are your areas of Interest/Expertise? _____

Membership Type:

	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov	Dec-Feb
New or Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11.25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.75
Senior (65 or over)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50
Each Add'l Family Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.25

Additional Family Member Info (put additional family members, if any, on the back of this sheet):

Name: _____ Call: _____ License Class: _____

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Payment Type:

Cash Amount: \$ _____

Check Amount: \$ _____ Check Number: _____

Please make checks payable to: Garland Amateur Radio Club and mail or give to:

**GARC Treasurer
1027B West Austin Street**



GARC Training Schedule for 2000

Randy Dunning, KC5QHH, Education Officer

The GARC Training Department announces **Upgrade-Fest 2000!** With the changes in the license structure blowing in with the April storms, we have set a training schedule designed to assist those who would like to maximize their benefits under the new system. A student can go from zero to 5 WPM Technician with a General CSE in 9 weeks. All classes start at 7:00 PM sharp!

Please contact the Education officer if you are interested in a specific class as times and dates are subject to change. To ensure a place in the class, please email or call the Education Officer, Randall Dunning - KC5QHH, kc5qhh@qsl.net.

License Preparation Classes

Technician Theory

Tuesdays at 7pm: Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15, Feb 22. This is to prepare you for the testing session on Feb 24.

Morse Code (5 WPM)

5 WPM - Thursdays at 7pm: Feb 3, Feb 10, Feb 17, Feb 24, Mar 2, Mar 9, Mar 16. Testing Mar 23. (Completed)

General Theory

Tuesdays at 7pm: Feb 29, Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21, Testing Mar 23. (Completed)

Hands-On Classes are FUN!!!

Homebrew and You- We are looking for suggestions for this years homebrew project!

Making the Connection - Building basic connectors used in Amateur Radio, Gerry Crenshaw WD4BIS. These're being held:

Saturday, **Feb 19**, 9:30am (Completed)
 Saturday, **April 8**, 9:30 am

Contents:

- RACES Standard PL259
- RACES Standard Molex (Radio Shack 222)
- Anderson Powerpole and SB50
- BNC
- Type N Connectors

Field Day Prep - Saturday **June 24**, 10:00 AM until Noon. Topics: Logging, operating, site setup and safety.

Kill Bugs Dead - Basic computer programming concepts for fledgling PIC programmers. **July 8**, 10:00am - Randall Dunning KC5QHH



Monday Night Information Net Control Operators

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/>

March	Matthew Jennings, KD5GUN
April	Ed Hubbuch, KC5GGZ
May	David Rygwalski, KD5EWT
June	Mark Durbin, KC5GNG
July	Kaye Duncan, KC5JWB
August	No volunteer yet
September	No volunteer yet

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

Upcoming Events

March 2000

Uptown 10K - March 18, 2000 - 10K run formerly known as the "West End Run". Located at Mapsco 45-B the event will start about 7:00 am and end around noon. Talk-in will be on 146.88 and 442.425. Contact is Jim Galloway, N5MDI, jamesg@airmail.net.

Denton MS Walk - March 25, 2000 - MS walk in Denton, Texas. See the Texas MS web site for more information at <http://www.txd.nmss.org>

April 2000

Mesquite Rodeo Parade - April 1, 2000 - About 15 volunteers are still needed to help with the staging. We will need to be in place about 0800. The place to report is 302 Newsom, Mesquite (Mapsco 50W). Talk in on 145.310MHz (PL162.2).

Contact Bob Ashmore, KA5SNM, at least a week ahead of time at 972-288-1232 or , rashmoer@swbell.net. He will pre-assign duties and

also to get your t-shirt size. This is a fun event and a great one for 1st time public service volunteers. No prior experience is necessary.

Plano MS Walk - April 2, 2000 - Sunday MS Walk in Plano, Texas. Primary contact: John Sanders AB5ZR , john.sanders@wcom.com Alternates: Lee Bengston KD5DAT, lee.bengston@wcom.com and Roger Risinger K5WWG, roger.risinger@wcom.com. See the Texas MS web site for more information.

Dallas MS Walk - April 9, 2000 - Sunday MS Walk in Dallas, Texas. To volunteer for this event, contact John Galvin, N5TIM, n5tim@arrl.net.

WalkAmerica 2000 - April 29, 2000 - March of Dimes walk at White Rock Lake, Dallas. To volunteer for this event, contact John Galvin, N5TIM, n5tim@arrl.net.

May 2000

MS150 Bike Ride - May 6-7, 2000 - A repeat of the 1999 bike ride. Starts at Ryan High School in Denton, Texas, then to Texoma State Park. Contact , James Marple, KB5ZDG, to register and select you assignment preferences. James will also email you a detailed information sheet regarding the ride upon request.

Run for the Arts - End of May, 2000 - Dallas, No details available yet. Contact is Jim Galloway, N5MDI, jamesg@airmail.net.

June 2000

HamCom 2000 - June 9-10, 2000 - Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, Texas.

MADD'er N Hell Bike Rally - June 27, 2000 - MADD sponsored bike rally at Lake Ray Roberts. Rally starts and ends at Isle du Boise State Park (No fee on this day). A great day with communications, APRS and maybe even ATV. Please come out and enjoy a day at the park. To sign on, please e-mail to : Jim Dye, N5JZ.

July 2000

4th of July in Garland - July 1-4, 2000 - The annual City of Garland, Texas Fourth of July celebration in old downtown. Events include a parade. Contact Clay Orchard, KC5MXN, mcorch@juno.com to sign up for this event.



End of March 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 Event: Uptown 10k Run 8pm: Dallas RACES training net	20 7pm: GARC Information Net	21 Class: General Theory	22	23 7pm Garland VE Testing 9pm: Garland RACES training net	24	25 Event: Denton MS Walk Noon: Sachse Siren Test
26	27 7:30pm Monthly GARC meeting	28	29	30 7pm: Garland RACES meeting	31 7:15pm: Final Friday Foxhunt. Resumes. Talk-in 146.66	

April 2000

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						1 Event: Mesquite Rodeo Parade Noon: Sachse Siren
2 Event: Plano MS Walk 8pm: Dallas RACES	3 7pm: GARC Information Net	4	5 Noon: Garland Siren Test	6 9pm: Garland RACES training net	7	8 Noon: Sachse Siren Test
9 Event: Dallas MS Walk	10 7pm: GARC Information Net	11	12	13 9pm: Garland RACES training net	14	15 9:am Special Garland VE Session Noon: Sachse Siren
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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 (kc5gng@qsl.net), 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.

Arclite Editor, 1027-B West Austin St.,
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or emailed to the Arclite Editor at janet11@airmail.net

Membership:

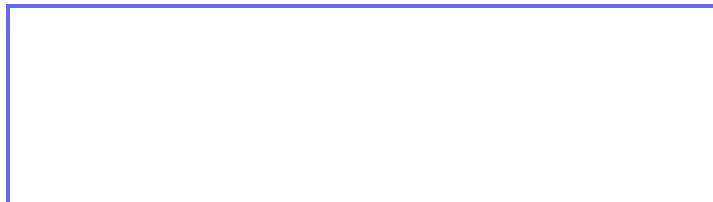
Membership forms are available at the GARC monthly meetings and on the GARC web site. Once the membership form and dues are submitted, new members are voted in at the next GARC monthly meeting.

The GARC membership roster is distributed to GARC members only and is included 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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Please Rush!!!

Reminder

GARC Annual Dues due by March 2000. See Page 3 for Info.