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**THE PRESIDENT'S PEN  
BY WAYNE WILLIAMS**



Hi Everyone! I hope all of you got a chance to go to HamCom this year. It's starting to get larger each year, and maybe it will get back to what it was in the past. ARRL Nationals will be here next year and it will be a 3-day event. I enjoyed getting to see a lot of folks I've heard on the air but had never met before in person. I was shocked to hear my son's name and call sign, "Josh KD5CNA" called out as the Grand Prize Winner of the Kenwood TS-2000. Now if he will just let me tinker with it!!!!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the May program that was presented by Darrel Toups. He covered some parts of the City of Garland's Emergency Preparedness Program that he has been putting together. The Garland's Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S.) was discussed as being a vital part of the emergency communication for the City of Garland. This group is well trained, ready and willing to go, if called upon by the city.

Thanks goes to the following people for helping move the stored equipment to a new location: Jacob Schroeder AC5NA, for heading it up, Jim Schroeder KC5BSU, who also helped with taking an inventory of the equipment, James Schroeder KC5EOR, Joseph Schroeder KD5EWQ, Bob Jones W5BJ, Chris Engleman KC5COF, Al Kinnard AD5AZ, Garland Newman W5IDN, and myself WT5J. A special thanks goes to Sharon and Jennilyn Schroeder for getting the pizza and drinks to the ECC for us. We all enjoyed it and had a great time of fellowship. Moving the equipment will save the club about \$63.00 a month. A big thanks also goes to Allen Yoder NG5Y for his support of this endeavor. I hope I have not left anyone out. If so, please let me know.

Well, Field Day 2002 is upon us and Jacob (AC5NA) is heading up this project. It will be at Bradfield Park, the same place as last year, on June the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please let him know if you are willing to help. We will meet at the Grandy's at Garland Rd. and Austin, at 7:00 am for breakfast and then go to the ECC at 8:00 am to start loading the equipment. We will need a lot of help from the members to make sure we are prepared to operate for 24 hrs. on alternate power. (No direct AC lines). This is a contest, so come out and help us make a lot of contacts and above all, Have Fun!! Kaye (KA5AYE) and her team will be preparing for the feast, which will be around 6:30 pm Sat. evening. Please bring a side dish and dessert; pecan pie would do just fine if we can keep Bob (W5BJ) away from it 'til I get some. J

The Star Spangled Fourth will be coming up soon and we need your support to make it successful. Clay Orchard (KC5MXN) is heading up this event and can use more volunteers. This is one of our club's largest events for supporting the City of Garland. We are very lucky in having their support as well. If you can help, you can reach Clay by Email: [oskipp@juno.com](mailto:oskipp@juno.com) (Note: New Email Address). Please sign up as early as possible so he can do his planning. Again we say, thanks Clay, for taking on this gigantic event.

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

We are going to have a *Special Guest Speaker* at our June 24th GARC meeting that you will not want to miss. *Tom Christian*, an active ham operator, who was one of the main speakers at HamCom this year, will be with us. He is the great, great, great grandson of Fletcher Christian of the well known "Mutiny on the Bounty." Tom lives on the Island of Pitcairn and was one of the DX operators on Ducie Island. He will have a slide show presentation and some crafts from the island will be available for purchase. Bring the family and have an enjoyable evening.

De WT5J  
Wayne

## MINUTES OF MAY GARC MEETING

### BY ALLEN YODER, NG5Y

7:30 Meeting called to order by Wayne Williams, WT5J  
 Pledge of Allegiance lead by Randy Dunning, KC5QHH  
 Visitor & Member introductions  
 No upgrades were announced.

#### Old Business

- April GARC Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the Arclite.
- Star Spangled 4<sup>th</sup> & booth update by Clay Orchard, KC5MXN & Bill Richards, KM5VZ. More volunteer operators are required.
- Net Control Operators were recruited, Wayne Williams, WT5J volunteered for month of June.
- Jacob Schroeder, AC5NA reported on the status of field day preparations. Needs help with hospitality & refreshment preparations.
- David Kaun, KD5LGU gave a report on the status of New Member Packets.

#### New Business

- No new members were voted in
- David Kaun, KD5LGU gave a report on upcoming special events and the need for volunteer operators. Mesquite Bike Ride in desperate need of operators.
- Wayne Williams, WT5J asked for and received approval to move the clubs excess equipment from the \$65.00 a month storage locker to Allen Yoder's (NG5Y) garage where it can safely be stored for free. Volunteers are needed to help move equipment.

#### Staff Reports

- Education Officer- Chris Engleman, KC5COF: Technician class finished, 6 attended, 3 passed license exam, New General Class to start July 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday Nights. Need volunteer for visitor tent at field day.
  - ArcLite Editor- David Kaun, KD5LGU. Will be conducting several merit badge classes for the Scouts this summer.
  - Secretary- Allen Yoder, NG5Y: Needs corrections to club roster if you are failing to receive club newsletter.
  - Communications Officer- Jacob Schroeder, AC5NA. Have new pole for Genpole, need help welding attachments. Still missing Bird Watt meter. Need help with status of club equipment on loan.
  - Treasurer- Ed Hubbuch, KC5GGZ reports the club balance at 2988.99 and submitted a budget to Wayne Williams for review.
- Vice President- James Schroeder Jr. KC5EOR stated that the next club meeting would be a planning stage for the Star Spangled 4<sup>th</sup> and a review of Field Day operations.

#### Program

Darrell Toups, Emergency Management Coordinator for City of Garland gave a lecture on the status and plans by the City of Garland for Star Spangled 4<sup>th</sup> plans, relocation of the EOC after the new police building is finished and general emergency plans of the city.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned...

Respectfully Submitted.

Allen Yoder, NG5Y  
 Club Secretary

## HAM FEST CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Information</u>
July 20th, 2002	North Texas Hamfest	Sherman, TX	<a href="http://home1.gte.net/wb5dcu/nortex00">home1.gte.net/wb5dcu/nortex00</a>
August 3rd, 2002	Hunt County Hamfest	Greenville, TX	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/svara">www.qsl.net/svara</a>
September 7th, 2002	Denton County ARA	Denton, TX	<a href="http://www.dentonhamfest.org">www.dentonhamfest.org</a>

# A LETTER TO THE GARC

BY BETSY BARTO, KD5LUZ

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## June 22nd-23rd, 2002 - GARC Field Day

Field Day 2002 in Garland is always an exciting event for our club. The event starts at noon on Saturday and continues to Sunday at noon. The goal is to make contacts throughout the world on the HF bands while operating on auxiliary power. The best part is that any licensed amateur radio operator regardless of class may operate the HF bands. The event will be at Brandfield Park near 78 & Castle Drive. Volunteers are always needed in the morning to set-up equipment on Saturday and take-down equipment on Sunday. Family and friends are welcome to the annual GARC Field Day supper. Please bring a covered side dish, salad, bread or dessert to the event. Come out and join us for a time of learning, fun and fellowship for 24 hours. Operators are needed on a come-and-go basis or stay the entire 24 hours.



## July 4th-6th, 2002 - Star Spangled Fourth in Garland

The yearly patriotic event that takes place in downtown Garland celebrating the July 4th holiday will again be our time to shine. Operators are needed to fill positions including firewatch, shadows, net operators, concert areas and general crowd control. The event in 2002 plans to be out of the biggest ever and will span across 3 days of festivities and end on Sunday with the carnival only. Sign up for positions as choice slots and times go quick by registering via e-mail with Clay Orchard (KC5MXN) at [kc5mxn1@juno.com](mailto:kc5mxn1@juno.com). The concert performers will be country group Asleep At The Wheel and tejano singer Rick Trevino on July 4th, Christian music artists Mercy Me and Sonic Flood on July 5th & Morris Day and the Time and KC and the Sunshine Band ending the weekend on July 6th.



### The dates and time slots are noted below:

July 4th: 10am to 3pm	3pm to 7pm	7pm to 12 midnight
July 5th: 12 noon to 3pm	3pm to 7pm	7pm to 12 midnight
July 6th: 10am to 3pm	3pm to 7pm	7pm to 12 midnight

We also have a GARC booth to distribute general amateur radio information and give demonstrations. If interested in volunteering for a booth time slot, please contact Bill Richards (KM5VZ) at [km5vz@arrl.net](mailto:km5vz@arrl.net).

## STATE OF THE GARC EDUCATION

BY CHRIS ENGLEMAN, KC5COF

The April/May Technician Class is complete and out of the 6 that took the class, 3 showed up to take the test and all 3 passed. I would like to congratulate the following new hams out of this class:

Carter Porter, KD5STQ – Wylie, Texas  
 Christie Porter, KD5STR – Wylie, Texas  
 Harold Viaille, KD5STS – Dallas, Texas

If you hear any of these new hams on the air, say hello and introduce yourselves.

The next Technician Class will be held on Tuesday evenings from July 16<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup> 7p – 9p at the ECC. This class will follow Field Day and the Star Spangled 4<sup>th</sup>, so I hope to have a large class. And yes I am still trying to put together a General Upgrade class, as soon as it is set-up announcements will be made on the GARC Information nets as well as on the GARC Training web page.

I am going to try and set up a visitors center/tent at field day, and would like to have a few volunteers to help staff the tent and to give tours to visitors. If you would be interested, please let me know via e-mail or there is a link to a sign-up form on the GARC Training web page.

If there is a class that you want to teach, and there is interest in that class, please let me know. I am looking for people to teach some basic antenna building courses, emergency communications courses and other communications and telecommunications courses.

That's all for now, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, etc catch me on the repeater, e-mail me, or see me at a meeting.

# JULY 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> GARC Info Net - 7:30	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> SS4 - Garland	<b>5</b> SS4 - Garland	<b>6</b> SS4 - Garland
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> GARC Info Net - 7:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Garland RACES	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> GARC Info Net - 7:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Garland RACES	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> GARC Meeting - 7:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> VE Testing Garland RACES	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> GARC Info Net - 7:30	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

## SAME NET TIME, SAME NET FREQUENCY

The Following nets occur on a regular basis throughout the month.

Every Monday night at 7:30 PM. local time except for meeting nights the GARC conducts a good news/info net on 146.66 MHZ

RACES holds nets on Every Thursday Night at 9:00 pm local time on either the 146.66 or the 147.24 repeater. In addition to these nets there are also additional RACES nets held at 8:00 pm local time on the first and third Sunday of the month. These Sunday night nets are held on the 146.88

repeater. Only those stations who are authorized by the FCC or the regional Races authority may transmit on a Races frequency during Races nets unless there is a threat to life or property.

145.31 8:00PM Tuesdays  
Ham Association Of Mesquite holds a good news/info net

146.94 8:00PM Wednesdays  
FT Worth holds a info/swap net.

147.18 8:00PM Thursdays  
Plano ARK holds a good news/info net

## GARLAND SIREN TEST

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 if interested in helping out.

## 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, Chris Engleman ([cengleman@directvinternet.com](mailto:cengleman@directvinternet.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.

### Newsletter:

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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.,  
Garland, TX 75040

or emailed to the Arclite Editor at [kd5lgu@arrl.net](mailto:kd5lgu@arrl.net)

### Membership:

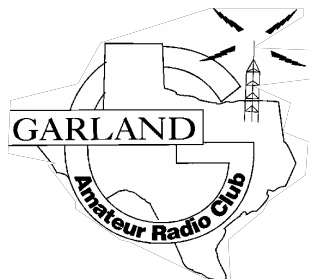
Membership forms are available at the GARC monthly meetings and on the GARC web site. Once the membership form and dues are submitted, new members are voted in at the next GARC monthly meeting.

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, Allen Yoder (NG5Y) at [ng5y@atthi.com](mailto:ng5y@atthi.com).



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*Please Rush!!!*

Reminder

**GARC Field Day - June 22nd & 23rd for 24 hours - Come out and work some HF!!!**