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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

By Wayne Wil Iams

WT5J



Hi Everyone,

Well, things have settled down for a little while and I'm sure everyone welcomes the short reprieve.

If you missed the July GARC meeting, you missed a great presentation by Jim Lawyer, AA5QX on RACES Grab and Go kits. We learned what should be in our kits so that we can respond quickly to an event that would require emergency communication. Several volunteers brought their Grab and Go kits for a show and tell. It was evident that a lot of thought had gone into each kit and I picked up some great ideas to help me improve my kit. I'm not sure about the Blue Bell Ice-cream that Bob W5BJ, had in his kit, but for the most part, I thought all the kits were excellent and the operators were well prepared.

Darrel Toups, the Emergency Coordinator for the City of Garland came to the meeting just prior to the break period and presented Jim Lawyer AA5QX, with a very nice appreciation plaque, for the many years of outstanding service that he has given to the Garland RACES organization. For those who may not have heard, Jim will not be giving the training for the Garland RACES Group in the future. We will still be able to hear his training on the Dallas RACES net on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We will miss Jim's training on Thursday nights, but I'm sure others will step up to the plate and we will continue to have great training sessions. Good luck Jim, in your new endeavors to strengthen the training for the Dallas RACES organization. Maybe we can talk you into at least doing a few trainings sessions for the Garland RACES in the future.

On another note concerning the Garland RACES organization. Bob Jones, W5BJ, has resigned as the Garland Radio Officer. He has been a dedicated worker for the Garland RACES organization and we wish him the best in the future. John Galvin, N5TIM, has been appointed to the position of Garland Radio Officer and we will need to back him in his efforts to keep the Garland RACES organization one of the best trained RACES groups anywhere. I know John will give us his best as he has done in the past. I'm sure John would be glad to discuss any concerns you may have about the new changes. For additional information about the Garland RACES organization, please check out the new Garland RACES Web Site at: <http://home.attbi.com/~jrgalvin2/graces/races/html>

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Next GARC Meeting will be Aug. 26th 2002 @ 7:30 PM
Eyeball starts at 7:00 PM

Food for Thought:

By Clay Orchid, KC5MXN

Well, it is time once again to try to find the right words to say thanks to all of you who were a part of Operation SS4 2002 celebration in down town Garland. Our role of communicators has changed a lot since 9 / 11. Instead of being reactive to a given situation, we are being asked to become proactive in our support. The content of our net traffic has changed from, “we need more ice”, or “we need more change”, to being eyes and ears reports. Even so, the net control logs show that we handled over 730 pieces of traffic.

I could write a paragraph about each of you who helped, but I am not sure there is enough paper to print it all. I would however; like to thank a few of you publicly.

Net controls and assistant net controls
 AA5QX , W5BJ, N5TIM, K5AYE, K5LD, WD5BYQ, K5JD, and K5HTN.

W5BJ (Bob) and the EOC team.
 K8DNE (Bill) and the Charlie’s,
 KC5QZZ / KC5PNM (Theda and Sid) Telephone liaison
 KC5COF (Chris) and the Fire watch group
 KC5GNG (Mark) at launch control.

To the balance of you, in our total of 76 operators, I say job well done. The time committed by each of you, made this entire operation work great. We, meaning you, did a great job. The City of Garland says thank you very much.

I hope to work on a series of Food for thought articles revolving around the changing roles of Amateur radio, in particular, RACES. As always, my E-mail is open to thoughts and suggestions. The new E-mail address is oskipp@juno.com.
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 Clay KC5MXN

Robert (Bob) Jones W5BJ

Retires as Garland’s Races radio Officer



Let's go get that WAS award!!!

By Wayne G. Williams (WT5J)

For the last few months, I have been trying my hand at the Worked All States "WAS" award on HF. This can be a fun but frustrating experience. First, you need to decide if you are going to work the states on, any band any mode, or work them all on one band, one mode, or some combination of these.

I chose to work 40-meter LSB, as I found a great 40M Net that I will give more detailed information on later. I started out making contacts with 100 Watts fed into a 5 Band Hustler vertical antenna. This was working fairly well but I finally caved in and cranked up the amplifier to about 300 Watts.

Before I go on, I would like to tell you a little bit about my HF station. My equipment consists of the following: Yaesu FT-920, Pyramid Gold Star 35 Amp Power Supply, Hustler 5 Band vertical antenna with 12 underground radials, Ameritron AL-1200 amplifier, Key switch made from a schematic supplied by Al (AD5AZ) to interface the rig to amp, MFJ 962D 1.5K Tuner, and a Polimar Base Station Monitor that checks Power, SRW, and Modulation. I also have a 50ft Rohn tower and a Tri-Band Beam with rotor that I hope to get up some time in the future. I can just hear Bob (W5BJ) and Dick (K5WOR) laughing at this last statement, as they are always asking me if I've got the tower up yet. I mean it's only been a couple of years now since I bought it. All that's needed to start this project is for me to go out and buy a large, and I mean large, hole somewhere and have it placed on my property.

I was completely new to HF operation so I spent several weeks monitoring the different HF Bands. I had heard Bob W5BJ and Harold N5MQA talking about a QSO get together they had at night from time to time with some guys down in the Austin, Round Rock area. So I listened on the frequency they said they would be on and I made my First HF contact with Russ Cook (KK5E) in Round Rock, Texas, who by the way I found out later, was a past President of the GARC. Russ sent me a very nice QSL Card.

Oh my, a QSL card. I had not even thought about that. Well the search was on for a QSL card. QST magazine had ads for sample QSL cards so I sent off for some of them. After reviewing several of them, I decided to try my hand at making my own. About that same time the GARC decided to have a contest for a new QSL card for our club repeater, K5QHD, so I entered and started designing one for the club and for my WT5J call sign. Plan on this phase taking some time if you're like me. I had about 8 or 9 different designs and kept changing them until finally I had the one that I printed.

Well it's time. I have monitored for weeks now and kind of know how the QSO's go, so I jumped in and made some contacts. I got 6 different states in just a couple of days and proudly sent off my QSL cards to each. The wait was on!!! In about two weeks I received the first one. At the bottom of the card the box marked "Please QSL" had been checked off. I wondered to myself if I had forgotten to send a QSL card to this operator! This is when I decided to start keeping a good Log (No post-it pads) of all the contacts I made. Although not required now, you really do need to keep a log if you're going to try for the many awards available. It makes it real easy to know when, and to whom, you have sent QSL cards to and also helps to keep track of those you have received. There is a place to check off for both of these items in the log. You will also need to log the Zulu time and date of the contact and the signal report you sent and received.

Speaking of Zulu time I found it very handy to have a clock set to Zulu time. We are now -5 hrs from Zulu since its CDST. Normal CST is -6 hrs. Don't make the same mistake I did and go out and buy one of those fancy Atomic Clocks for this purpose. Guess what? You can set it to the 24hr Zulu time, but as soon as it goes out to update the clock it reverts to local time and date. This is **not** a good thing. Buy a standard 24 hr clock with time and date. Some of these even have indoor temperature. Set it to Zulu. For Example, when it's 7:00PM CDST June 20th, it's 00:00AM Zulu June 21st. If you set the clock to Zulu time and date, it will be easy to keep your log accurate. You can still use an atomic clock to check the accuracy of the standard clock, so I would suggest having one just for that purpose. All QSL cards sent should always have the Zulu time and date, and the signal reports sent and received.

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WAS Cont:

Now at this point, I decided to start looking at Logging Software. You guessed it. These are plentiful on the Internet and many are Shareware free programs. Since we are all different in what we like, you will just have to go out on the Internet and download several of these and try them out for yourselves. I personally like the program written by Scott Davis (N3FJP) called ALog Version 2.2. It is very user friendly, but you will need to register it for a small amount within 45 Days in order to continue to use it. As you input contacts into the log, the program keeps track of the counties, states, and countries that you have worked. If you have a Call Book on CD such as Buckmaster, or a couple of other Call Books on CD, and you have it in the CD Drive, the program will automatically search for the name and address of the worked station and fill in this information for you. This is a very good thing. You can print out listings in a number of configurations. For example, you may want to know where you stand on the "Received QSL" cards for the WAS award on 40M SSB. You just select these parameters and you will get a listing that you can print if you desire.

As I said earlier, I spent some time, well OK a lot of time, listening to different bands and in the process, I heard many different types of Nets. The one Net that struck my fancy the most, and the one I am now a member of, was the 3905 Century Club Net which is a WAS Net. When it started out it was on the frequency of 3.905Mhz thus the 3905 Century Club Net, and over the past 25 yrs has spread to many different bands and many different modes. They also have a very good (free) Bureau for keeping the cost of mailing QSL cards down. Please visit our Web site at: www.3905ccn.com for more information about the 3905 Club and the many award programs that we offer.

To use the bureau, you send 10 ea. #10 SASE envelopes to the bureau with your Call Sign in the upper left hand corner for filing purposes at the bureau and they will add you as a user. You do not have to be a member of the club to use the bureau. But you must have envelopes on file before using the bureau. Anyone making a contact with you or anyone else using the bureau will simply send the QSL cards to the bureau. You can send up to 9 cards in an envelope, at a cost of .37 cents to the bureau. In turn, as the bureau gets cards for your call sign they will keep them until they receive 9 QSL cards for you, at which time they will send them to you in your SASE for the same .37 cent cost. This is really a big savings when you are making a lot of contacts for the many different awards that the club offers.

Now back to the 3905 Century Club Net. The way the net works is: At 00:00 hr Zulu, you check into the net in a certain order. The order is by the call area. E.g. Net control asks for check-in from the "0" call area then "1st" call area, "2nd" call area thru the "9th" call area. You will write down the list in order as net control calls them back starting with #1, so you will know what # you are on the list and you will also then know who is checked into the Net. The next night he/she will start with the "1st" call area and the following night the "2nd" call area and continue to do so until all call areas have been at the top of the list and then the cycle repeats. Usually someone on the Net will send an Email of the Stations checked in, but not always, so you should make your own list.

A typical shortened list would look like this:

1. AA0ZP NE Frank Master/Vip
2. N2XTT NJ Peter Master/Vip
3. WM0F CO Kevin CO Vip
4. KBOOKS CT Milt
5. W2WGK NY Warren
6. NJ2LH/p NJ Club of #2 N2XTT
7. N3EQK DE Ron
8. etc.

Note that the first three are either charter members or have received awards that give them the Vip status. Then the list starts in numeric call area order.

Net control then starts at the top of the list and each is given a chance to make a contact with any call on the list. So if you need a particular state, when it's your turn you would make the call to that station. A contact is made if both the sending and receiving stations can repeat the report that they received and net control then confirms the contact and states to log it.

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Mark Your Calendars... Future GARC Meeting Programs

August 26th, 2002: Dallas County Races by Johnny Davis

Johnny Davis will have an excellent narrative on Dallas County Races events and procedures.

September 23th, 2001: Larry Melby

Larry Melby from the DARC will be the honored guest speaker..

December, 2002: Annual GARC Christmas Party

Join us for a break from the amateur radio and get into a holiday spirit with plenty of food and fun. Stay tuned for date and location.

It's So Hot In Texas...

- 90 degrees is a cold front.
- The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.
- The potatoes cook underground, and all you have to do to have lunch is to pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.
- Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.
- The cows are giving evaporated milk.
- The trees are whistling for the dogs.
- A sad Texan once prayed, "I wish it would rain, not so much for me, cuz I've seen it-but for my 7-year-old."
- A visitor to Texas once asked, "Does it ever rain out here?" A rancher quickly answered "Yes, it does. Do you remember that part in the Bible where it rained for 40 days and 40 nights?" The visitor replied, "Yes, I'm familiar with Noah's flood." "Well," the rancher puffed up, "we got about two and a half inches of that."
- You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water.
- You can say 110 degrees without fainting.
- You eat hot chilies to cool your mouth off.
- You learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.
- If the temperature drops below 95, you feel a bit chilly.
- You discover that in July, it takes only 2 fingers to drive your car.
- You discover that you can get sunburn through your car window.
- You notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- Hot water now comes out of both taps.
- It's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is out on the streets
- You actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- You break a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m. before work.
- No one would have dreamed that if you were to get knocked out and ended up lying on the pavement you would cook to death?"
- You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.

PRESIDENT'S PEN CONT:

At the Aug. 6th Garland City Council Meeting, the City of Garland, and the National Weather Service, recognized Bob Jones W5BJ, for the 26 plus years of service that he has given to the Garland RACES organization. Thanks again, Bob, for your unselfish and dedicated service. To your wife Carol, we also say many thanks for being so understanding over the years while Bob has served as a leader for the community and the appointees of the Garland RACES organization.

The one thing that we can always be sure of, is that things will change whether we want them to or not, and it is up to us to make the best of it. Please do your part in supporting those who try to lead you, and in doing so; we will all be able to move forward with great results.

73, De WT5J
Wayne G. Williams

Surfin': Singing the Praises of Pinging

By Stan Horzepa, W1LOU Contributing Editor August 10, 2002

When it's raining meteors, it's time to get inside, ping some rocks and visit a Web site that is singing the praises of pinging.

Wednesday night, I took Mr. Pie out for last call. While Pie was looking for a suitable tree, I looked up at the crystal clear sky and saw a pinhead of light slowly and silently cross the constellations. "Must be a Sputnik," I thought.

As my friend disappeared over the northern horizon, a shooting star intersected the evaporated path of the satellite. I recalled that this being early August, the Perseids meteor shower should be descending on us. I checked the Internet and sure enough, the meteor shower sages were predicting that Perseids would peak on Tuesday morning (August 13).

"Good timing," I thought and after further thought, I decided that it was a good time to visit a Web site that would be apropos to this astronomical event. Shelby Ennis, W8WN, runs the High Speed Meteor Scatter and JT44 EME Web page and it seemed to fit the bill.

As the name of the Web page implies, W8WN is a proponent of high-speed meteor scatter (HSMS) because it is much more efficient than slow CW or SSB meteor scatter (MS). In general, you have a greater than 90 percent chance of completing an HSMS sked compared to a 5 percent chance of completing an MS sked on SSB. In addition, HSMS is usable every day of the year because it needs only the fractional-second underdense pings of sporadic meteors. These are available just about all the time, not just during the peaks of major meteor showers.

The Web page has links to a variety of programs for working meteor scatter including 9A4GL's *MSDSP* and W1JT's *WSJT*, as well as a bevy of "accessory" programs that can support your MS work.

Make sure to check out the Hot News page, which contains the latest information about what is happening, eg, the page currently has Perseids and Leonids information. Depending on what's happening (if anything), Shelby updates the page anywhere from every week to as often as several times per day. Newcomers should also refer to the Hot News page to check out some

of the papers and references links there that can help novice ping jockeys.

By the way, the page also has lots of information concerning EME (Earth-Moon-Earth) operations; so if you are a moonbounce aficionado, don't miss it!

Until next time, keep on surfen'



W8WN's High Speed Meteor Scatter and JT44 EME Web site has loads of information that will help you make contacts via meteors during this week's (and future) meteor showers.

Editor's note: Stan Horzepa, W1LOU, resides in downtown Wolcott, Connecticut, and is a member of the QQCC (QST quarter century club), i.e., he has been a QST writer for 25 years. Since getting his ticket in 1969, Stan has sampled nearly every entrée in the Amateur Radio menu (including a stint as Connecticut Section Manager), but he keeps coming back to his favorite preoccupations: VHF and packet radio. As a result, he runs a 2-meter APRS digipeater and weather station from his mountaintop location in central Connecticut. Stan has been a long time advocate of using computers with Amateur Radio and wrote programs to dupe contests and calculate antenna bearings way back in 1978. Today, he uses his Mac to surf the Internet searching for that perfect ham radio web page. To contact Stan, send e-mail to w1lou@arrl.net. Reprinted with permission ARRL

MINUTES OF June Meeting GARLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. July 22, 2002

- 7:30 PM Meeting brought to order by President Wayne Williams, WT5J.
 7:31 PM Pledge of allegiance lead by Don Duncan.
 7:32 PM Introduction and members, visitors and guest.
 7:35 PM May meeting minutes as published in Arclite approved.
 7:36 PM Star Spangled Fourth Report by Clay Orchid, KC5MXN.
 7:37 PM Field Day report by Jacob, AC5NA.
 7:38 PM New Member Packets designed by Kaye, K5AYE adopted for club use.
 7:39 PM Stewart AD5FB & Elizabeth KD5TLM voted in as new members.
 7:40 PM David Kaun, KD5LGU resigns by proxy , Allen NG5Y assumes his duties as Arclite editor and resigns as Secretary, Kaye K5AYE Volunteers as Secretary and is voted in by the membership.
 7:46 PM Wayne, WT5J proposes having a yearly drawing in March of \$100.00 for volunteers net controls of the GARC Information net. Max 2 entries per person. Volunteers to be posted in Arclite. Motion approved by the membership.
 7:54 PM John Galvin, N5TIM recognized as New City of Garland Races Officer.
 John talked about the following special and public service events.
 Aug 6th, 7pm Bob Jones, W5BJ to be honored for 26 years of service as Garland Races Officer.
- Public Service
 Aug 10: Hot Rocks Bike Ride.
 Aug 17: Red Hot Chili Pepper Bike Ride.
 Aug 25: Kiwanis Triathlon.
 Sep 28: Plano Balloon Festival.
 Dec 15: White Rock Marathon
- 7:58 PM Darrel Tupps Emergency Coordinator for City of Garland recognized Jim Lawyer, AA5QX for his meritorious service as Races Training Officer.
 8:02 PM Chris Engleman, KC5COF announced technician class postponed to September.
 General class forming in the near future.
 Jacob, AC5NA, announced a work party Aug 10, 8 AM to repair rotor at ECC.
 Ed Hubbuch, KC5GGZ, stated the club treasury balance at \$2776.37
 Ed asked the club to approve paying 325.00 for the clubs insurance. The motion was approved.
 James, KC5EOR announced that the next two meetings would be hosted by Larry Melby, the ARRL Section Manager and Johnny Davis, the Dallas County RACES Officer.
 8:05 PM The business portion of the meeting was adjourned and after a 5 minute break
 Jim Lawyer gave a talk on Races Kits.

Respectfully submitted by
 Allen Yoder

WAS Cont:

Yes, it is a long wait in between calls before you can make another call, but other stations may need your state and they will want to contact you. I log my calls as I go and in most case have time to fill out the QSL cards while I'm waiting.

To date, I have worked 49 states and 8 countries on the Early 40 meter 3905 Century Club Net on 7.233.5 Mhz. The last state I need is Hawaii. Of course, you have to get a QSL card in hand for the contact to be of any value towards the WAS award, so you keep working the states that you have not received QSL cards from until you do get a card.

So if you really are thinking of working all states and getting the WAS award, I feel that using the 3905 Net is a good way to do it. I hope this article may inspire someone new to HF operations, to get in there and try their hand at getting this very prestigious award. If you should have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact me. My Email is: wt5j@arrl.net

Thanks and I hope to hear some of you on the 3905 Century Club Early 40M Net at 00:00 Hour Zulu time.

73, De WT5J
 Wayne G. Williams
 President of the GARC 2002

Upcoming Events

All public service events are open to any licensed amateur with a desire to participate!

No event experience? Lets us know and we can team you with an experienced amateur to show you the ropes

August 17, 2002 - Red Hot Chili Pepper Bike Ride - Red Hot Chili Pepper Rally presented by Calumet Community Center, Dallas, TX, Saturday, August 17, 2002. The ride will have three courses of 20, 45, and 65 mile distances. Contact Karl Meyer, N5UOI - n5uoi@aol.com. Event information.

August 25, 2002 - Ironman Triathlon - Sponsored by Rockwall Kiwanis Club, Rockwall, Texas. To participate volunteers must:

- 1. Have 440 HT - external antenna and spare battery preferred
- 2. Have radios programmed for 441.525, PL141.3 and 443.550, PL162.2
- 3. Register with Scott Hammond by Wed. Aug. 21 at 972-772-9737 or kk5pp@arrl.net, include your phone number

This is a well organized event and a qualifier for the Texas State Ironman Contest. We will have about 15 hams involved. Duty includes: sag wagons and dangerous intersections. Meet at Rockwall YMCA (SH205 N of Rockwall) at 5:30am, finished about 10am. Additional instructions given by phone.

September 07 - 2002, AMERICA'S WALK FOR DIABETES - 5K Walk. Setup: 08:00, Start: 10:00 at Meyerson Symphony Center, Flora St @ Leonard St, Dallas, *talk-in on 146.880, event on 147.525 simplex*. Event Info: Event information. Walk Location: Annette Strauss Artist Square, Downtown Dallas, Distance: 5 K, Check-in Time: 9:00 am, Start Time: 10:00 am. Walk Route Description: Our walk will begin in Annette Strauss Artist Square in downtown Dallas. Annette Strauss is nestled in the middle of the Arts District, located just east of the Meyerson Symphony Center. The walk will wander through McKinney and Turtle Creek areas and finish at Annette Strauss Artist Square. Contact Karl Meyer, N5UOI - n5uoi@arrl.net.

Easy Sign-up Form

September 20-22, 2002 - Plano Balloon Festival - Looks like this event is a go! Plano voted to fund it so, KK5PB is looking for communications help. Bill will keep us posted on the latest information. To join the communications fun and enjoy the balloons contact Bill Fell, KK5PB.

September 28, 2001 - JDF Walk - JDF walk at White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas. This event supports the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We need a little over 30 communicators to support this event. Contact Bob Jones, W5BJ to sign-up for this event.

Easy Sign-up Form

October 5 - 2002, AIDS Arms LifeWalk 5K Walk & Run - City Hall Plaza, Downtown Dallas. 7:30 AM Registration Opens, Walk & Run begins 9:00 AM. Talk-in on 146.880, event on 147.525 simplex. Contact Karl Meyer, N5UOI - n5uoi@arrl.net. Event Info:

Easy Sign-up Form

October 19, 2002 - Komen Dallas Race for the Cure - Women's 5K Race & Family Co-Ed 5K Fun Run/Walk at NorthPark Center Dallas, TX. Registration: 7:15 am, 1 Mile Family Fun Run/Walk: 7:45 am, All Women's 5K (timed): 8:00 am, Competitive Wheelchair: 7:55 am, Co-ed Family 5K: 8:15 am. Talk-in on 146.880, event on 146.880 and 147.525 simplex. Contact Karl Meyer, N5UOI - n5uoi@arrl.net. Event Info:

Easy Sign-up Form

November 02, 2002 - DALLAS WHITE ROCK 1/2 MARATHON AND WALK - 13.1 miles at White Rock YMCA. Times: 6:30 a.m. - Race day Packet Pickup - There will be no race day registration, 8:30 a.m. - Start of the Half, the Half Walk, 9:00 a.m. - Post Race Celebration. There will be six aid stations located approximately every two miles. A representative of the Dallas Amateur Radio Club will be stationed at each aid station to report any serious problems in regard to the runners' health. Talk-in on 146.880, event on 146.880 and 147.525 simplex.

Contact Karl Meyer, N5UOI - n5uoi@arrl.net. Event Info:

Easy Sign-up Form

November 28 - 2002, Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot at Dallas City Hall - 9:00 AM starting at City Hall Plaza for 8 Mile Race and 3 Mile Fun Run/Walk. Talk-in on 146.880 repeater and event is on 146.96. Contact Karl Meyer, N5UOI - n5uoi@arrl.net. Event Info:

Easy Sign-up Form


December 15, 2002 - White Rock Marathon - Dallas' annual premier running event. This 27 mile run is a qualifying event for the New York Marathon. Comments from operators are encouraged. Contact Bob Jones, W5BJ, bobj1@airmail.net or John Galvin, N5TIM, n5tim@arrl.net to join the communications team.

Marathon Race Information.



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September 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 PM Dallas County Races	2 GARC INFO Net-7:30 PM	3	4 7:45 pm Amsat Net 147.14	5 Garland RACES- 9PM	6	7
8	9 GARC INFO Net-7:30 PM	10	11 7:45 pm Amsat Net 147.14	12 Garland RACES- 9PM	13	14
15 8:00 PM Dallas County Races	16 GARC INFO Net-7:30 PM	17	18 7:45 pm Amsat Net 147.14	19 Garland RACES- 9PM	20	21
22	23 GARC Meeting 7:30 PM	24	25 7:45 pm Amsat Net 147.14	26 VE Testing 7:00 PM Garland RACES- 9PM	27	28
29	30 GARC INFO Net-7:30 PM					

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

Garl and 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 Jacob Schroeder, AC5NA 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, 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.

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 ng5y@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, Kaye Duncan (K5AYE) at kaye.duncan@attbi.com.



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We need your articles, ideas and suggestions for inclusion in the Arclite...