



THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

By

James Schroeder

Hello all,

Here it is near the end of April already. The MS-150 is just around the corner. Then we have field day and the Star Spangled Fourth activities. So summer will be upon us soon and it promises to be a fun-packed time for all.

One note for the membership. We will be electing two new officers for the board. We have had the secretary and president resign. So if you would be willing to run or know of someone who is willing to run, please call Garland Newman, W5IDN, and he will put together another ballot for us. I would like to thank Garland for his outstanding effort to put this all together!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting - April 28th. This meeting will be presented by some of our members who helped with the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery in E. Texas. So plan to come to a great meeting.

73,
James Schroeder, KC5EOR
GARC Interim President

Next GARC Meeting will be April. 28th 2003 @ 7:30 PM

Program:

[Officer Elections & Shuttle Recovery Review](#)

A Cracked Pot

A water bearer in China had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots of water to his house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After 2 years of what perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes to leak out all the way back to your house.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

To all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers.



Hi everyone,

I hope everyone had a great Easter Holiday and you are enjoying the great weather that we've been having lately. Hopefully we won't have any more of the hail storms like we had a couple of Saturdays ago, as a lot of our members acquire a lot of unwanted damage from the last one.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members and all of the other club members who have supported me during the past year and, re-electing me this year. Your friendship and support was and is, greatly appreciated. I felt that each of the board members last year, tried to do their best for the club and together we did make some positive changes that were in the best interest of the club.

It is with great regret that I feel I must resign as the President of the GARC. I have received an Email that has made me question my ability to lead the club in a manner that will sustain the future growth of the club.

With that said, I will continue to support the GARC and the new President, as I have done in the past. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of service in any way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne G. Williams (WT5J)

GARC MEETING MINUTES , 2003



The minutes will be read at the April Meeting by Kaye Duncan.

Submitted by:
Allen Yoder (NG5Y)
Arclite Editor, GARC

ARRL run-off elections are needed

I have been asked about the outcome of the recent ARRL election for North Texas Section Manager.

I am a Life Member of the ARRL, and have been a member of the GARC for 21 years. At the beginning of this year I could say I have seen the North Texas Section of the ARRL run smoothly for over 20 years.

ARRL Section Managers are elected every two years. To be a candidate for election, a person is required to present the signatures of 5 other ARRL members. Last year I asked that ARRL members who are members of our club sign a petition to re-elect Larry Melby, KA5TXL, as Section Manager. We immediately obtained more than double the required number of signatures.

Under current ARRL rules, no matter how many candidates may compete in the election, the candidate with the most votes on the first ballot assumes office. A majority vote is not required. We are not allowed to have a run-off election.

There were two other candidates in this election. One of the others was from Dallas County. So the vote of ARRL members in Dallas County was split between two candidates. When the votes were counted, a third candidate from another county had 77 more votes than KA5TXL, but did not have a majority of the votes. Most of the members participating in the election wanted someone other than the third candidate to be elected.

It also turns out that less than 15% of the 3878 ARRL members in North Texas voted for the person who has taken office.

I am confident that if we had been allowed to have a run-off election, the outcome would have been different. Someone representing the mainstream of amateur radio would have assumed office.

I have told Jim Haynie and Coy day that, in the interest of fairness and smooth operation of the League, we should have run-off elections when no one receives a majority vote. Allowing someone to take office without a majority deprives amateurs of the service of some well qualified people. I would suggest that ARRL members contact them and ask for a rule to provide for run-off elections where no candidate receives 50% of the vote.

The ARRL rules do provide for recall elections. I may have more to say about this, later.

Regards,

Tom Blackwell, N5GAR
ARRL Life Member
(214) 361-5275

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.

May 3 & 4, 2003 - MS150 Red River Challenge - Annual two-day non-competitive 150 mile cycling adventure that challenges riders of all ages, levels and abilities. Amateur radio operators are needed to provide the critical communication needs that this event must have to succeed. Hundreds of area hams have volunteered over the past 14 years, and **you are needed again!** Volunteer for both days, or choose Saturday or Sunday. 2 meters will be the primary mode of communication, but we plan to use APRS and possibly NVIS. Coordinators for those modes are needed. Who knows, if an ATV guru will step up, we could put ourselves on the map with ATV use as well!
Contact KB5ZDG, James Marple, for more info at j.marple@verizon.net. Register now and make your lodging or camping plans ASAP.

May 10, 2003 - "Journey of Hope" Bike Rally - CANCELLED

Contact is Doug Kilgore, KD5OUG, Ph 972-231-8539 or kd5oug@arrl.net.

June 7, 2003 - Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure - The Susan G. Komen folks want to use amateur radio for their communications this year. Location will be at the Alcatel USA campus in Plano, Texas. If you are a new ham, helping out with the Susan G. Komen race will help you hone your net communication skills. These skills are important if you help out with disaster communications. Since the race doesn't cover a large area, it is also great place for a ham to do net communications for the first time. We need at least 12 hams so we will have a place for everyone. Contact Frank Krizan - KR1ZAN at kr1zan@arrl.net if you can help.

July 2-5, 2003 - Star Spangled Fourth - The premier event in Garland, Texas is on again this year. Plans are mostly set and assignments are being made. Clay needs a number of communications volunteers. Times for July 2-3 are evening only and July 3-5 from noon to midnight. To join the team, contact Clay Orchard - KC5MXN .

July 24 - 27, 2003 - Games of Texas - The T.A.A.F. 2003 Games of Texas is a sports festival created to showcase Texas amateur athletes. This is the largest multi-sport event held annually in Texas. Almost 10,000 athletes and 25,000 spectators will be involved. The sponsoring committee this year is comprised of Parks and Recreation departments from Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Grapevine, Hurst, and North Richland Hills. They have asked for ham radio volunteers to help with this event. Amateur radio contact TBD. In the mean time if you need more information you can contact John Galvin, N5TIM, n5tim@arrl.net.



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May 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7245 9:00 am				1	2	3
4	5 GARC INFO NET 7:30pm 146.66	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 GARC INFO NET 7:30pm 146.66	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 GARC INFO NET 7:30pm 146.66	20	21	22 VEC TESTING	23	24
25	26 GARC MEETING	27	28	29	30	31

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, Jacob Schroeder (jschroeder@characterlinknet), 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.,
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or emailed to the Arclite Editor at ng5y@arrl.net

Membership:

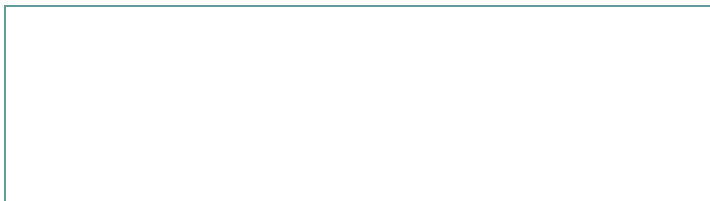
Membership forms are available at the GARC monthly meetings and on the GARC web site. Once the membership form and dues are submitted, new members are voted in at the next GARC monthly meeting.

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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Please Rush!!!

Reminder

We need help with Field Day and the Star Spangled 4th contact an officer for details ...