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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

BY KAYE DUNCAN
K5AYE



Now that we all have had time to catch our breath from the past month's activity, I want to thank all of you who helped to make Field Day and the Star Spangled 4th such a success.

We had another tremendous Field Day again this year. We were able to make contacts with all states except Hawaii as well as all Canadian providences. We also made contact with Cuba during the contest. I must admit that the most exciting part of the event was watching the new hams that were operating HF. We also had several visitors to the site who showed real interest in Amateur Radio and the GARC. Thanks go to Ralph Brown (KA5KFV) for his efforts in the coordination of the site, equipment and manpower for setup and teardown. As usual, we had ample alternative power thanks to Randy Dunning's (KC5QHH) wind generator and solar panels, resulting in no noisy generator use again this year. The list of thanks is long because there was a real team effort in getting us up and operational and keeping us going. I just want all of you who devoted those valuable man-hours to know that you are greatly appreciated.

The GARC's role in the Star Spangled 4th just keeps on getting bigger and bigger each year and this year was no exception. Except for one slight mishap at the ECC by yours truly, the Star Spangled 4th was relatively quiet this year. The net provided over 800 man-hours of communication for the city and event coordinators are singing our praises. My special thanks goes to Clay Orchard (KC5MXN) who makes it seem effortless on our part. He works countless hours on our behalf to coordinate communication requirements with the event coordinators as well as serve as Net Control for the entire event (even if he is not on frequency, trust me, he is there). Clay, you are truly the "Marathon Man". I also want to say thanks to all of you who volunteered your time to communicate during this event. Your efforts are appreciated not only by the city but by me as well.

In addition to the communications net, the GARC had an Information booth this year coordinated by Carrye Lethgo (KD5RFB). She organized a slideshow presentation that was on view during the booth's operation as well as a fully operational 2-meter radio. In addition, she coordinated efforts with volunteers to make sure the booth had enough coverage. Thanks to her efforts the booth proved to be very successful, sparking interest in both Amateur Radio and in the GARC. I even had one couple tell me they were "shopping around" for a club to join and I am hoping to see them at the next meeting due to the information provided them at the booth. With our resources spread thin several members of the club stepped up to the plate and worked multiple shifts and I want to thank them as well for all their efforts.

On a final note, thanks go to June's guest speaker Jay Terleski (WX0B) for his presentation on the planning and preparation phase of the Ft. Bragg antenna installation. He will be back in August to give us another presentation on the installation process and how it took place. However, in July we will have Carson Eads (N5LTN) as our guest speaker and he will thrill us with some of his "Storm Chasing" experiences. That should be a very exciting presentation and one that I don't think you want to miss. In addition, Carrye will be setting up her slideshow presentation for you to all view during the social time. So, I hope to see all of you at the next meeting. Until then, have a safe week and 73's,Kaye (K5AYE)

Next GARC Meeting will be July. 28th 2003 @7:30 PM
Carson Eads(N5LTN) Guest speaker

**MINUTES OF JUNE 2003
MEETING
GARLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.**

Kaye Duncan (K5AYE) called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Randy Dunning lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

Meeting minutes were presented and reviewed. There were two changes involving call signs being published the month before incorrectly. E.H. Nail made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the call signs being corrected. Randy Dunning seconded the motion. June minutes were approved.

Field Day – Ralph Brown gave an update regarding the upcoming field day. The GARC has received approval from the City of Garland to use Bradfield Park. We will have the pole truck from the City for the antenna. Everything needs to be ready to be on the air by 1:00pm. We will meet at Grandy's for breakfast on Saturday. Anyone wanting to help with setting up Field Day needs to meet at the ECC at 8:00am. GARC is planning to run 2 meter; HF, CW, APRS and PSK31 during Field Day. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday afternoon during Field Day.

City of Garland SS4 Update – Clay Orchard gave an update on SS4 plans. There a few slots still available for operators. We will be doing the Preview Night this year, which we have not done in the past. The operator's shirts this year will be a unique color in order to stand out. Clay will be sending out another email to all operators who have signed up to work SS4.

SS4 Membership Booth – Carrye Lethgo gave an update on the membership booth at SS4. The City is providing the club with a 10x10 booth with power for our use. Plans include a PowerPoint presentation showing the various activities of the club and how amateur radios can be used. We are also planning to have a 2 meter unit so people can hear actual radio transmissions. The booth will be operational on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We are still in need of people to help with the booth.

New Business

Upcoming Events – John Galvin (N5TIM)

Star Spangled 4th – Contact Clay Orchard, if interested in working.

Tour de Paris Bike Rally in Paris, Texas on July 19, 2003.

Games of Texas – July 24-27. The TAAF 2003 Games of Texas is a sports festival created to showcase Texas amateur athletes. If you are interested in working, contact Steve Palsky at 972/262-7829 or spalsky@attbi.com.

JDRF is coming up in September. More information to follow.

Gin Pole Purchase - The club needs to purchase a new gin pole. The one, which the club currently has, is unsafe. Clay Orchard made a motion to purchase a new gin pole. Randy Dunning seconded the motion. The motion passed to purchase a new gin pole.

Email security for Arclite – James Schroeder presented a plan to have email security for Arclite distribution. Recipient's email address will not appear on the email. Janet Crenshaw made a motion to approve the establishment on the email security. Randy Dunning seconded the motion. The motion passed. James Schroeder will get everything set up on the server.

GARC Sponsorship for Scouting Program – Frank Krizan made a motion that the Garland Amateur Radio Club give temporary permission for Boy Scouts of America Venturer Crew 73 – K5BSA to conduct meetings and operate the radio station at the GARC Radio Station/ECC on a schedule to be determined by the GARC Communications Officer and to authorize the GARC Board of Directors to investigate sponsorship of Crew 73 as a club sponsored entity. Temporary permission shall be extended through September 30, 2003. Nancy Krizan seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

John Galvin discussed plans for a tower trailer. John solicited input from the membership as to whether or not there was interest and asked for volunteers. There was a list for interested members to sign up to look at the project. The project is in preliminary planning stages. John is to put together a proposal outlining costs, etc/

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*MINUTES OF MAY 2003
MEETING
GARLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. CONTINUED*

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Staff Reports

Garland Newman – Education Officer – The code class finished up tonight. A general class will begin on Tuesday night, July 1.

Allen Yoder – Arclite Editor – no report.

Carrye Lethgo – Secretary – no report other than the SS4 membership booth.

Ralph Brown – Communication Officer – no report other than Field Day plans.

Ed Hubbuch – Treasurer – the current checking account balance is \$3,523.85.

After the break, Jay Terleski gave a presentation on antennas and the military installation at Fort Bragg.

The meeting was adjourned after the program.

Respectively submitted,

Carrye Lethgo, Secretary
KD5RFB

ARCLITE EDITOR NEEDS YOUR ARTICLES

I know it's summer time and there are so many distractions from the GARC but I need to ask each and everyone of you to either submit a short article or at least submit idea's or request for certain kinds of articles. I am asking for memories of filed days past, We hear from time to time about the great sprinkler adventure. How about an article on how you solved that pesky problem with your rig. Even if it turned out to be something simple you can bet that some one else had the problem as well.

Hope to get those articles soon....

73's

NG5Y Allen Yoder...

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.

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 is Steve Palsky at 972-262-7829 or spalsky@attbi.com.

August 16, 2003 - Red Hot Chili Pepper Ride - Benefiting the Calumet Community Center, Dallas, Texas. This bike rally features routes of 20, 47 and 67 miles traveling from the Calumet Community Center, southwest out of Dallas, and will journey through the Joe Pool Lake area. The Dallas Amateur Radio Club provides event and emergency communications support.

Operators are needed for Net Control, Event Coordinator Shadow, Medical Shadow, Pace Car, Rest Stops and SAG Vehicles.

For more information or to participate contact:

Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU, DARC Public Service Officer at ke6lou@arrl.net or (972) 741-8485.

September 6, 2003 - APRS Workshop - John Beadles, N5OOM is putting together an APRS workshop for the D/FW area. The date has been tentatively set for Saturday, September 6. The location has not been fixed at this time, but will likely be in the Richardson / Plano area. He is planning on a 9 hour event with 3 discussion tracks (hardware, software and operating practice) and an open workshop. He is looking for volunteers to form the steering committee and work the various functions. A proposal in MS Word format containing more detail on this event is available on the web at <http://www.redsword.com/jbeadles/radio/>. If you are interested in volunteering or just attending, please notify John at n5oom@arrl.net or call 972-685-8713. You do not have to be a technical expert to work this event!!!

September 19-21, 2003 - Plano Balloon Festival - The event will run for all three days, with two launches per day, one in the morning and one in the evening. Volunteers will be needed for both the field and chase. Volunteers should contact the PARK activities director Robert Davis, AD5NR at Robtdavis1@aol.com. Your friendly coordinator for the event is John Beadles, N5OOM (n5oom@arrl.net). Ham support info for this event will be published on the web at <http://www.redsword.com/jbeadles/radio/> as it becomes available.

Note: I am hoping to run APRS and 802.11b extensively at the event, depending on the amount of ham support available. If you are interested in participating in these technologies at this event, please contact me immediately at n5oom@arrl.net.

September 27, 2003 - 10K Walk to Cure Diabetes - Annual JDRF event at White Rock Lake (Winfrey Point), Dallas, TX. Contact Bob Jones, W5BJ with any questions or to sign on for this event. More details soon.

September 27-28, 2003 - Lone Star Ride Fighting Aids - More information to follow soon! This two day event will cover an area from Fort Worth, north to Denton, then south to Dallas. For more event info go to: <http://www.lonestarride.org/>. To participate or for more information, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU at 972-741-8485 or e-mail ke6lou@arrl.net.

Nov. 27, 2003 - Turkey Trot - Benefiting the Dallas YMCA. Starting at City Hall Plaza for 8 Mile Race and 3 Mile Fun Run/Walk. Contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU- ke6lou@arrl.net, or 972-741-8485. Event Info: <http://www.thetrot.com/>

October 4, 2003 - AIDS Arms LifeWalk 5K Walk & Run - City Hall Plaza, Downtown Dallas. More information to follow soon. For more event info go to: www.aidslifewalk.org. To participate or for more information, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU at 972-741-8485 or e-mail ke6lou@arrl.net.

October 18, 2003 - Komen Dallas Race for the Cure - Women's 5K Race, Family Co-Ed 5K Fun Run/Walk, and 1 mile Family Fun Run/Walk at NorthPark Center Dallas, TX. More information to follow soon. For more event info go to: www.komen-dallas.org/race/faqs.htm. To participate or for more information, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU at 972-741-8485 or e-mail ke6lou@arrl.net.

November 8, 2003 - America's Walk for Diabetes - Downtown Dallas, 5K Walk. More information to follow. For more event info go to: www.diabetes.org. To participate or for more information, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU at 972-741-8485 or e-mail ke6lou@arrl.net.

December 14, 2003 - Run the Rock -



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AUGUST 2003

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SAME NET TIME, SAME NET FREQUENCY

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

Every 1st, 3rd Monday nights 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 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 1st, 3rd 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 (j Schroeder@charecterlink.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.,
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or emailed to the Arclite Editor at ng5y@arrl.net

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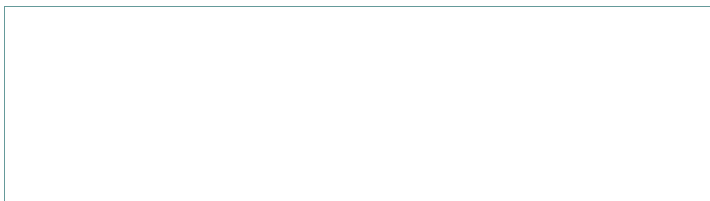
Membership forms are available at the GARC monthly meetings and on the GARC web site. Once the membership form and dues are submitted, new members are voted in at the next GARC monthly meeting.

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



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Please Rush!!!

Reminder

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