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## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

By Kaye Duncan  
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I would like to start this month's article by saying a couple of thank you. First, I want to thank James Schroeder (KC5EOR) for pitch hitting for me at the last meeting. While I regret having to miss last month's meeting I heard what a wonderful job he did in my absence. Secondly, I want to thank Carrye Lethgo (KD5RFB) and Richard Miller (KD5PXM) for speaking to the members on Amateur Radio and Auto Racing. I had a lot of positive feedback from the members and really do regret having missed their presentation. Finally, I want to thank Garland Newman (W5IDN) for his efforts in making Jamboree on the Air at the ECC a success. He manned the ECC from noon until 5:30pm on Saturday and had quite a few scouts show up to hear about amateur radio. Hopefully he sparked an interest in some of them!

This month's meeting will be our annual auction, and as usual, it should be a great time and hopefully a profitable one as well. I am not sure who is slated to be the auctioneer this year but I am sure we will all have a fun time. So clean out your garages, attics, and ham shacks and plan on joining us. Items brought for auction must be of an amateur radio nature and includes computers. Sellers should arrive early to fill out the auction information sheets that will be provided. As in the past, 10% of the selling price will go to the club (unless the seller wants to donate more). November's meeting is still being arranged, but James should be able to announce more details at the October meeting.

I do want to let you know about the status of one of our club members. Bill Lewis (K5GHR), or Great Hopping Rabbit as he is better known, has had to go into an assisted living facility in Wylie. He is at Hillcrest Manor, 300 E Brown St, Room 503A, Wylie, TX 75098. I am sure that it would mean a lot to him if you could drop him a line of encouragement or stop by for a visit. We will also probably need volunteers to work with his church to help move some of his belongings into storage. I will provide more details at the next meeting. Also, if you live in that area and would be willing to bring him to the meetings please let me know so perhaps arrangements can be made.

There are still quite a few events for the remainder of the year that we need volunteers for. Check out John Galvin's web page at [www.qsl.net/n5tim/](http://www.qsl.net/n5tim/) for the list.

Finally, I want to mention again the GARC Christmas Pot Luck Social on December 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm. It will be held again this year at the Freeman Heights Baptist Church on Garland Rd between Walnut and Buckingham. The club will provide assorted meats, rolls, and drinks. All we ask is that you bring either a side dish or dessert to the festivities so I hope that you will make plans to attend.

I hope to see you at the auction. Bring lots of stuff to sell and/or your checkbooks! Until then, 73's.....Kaye (K5AYE)

# 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.

**October 25, 2003 - Twin Lakes Bike Challenge** - This will be a 30 and 60 mile ride sponsored by the Rowlett Parks department starting at Rowlett High School. We will probably need around 8-10 hams as rest stop liaisons and as shadow operators. To participate or for more information, contact Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH, at 972-475-9664 or e-mail janet11@comcast.net.

**November 1, 2003 - DALLAS HALF MARATHON** - The 13.1 mile course will start at White Rock Lake and finish near the northeast downtown DART transit center going through the Lakewood neighborhood, down Swiss Avenue and through Deep Ellum. Event web site: [www.whiterockhalf.org/](http://www.whiterockhalf.org/). 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](http://www.diabetes.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/>

**December 4, 2003 - Christmas on the Square** - The City of Garland is adding a new element to its annual holiday celebration on the City's historic downtown square. Christmas on the Square is set for Thursday, December 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., featuring a full-length lighted Christmas parade.

**December 14, 2003 - Run the Rock** -

Marathon Race Information. Contact Bob Jones, W5BJ with any questions or to sign on for this event.



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# Minutes of Meeting

September 22, 2003

James Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Randy Dunning lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Old Business

NBC5 Technology and Lifestyles Expo Update – Roy Rabey, North Texas Section Manager, gave an update about the Expo. W5D, a special event call sign, will be used during the weekend. The ARRL booth will be open Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am until 5:00pm. A number of clubs are participating during the booth operation. There will be several stations operated so attendees can listen to amateur radio operations.

Jamboree on the Air will be Saturday, October 19, 2003. The ECC will be open beginning at noon on Saturday for scouts to come by and make contacts with other scouts across the country.

Info Nets – We need more people to sign up to run the info nets or the net will be discontinued.

## New Business

Upcoming Events – John Galvin reminded all members of upcoming events. For a list of the events, check the public service website at [www.qsl.net/n5tim](http://www.qsl.net/n5tim).

Lyles Middle School Opportunity – L.D. Carpenter gave an update on the project. The science teacher and principal are interested in getting involved with amateur radio as an ongoing project for the students. More information will be available as the project moves forward.

Randy Dunning informed the club of work being done on a proposed towers ordinance for Garland.

## Staff Reports

*Education* – Garland Newman (W5IDN) – The tech class finishes September 23. This will be the last class for the year.

*ArcLite Editor* – Allen Yoder (NG5Y) – No report

*Secretary* – Carrye Lethgo (KD5RFB) – No report

*Communications Officer* – Ralph Brown (KA5KVF) – The power supply in the ECC has been repaired.

*Treasurer* – Ed Hubbuch (KC5GGZ) – No report

*Vice President* – James Schroeder (KC5EOR) – The annual GARC auction will be held during the October meeting.

*President* – Kaye Duncan (K5AYE) – No report

## Program

Richard Miller (KD5PXM) and Carrye Lethgo (KD5RFB) gave a presentation on the uses of amateur radio in car races and rally events.

The meeting was adjourned after the program.

Respectively submitted,

Carrye Lethgo, Secretary  
KD5RFB



- Are you needing to buy some Radio Gear?
- Are you needing to sell some Radio Gear?
- Are you just in the mood for some Laughs?

If you fit any or all of the above categories then you need to join in the fun!

## GARC AUCTION

Monday, October 27, 2003

7pm-9pm

Garland Women's Activity Center  
(Austin & Glenbrook)

Business meeting starts at 7:30 and the auction will be held afterwards! Those wanting to sell items in the auction will need to arrive at 7pm to fill out auction slips. 10% of the proceeds from the sell of the item will go to the Garland Amateur Radio Club. Please only bring Amateur Radio related items (includes computers) to be auctioned off.

**K8DNE V.E. T E A M  
2003 V.E. STATISTICS**

=====APPLICANTS=====							===== ELEMENTS =====			
DATE ==	NEW ==	UPGRADE ==	PARTIAL		FAIL ==	TOTAL ==	PASSED =====	FAILED =====	TOTAL =====	
			UPGRADE ==	FAIL ==						
JAN03 ==	1 ==	0 ==	0 ==	2 ==	3 ==	1 =====	3 =====	4 =====		
FEB03 ==	10 ==	2 ==	0 ==	1 ==	13 ==	14 =====	5 =====	19 =====		
MAR03 ==	9 ==	3 ==	1 ==	4 ==	17 ==	15 =====	14 =====	29 =====		
APR03 ==	8 ==	1 ==	0 ==	3 ==	12 ==	10 =====	6 =====	16 =====		
MAY03 ==	5 ==	5 ==	1 ==	0 ==	11 ==	10 =====	1 =====	11 =====		
JUN03 ==	7 ==	1 ==	0 ==	3 ==	11 ==	9 =====	7 =====	16 =====		
JUL03 ==	7 ==	4 ==	3 ==	1 ==	15 ==	18 =====	5 =====	23 =====		
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>140</b>		

As seen from the above table, the K8DNE V.E. Team is responsible for upgrading 26 amateur and creating 54 new amateur operators in 2003. The team has provided services of some kind, including single element testing or partial upgrading, to 102 applicants.

Dennis Alsup	W5DDA	Al Kinnard	AD5AZ
Gene Barnard	W5QPP	Wayne Lussmyer	N5LDD
Robert Brunskill	KC5GMZ	Max Mondragon	KC5INV
Robert Bond	W5LXN	Garland Newman	W5IDN
Doug Carpenter	KD5SJT	Ed Prasifka	W5EJP
Gerry Crenshaw	WD4BIS	Laura Richards	KD5KJC
Janet Crenshaw	WB9ZPH	William Richards	KM5VZ
Gary Danaher	AB5RM	Jacob Schroeder	AC5NA
Pete Goudreau	AD5HD	Ron VanWinkle	N5YDX
Craig Green	KV5E	Wayne Williams	WT5J
William Hammon	KA5SOT	Allen Yoder	NG6Y
Robert Ivey	WA5OYE	Harold Yoder	N5MQA
Bud Johnson	WR5BJ		

Anyone wishing to become a team member, please contact K8DNE and I will do all the paperwork necessary. The basic requirements are that the V.E. applicant be at least 18 years of age, and hold a General, or higher, class Amateur Radio License.

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**Huge power outage is scenario for first statewide Florida SET:**

For the first time, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members in all three Florida ARRL sections participated in a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) October 2-4. The scenario was a three-day statewide electrical power outage. A QNC ("All net stations copy!") went out to all Florida amateurs October 2 to advise of the SET. Also sent was a request from the Florida State Warning Point--which monitors for major incidents and emergencies--for status information from all Red Cross chapters in Florida. "With no advance warning as to the nature of the emergency, amateurs across the state

quickly responded to the requests," reported ARRL West Central Florida Section Manager Dave Armbrust, AE4MR. "Special nets were called and scheduled with checkins from stations operating on emergency power." Armbrust said he was impressed by the number of stations that had emergency power capability. "A large number had generators and large quantities of fuel on hand," he said. "There is no question in my mind that if we had a statewide power outage, it would not mean that Amateur Radio would be off the air." Armbrust said the SET clearly established that many Florida amateurs consider it essential to continue to be able to communicate when conventional power fails. "They have, at great expense to themselves, set up stations that will remain on the air in all but the most extreme circumstances," he said. "They will be there when we need them the most." Armbrust reported "exceptional cooperation" among the three sections--Northern Florida, Southern Florida and West Central Florida. "We clearly proved that all ARES and National Traffic System (NTS) members in the state can work together as a single large team if a statewide disaster would require us to do so," he concluded.

**Special call signs to note World Diabetes Day:** The Association of Radio Amateurs of Slovenia (*Zveza Radioamaterjev Slovenije--ZRS*) and the Slovenian Diabetes Association will mark World Diabetes Day November 14-16 with special event stations S55T and S50G. ZRS says the event is a way to raise public awareness of diabetes internationally. Operation will be on HF and VHF, SSB, CW and RTTY.





# November 2003

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30				NO VEC TESTING THIS MONTH		

## 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

## 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 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 ([jshroeder@characterlinknet](mailto:jshroeder@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.

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### Membership:

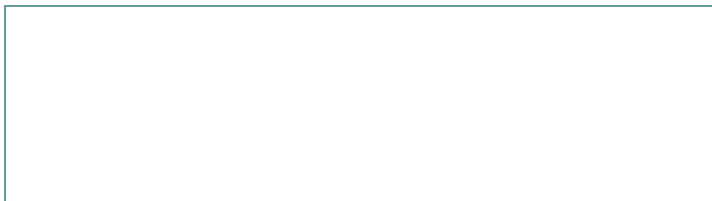
Membership forms are available at the GARC monthly meetings and on the GARC web site. Once the membership form and dues are submitted, new members are voted in at the next GARC monthly meeting.

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](mailto:kaye.duncan@attbi.com).



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*Please Rush!!!*

Reminder

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