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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN BY KAYE DUNCAN K5AYE



As usual I would like to start off the January article as I have done every year as President and wish you all a very Happy New Year. I hope that you all had a great holiday and are looking forward to the New Year as much as I am. The GARC is very fortunate again to start the year off right by having Jim Haynie (W5JBP) President of the ARRL as our special guest speaker at this month's meeting on January 26th. Jim was re-elected to his 3rd consecutive term on January 16th by a unanimous vote by the ARRL board. So please join me in congratulating him on this tremendous achievement and thanking him for taking time to give us an update on what's happening at the ARRL.

Although the turnout was not as big as previous years, those of us who were there had a wonderful time at the GARC's Christmas Pot Luck Social. We spent the evening with plenty of good food, good music, and good fun. I want to thank Carrye Lethgo (KD5RFB) for helping me with the food preparation and decorations. She survived an afternoon at Sam's with me which is no small feat let me tell you. Just ask Don!

There are several things that will be coming up in the next few months that I feel need to be mentioned. First, the annual Dallas County Skywarn School will be held at the Granville Arts Center (formally Performing Arts Center) on February 21st, starting at 9:00am and ending at 1:30pm. In conjunction with the Skywarn School, The Texas Severe Storms Association (TESSA) will hold it's 8th National Meeting beginning at 2:30pm and ending at 7:00pm in the Atrium. The GARC will hold a raffle again this year for a weather station, and we also will be taking membership renewals at that time. Since renewals are due in March, this is the perfect time to pay your dues. So come out for a whole day of severe weather safety, storm spotter training, weather videos, and interesting guest speakers.

The GARC Board elections are coming up again in March and people interested in a board position need to let the Election Committee know at the next meeting. Ed Hubbuch (KC5GGZ) has agreed to head the committee and needs a couple more volunteers to assist him in the election. If you are willing to help with the election please let him know at the meeting.

Finally, the New Year brings with it a new slate of public service events to volunteer for. Check out John Galvin's (N5TIM) public service web page at <http://www.qsl.net/n5tim/> for the current list.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting. Until then.... 73's, Kaye

UPCOMING EVENTS

2004

January 24, 2004 - Dino Dash - Yearly walk, run in Dallas at Fair Park. Contact is Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU at ke6lou@arrl.net or (972) 741-8485. Additional information can be found at http://www.qsl.net/ke6lou/dino_dash.htm and [Discovery/Dino Dash](#).

March 20, 2004 - Grasslands Run - The North Texas Trail Runners have asked for support for their Grasslands Run on March 20th. This event will take place in the LBJ grasslands northeast of Decatur, TX. We will need approximately 15 operators for rest stations, shadows, etc., most of whom can operate from their vehicle if necessary. The route will involve three loops returning to the same hub from each loop.

We'll probably be using simplex VHF on medium power (20W) so antennas will be the primary concern-they'll have to be efficient. Portable base antennas with poles would be best, but good mobiles will work as well.

Race details can be found on the nttr.org website and camping sites are explained there as well for the Friday night before the race.

To sign-up or get additional information contact Jim Shultz, W5OMG at W5OMG@arrl.net

March 27, 2004 - MS Walk Plano - Saturday MS Walk in Plano, Texas. To volunteer for the **Plano** walk, contact Jonathan Sennetti, K5VX at k5vx@arrl.net or use the [Easy Sign-up Form](#) to sign-up. Visit the [MS Society Lonestar Chapter](#) for additional information.

March 28, 2004 - MS Walk Dallas - Sunday MS Walk in Dallas, Texas. To volunteer for the **Dallas** walk, contact John Galvin, N5TIM, n5tim@arrl.net or use the [Easy Sign-up Form](#).

Visit the [MS Society Lonestar Chapter](#) for additional information.

April 24, 2004 - WalkAmerica 2004 - March of Dimes walk at White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas. To volunteer for this event, contact John Galvin, N5TIM, n5tim@arrl.net or use the [Easy Sign-up Form](#).

August 21, 2004 - RED HOT CHILI PEPPER RIDE - 20, 40, and 60 mile bike ride benefiting the Calumet Center of Dallas. Further information available at http://www.qsl.net/ke6lou/red_hot_chili_pepper_ride_2004.htm. To sign up, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU ke6lou@arrl.net, 972-741-8485, or use the [Public Service Event Sign Up Form](#).

October 2, 2004(Tentative)- 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.

October 16, 2004 - KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE - 5K run/walk, 1 mile walk benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Further information available at http://www.qsl.net/ke6lou/komen_04.htm. To sign up, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU ke6lou@arrl.net, 972-741-8485, or use the [Public Service Event Sign Up Form](#).

November 25, 2004 - TURKEY TROT - 8 mile run, 3 mile run/walk, 1 mile walk benefiting the Downtown Dallas YMCA. Further information available at http://www.qsl.net/ke6lou/turkey_trot_04.htm. To sign up, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU ke6lou@arrl.net, 972-741-8485, or use the [Public Service Event Sign Up Form](#).

email addresses for current and past event coordinators.

Note: Substitute "@" for "+" in each email address.

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Garland Amateur Radio Club Equipment Check-Out Procedures

The following procedures will be followed when checking out GARC equipment from the Emergency Communications Center (ECC):

1. Only a current GARC member may only check out equipment.
2. Only a GARC board member can authorize equipment to be checked out.
3. The Communications Officer must be notified immediately of all equipment being checked out by the authorizing board member.
4. A GARC Equipment Check-Out form must be filled out before the equipment can leave the ECC.
5. Equipment may only be checked out for a 30-day period. If the equipment is needed longer than the 30-day period a new Equipment Check-Out form must be filled out.
6. Equipment currently being used to provide Emergency Communications at the ECC may not be checked out (This is to include currently installed radios, antennas, power supplies, and the backup generator).
The club member must replace any GARC equipment lost or damaged while it is checked out.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2003 GARC MEETING

The minutes of the November 2003 meeting were unavailable at press time.

There was no official business at the annual Christmas party so there are no December 2003 meeting minutes.

There was no December 2003 edition of the Arclite.

WE STUDIED, WE TESTED & WE PASSED!

BY W.H. REYNOLDS, K8DNE

DATE	NEW	UPGRADE	PARTIAL UPGRADE	FAIL	TOTAL	PASSED	FAILED	TOTAL
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
AUG03	4	5	0	1	10	9	2	11
SEP03	3	5	1	1	10	10	1	11
OCT03	3	1	0	2	6	4	2	6
NOV03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEC03	2	3	1	2	8	5	3	8
TOTAL	59	30	7	20	116	105	49	154

As seen from the above table, the K8DNE V.E. Team is responsible for upgrading 30 amateur and creating 59 new amateur operators thus far in 2003. The team has provided services of some kind, including single element testing or partial upgrading, to 116 applicants.

2003 EXAMINATION TEAM MEMBERS:

Dennis Alsop W5DDA	Alva Anderson W5VCJ	Gary Danaher AB5RM
Eugene Barnard W5QPP	Robert Ivey WA5OYE	Bob Brunskill KC5GMZ
Gerry Crenshaw WD4BIS	Doug Carpenter KD5SJT	Craig Green KV5E
Bill Hammon KA5SOT	Robert Ivey WA5OYE	Bud Johnson WR5BJ
Gerry Crenshaw WD4BIS	Al Kinnard AD5AZ	
Robert Bond W5LXN	Wayne Lussmyer N5LDD	Max Mondragon KC5INV
Garland Newman W5IDN	Ed Prasifka W5EJP	
Janet Crenshaw WB9ZPH	Laura Richards KD5KJC	William Richards KM5VZ
Jacob Schroeder AC5NA	Jennilyn Schroeder KC5YZK	Joseph Schroeder KD5EWQ
Ron VanWinkle N5YDX	William Hammon KA5KJC	Pete Goudreau AD5HD
Wayne Williams WT5J	Allen Yoder NG5Y	Harold Yoder N5MQA

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.

CRONY LUNCH



So what exactly is ‘Crony Lunch’? Some would say it’s the LXG or Lunch of Extraordinary gentlemen. It’s just an informal get together of hams mostly from our club who get together every Thursday at 11:00 am at the local Golden Coral at Forest Lane Rd near Plano Road. All are welcome and the topics of conversation are as varied as the imagination wanders.



Attention All Amateurs...

ARRL to Propose New Entry-Level License, Code-Free HF Access (Jan 19, 2004) -- The ARRL will ask the FCC to create a new entry-level Amateur Radio license that would include HF phone privileges without requiring a Morse code test. The League also will propose consolidating all current licenses into three classes, retaining the Element 1 Morse requirement--now 5 WPM--only for the highest class. The ARRL Board of Directors overwhelmingly approved the plan January 16 during its Annual Meeting in Windsor, Connecticut. The proposals--developed by the ARRL Executive Committee following a Board instruction last July--are in response to changes made in Article 25 of the international *Radio Regulations* at World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03). They would continue a process of streamlining the amateur licensing structure that the FCC began more than five years ago but left unfinished in the Amateur Service license restructuring *Report and Order* ([WT 98-143](#)) that went into effect April 15, 2000.



DXCC rule change adopted

(Jan 20, 2004) -- At its January meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors removed paragraph 1.c) "The entity has a separate IARU member-society" from the [DXCC Rules](#) criteria for determining a DXCC entity. This provision, implemented in 1998 as part of the DXCC 2000 Program, had provided that "An entity will be added to the DXCC List as a political entity if it. . . has a separate IARU member-society." Since then, the rule has allowed for the addition of four new DXCC entities and the retention of one existing entity. Unfortunately, the provision also had the unintended consequence of stimulating applications for IARU membership that do not further the objectives of the IARU, creating an unfortunate and unnecessary administrative burden. The rule change will have no effect on entities created by or as the result of the rule. According to DXCC Rule II, 5. C), "A change in the DXCC criteria shall not affect the status of any entity on the DXCC List at the time of the change." The other two criteria for the determination of a political entity for DXCC continue in effect: 1.a) "The entity is a UN member-state." and 1.b) "The entity (except international organizations) has been assigned a call sign prefix block by the ITU." The Board resolved to amend the DXCC rules by deleting IARU membership as a basis for determining a "political entity."



Congressman-Ham Asks FCC to Wait for NTIA Study Before Acting on BPL



(Jan 16, 2004) -- US Representative Greg Walden, WB7OCE, has called on the FCC to put off any further action in its Broadband over Power Line (BPL) proceeding until the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) releases the results of its BPL study and the public has had a chance to comment.

News Article above courtesy ARRL...

FEBRUARY 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 GARC MEETING	24	25	26 VEC TESTING	27	28
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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 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, Ralph Brown (wrbraun@juno.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.,
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or emailed to the Arclite Editor at ng5y@arrl.net

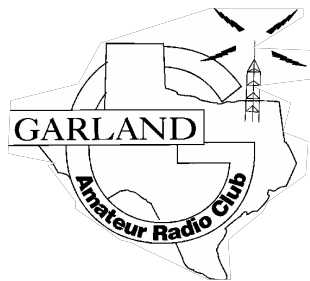
Membership:

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, Carrye Lethgo (KD5RFB) at clethgo@yahoo.com.



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Please Rush!!!

Reminder

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