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The President's Pen By Kaye Duncan k5aye



Hello again! It seems that it is time again to write yet another article for the ArcLite (past time, actually). Since I know that you all have better things to do than to read a long-winded article from me, I will keep it brief this time.

My thanks go to our January guest speaker Jim Haynie (W5JPB) for updating us on what's going on at the ARRL. While there was some heated discussion on upcoming license restructuring, his visit was enjoyed by all that were there. It is comforting to know that we have him in our corner looking out for our interests, and we hope that he will visit with us again next January.



Jim Haynie, Kaye Duncan & Bob Hitch

that we will raffle away in the afternoon. Ticket prices will be \$2.00 per ticket, or 3 tickets for \$5.00.

Another reminder for all club members is the GARC Board elections that are coming in March. Ed Hubbuch (KC5GGZ) will be handling the nominations this year and will need help from club members the night of the elections. If there is a board position that you would be interested in running for, please contact him and let him know.

I want to remind everyone again about the annual Dallas County Skywarn School that will be held at the Granville Arts Center in downtown Garland this Saturday February 21st from 8:30am till 1:30pm. As usual, there will be informative information on storm spotting, and the latest and greatest storm videos. In addition, the Texas Severe Storms Association (TESSA) will hold the 8th National Meeting will begin at 2:30pm till 7pm in The Atrium. Be sure to stop by the GARC booth either before the class or at the breaks. You can renew your dues at that time and also buy raffle tickets for the weather station

Upcoming events

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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For sale or trade

If you have any items for sale (should be Ham Radio related) let us know and we can post it here for you...
If you are looking for a job, or your employer is hiring let us know...

OK this has nothing at all to do with Ham Radio, forgive me in advance... We have a crisis we need to solve.

Melanie and I have 3 cemetery plots at Laurel Land Cemetery we need to sell. Laurel Land tells us these plots are worth \$1800 each. We would sell all three for \$2000.... Email me if your interested or want more details. ng5y@arrl.net

Minutes Of January 2004 GARC Meeting

The minutes of the January 2004 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.

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Finally, if you are interested in volunteering for a public service event, please check out John Galvin's web page www.qsl.net/n5tim/ for the current list. Also, check out the GARC web page at www.qsl.net/garc/ for the latest information on classes being offered, as well as other current GARC information.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, and at the next GARC meeting on February 23rd at 7pm. Our guest speaker will be Joe Jurecka (N5PYK) and he will be talking on the causes of band openings on the VHF bands and up and how to take advantage of them. It sounds like we have a very interesting meeting in store for us on Monday

Until then.....73's, Kaye



We need you to volunteer to serve as a club officer or just help out in general.

Even if you only have a little time each month, that can go along way to making the club run better and be more fun for everyone.

Please contact Ed Hubbuch (KC5GGZ) or a board member for details....

73's

Allen (NG5Y)

March 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 March Meeting	23	24	25 VEC TEST	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Same Net Time, Same Net Frequency

The Following nets occur on a regular basis throughout the month. Every 1st & 3rd 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 Bill Richards, KM5VZ 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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