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**THE PRESIDENT'S PEN  
BY BOB JONES  
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Happy New Year All –

It was great seeing many of you at the Christmas party. What a turn out!! I estimate about 70 in all. Big “thank you’s” go to Kaye Duncan for decorations and set up; to Allen Yoder for facility arrangements; to Bonnie and John Galvin for food coordination (including the delicious peach cobbler) and to Garland Newman for the excellent PA system. Some of you asked who the folks were that provided the music entertainment – they were Lisa Morgan (soprano) from First United Methodist Church of Sachse and Curtis Cole (piano) from First Christian Church in Mesquite. I hope everyone had as good a time as I did. Don’t wait until next Christmas to come to another Club meeting.

Renovation of the ECC is very nearly complete – what a difference. Laura and Bill Richards, Lori and Jim Chandler did an excellent job and did it fast. Bob Hitch rewired practically the whole room and Al Kinard laid the tile in the restroom and storage closet. We are planning to have a series of scheduled openings on weekends soon, so plan to come by and take a look. I think you’ll be pleased. We now have a functional facility that we can be proud of for providing emergency communications for the City, a base station for normal ham radio operation and an excellent place for conducting training and license classes. Again, thanks to all who contributed time and effort to this project.

Now is the time to begin focusing on this year’s activities. In the Board meeting last Monday evening, John Galvin volunteered to spearhead Field Day for 2005. John will need lots of help so don’t be bashful about volunteering. Also, we need to be thinking about Club officers with elections coming up in March. Bill Richards with help from Bob Hitch and hopefully two or three others agreed to serve as the nominating committee. If you are interested in being a Club officer, again, don’t be bashful, let Bill or Bob know.

Our program this month should be a good one. Jim Haynie, W5JBP, President of the ARRL, will be our guest speaker. Jim always gives an excellent presentation on what’s going on at the ARRL and amateur radio in general. Hope to see you there.

73 for now,  
Bob, W5BJ

# ON THE HORIZON...

**January, 24th, 2005:** Jim Haynie, ARRL President - League talk and activities

**February 19th, 2005:** National Weather Service Skywarn School - Granville Arts Center - Garland, TX

**February 28th, 2005:** GARC Club Meeting

**March 28th, 2005:** GARC Club Meeting

## SADIE GETS HER EXTRA...

In December Sadie Dillard, KE5BUX, Age 8, passed the Extra Test. Her sister Taylor Dillard, age 6, passed her Morse code Test. Mom, Cheryl, KC5UYO, a Technician now needs her Morse code to catch up. Way to go Sadie and Taylor.

Third grader and General class op Sadie Dillard, KE5BUX--here at her family's station--worked Mark Spencer, WA8SME, at W1AW last October from the Garland (Texas) Amateur Radio Club station for her first HF contact. Her mom and dad are Cheryl and Jerry Dillard, KC5UYO and WD4LHN. (Reprint ARRL.ORG)



## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

If you have a topic or training that you would like to see provided at a future GARC meeting, please email John Galvin at [n5tim@arrl.net](mailto:n5tim@arrl.net). This topic could include emergency procedures, new radio operator topics, license upgrade topics, public service training or new operating modes. Also, if you have a program or topic that you would like to present, please let John know as well.

## IS YOUR INFORMATION CORRECT?

One of the biggest difficulties of any club is keeping accurate information on its members. When we change internet providers or jobs, many times we forget to update everybody. We can provide information and newsletters quickly and efficiently if we have an accurate email address. Next time you find a few extra minutes at the computer, send an email to Carrye, our club secretary with an updated email address. Her email address is [clethgo@yahoo.com](mailto:clethgo@yahoo.com).

We will have the most current roster at the next few meetings to check your information and make changes if needed.



## Garland Amateur Radio Club Application for (circle one): New Membership or Renewal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign:	License Class (Circle one): Novice Tech Tech+ General Adv Extra
First Name:	Last Name
Street Address	
City:	State:            Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Work Phone (Optional):
Pager # (optional):	E-Mail (Optional):

**General Information**

*(circle your response)*

Are you a paid member of the ARRL?    YES    NO

Are you a RACES member?                    YES    NO

Are you interested in Public Service Events? YES    NO

What are your areas of Interest/Expertise? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type:**

	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov	Dec-Feb
New or Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11.25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.75
Senior (65 or over)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50
Each Add'l Family Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.25

Additional Family Member Info (put additional family members, if any, on the back of this sheet):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Payment Type:**

Cash Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to: Garland Amateur Radio Club and mail or give to:*

*GARC Treasurer  
1027B West Austin Street  
Garland, TX 75040*

# THE ECC GETS A FACE LIFT

On January 10th, 2005, the GARC board of directors held their first meeting at the newly renovated ECC in Garland. The ECC has long been in need of a face lift and best part is the remodel was performed by our own club members. The club would not have been able to perform such a feat without the assistance of all GARC members.

The materials were outlined and purchased under a budget voted on by our members. The labor was performed by Bill & Laura Richards, Jim, Lori & Samantha Chambers, Bob Hitch and Al Kinard. The club owes a big thanks to all that helped as we could not have performed this feat with volunteer help.

If you have not had a chance to see the remodeled ECC, the GARC is planning a few open houses in the next few months. The club has already had a few training classes at the facility and we can plan more now that the remodel is complete.

If you would be interested in hosting or helping out with a Saturday hosting for members to come and operate out of the facility, please let a board member know when you are available to help out.

What a great place to do some contesting....

## NOVEMBER 2004 MINUTES

Minutes of November 22, 2004

By Garland Newman

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Jones, W5BJ, at 7:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Visitors and members were introduced, "Dodie" Woods, KE5DCO got her official license today. John Myers was also in attendance.

John Myers, KD5JMV and Carl Stephenson, KE5BNB, were voted in as new members

Laura Richards, KD5KJC, and Bill Richards, KM5VZ, with the help of KB5LQR, Lorie Chandler and Jim Chandler, KB4ASI and their daughter Samantha, gave a presentation on the remodeling of the ECC. They are redoing the ECC with cabinets, paint, electrical, and redoing the radio layout. The remodel would take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

The Christmas party will be December 13<sup>th</sup>, with 22 people said they would be there.

Ralph Brown reported the 442.70 repeater is up and running currently with no tone needed.

A very good presentation on BPL update from Jory McIntosh, KJ5RM. This was a very good and disturbing presentation regarding our amateur radio bands. Jory, suggested we write our congressman and also donate money to the BPL defense funds. It is happening here in North Texas.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

## VENTURING 73 OPEN HOUSE

Venturing Crew 73 invites teens from throughout the North Dallas area interested in Ham Radio to attend an Open House on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Crew 73 is a place for teens to learn and practice various aspects of the radio hobby, plus enjoy the fun of the outdoors, learn about emergency preparedness, investigate high technology and participate in community service.

The Open House will take place at the City of Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Drive, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. More details and a map are on the Crew's website at <http://www.qsl.net/k5bsa>. Parents are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

New and returning members will elect officers and plan the Crew's meetings and activities for the year during March. Plenty of training and guidance are available from Crew advisors and consultants. Crew activities are designed to supplement teen's involvement in area clubs.

Crew 73 is a co-ed Venturing Unit of the Boy Scouts of America, Circle Ten Council.

# FEBRUARY 2005

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 <small>NWS Skywarn School 8:30 a.m.</small>
20	21	22	23	24 <small>VEC Testing</small>	25	26
27	28 <small>GARC Meeting 7:30 p.m.</small>					

## 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

## 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 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 ([wrbrown@juno.com](mailto:wrbrown@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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be reprinted without permission in any Amateur Radio Publication provided proper credit is given and the motive is the advancement of amateur radio and not for profit.

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.,  
Garland, TX 75040

or emailed to the Arclite Editor at [kd5lgu@arrl.net](mailto:kd5lgu@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 Johnstone (KD5RFB) at [clethgo@yahoo.com](mailto:clethgo@yahoo.com).



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*Please Rush!!!*

Reminder

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