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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN BY BOB JONES W5BJ



Happy springtime!

It's hard to believe that this year is almost one-quarter over, but that's the case. We had an excellent presentation at our February meeting by Phil Salas on HF antennas where he explained quite clearly what we should expect from reduced size antennas. Phil still claims that there's "no free lunch".

Also, at the February meeting the membership voted to purchase a dual band radio for North Garland High School. Through Garland Newman's teaching North Garland H.S. now has six licensees (including an instructor) with several more to come. They have excellent facilities including an HF rig and a 60-foot tower with multiband directional array atop. With our donation of a Yaesu Ft-8800, purchased last week, they will have 2m and 70cm capability.

The membership voted at the February meeting to hold open house at the ECC monthly on the third Saturday. We started on Saturday, March 19th and it was a big success – 22 showed up and at least 3 had choice items for sale. Our next open house will be on April 16th – 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Come by and join in on the fun!

The 30th annual Skywarn School held on February 19th was a resounding success for the GARC. Thanks to the efforts of Janet and Gerry Crenshaw, Laura and Bill Richards, and Kaye Duncan; the Club netted almost \$1000 from membership dues, weather station raffle and concessions. Thanks also to John Galvin for hosting an excellent Skywarn School.

Janet Crenshaw has spent many hours creating a new and much needed membership database for the Club. It will be available for your review at this month's meeting. It is as accurate as Janet can make it at this point, so please check your listing at the meeting. The listing will show only those who have paid their dues for this year. If you have not paid your dues, you can do so at the meeting.

Remember, Club officer elections will be held this month. If you are interested in serving as a Club officer, contact either Bill Richards at 469-387-4079 or Bob Hitch at 972-495-3867. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

It is our pleasure to have as our guest speaker this month, Jim Haynie, W5JBP, President of the ARRL. Jim will fill us in on the latest information from the ARRL. See you at the meeting.

Bob Jones, W5BJ
President

ON THE HORIZON...

March 28th, 2005: Jim Haynie, ARRL President - League talk and activities.

April 25th, 2005: Spark Gap Transmitters - Actual demonstration of how spark gap transmitters work.

May 23rd, 2005: GARC Meeting

June 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2005: HAMCOM - Arlington Convention Center

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. 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 member information.

Well, one of our own has provided an invaluable tool for the club. Janet Crenshaw has developed a web-based club roster system to keep the most accurate and up-to-date information possible. Janet has even donated the server space to run the web roster on.

This new tool allows you to send any information change to any club officer and the changes happen immediately. You don't have to wait until the next club meeting to submit the changes. This project has been needed for a long time and we are grateful for the work Janet has put into this project.

LAST CHANCE SKYWARN SCHOOL

If you were unable to attend Skywarn School in Garland, you have one last chance this spring. On March 29th, 2005 the Rockwall county Skywarn School will take place at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Lake Pointe church is located on I-30 south side service road between Ridge Road and Hwy 205 (Mapsco 30C-G). Park in the west parking lot near the outdoor playground. Enter building at the playground door, turn left to auditorium, turn right at bookstore and room A-111 is on the left.

Talk-In is on 441.5250+, PL 141.3 (KK5PP)



**THE PRESIDENT'S PEN
BY BOB JONES
W5BJ
(FEBRUARY 2005)**

Greetings,

It's been a busy time since our last meeting. We have held open house twice (February 5th and 12th) at our newly renovated ECC. We had a great time with good turnouts both days – 15 on the 5th and 18 on the 12th. All comments heard were positive about the face-lift given to the ECC. E.H. Nail and Bob Hitch both donated WWVB calibrated wall clocks to the ECC – Bob donated two and E.H. donated one. E. H. also donated a telephone for the VHF/UHF operating position. There's absolutely no reason for not knowing the time now when you're in the ECC. Also, the computer is now in operation – thanks to Bob Brunskill and Al Kinnard. We now have a color printer on line – courtesy of Bob Brunskill.

Club officer election time is rapidly approaching. If you would like to run for any Club office contact Bill Richards at William.Richards@fnc.fujitsu.com or Bob Hitch at twintrees@juno.com. Elections take place at the March meeting. Remember, Club dues are due before the elections – no dues, no vote. Be sure to include a completed Club Application with your dues.

Garland Newman has been doing a super job with the students at North Garland High School. At the last testing session, five students passed their tech class exam and two more will likely pass in February – GREAT JOB, GARLAND!!! To further support this effort, the Board of Directors voted at the February Board meeting to recommend to the membership that the Club donate a dual band rig to the school (they have an antenna). This item will be brought to the membership for vote at our next meeting on Feb. 28th.

We have been averaging around 30 attendees at recent Club meetings. I think we can do much better than this. In a city with well over 1000 hams, we should have more than 30 attend our regular meetings. Please, if you know someone that does not attend, talk to them and encourage them to come and at least visit. Of course, they are welcome to join if they wish.

Our Program for this month should be a good one. John Galvin has arranged for Phil Salas, AD5X, to present a program on low cost HF antennas. Phil has authored numerous articles in QST and CQ magazines on antennas and other topics. Hope to see you there – Monday, February 28th at 7:00 PM.

73'es,
Bob, W5BJ

3RD SATURDAYS @ THE ECC

Since we are soooooo proud of the newly remodeled ECC, the GARC has decided to show it off in style. On the 3rd Saturday of each month, the ECC will have an open house from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. The event is come and go and very informal. It is a time when we can get together in a less formal gathering and just discuss ham stuff. You can operate any of the stations at the ECC and maybe even get the HF bug. We are also allowing you to bring your "ham junkie" to sell. We have a few tables at the ECC but be prepared to have a back-up plan to display your goods if they are all being used. Please limit it to ham or ham-related items. Come on down on the 3rd Saturday of each month and join in on the fun!

MINUTES, MINUTES & MORE MINUTES

Minutes of the GARC meeting on February 28, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Bob Jones, President, W5BJ. Pledge of allegiance
By Frank Krizan, KR1ZAN. Visitors were introduced and welcomed to the club meeting.

New Business: Clay Orchard, KC5MXN, reported the city gave us a honorarium for the amateurs donated for Christmas on the Square. It was announced that Tom Blackwell, N5GAR, was elected as North Texas Section Manager.

John Galvin, N5TIM, made a motion that the Garland Amateur Radio Club purchase a Duel Band radio and present it to the North Garland High School Radio Club. This was seconded by Bud Walton, H5HW. The motion passed.

The ECC will be open house from 9 AM until 12:00 Noon on the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting on March 19th.

John Galvin, N5TIM, reported on upcoming events. Some of the events:

June 3 -5 - Ham Com Arlington
April 9 Lancaster Bike Rally
April 12 MS Walk - Addison
April 30 - Belton Ham Fest
May 7 Dino Dash
May 14,15 MS 150 Bike Rally
June 25, 26 Field Day
July 2,3,4 Star Spangled 4th

Treasurers Report: Balance \$3,228.94 as of February 28, 2005

Our Speaker was Phil Sales, AD5X. The topic was "Antenna Hints & Kinks".

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Garland Newman, W5IDN

Garland Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting March 14, 2005

The President, Bob Jones, W5BJ, opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Present were David Kaun, KD5LGU, Ralph Brown, KA5KVF, Garland Newman, W5IDN, Todd Blackmon, KC5KYP, Terry Parker, KC5EFD, Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH, Bob Hitch, WB5WUB, Bill Richards, KM5VZ and Laura Richards, KD5KJC.

The speaker on March 28, will be Jim Hanie, ,

The club will present the North Garland High School radio club (NG5HS) with a Yeasu FT 8800 duel band radio. We also propose to borrow a duel band antenna from the club and install at the NGHS. This will give the NGHS club the capabilities to work on 2 meters and 70 cm.

Field day 2005 is progressing well, the proposed site will be Winters park at Garland and Araphao rd.

The ECC will be open this Saturday for Open house. It will be open the 3 Sat of each month.

A proposal was made to purchase a Head set/microphone for the ECC.

A proposal was made to purchase a foot switch for the Yeasu HF rig.

We now have a roster thanks to Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH. We will have the members verify their information when they get a ballot for new officers.

Garland Newman, W5IDN, made a motion to make Tom Blackwell, N5GAR, the new North Texas section manager a free membership to the GARC for the term of his office. A second by Ralph Brown, KA5KVF. This was passed.

A suggestion was made to rotate the 2 meter beam to a horizontal position for DX operations on 2 meter, the next time we need to climb the tower.

Respectfully submitted by Garland Newman, W5IDN.

APRIL 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <small>3rd Saturday @ The ECC 9-12 noon</small>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <small>GARC Meeting 7:30 p.m.</small>	26	27	28 <small>VEC Testing</small>	29	30

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), 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

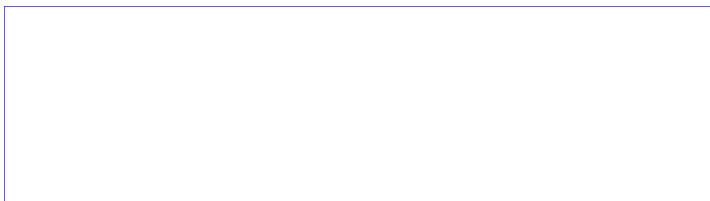
Membership:

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.



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Please Rush!!!

Reminder

3rd Saturday @ The ECC - April 16th, 2005 - 9 am to 12 noon