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## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN BY BOB JONES W5BJ



Greetings,

This has been a busy month for the GARC and ham radio in general. Sure hope everyone had a good time at HamCom. If you missed it, you missed a lot of good programs, displays and generally good stuff.

Our ECC open house was another success this month with 17 attendees. Again, our open house is held on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 until noon. There's no special agenda or program – just come by and have fun.

This coming weekend (June 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>) is Field Day weekend. GARC will host Field Day between Webb Middle School and Spring Creek Elementary, across the street from the soccer fields at Winter's Park. Major intersections are Arapaho Rd./N. Garland Ave. and N. Garland Ave./Apollo Rd. Of course, we'll need all of the help we can get; setting up, operating and tearing down. Please give us a hand, if you can. We'll meet at Grandy's on N. Garland Rd. (near State St.) Saturday morning at 8:00 AM for breakfast and adjourn to the ECC at 9:00 AM to load things up. Set up at Winter's Park will begin around 10:00 AM. Field Day operation runs from 1:00 PM Saturday until 1:00 PM Sunday. Tear down will begin immediately at that time. The GARC will host the meal of hamburgers and hot dogs Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 PM. Please bring a side dish or a desert. Big "THANK YOUs" go to John Galvin for coordinating this year's Field Day and to Ralph Brown for arranging for the location.

We now have the makings of a digital station at the ECC. The membership voted last month to purchase a dual band radio (Yaesu FT-8800) to be used as the radio and also serve as back up for the existing 2m / 70cm equipment. Gerry Crenshaw agreed to donate a PK-232 TNC. These two items will be the nucleus for our new digital station. With the help of Bill Richards we should have the station operating soon.

146.660 (-) is our Club repeater and is open to everyone. It certainly isn't overly used. If you haven't been on the air in a while; may I suggest that you get out your radio, dust it off, and get back on the air. We'll enjoy hearing from you.

Have a great summer. Please drive carefully if you are traveling.

73, Bob, W5BJ

## NOTEWORTHY

- If you are a current GARC member and would like to have access to the GARC repeaters phone patch, please contact Laura Richards (KD5KJC) at [kd5kjc@comcast.net](mailto:kd5kjc@comcast.net) for the repeater codes.
- If you would like to submit an article for the Arclite, please contact Kaye Duncan (K5AYE) at [kaye.duncan@verizon.net](mailto:kaye.duncan@verizon.net).

# GARC MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2005 GARC Club Minutes

- Jerry Crenshaw WD4BIS motion to spend up to \$400.00 for a Dual Band Radio for a Digit station at the ECC. This motion was seconded by Randy Dunning KC5QHH. This motion was passed by club members
- Club members voted in KE5ETF Matt Craven & W5BRO Brian Ortner as new members of the GARC.
- Thank you to Don Murray W9VE for his presentation on Antenna's
- Garland Newman, education officer at this time has no classes. Look for new class information to come in August.
- **Don't forget to come out for FIELD DAY. This year the club will set up at Webb Middle School located at Spring Creek & North Garland Ave. Across from Winter's Park & Hawaiian Falls water park.**
- At the June board meeting, board officers approved John Galvin to buy food & drinks for field day not to exceed \$200.00
- Anyone who is needing auto patch codes please contact Laura Richards at [kd5kjc@comcast.net](mailto:kd5kjc@comcast.net). Clay Orchard is still looking for volunteers for the Star Spangled 4<sup>th</sup>. Clay's email address is [kcorch@peoplepc.com](mailto:kcorch@peoplepc.com) SS4 will take place in downtown Garland on July 1<sup>st</sup> with carnival only 5 p.m. – midnight. July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12 noon - midnight. On July 4<sup>th</sup> is 12 noon to 1am.

## ESTATE SALE

From the estate of Silent Key Harold Yoder, N5MQA:

Icom 746 HF + 6m + 2M radio Condition 9+ with box and manuals \$700 OBO, Astron 20M 20 amp 12DC supply Condition 8 Cosmetic scratches only \$100.00 OBO, 2 Meter Linear 10 watts in 80 out. Condition 9 \$100 OBO; Diawa SWR/power meter Dual Needles covers 2 meter and 440. Condition 8+ \$45.00 OBO, Table Saw, Condition 9+ Please make reasonable offer. Large Drill Press, Condition 9+ Please make reasonable offer. Radio Shack 10 Meter HF mobile radio, condition 9+ can probably find both manual and box, Make Offer. Large assortment of Technical and reference manuals, make an appointment to come by and make offers on anything. Assortment of old tubes and misc parts. Many items too numerous to list, antennas, racks, etc.

Call or email for details, [ng5y@arrl.net](mailto:ng5y@arrl.net) 972-202-7533

## 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.

## 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.

# ON THE HORIZON...

- June 25th & 26th:** Field Day and Winter's Park
- July 1st—July 4th:** City of Garland's Star Spangled 4th
- August 20th:** Red Hot Chili Pepper Rally
- October 1st:** Aids Arms Lifewalk
- November 24th:** Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT BY KAYE DUNCAN, K5AYE

For those of you who did not go to Ham Com this year, one of the articles in the Ham Com brochure was YL's in Amateur Radio. This article was to promote interest in Girl Scouts getting involved with Amateur Radio. I bring this to your attention because the GARC had two members highlighted in this article, myself and Janet Crenshaw (WB9ZPH). Below are the write-ups that appeared in the brochure. You will probably learn information on us that you did not even know!

### DFW area YLs make a difference in Amateur Radio!

#### **Kaye Duncan, K5AYE**

Kaye was born in Dallas, TX and raised in nearby Mesquite. She joined the Girl Scouts in 1963 and spent over 20 years as a scout, co-leader, or leader. She became an Amateur Radio Operator in 1994 and is an active member of the Garland Amateur Radio Club (GARC). Her service to the GARC includes Secretary for four years and President for five years. She currently edits the club newsletter. Amateur Radio is a very important part of Kaye's life. She has been a member of the (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and has been involved with storm spotting and public service events such as the MS Walk, City of Garland's Star Spangled 4th and Holiday on the Square. "The most important thing that I have gained from my years of Scouting and Amateur Radio is the lasting friendships that I have made," says Kaye. "Scouting and Amateur Radio offer a variety of opportunities to women and I hope that more young women can experience the joy that I have by Getting involved in both."

#### **Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH**

Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH, received her Amateur Radio license in 1977. She is active with Dallas County RACES with SKYWARN. Janet is a net control Operator for Dallas County and Rowlett RACES. Her recent activities include setting secure databases on the Internet to handle record keeping. Employed by the OS/2 group at IBM, her training and computer knowledge have been a big benefit to Amateur Radio activities in Garland and Rowlett. Rowlett RACES now tracks all activities and appointee rosters via the Internet. Her contribution to automation enables the Rowlett Radio officer to view city reports easily. She also redesigned the Rowlett Races web site (<http://www.qsl.net/rowlettraces/>). Janet is an active Volunteer Examiner (VE), published the Garland Amateur Radio Club newsletter for several years and also set up their web site (<http://www.qsl.net/garc/>). She recently finished developing and implementing a secure online membership database online. The database enables the club's board members to update email addresses, dues, etc. without using paper. The members of the board have immediate access to up-to-date information. Janet became interested in Amateur Radio because of public service. She spent time in Nacogdoches, TX, to assist with debris recovery immediately after the space shuttle Columbia broke apart. "I've always found it's fun being a female and a ham. There are so many areas of interest. I don't have to climb towers, build equipment, or operate in contests to be a 'good ham'."

# JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<a href="#">26</a>	<a href="#">Jun</a>	<a href="#">27</a>	<a href="#">28</a>	<a href="#">29</a>	<a href="#">30</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Jul</a> <a href="#">2</a>
		7:30p <a href="#">GARC</a> <a href="#">Monthly Meeting</a>			9:00p <a href="#">Garland RACES</a> <a href="#">training net</a>	<a href="#">Garland Star</a> <a href="#">Spangled 4th</a>	<a href="#">Garland Star</a> <a href="#">Spangled 4th</a>
<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">4</a>	<a href="#">5</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">7</a>	<a href="#">8</a>	<a href="#">9</a>	
<a href="#">Garland Star</a> <a href="#">Spangled 4th</a> 8:00p -9:00p <a href="#">Dallas</a> <a href="#">RACES training net</a>	<a href="#">Garland Star</a> <a href="#">Spangled 4th</a>		12:00p <a href="#">Garland</a> <a href="#">siren test</a> 1:00p <a href="#">Rowlett</a> <a href="#">siren test</a>	9:00p <a href="#">Garland RACES</a> <a href="#">training net</a>			
<a href="#">10</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	<a href="#">12</a>	<a href="#">13</a>	<a href="#">14</a>	<a href="#">15</a>	<a href="#">16</a>	
				9:00p <a href="#">Garland RACES</a> <a href="#">training net</a>		9:00a 3rd Saturday at the ECC, 9-noon	
<a href="#">17</a>	<a href="#">18</a>	<a href="#">19</a>	<a href="#">20</a>	<a href="#">21</a>	<a href="#">22</a>	<a href="#">23</a>	
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<a href="#">31</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Aug</a> <a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">4</a>	<a href="#">5</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	
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## 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**.

### 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:

The Arclite is published monthly for the members of the Garland Amateur Radio Club. The contents of this newsletter are copyrighted the date of publication, but may 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 email it to the Arclite editor at **kaye.duncan@verizon.net**.

### Membership:

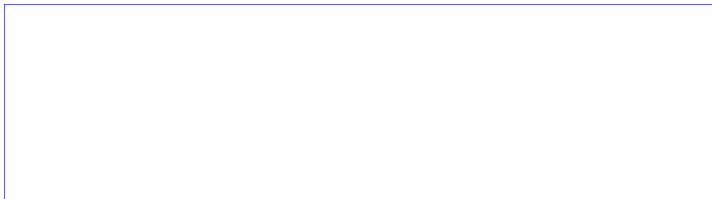
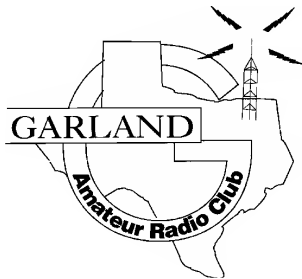
Membership forms are available at the GARC monthly meetings and on the GARC web site. Once the membership form and dues are submitted, new members are voted in at the next GARC monthly meeting.

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, Laura Richards at \_\_\_\_\_.



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*Please Rush!!!*

**Reminder**

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