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## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN BY BOB JONES W5BJ

Howdy,

The Star Spangled 4<sup>th</sup> is now behind us and once again the GARC provided much needed services. A big THANK YOU to all of you who helped out. Special thanks go to Clay Orchard for coordinating communications, to John Galvin for coordinating the EOC activity and to Garland Newman for coordinating the GARC booth. The GARC received very positive comments from the City.

For your information the GARC Board of Directors (BOD) meets monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 PM at the ECC. This meeting is always open to all GARC members. If there is something you would like to bring to the board's attention please feel free to drop by and let us hear it. The BOD is open to hearing any suggestions or recommendations from club members.

Don't forget that the October meeting will be our annual club auction. Now is the time to start cleaning out those cabinets and tagging the choice items for sale at the auction. Remember the club benefits by getting 10% of all sales.

In case you haven't heard, Ham-Com 2006 will not be in Arlington, but will be in Plano June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Plano Centre. Boy, does this represent a major change - more details to follow. Check the Ham-Com website at <http://www.hamcom.org/>.

For all of you dxers out there, the latest ARRL DX Bulletin says that KA2HTV may be active as KA2HTV/P5 from the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (North Korea) through August 23<sup>rd</sup>. For you non dxers, North Korea is a much sought after country as only a relatively few have it confirmed. Good luck.

John Galvin needs your input on the type of programs you would like to see at our regular monthly meetings. Don't be hesitant here; let John have your thoughts. Our intent is to provide the type of programs that are of interest to you. Contact John at [jrgalvin2@comcast.net](mailto:jrgalvin2@comcast.net) or by phone at 972-530-1186.

Wilgus Burton, KC5UTW, will be our speaker at this month's club meeting. Wilgus is the Director of the GISD Planetarium and his program will be on astronomy in the GISD. Remember the meeting is early this month - August 22 - eyeball at 7:00, meeting at 7:30. See you at the meeting.

73,  
Bob, W5BJ

# GARC MEETING MINUTES

GARC Club Minutes for July 25, 2005

✦ **New Members:** The club voted in 2 new members. Jay Pinkerton KE5FMS was motioned by Al Kinnard AD5AZ & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Fox WR5FOX. The 2<sup>nd</sup> new member is John Koenig KE5ETE this was also Motioned by Al Kinnard AD5AZ & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Fox WR5FOX.

✦ **Special Events:** The next major event will be The White Rock Marathon Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Bob Jones W5BJ to sign up this is an all day event & takes about 60 –70 volunteers. The other semi big event in December is the Garland Christmas tree lighting. The date for this event is unknown at this time. For more information please contact Clay Orchard KC5MXN.

Club officer reports:

Education: Please see board minutes regarding Tech & CW classes. Garland W5IDN, also thanked Ralph Brown KA5KVF & Todd Blackmon KC5KYP for helping out with the GARC booth at the SS4.

ArcLite: Not Present, no report.

Secretary: Asked that the June Minutes be approved as published in the July ArcLite. Bud Walton K5HW motioned & Al Kinnard AD5AZ 2<sup>nd</sup> & club approved.

Communications: Field Day resulted in 224 CW contacts (almost all by Megan KF9AS), 223 Phone contacts & 32 PSK31 contacts for a total of 1470 points. This includes any bonus point for the event.

Treasurer: Allen Yoder was not present. Bob Jones reported all bills were up to date & the club had a balance of \$945.59.

Vice President: Winlink 2000 presentation was cancelled due to work sent him out of town. Start cleaning out your garage, HAM shack the annual club auction will be held at the October meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. August meeting will be Wilgus KC5UTW on the Hubble Telescope & other space information.

President: David Kaun KD5LGU was presented a certificate of appreciation for his service to the GARC as ArcLite editor for the prior years. The Yoder family also wanted to thank the GARC club for their support for the passing of Harold Yoder N5MQA.

✦ Tom Blackwell N5GAR N.TX section Mgr showed up after the club report. He reported the BPL bill is getting better but not perfect. Also talked about the Austin Summer Fest on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The July Program was given by John Galvin N5TIM on Garland RACES and ARES.

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## AUGUST 8 2005 GARC BOARD MINUTES

Board members present: Bob Jones - president, John Galvin - vice president, Ralph Brown - communication, Laura Richards – secretary. Board members Kaye Duncan – ArcLite & Allen Yoder – treasurer were not present. Bill Richards KM5VZ & Todd Blackmon KC5KYP were also present.

Allen Yoder NG5Y is authorized to spend \$46.58 on equipment insurance. This is an adjust cost for the current equipment list. This was motioned by Laura Richards KD5KJC & seconded by Ralph Brown KA5KVF

Our digital station is in the process of being completed by Bill Richards KM5VZ

Tech classes are taking place @ 7 PM Tuesdays until August 23. Morse code classes are also taking place @ 7 PM Wednesdays until mid September. Both classes are being conducted at the Garland ECC adjoining the fire station on W. Austin.

John Galvin N5TIM motioned that Garland Newman W5IDN education officer be allowed to spend up to \$100.00 for a new DVD player for the ECC. This was seconded by Ralph Brown KA5KVF after learning the current DVD player has stopped working.

KC5UTW Wilgus Burton who is the GISD planetarium director will present the August 22 GARC program. The program topic will be on astronomy in the GISD.

## 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 lmhrichards@gmail.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.

# TEXAS QSO PARTY

TQP 'Dillos -

Congratulations to each of you that participated in the 2004 event. You guys make this event a growing "national happening!"

This years Texas QSO Party is less than 60-days away. It's time to get your plans underway/finalized. Dust off the radios, attach the perfect antenna, and develop your strategy for this years event!

Some point to think about include:

- \* mobile routes
- \* mobile/portable pairings
- \* mobile/portable modes
- \* fixed operations
- \* expected propagation and how it might affect our overall operation

If you are planning to go mobile, please submit your route to Bill -N5BIA at: [tqproutes@txqp.org](mailto:tqproutes@txqp.org) for posting on the TQP website. This will help others plan/coordinate their routes so that we can cover all of our 254 counties again this year! Can we make it three years in a row? Keep in mind that some states with a fourth the number of counties don't get all of their counties on the air in one weekend.

The Texas QSO Party Committee also wants to thank the following for their continued support of the 2005 award plaques:

Austin QRP Club  
DX Contest Club - KW5DX  
Keith Dutson - NM5G  
Lee Laird - K5UN  
Mike Bragassa - K5UO  
South Texas DX Club - W5RTA  
Heart Of Texas DX Society - W5DXS  
Walter Hock - KK5LO  
Williamson County ARC

If you or your club would like to sponsor an award plaque, please visit the TQP website at: <http://www.txqp.org>, and e-mail [k5cx@arrl.net](mailto:k5cx@arrl.net).

The much coveted traveling club trophy will be up for grabs! Which club will bring the trophy home for the 2005 event?

I hope to hear you on the air, more later .....

73

H. O. Townsend - K5CX

Coordinator

Texas QSO Party

<http://www.txqp.org>

## 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.

## CHUCKLES BY THE GOOD NATURED TEXAN

1. Hmm... If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging. --
2. Hmm... Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.Hmmm...
3. You only need two tools in life: WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape. -

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, August 20, 2005

## **RedHot Chili Pepper Rally**

20/40/60 mile bike rally in support of the Calumet Community Center. For more information, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU, ke6lou+arrl.net or go to <http://www.w5fc.org/psevents.htm>. Sign up by e-mailing ke6lou+arrl.net or [http://www.w5fc.org/pse\\_info/pse\\_appl.htm](http://www.w5fc.org/pse_info/pse_appl.htm).

September 16-18, 2005

## **Plano Balloon Fest**

This festival feature over 80 balloons and draws over 100,000 people to the event each year. Hams volunteers play a large part in ensuring that all of the balloons are recovered in this heavily populated area. Go to the following website to fill out an online volunteer form: [http://www.n5oom.org/2005\\_plano\\_balloon\\_festival/volunteer/](http://www.n5oom.org/2005_plano_balloon_festival/volunteer/)

Saturday, October 1, 2005

## **Aids Arms Lifewalk**

This walk/run is in support of Aids Interfaith Network and Aids Services of North Texas. 5k walk and run starting at Dallas City Hall. For more information, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU, ke6lou+arrl.net or go to <http://www.w5fc.org/psevents.htm>. Sign up by e-mailing ke6lou+arrl.net or [http://www.w5fc.org/pse\\_info/pse\\_appl.htm](http://www.w5fc.org/pse_info/pse_appl.htm).

Saturday, November 5, 2005

## **Walk for Diabetes**

The American Diabetes Association Walk to fight Diabetes. This walk will be held at the Annette Strauss Artist's Square in Dallas, TX. For more information contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU at ke6lou@arrl.net or go to <http://www.w5fc.org/psevents.htm>

Thursday, November 24, 2005

## **Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot**

8 mile run, 3 mile run/walk, 1 mile walk benefiting the Downtown Dallas YMCA. Further information available at [www.w5fc.org](http://www.w5fc.org). To sign up, contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU ke6lou+ont.com, 972-741-8485, or use the Public Service Event Sign Up Form [http://www.w5fc.org/pse\\_info/pse\\_appl.htm](http://www.w5fc.org/pse_info/pse_appl.htm)

## ARES E-LETTER

The ARES E-Letter to debut: Licensed League members with ARRL Field Organization appointments involving emergency communication or public service will be the first to receive the debut issue of The ARES E-Letter! The premier edition of the monthly national newsletter is set for release Wednesday, August 17, and will publish on the third Wednesday of each month after that. Since 9/11, interest within the Amateur Radio community in emergency communication and public service has greatly increased. More than ever, hams are volunteering to help meet the communication needs of our nation, states and communities. Devoted entirely to Amateur Radio emergency communication and public service, The ARES E-Letter is a response to this expanding awareness. Anyone with an interest in emergency communication or public service activities can sign up online <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/about.html>> to receive The ARES E-Letter. Each issue will contain a wealth of after-action reports, editorials, technical tips, news and views--information you'd otherwise have to wait for in QST. Editing the first issue is former long-time ARRL Headquarters staff member Rick Palm, K1CE. Subscribers are invited to share a copy with club newsletter editors or with friends who may not be ARRL members but still might be interested in receiving it. Those receiving the premier edition also may opt out of getting further copies if they wish.

\* Finding ham radio classes a mouse click away! A new user-friendly feature on the ARRL Web site--the ARRL Amateur Licensing Class Search Page <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/courses/>> --lets prospective hams search for a licensing class in their area. It also allows ARRL-registered instructors to list their classes on the Web. Visitors can search for classes by ZIP code, ARRL Section or state. Registered ARRL instructors can list their classes via the Volunteer Instructor Support page <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/instructor/>> by completing a simple form. Listings will automatically drop from the list when the class is completed. The new page also links beginners and those planning to upgrade to various resources, including ARRL's Now You're Talking! study manual and the ARRL Exam Session Search page <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml>>.

"We're very excited about this new feature that makes it easier for prospective hams to find a class so that they can earn their Amateur Radio license," said ARRL Affiliated Club and Mentor Program Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ. "ARRL also continues to support all of the instructors who give so much time and energy to teaching classes for new hams and upgraders." To become a registered ARRL Volunteer Instructor contact Fusaro, w3iz@arrl.org; 860-594-0230.

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	<a href="#">Aug</a>	<a href="#">29</a>	<a href="#">30</a>	<a href="#">31</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Sep</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">3</a>			
										9:00p <a href="#">Garland RACES training net</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="#">10</a>					
8:00p -9:00p <a href="#">Dallas RACES training net</a>			12:00p <a href="#">Garland siren test</a>  1:00p <a href="#">Rowlett siren test</a>		9:00p <a href="#">Garland RACES training net</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>	<a href="#">17</a>					
										9:00p <a href="#">Garland RACES training net</a>	9:00a 3rd Saturday at the ECC, 9-noon
<a href="#">18</a>	<a href="#">19</a>	<a href="#">20</a>	<a href="#">21</a>	<a href="#">22</a>	<a href="#">23</a>	<a href="#">24</a>					
8:00p -9:00p <a href="#">Dallas RACES training net</a>					7:30p <a href="#">Garland VE exams</a>  9:00p <a href="#">Garland RACES training net</a>						
<a href="#">25</a>	<a href="#">26</a>	<a href="#">27</a>	<a href="#">28</a>	<a href="#">29</a>	<a href="#">30</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Oct</a>				
	7:30p <a href="#">GARC Monthly Meeting</a>				9:00p <a href="#">Garland RACES training net</a>						

## 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**.

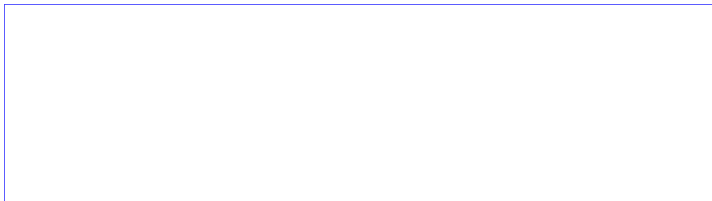
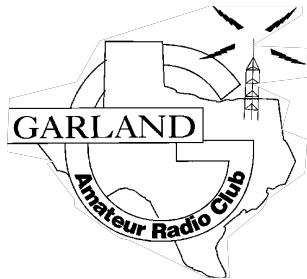
### Membership:

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 **lmhrichards@gmail.net**.



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*Please Rush!!!*

**Reminder**

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