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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN BY BOB JONES W5BJ

GREETINGS:

UNLESS YOU'VE HAD YOUR HEAD IN THE SAND THESE PAST TWO WEEKS, YOU KNOW THAT AMATEUR RADIO HAS RECEIVED LOTS OF VERY POSITIVE PRESS RELATED TO OUR RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS. I HOPE EACH OF YOU HAVE SPENT SOME TIME SUPPORTING THIS ENORMOUS PROJECT. THERE ARE STILL OPPORTUNITIES LOCALLY AS WELL AS IN THE AFFECTED AREA, SO DON'T HOLD BACK — VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR ARTICLES ABOUT AMATEUR RADIO OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORT. MAYBE WE CAN REPRINT SOME OF THESE LATER ON IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

FEMA DECLARED SEPTEMBER AS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH; AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS, THE ARRL DECLARED SATURDAY THE 17TH AS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DAY (8:00 AM SATURDAY THROUGH 11:00 AM SUNDAY LOCAL TIME). DURING THIS PERIOD AMATEUR STATIONS WERE TO OPERATE INDEPENDENT OF PRIMARY POWER. I.E. USING BATTERY, GENERATOR OR SOLAR POWER. WELL, AS THIS WAS THE THIRD SATURDAY AND THE DAY FOR OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED ECC OPEN HOUSE, WE TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY AND OPERATED K5QHD ON GENERATOR POWER FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS. WE MADE CONTACTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON 20 AND 40 METERS. BUD WALTON AND YOURS TRULY HANDLED 9 OFFICIAL MESSAGES FROM THE 7290 TRAFFIC NET. THANKS TO RALPH BROWN, GARLAND NEWMAN, E.H. NAIL, WAYNE LUSSMYER AND BUD WALTON FOR HELPING GET THE GENERATOR SET UP AND RUNNING. WE HAD GOOD ATTENDANCE AND A GREAT TIME.

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR ANNUAL AUCTION WILL BE HELD DURING THE OCTOBER MEETING. INVITE ALL OF YOUR HAM BUDDIES TO COME AND BRING MONEY. ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CABINETS AND BRING YOUR "GOOD STUFF" TO THE AUCTION.

BE SURE AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MONTH'S MEETING. THE PROGRAM IS ANTENNAS FOR CCR ENCUMBERED NEIGHBORHOODS. ERIC SILVERTHORN, NM5M WILL BE THE PRESENTER. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO MANY OF YOU WHO LIVE IN DEED RESTRICTED NEIGHBORHOODS.

73 FOR NOW,
BOB, W5BJ

**DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION
AT THE OCTOBER GARC MEETING**

GARC MEETING MINUTES

GARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 12TH

GARC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: PRESIDENT BOB JONES, EDUCATION GARLAND NEWMAN, COMMUNICATIONS RALPH BROWN & SECRETARY LAURA RICHARDS

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: ARCLITE KAYE DUNCAN, TREASURE ALLEN YODER, VICE PRESIDENT JOHN GALVIN

VISITORS PRESENT: JANET CRENSHAW & TODD BLACKMON

OLD BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: MAKING SURE THE ROSTER IS UPDATED ON A REGULAR BASIS

NEW BUSINESS:

PROGRAMS: SEPTEMBER ANTENNA CCR FOR ENCUMBERED NEIGHBORHOODS PRESENTED BY ERIC SILVERTHORN NM5M, MEMBER OF MCKINNEY ARC

OCTOBER: YEARLY AUCTION TO BE CONDUCTED BY GARLAND NEWMAN W5IDN

NOVEMBER: WINLINK

DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS PARTY

LICENSE PLATE FOR ANTENNA TRAILER. BOB JONES W5BJ HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SPEND UP TO \$25.00 THIS WAS MOTIONED BY GARLAND NEWMAN W5IDN & 2ND BY RALPH BROWN KA5KVF.

CORRECTIONS TO GARC BY-LAWS: BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED CHANGES TO SPELLING & GRAMMAR ONLY. NO CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE CONTENT OF THE BY-LAWS.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:

GARC CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH @ 6:30. THE PLACE HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED. THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE MEATS & DRINKS. CLUB MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING EITHER SIDES OR DESSERTS.

EDUCATION OFFICER GARLAND NEWMAN W5IDN WILL START THE NEXT TECH CLASS ON NOVEMBER 22. IT WILL RUN UNTIL DECEMBER 20.

TREASURER REPORTED \$989.85 IN THE CHECKING ACCOUNT AT TIME OF MEETING. THE \$1,500.00 CHECK FROM THE CITY OF GARLAND HAS BEEN RECEIVED BUT HAS NOT BEEN DEPOSITED AT THE TIME OF THE TREASURE'S REPORT.

GARC CLUB MINUTES FROM AUGUST 22ND

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT BOB JONES W5BJ

PATRICK SOILEAU WAS A FIRST TIME VISITOR. HE WAS ALSO VOTED IN AS A NEW MEMBER

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN IN THE ARCLITE BY BUD WALTON K5HW &

SECONDED BY AL KINNARD AD5AZ

CLAY ORCHARD PRESENTED THE CLUB WITH A \$1,500.00 CHECK FROM THE CITY IN APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE HARD WORK DURING SS4.

OUR NEXT BIG SPECIAL EVENT WILL BE THE WHITE ROCK MARATHON SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH.

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN AN 'A' TONE DECODER PLEASE CONTACT GERRY CRENSHAW WD4BIS. THE COST IS \$25.00

THEE ECC HAS A NEW DVD PLAYER FOR TRAINING CLASSES.

ELMER NEEDED

IF ANYONE KNOWS HOW TO SET UP A ICOM IC-V8000 2 M RADIO, PLEASE CONTACT SWANK ROBERTS (WA5GNT) AT 972-414-7979 OR EMAIL HIM AT WA5GNT@JUNO.COM

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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](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 ARTISTS SQUARE IN DALLAS TX. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RICHARD BARTLETT, KE6LOU, KE6LOU@ARRL.NET OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.W5FC.ORG/PSEVENTS.HTM](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 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)

SEPTEMBER'S GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE ERIC SILVERTHORN (NM5M), MEMBER OF MCKINNEY ARC, AND HE WILL BE SPEAKING ON ANTENNA CCR FOR ENCUMBERED NEIGHBORHOODS!

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 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.

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.

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.

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
25	Sep	26	27	28	29	30	1	Oct
		7:30p GARC Monthly Meeting			9:00p Garland RACES training net		Aids Arms Lifewalk	
2		3	4	5	6	7	8	
8:00p -9:00p Dallas RACES training net				12:00p Garland siren test 1:00p Rowlett siren test	9:00p Garland RACES training net			
9		10	11	12	13	14	15	
		7:00p GARC Board meeting			9:00p Garland RACES training net		9:00a 3rd Saturday at the ECC, 9-noon	
16		17	18	19	20	21	22	
8:00p -9:00p Dallas RACES training net					9:00p Garland RACES training net			
23		24	25	26	27	28	29	
		7:30p GARC Monthly Meeting			7:30p Garland VE 9:00p Garland RACES training net			
30		31	1	Nov	2	3	4	5
					12:00p Garland siren test 1:00p Rowlett siren test	9:00p Garland RACES training net		Walk for Diabetes

Emergency Radio Communications

Join G-RACES

Garland - Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service



RACES ?...

RACES stands for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service. These emergency communications volunteers are licensed Amateur Radio operators who are trained to assist the City of Garland in times of emergencies and disasters, or for special events and activities. G-RACES is not an Amateur Radio Club, but is a volunteer communications team authorized by the City of Garland Office of Emergency Management.

Information...

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www.garlandraces.net

Licensing information:

Garland Amateur Radio Club

972-272-4499

What are our Team Requirements...

Basic Requirements

- Possess a valid Amateur Radio Operator License.
- Demonstrate a willingness to prepare for and participate in emergency communications events and activations.
- Willing to equip one's self with knowledge, skills, and equipment to meet basic mission requirements.
- Own a 2-meter FM transceiver appropriate for RACES operation.
- Live in or within 10 minutes of, or work full-time in Garland, Texas.
- Be approved by the City of Garland Office of Emergency Management.

Background check required.

RACES in Garland

Garland RACES started in mid July, 1976. Discussions began with Garland city management in early June, 1976 that were prompted by a tornado that touched down in north Dallas on May 26 of that year. Garland city management had learned from Dallas Emergency Management that advance warning had come from RACES storm spotters. Dallas sirens were sounded as a result of these spotter reports.

Since that time Garland RACES has been an integral part of Garland Emergency communications.

G-RACES members also support many community and public service activities with safety and logistics communications.

SKYWARN - The storm spotter activity performed by RACES members reporting to the various EOCs and National Weather Service. GRACES works in conjunction with Dallas County SKYWARN to provide weather alerts to all citizens of Dallas County.

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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/](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.

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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 EMAIL IT TO THE ARCLITE EDITOR AT KAYE.DUNCAN@VERIZON.NET.

MEMBERSHIP:

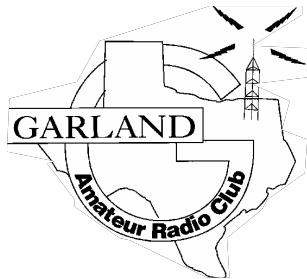
MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GARC MONTHLY MEETINGS AND ON THE GARC WEB SITE. ONCE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM AND DUES ARE SUBMITTED, NEW MEMBERS ARE VOTED IN AT THE NEXT GARC MONTHLY MEETING.

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Please Rush!!!

Reminder

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