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The President's Pen

By Bob Jones, W5BJ



Happy 2006 to all:

Please plan to attend the club meeting this month as our feature speaker will be Jim Haynie, W5JBP, who has been president of the ARRL for the past three terms. Jim has elected not to seek a fourth term. Jim's presentations are full of information about what's going on inside the ARRL. Also, we plan to have a celebration during the break to thank Jim for his service to amateur radio.

Thanks to all of you who attended our Christmas party at Freeman Heights Baptist Church. I hope you had as much fun as I did. Special thanks to Laura and Bill Richards for the great BBQ, to Allen Yoder for decorations and facility arrangements and to Jennilyn Schroeder for playing the piano.

Don't forget to mark Saturday, February 18th on your calendar for the City of Garland's annual Skywarn School. This year will be our 30th anniversary for hosting storm spotter training in Garland. The school will be held in the Patty Granville Arts Center starting at 9:00 AM and ending around 4:30 PM with 1 1/2 hours for lunch. Presentations will be by NWS personnel from Ft Worth and by media folks. Looks like a real informative session. Training by NWS is required to participate in storm spotting in Dallas County. Don't miss it.

GARC officer elections are coming up in March. If you would like to run for an office contact Bill Richards at km5vz.us@gmail.com. Bill is chairman of our nominating committee for the upcoming elections.

The President's Pen

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Our monthly ECC open house will be on Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. Come by for free coffee and donuts. Bring anything (amateur radio related) that you would like to sell, trade or give away and see what happens. You might be surprised.

If you are new to amateur radio or new to the area please look into our RACES organization here in Garland. Garland RACES has been serving the City for nearly 30 years with the mission of providing supplemental or back up communications in time of emergencies or natural disasters.

Amateur radio operators are in a unique position to provide communications under emergency conditions, when normal communication means are saturated or non-functional. We have demonstrated our capabilities numerous times in response to City needs and situations. If you are not a member of Garland RACES, please consider joining. Contact John Galvin, RACES Radio Officer for the City, at jrgalvin2@gmail.com for additional information and application.

See you at the meeting Monday, January 23rd, at 7:00 PM.

73,
Bob, W5BJ

**THE NEXT GARC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
JANUARY 23, 2006 AT 7PM
GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE
JIM HAYNIE, W5JBP**

Newsworthy

Baastrop County Amateur Radio Club presents The 2006 "NO HASTLE" Swapfest at Riverbend Park in Smithville, TX February 18th Free Parking and Free Admission See www.bastrophams.org

Michael (Mike) Taylor, donated a Technician Class Video Course (CD) to the Garland Amateur Radio Club to be given to the North Garland High School Radio club. This will allow the students easier access to the course and to getting their license. Thanks Mike.

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**BY LAURA RICHARDS
KD5KJC**

Board Meeting Monday January 9, 2006

Board members present:

Laura Richards KD5KJC, Bob Jones W5BJ, Garland Newman W5IDN, John Galvin N5TIM, Ralph Brown KA5KVF, Kaye Duncan K5AYENot Present: Allen Yoder NG5

Visitor Janet Crenshaw WB9ZPH & Bill Richards KM5VZ

Ralph Brown KA5KVF motioned to except the payment of \$244.00 for expenses of the Christmas party. Laura Richards KD5KJC 2nd.

The Digital station is finally done!

- Bill KM5VZ is just making it a little bit more user friendly.
- Thank you to all of you who donated toys for the ARRL Toy Drive. Garland Newman W5IDN mailed 3 boxes of toys to the ARRL for the annual toy drive. The club also donated a \$200.00 check.
- January's guest speaker will be Jim Haynie. The club will also have a Thank you party in his honor for serving as the ARRL president these past 4 years.
- Bill Richards KM5VZ will serve as the Nominating Committee Chairman. Please see Bill to help serve on this committee. Elections are held at the March meeting.
- KM5VZ will also again this year run the coffee bar at the Garland Sky Warn Class on February Saturday 18th.
- Starting Feb 21 Tech class for 5 weeks @ ECC 7pm
- Mike Taylor had donated an ARRL Technician Class DVD which will be given to N. Garland High School

**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.

**Training
Information**

A Technician Class will start on February 21, 7:00 PM, at the ECC. Please contact Garland Newman, w5idn@arrl.net, for details and to sign up for this class. The class is **FREE.**

Keep Smiling, it makes people think you know something, they should!

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO HIGHLIGHT ARRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

From the ARRL Letter

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January 13, 2006

The election of a new ARRL president will highlight the annual meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors. When the Board convenes Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21, in Windsor, Connecticut, Jim Haynie, W5JBP, will wield the gavel for the last time as the League's president. Haynie, who lives in Dallas, Texas, has made it known over the past few months that he will not be a candidate for a fourth two-year term. He says that while it's been a great honor to serve as the ARRL's president for the past six years, he feels it's time for him to step aside.

"It's a time-consuming job. It tends to wear on you after a while," Haynie conceded this week. "I've racked up hundreds of thousands of miles traveling--not only here in the United States but all over the world representing the ARRL and Amateur Radio."

Haynie says he's thoroughly enjoyed his tenure in the League's top office--a strictly volunteer position--but he believes someone with fresh ideas and a different vision from his now should take over the reins. The ARRL Board customarily elects a president from among its own ranks or elevates one of the League's vice presidents, although it's not required to. When he was elected, Haynie was the ARRL West Gulf Division Director. Among the successes of his six years as ARRL president, Haynie cites the ARRL Education and Technology Program--often better known as "The Big Project." Haynie kicked off the initiative to put Amateur Radio stations and a curriculum into schools across the US shortly after he took office in 2000. The program now boasts upward of 180 participating schools.

He says he's also proud that he's been able to contribute to enhancing the visibility of Amateur Radio at the FCC, in "official Washington" and on Capitol Hill. "I enjoyed that work," said Haynie, who testified before the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet on behalf of the Spectrum Protection Act in 2003. Last year, he submitted written testimony to the House Government Reform Committee on the successful efforts of Amateur Radio operators who provided communications during the Hurricane Katrina response.

"It's paid off in the long run," Haynie said of his regular visits to Washington to advance Amateur Radio's agenda. "Amateur Radio needs to learn how to sell itself, not just from the League's standpoint," he said. "The president can only do so much." He encouraged all radio amateurs, whether or not they're ARRL members, to promote Amateur Radio and its value to the community.

Once he steps down, Haynie says he's looking forward to "maybe chasing some DX or maybe running a few contests." But he says he'll also make himself available to the Board to handle any necessary duty.

February Calendar of Events

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>29</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	Feb	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
				12:00p Garland RACES 1:00p Rowlett siren test	9:00p Garland RACES training net		
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	
8:00p -9:00p Dallas RACES training net					9:00p Garland RACES training net		
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	
	7:00p GARC Board meeting				9:00p Garland RACES training net		Skywarn School-9 :00am till 4:00pm @ the Patty Granville Arts Center in downtown Garland. There will be a 1 1/2 hour break between sessions for lunch
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	
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	7:30p GARC Monthly Meeting		12:00p Garland siren test 1:00p Rowlett siren test		9:00p Garland RACES training net		

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.

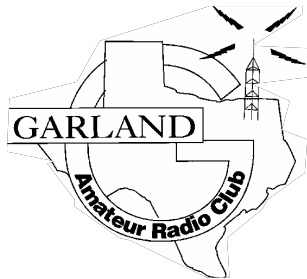
To submit changes to the GARC roster (such as change of address, updated phone numbers, license upgrade, etc), send them to the GARC secretary, Laura Richards at lmhrichards@gmail.com

Early Warning Siren Tests:

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.

Garland Amateur Radio Club
Emergency Communications Center (ECC)
1027 B West Austin Street
Garland, TX 75040



Please Rush!!!

Reminder

3rd Saturday @ The ECC - January 21st - 9 am to 12 noon