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The President's Pen

By Bob Jones, W5BJ



Howdy:

If you missed the Skywarn School last Saturday, you missed a good one. This was the 31st annual Skywarn School sponsored by the City of Garland dating back to 1976. Fox 4 and the National Weather Service (NWS) both had excellent presentations – very professionally done. Jennifer Dunn, Gary Woodall and Al Moller covered material from the NWS and Ron Jackson narrated a new video put together by Fox 4 showing the top 10 weather events in Texas over the past 50 years. Al Moller has participated in storm spotter training in Garland for 30 of the past 31 years. The entire weather team from Fox 4 attended except for Evan Andrews, who was left minding the store while the others visited with us. Congratulations to John Galvin for successfully coordinating the entire event. Good show, John.

The GARC did real good at the Skywarn School also. Traditionally, the GARC raffles off a weather station at the Skywarn School each year. This is a fundraiser for the club that seems to work very well and this year was no exception. Thanks to Garland Newman for getting the weather station here on time and to Janet Crenshaw for making signs and spearheading the raffle. Also, thanks to Bill Richards for managing the refreshment stand at the school (also a fund raiser) and to his XYL, Laura, for handling new club memberships and renewals. I don't know what the proceeds were for this year, but we will report them at the next club meeting.

In case you haven't heard, another DXpedition has come and gone. 3Y0X hit the air on Feb. 7th from Peter I Island, part of Antarctica. It was one of the best-managed DXpeditions I've had the privilege of following. There were 22 team members and all were excellent operators. At last report they had around 90,000 QSOs, but that number will increase before they go QRT – around Feb. 19th. Some operation ---huh?

If you would like to be an officer in the GARC, now's your chance. Elections are coming up next month (March) and all you need to do is let Bill Richards (km5vz.us@gmail.com) or Gerry Crenshaw (gerryc54@verizon.net) know.

Remember our next meeting will be Feb. 27th. See you there.

73,
Bob, W5BJ

Need A Job?

If you would like to run for a GARC office see Bill (KM5VZ) at the next club meeting.

Positions Open:

President and Vice President

Needs some competition:

Treasure - KE5DHY

Communications - KA5KVF

Secretary - KD5KJC

ArcLite - K5AYE

Training - W5IDN

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**BY LAURA RICHARDS
KD5KJC**

January GARC Club Minutes

Join us on March 18th for open house at the ECC

Bill Knight KE5GAP was voted in as a new club member

Bill Richards KM5VZ motioned the approval to buy a weather station to raffle off at the Skywarn class. Seconded by Doug Kilgore KD5OUG.

Clay Orchard presented a \$500.00 check from the City of Garland for our help in the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Garland Newman thanked everyone who donated toys for the ARRL toy drive.

Garland Newman will be starting another Tech class February 21. Classes are every Tuesday for 5 weeks at the ECC.

Treasurer Allen Yoder reported that the club had \$2,458.02

February's program will be on BPL by Jory McIntosh. Bill Richards KM5VZ will be presenting the new data station at our March meeting. The new data station will be installed at the ECC.

The club elections will be held at our March meeting. Please remember that you must be a current GARC club member to vote.

See Laura Richards KD5KJC to renew your membership at the club meeting.

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.

Come Join the Fun at the ECC on 3rd Saturdays from 9am till Noon



Calendar of Events

March 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Garland Siren Test - 12pm Rowlett Siren Test - 1pm	2 Garland RACES Training Net - 9pm	3	4
5 Dallas RACES Training Net - 8pm	6	7	8	9 Garland RACES Training Net - 9pm	10	11
12	13 GARC Board Meeting - 7pm	14	15	16 Garland RACES Training Net - 9pm	17	18
19 Dallas RACES Training Net - 8pm	20	21	22	23 Garland RACES Training Net - 9pm	24	25
26	27 GARC Monthly Meeting - 7pm	28	29	30 Garland RACES Training Net - 9pm	31	April 1 st MS Walk in Addison

Upcoming Special Events

- **April 1st** - MS Walk in Addison will feature 5k and 10k walking routes with a one-mile Fun Run. Contact John Galvin at n5tim@arrl.net to volunteer.
- **May 6th & 7th** - Sam's Club MS 150 Dallas to Fort Worth Ride is launching a new route from Frisco to Ft. Worth to Dallas. Contact James Marple at j.marple@verizon.net to volunteer.
- **May 20th** - Wild Ride Bike Rally is a 62 mile rally from Richardson to Josephine and back. Contact Doug Kilgore at kd5oug@arrl.net to volunteer.

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.

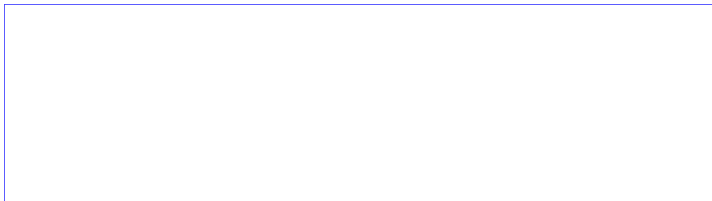
To submit changes to the GARC roster (such as change of address, updated phone numbers, license upgrade, etc), send them to the GARC secretary, Laura Richards at lmhrichards@gmail.com

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.

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Please Rush!!!

Reminder

3rd Saturday @ The ECC - March 18th - 9 am to 12 noon