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The President's Pen

By Allen Yoder, NG5Y

June , the Holiday season of Ham Radio!

Well Ham-Com 2006 is already history. Overall I think it went well. I have not heard any official numbers on attendance. It was at the Plano Center this year for the first time. I seem to remember that at one time it was held in tents outside of North Park Mall. Seems like it has been in Arlington forever and some one always complains about the parking situation there. The parking at the Plano Center was free but there was scarcely enough parking for the event. Ham-Com had planned ahead for this but the remote parking was just that, remote and people were reluctant to park so far away and wait for a shuttle bus to come and find them,. Inside a notable absent vendor was Kenwood. A comment was overheard that the only people you see at events like Ham-Com are the silver haired variety. Well we have no one to blame but ourselves. There are numerous areas of interest in Ham Radio. We need to sell the youth in this nation on why Ham Radio is still and will continue to be fun!

On that note, Field Day 2006 is coming to a park near you on the 24th and 25th of June. If you have not already heard the GARC version of Filed day will be held at Winter's Park, in the soccer fields just south of the Hawaiian Falls Water Amusement Park. We will be operating from 1:pm local time Saturday until Sunday as per the ARRL Field Day Rules. The first and foremost function of Field Day is to demonstrate and test the ability to put an emergency station on the air and pass traffic. There is a 2nd function that I think is often overlooked: The 2nd function being to demonstrate ham radio to the public at large. With the ambition being that we recruit new hams. To this end, if you know of a teenager, please invite them to our Field Day event. Tell them that admission is absolutely free and they will get a chance to operate the station and talk to people around the world. No Internet required! Remind them that they can go swimming at Hawaiian Falls (they have to pay their own way for that). We will also have a picnic at 6:00 PM Saturday. The club will provide hamburger meat, hotdogs cold drinks and chips. Please bring a covered side dish and or desert to share. Remember to bring plenty of sunscreen and insect repellent.

Our monthly meeting is coming up and our guest speaker will be Bob Jones W5BJ and Bob Brunskill KC5GMZ who will contrasting reviews of Ham-Com.

73, Allen



MEETING MINUTES

BY LAURA RICHARDS, KD5KJC

May 22 GARC Club minutes

- Randy Dunning KC5QHH led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Bob Jones W5BJ received a plaque of appreciation
- 10 North Garland Students & Teacher passed their technician license on May 12
- Bud Walton motioned that Sara Stephenson W5FGM be voted in as a new club member & Garland Newman seconded. Motioned passed by all members present.



STAR SPANGLED FOURTH

EVENT INFORMATION BY THE CITY OF GARLAND

Star Spangled Fourth will host a three-day festival in three separate locations this year. Plans are underway for a downtown festival on Saturday, July 1; a Picnic in the Park on Sunday, July 2; and a concert and fireworks show to be held at Firewheel Town Center on Tuesday, July 4.

“Due to the many changes that are taking place in the downtown area, the festival had to make some changes of its own this year,” said Cindy Vochatzer, director of the event. “Specifically, the construction of the Dallas County Community College at Glenbrook and Walnut is the location where we have shot the fireworks in the past. We had to find another site to fire them.”

Event planners have worked with City Council to come up with a plan that would be family oriented in scope utilizing multiple locations to highlight different areas of the city. Star Spangled Fourth will feature a multitude of elements throughout the festi-



FUN AT THE ECC



**DON'T FORGET THE THIRD
SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE
AT THE ECC.**

**COME JOIN EVERYONE FOR SOME FUN
AND SOME RAG CHEW!**

**NEXT OPEN HOUSE IS ON JULY 15TH
FROM 9AM TILL NOON!**

**This picture was taken by Jim Pearson
(W5RRY) on June 17th at the ECC.**



UPCOMING HAMFESTS

Tailgates:

1st sat. a sunrise tailgate sale @ 645 e front ST. Arlington, TX 817-795-1013
1st sat First Saturday in Dallas, TX on 35E Down town Dallas West End
2nd sat Fort Worth, TX. where Hardins radio used to be on e. Rosedale
last sat. k-comm radio store in Sanantonio, TX. 210-344-3311

Some Traders nets:

Sunday 7.245 The Texas Traders net. 10:00 am
Sunday 3.922 The Continental Traders Net 7:30 pm
Sunday 3.980 The Tenn. Traders net 7:00 pm
Tuesday The Arkansas Traders Net 3.987.5 pm
Friday 3.870 Traders Net 7:30 pm
Wed. 3.870 A Boat Anchors unlimited net 7:30 pm
Live Audio www.3819khz.net/listem.htm
Posted nets @ www.oldrigs.com

Up Coming Ham Fests:

14-15 Jul 2006

Tidelands Amateur Radio Society

<http://www.tidelands.org>

Talk-In: 147.14 (PL 167.9)

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1010 24th Avenue North
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Phone: 409-945-6794
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Doyle Convention Center
[2010 5th Avenue North](#)
Div: West Gulf
Sect: South Texas

22 Jul 2006

Oklahoma State Convention (Ham Holiday)

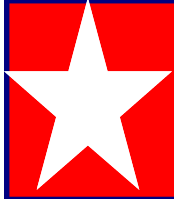
Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs

<http://www.hamholiday.org/>

Talk-In: 146.82/.22 (PL 151.4)

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UPCOMING HAMFESTS

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Oklahoma Expo Hall
Oklahoma State Fairgrounds
Div: West Gulf
Sect: Oklahoma

4-5 Aug 2006

Swapfest-Tailgate

Piney Hills ARA

<http://www.phara.us>

Talk-In: 147.120 (PL 94.8)

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Div: Delta
Sect: Louisiana

12 Aug 2006

Texas State Convention

Austin ARC & Texas VHF FM Society

<http://www.austinsummerfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.34/.94

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Sect: South Texas



Calendar of Events

July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 STAR SPANGLED FOURTH
2 STAR SPANGLED FOURTH 8pm—Dallas County RACES Training Net	3	4 STAR SPANGLED FOURTH	5 12pm—Garland Siren Test 1pm—Rowlett	6 9pm—Garland RACES Training Net	7	8
9	10 GARC Board Meeting	11	12	13 9pm—Garland RACES Training Net	14	15 9am-12pm— Open House at the ECC
16 8pm— Dallas County RACES Training Net	17	18	19	20 9pm—Garland RACES Training Net	21	22
23	24 GARC Monthly Meeting	25	26	27 9pm—Garland RACES Training Net	28	29
30	31					



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 - July 15th - 9 am to 12 noon