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The President's Pen

By Allen Yoder, NG5Y

Hello Everyone,

We have a great meeting planned for all of you. Conrad San Diego will be giving us a talk on "Echo Link". EchoLink® software allows licensed Amateur Radio stations to communicate with one another over the Internet, using voice-over-IP (VoIP) technology. The program allows worldwide connections to be made between stations, or from computer to station, greatly enhancing Amateur Radio's communications capabilities. There are more than 170,000 registered users in 158 nations worldwide!

I am sure it will be a fascinating and informative talk! In other news it is with deep regret that I announce that we need to hold elections for the Office of Vice President. Clay KC5MXN our current V.P. had to step down due to health issues. Serving on the GARC Board can be a lot of fun and you get out of the club what you put into it. August is here and it seems for the most part that we could not buy any rain. Maybe if I put this in print we can get a down pour. Don't forget that we have started a new feature at the GARC. If you have some ham radio related items that you need to clear away we will have a small table set up on one side of the room for you to move those items before the meeting actually starts. Since I have been working nights I have not been able to attend but anyone is always welcome to attend the 'Crony Lunch' held every Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Furr's cafeteria across the street from Richardson Square Mall.

73,

Allen (NG5Y)

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes were not available at press time but will be read at the next meeting on August 28th.

Upcoming Special Events

September 22-24—Plano Balloon Fest—For the 26th consecutive year, Amateur Radio Operators of North Texas will be supporting the Plano Balloon Festival. This year the event will take place from September 22 – 24th. There are many opportunities for you to support this event with as little as four hours of time. Details of the event and signup information can be viewed at,

http://www.w5adc.com/PBF2006/2006_Plano_Balloon_Fest.html

In addition to the normal support positions, we are also looking for amateurs with an interest in helping organize and administer the event. Interested beginners are welcome. If you are interested in assisting with Net Control, APRS, HSMM or other administrative and organization tasks, let me know. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at tony+w5adc.com.

December 10—Run The Rock—Information TBA

RWK ANNUAL AUCTION

By Carl Solomon, W5SU

Join us for the Richardson Wireless Klub's Annual Auction.

Get ready to pick up bargains, and bring your unwanted goodies for recycling (no junk, please). See auction rules at <http://www.k5rwk.org/auction.html>

Date: 2nd Monday of October (10/9/06).

Time: 6 - 7 pm – Registration of participants, tagging and pre-auction inspection of items
7:00 pm – Brief RWK meeting and start of auction

Location: St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church
1220 W Beltline Rd (Just east of Richardson High School – between Mimosa and Waterview)

Volunteers Needed

By Bill Engel, KE5DHY

The members of the Winston School Solar Car Team use amateur radio to communicate with each other during solar car events. New members of the team need to get their Technician Class amateur radio licenses. In previous years students were given the web address for on-line practice tests and expected to learn on their own without any other exposure to ham radio.

A current member of the solar team and GARC member, Matt Craven KE5ETF, suggested that it would be much more meaningful for the students if actual members of the amateur community would train the students and share some of their personal experiences. His solar teacher, Dr. Lehman Marks, wholeheartedly agreed.

A proposal was made that the GARC would provide five training sessions, of approximately two hours each, to the Winston team utilizing the club's DVD-based course. In turn, the solar team will bring their solar car to one of our third Saturday open houses at the ECC. The GARC Board of Directors is in agreement with this plan.

Therefore, I need some volunteers to help me with this training. The schedule is five consecutive Mondays beginning on September 11th, from 2:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon. Besides answering questions about the material on the DVD, I would like to have a ham volunteer briefly talk about some aspect of amateur radio such as public service events, emergency preparedness and digital modes, to name a few. If you have a Monday afternoon available in September or early October please give me a call at 972-495-0106 or e-mail at ke5dhy@arrl.net.

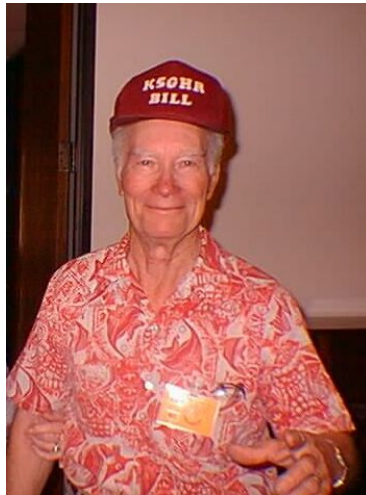
The Winston School is located at the northwest corner of Royal Lane and the Dallas North Tollway. The school focuses on "bright students who learn differently." Their web site is <http://www.winston-school.org/>. For solar team information follow the "Winston Science" link.

Bill Engel KE5DHY

SILENT KEY

BILL LEWIS, N5GHR

My memories of Bill Lewis K5GHR "Great Hoping Rabbit" By Allen Yoder



I have been in the GARC since about 1988 when I first became a ham and I would see Bill Lewis come in to the meetings often a little late. He had some run down cars and often they were quite ingeniously rigged to work despite being otherwise broken. Bill was always enthusiastic about the meetings and because of his age he was a little hard of hearing. My best memories of Bill though are the time I got invited to go see him at his house. He had some 12 VDC power supply problems and I just happened to have a extra working Astron RS-20 I was willing to sell. Bill looked it over and checked it out. We sat at his station and talked awhile. Bill was a WWII veteran and he told me of some of his experiences.

Bill was fighting the Nazi's in France and they were in the country and had just cleared some Nazi's out of a small farm house. Some of the other solders wanted to stay there for the night and they did tarry a while and warm them selves up but Bill just didn't think it wise to spend the night there. So some time after it got dark they went outside and hankered down in a ditch. Just about the time they got settled an artillery round came in and flattened the house. They spent the rest of the night in sporadic cat and mouse fights. At first light a Nazi tank was approaching and they had a river behind them so no good place to retreat to. Just about the time the tank got in range to fire on them another group of allied GI's came out of the hedgerow and hit the tank with a bazooka. Some how Bill was close enough to all this that he said he could not hear another spoken work for the rest of the day. They teamed up with the Allied GI's from the hedge row and progressed onward as ordered. I don't know how accurate my story is, but that is the way I remember him telling me about it. Bill loaned the club his HF beam as I recall and it is the antenna we regularly use now at field day. Bill had many hobbies and was also an avid model airplane enthusiast.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>27</u>	<u>Aug 28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	Sep <u>2</u>
	7:30p - <u>GARC Monthly Meeting</u>			9:00p -10:00p <u>Garland RACES training net</u>		
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
8:00p -9:00p <u>Dallas County RACES Training net</u>			12:00p <u>Garland siren test</u> 1:00p <u>Rowlett siren test</u>	9:00p -10:00p <u>Garland RACES training net</u>		
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
	7:00p <u>GARC Board meeting</u>			9:00p -10:00p <u>Garland RACES training net</u>		9:00a -12:00p <u>GARC ECC Open House</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
8:00p -9:00p <u>Dallas county RACES Training net</u>				9:00p -10:00p <u>Garland RACES training net</u>		
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
	7:30p <u>GARC Monthly Meeting</u>			7:30p <u>Garland Ham Exams</u> 9:00p -10:00p <u>Garland ARES training net</u>		

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 lmrichards@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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Emergency Communications Center (ECC)
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Garland, TX 75040



Please Rush!!!

Reminder

3rd Saturday @ The ECC - September 16th - 9 am to 12 noon