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I really have so much to talk about. First I want to thank each and every person who served on the GARC Board in 2006. We never could have made it with out you. The club simply can not run with only one or two people doing everything. It's so much more fun to get together with friends and make things happen. Clay got the club off to a good start for the year. Swank took over for him and has gotten the club lots of publicity in the Newspaper and even Channel 5 News. Not to mention the notice we got from the Texas State Legislator. Ralph Brown and Bill Engel along with Randy Dunning did the lions share of making field day happen in 2006. Laura and Bill Richards and also Kaye Duncan have given to the club till it hurts! Herman May has done a fine job with the clubs new website <http://www.k5qhd.org> as well as the other background task. If I have omitted anyone to thank, your help is appreciated!

But we can't rest on the past. We need new ways to generate interest in the club. The city no longer does the Star-Spangled Fourth in such a way that our club gets a donation from the city. So we will have to be nimble and come up with new ways to generate cash for the club. I would like to see the club maintain a repeater for each amateur bands. 10 Meters through to 1.2 Gig. We can't do that with what we have in membership dues now. If you have any ideas for the club to make it better in any way, please share it. Please renew or join the ARRL through the club. If you do renew or join through the club, we get a percentage of the money, and every little bit counts. By the way most of us have to renew our dues at the February Meeting. Please don't forget!

Skywarn School is coming up fast! February 17th! Please come by and check out the vendors who will be there along with the skywarn training itself.

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Upcoming events

2007 Cowtown Marathon

The 29th running of the Cowtown is scheduled for 24 February 2007. This is the largest Public Service Event we do the communications for in Tarrant County. We typically need about 75 Amateur Radio Operators to staff the Cowtown Marathon, Half Marathon, Marathon Relay, 10K, Adult 5K and Children's 5K events. Once again the events will be staged out of Sundance Square and the jobs will start at 0500 and go until about 1600. Various length assignments are available depending on the job. We will be making an announcement at SkyWarn School on 3 February and sign-up forms will be available there as well. We would like for as many as possible to sign up at SkyWarn on the forms provided so that we can update the data base. If you won't be attending SkyWarn School, please sign up by dropping me an e-mail at w5iu@swbell.net or by telephone to 817-292-5633. We would like to know your job/time preferences and equipment available to help make assignments. If you have access to other club reflectors, web pages, or meetings, please help pass the word. As we get closer to the event, additional information will be made available by e-mail and "on-the-air" meetings.

73 - Keith, W5IU Communications Coordinator

May 5&6

SAM'S CLUB MS 150 Dallas to Fort Worth Bike Ride

The 2007 Tour follows the Route pioneered in 2006. Starting in Frisco and ending in Fort Worth with an Overnight Pit Stop at Texas Motor Speedway, this two-day non-competitive 150 mile cycling adventure challenges riders of all ages, levels and abilities. The Lone Star Chapter is proud to retrace the route for the 21st Annual Dallas MS 150 Bike Tour. Amateur radio operators are needed to provide the critical communication needs that this event must have to succeed. Hundreds of area hams have volunteered over the past 15 years, and you are needed once again! Volunteer for both days, or choose Saturday or Sunday. Special SAG will be available to return Saturday only communicators to starting area. 2 meters will be the primary mode of communication, and we need lots of APRS equipment and possibly NVIS. Coordinators for those modes are needed. Who knows, if an ATV guru will step up, we could put ourselves on the map with ATV use as well!

Contact KB5ZDG, James Marple, for more info at j.marple@verizon.net. Register now and make your lodging or camping plans ASAP. If you can't get James, just contact John Galvin - N5TIM at n5tim@arrl.net.

The following links will take you to the MS150 Dallas to Fort Worth Ride information: MS150 Dallas to Fort Worth Ride web page or MS150 Amateur Radio Page.

Use the on-line volunteer registration Form, to assure a T-shirt and free meals for the weekend. Be sure and select "communicator-amateur radio." or use the Easy Sign-up Form.

Maps: Map page. <http://www.qsl.net/n5tim/uplist.html>

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Minutes of the Garland ARC meeting 1-22-07 as submitted by Garland Newman, Educational Officer.

The meeting was called to order by Allen Yoder, NG5Y at 07:30 PM. Tom Blackwell, N5GAR led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Allen announced this year is the 50th anniversary of GARC and we have a new QSL Card and are planning a special event station later this year.

The club introduced a drawing for a 50/50 split with 50% going to the winner and 50% to the club. Don Resniece, KE5FWK, won the money and donated it to the club. A second prize was also drawn for a \$25.00 coupon for dinner at Sol's Nieto Fajitas on West Oates in Garland, this was won by Garland Newman, W5IDN.

We are getting a K5QHD website. It was announced that if you renew your ARRL membership through the GARC we get \$2.00 back from ARRL.

We voted in one new member, Stan Markham KD5TNC, Welcome.

Swank Roberts, WA5GNT, reported the Kids Day was a great success in part to The DARC'S emergency communication van being outside. The club has a storage site and if we recommend anyone we will continue to get free storage.

Bill Engel, KE5DHY, reported the club has a balance of \$815.87, with equipment insurance still to be paid. Dues are coming in and will help the balance.

Sky Warn School will be at the Patty Granville Performing Arts center on February 17, starting at 8:00 AM.

Our speakers were Lt. Jeff Bryan and Officer Chris Tannock, Neighborhood police officers. This was a very interesting talk about their duties in the neighborhoods. They also do crime analyst for these areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Time to RENEW

**IT'S RENEWAL TIME AT THE GARC,
PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW AT
THE February Meeting or Mail in your dues!**

A few Notes From the Good Natured Texan

By Swank Roberts, WA5GNT

This is a personal challenge to ALL members of the GARC : Get MORE involved in the GARC & do things to help inform others of what Amateur Radio is plus what Amateur (Ham) Radio can do for the community ... from local to international !

The GARC should be a joint effort of the TOTAL membership ... NOT just the officers !
Get involved & help us out.

Earlier, I asked would you during your QSOs ask others what creative ways have other clubs raised \$\$\$\$. So far, I received NO answers.

Did you know that the GARC has an on-the-air net 2nd & 4th Fridays @ 7PM. For those of you who may not have a 2Meter radio; you can participate via the Internet @ eQSO.org See ya there.

Let folks know that the GARC is actively involved in helping Scouts get their Radio Merit Badge.

As a new feature in the ARClite; we'd like to introduce you to some the members of the GARC with a story of their interests (including their Ham activities) plus maybe a picture.

Join in K5QHD/Yahoo groups to learn more of what is happening in the GARC.

Remember that at future GARC meetings we will have a 50/50 pot drawing plus we will give away a \$25.00 restaurant gift certificate for a \$1 a chance. Such a deal !

Also pick up several GARC business cards to pass out to potential members & other interested parties ... including any cars that you see with antennas or call letter license plates.

In addition, remember that if you know of anyone that might need a storage facility ... refer them to A1 Absolute Self Storage who has agreed for us to have a 10 X 10 storage **for FREE** if we can help generate some business in the Garland area for them.

A1 Absolute Self Storage

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All license classes @ the GARC are FREE ! My favorite word !

Swank Roberts, WA5GNT

VP of the GARC

<http://www.wealthtoolbox.com/?ref=wa5gnt@juno.com>

HOW MY FAMILY GOT INTO HAM RADIO

By Jim Schroeder [jim@6texans.net]

It was about 16 years ago that we had a couple from church over for dinner. As we conversed the husband told us about his experience with Ham radio and told us about the things that could be done with Ham radio. That caught my interest because my engineering training fit in well and it seemed to be something that caught my sons interest. At the time though code was required to do anything and that was never something I was able to learn. But after a couple of years I began to reconsider it and learned that the Technician license did not require code. I talked with my family and saw some interest that could bring us together more, working on projects and club activities. I was first to get my license and then within a short time my oldest son had his Technician license. When Jacob, my second son got his Technician license that motivated my youngest son, my daughter, and wife to go for their licenses. Our family has always considered the possibility that our children marrying could spread them far from us, and Ham radio has been a good goal to allow us to have inexpensive communication available no matter how far apart we were. Jacob was the first to go on to get his Extra class license. Jennilyn studied and got her General license within a year after Jacob got his Extra. Several years later I took the challenge to learn code (only 5wpm) and got my Extra. Then last year Joseph studied and got his Extra

It was fun to go on Fox hunts, sharing Kid's day, Kid's net, and storm spotting. Field days were educational for us all. Especially when sprinklers came on. Skywarn each year gave us the opportunity to renew friendships while learning more about weather conditions. Participation in VE testing motivated Jennilyn and Jacob to get their VE certification. Ham radio has been a very valuable benefit to our family.

Pearls from Swank

Hmmm... Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to surf the web and he won't bother you for weeks.

Hmmm... Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Hmmm... Why, Why, Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

Swank Roberts, WA5GNT

<http://www.emergency-radio.org/index.html>



SKYWARN SCHOOL

The City of Garland's Office of Emergency Management will host a free 2007 SkyWarn School from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Granville Arts Center. The event will train amateur radio operators, city personnel and others in the techniques used to identify and report weather conditions that could be potentially dangerous. These reports, used by the National Weather Service, are issued as early warnings to the public. Contact John Galvin at 972-205-3972 or jgalvin@ci.garland.tx.us.

Attn All Amateurs

W1AW Special Event, Midnight Exam Sessions to Mark New Amateur Rules

NEWINGTON, CT, Feb 9, 2007 -- As new Amateur Radio Service rules phase in Friday, February 23, eliminating the Morse code requirement, Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will mark the milestone with a weekend-long special event. In addition, a number of Central Connecticut volunteer examiners will be on hand at ARRL Headquarters -- both before and after the new rules become effective at 12:01 AM EST -- to offer Amateur Radio examinations under both the current and new rules. ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, is helping to coordinate the celebration. He says Headquarters staff and other volunteers will keep W1AW active for the "Welcome Weekend" event.

"W1AW will be on the air all weekend for this special event to celebrate the fact that so many amateurs have gained or will earn new privileges as a result of the rule changes," he said. "The station will operate starting at 12:01 AM Eastern Time on Friday, February 23, continuing into the wee hours and resuming operation during the day. Then W1AW will be on the air on both days of the weekend, from 10 AM until 5 PM -- perhaps longer as conditions and enthusiasm dictate."

Operation will be on both SSB and CW. W1AW operators will concentrate their activities on the Technician and General class HF subbands. On SSB, the station will use its normal phone frequencies -- 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160 and 21.390 MHz. On 10 meters, W1AW will operate SSB on or about 28.480 MHz.

Henderson says operating will be casual unless pileups develop. "The purpose is to welcome newcomers to new privileges," he said.

"First Contact" certificates will be available as part of this event. ARRL invites anyone making a first contact or first HF contact to enter the contact information on the ARRL ["Welcome Weekend"](#) Web site and receive a certificate in return. "If the first contact is with W1AW we will also be including a W1AW QSL card for the contact," Henderson added.

The ARRL anticipates a huge influx of upgrade applications once the Morse code requirement disappears. In addition, all Technician licensees will have limited HF privileges starting February 23, whether or not they've passed a Morse code test.

Amateur Radio exam sessions both before and after the zero hour will offer an opportunity for applicants either to upgrade under the outgoing licensing rules at the last possible opportunity or under the new licensing rules at the first possible opportunity.

"Dual exam sessions are scheduled at ARRL Headquarters around the effective time of the new licensing rules," says Brennan Price, N4QX, a former ARRL staff member and an ARRL VEC volunteer examiner. "At 11 PM on February 22, a session will be held for candidates wishing to upgrade under the existing rules. A few folks have expressed interest in such a session." Price says all Amateur Radio written and telegraphy elements will be offered until midnight.

"At 12:01 AM February 23, a second session will begin under the new licensing rules," he said. "Examiners will not only be evaluating previously earned Certificates of Successful Completion of Exam (CSCEs) for upgrades, but will be offering all written elements." Two teams of volunteer examiners will be on site until all applicants have been served.

On or after February 23, applicants upgrading on the basis of a valid CSCE must present the certificate for element credit, fill out an application and pay any applicable exam session fee, which most VECs charge. Only after the VE team has issued a CSCE for upgrade credit may applicants actually use their new operating privileges on the air.

Additional Welcome Weekend information will be available on the ARRL Web site in the days leading up to February 23.

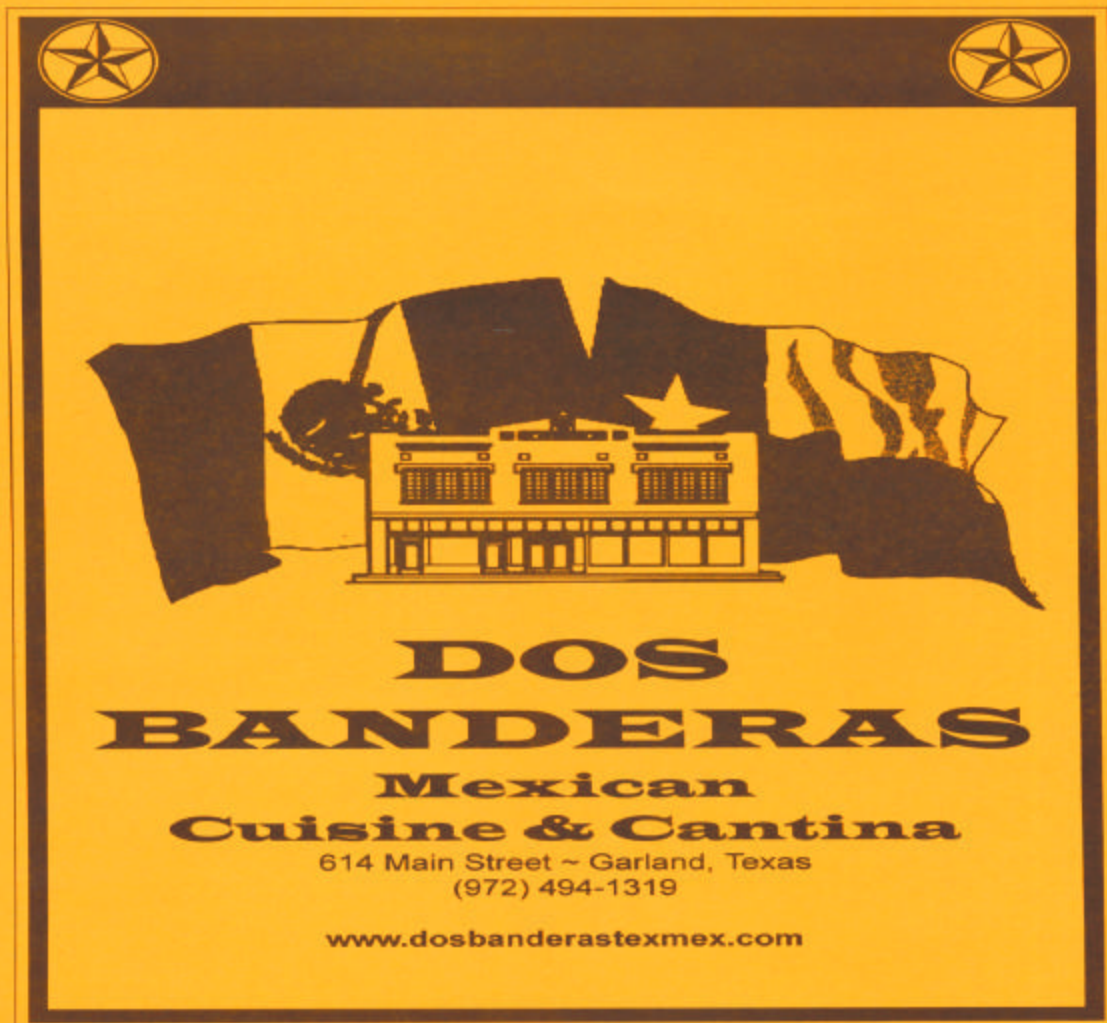
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Another very important item to mention. Swank and I have talked to the local restaurants in downtown Garland. There will be a lunch break during Skywarn School. I hope you will patronize the restaurants in downtown Garland. Some of them have agreed to be open for us and will even give the club a love offering if they see a good crowd. Patricia's Restaurant is particularly friendly to the GARC. Please stop by!

Elections are coming up in March. So far we have a candidate for every office except the Office of the Secretary. Won't you please consider running for this office? It's one of the easier board member positions to fill.

We will be having a lot of new Generals and Extra Class operators now that the CW testing is going away. K8DNE has agreed to host a special VE Test session on the 23rd to accommodate all the hams who want to upgrade immediately. The club needs to stand behind and help guide these hams on the HF bands. Operating practices on HF are not the same as on a VHF repeater. Perhaps in April who ever is elected to VP can arrange for a HF operating training guide to be published.

73's For now NG5Y Allen Yoder



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Vanity Calls



FCC has resumed processing new Amateur Radio vanity call sign applications. An initial stab at whittling down the backlog began February 8 -- five weeks to the day after the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) issued the last vanity call sign prior to the resumption. The Commission stopped processing new vanity call sign applications received on or after December 18 while it readied the Universal Licensing System (ULS) vanity application software to accommodate a December 15 rule change to discourage the filing of multiple applications for the same call sign. The FCC has continued to accept new vanity applications and to process vanity renewals. According to a WTB staff member, speaking on background, the Commission could wrap up backlog processing and be back on track by next week.

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- Bottle Caps... \$3.99
Deep Fried Jalapeno Basket
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Served with Ranch Dip or Marinara Sauce
- Baked Potato... \$4.00
Toppings Include: Butter, Sour Cream, Grated Cheddar Cheese, Green Onions & Bacon Bits
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- Basket of Beer Battered Onion Rings... \$3.99
- Chili Cheese Fries... \$4.99
Crispy French Fries Topped with generous amounts of Chili, Grated Cheddar Cheese, Green Onions & Bacon Bits... Feeds Two
- Screaming Chicken Wings... \$6.99
"Hot" Wings Served with Celery Sticks & Ranch Dip
- Not So Screaming Chicken Wings... \$6.99
Wings Served with Celery Sticks & Ranch Dip

OnThe Light Side

- Soup of the Day... \$3.49
- House Salad... \$3.49
- Grilled Chicken Salad... \$6.99

Burgers & Such

- All Burgers are Half Pound Premium Ground Beef Patties. Served on your choice of Wheat or Sesame Seed Buns with Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion & Pickle Spear & Fries*
- Blues Burger... \$5.99
Served with Hickory Sauce & Sauteed Onions
 - Main Street Burger... \$7.49
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 - Main Street Cheese Burger... \$6.99
Your Choice of American, Swiss or Pepper Jack
 - Mushroom Burger... \$5.99
Served with Sauteed Mushrooms
 - Chopped Beef BBQ Burger... \$6.99
 - Spicy Grilled Chicken Sandwich... \$6.99
 - Ribeye Steak (10 Oz.)... \$13.99
Served with a Dinner Salad, Vegetables and your choice of Loaded Baked Potato or Fries.

Bottomless Beverages

- Iced Tea, Dr Pepper, Coke, Diet Coke, Big Red, 7-Up \$1.60

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Same Net Time, Same Net Frequency

The Following nets occur on a regular basis throughout the month.

RACES holds nets on Every Thursday Night at 9:00 pm local time on either the 146.66 or the 147.24 repeater. In addition to these nets there are also additional RACES nets held at 8:00 pm local time on the first and third Sunday of the month. These Sunday night nets are held on the 146.88 repeater. Only those stations who are authorized by the FCC or the regional Races authority may transmit on a Races frequency during Races nets unless there is a

threat to life or property.
 145.31 8:00PM Tuesdays Ham Association Of Mesquite holds a good news/info net
 146.94 8:00PM Wednesdays FT Worth holds a info/swap net.
 147.18 8:00PM Thursdays Plano ARK holds a good news/info net

ON THE AIR

We have restarted our "Meeting on the air". Tune in on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 7:00 PM 146.00 MHZ All licensed amateurs are welcome to participate.

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 Bob Jones, W5BJ if interested in helping out.

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.k5qhd.org> ALSO

SEE K5QHD Under Yahoo Groups

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 send it to the Arclite editor.

Arclite Editor, 1027-B West Austin St.,
Garland, TX 75040

or emailed to the Arclite Editor at editor@k5qhd.org

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, at secretary@k5qhd.org.

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Please Rush!!!

Reminder

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