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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN BY ALLEN YODER NG5Y



My how time flies when your having fun! I want to thank all of you who have worked with me, supported me and shared my enthusiasm for ham radio. I hope you will re-elect me for President in 2007. I have several goals in mind. I want to augment our current repeater with new features to make it more user friendly. I want to increase it's coverage area as well. Our current repeaters were put into service over 20 years ago. They are starting to show their age. Ralph and I as well as WA5GNT, W5RRY and KB5LIE did a little house cleaning at the repeater site. This was done primarily to stay on the hospitals good side. We had some equipment in the equipment room in the hospital that was just being stored there and was not in use.

Bill Engle proposed a working budget for the club and as things stand there just is not any money to support buying any new equipment. I have

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday April 21 2007 Walk America 2007

March of Dimes walk at White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas. To volunteer for this event, contact John Galvin, N5TIM, n5tim@arrl.net or use the Easy Sign-up Form. This walk has been extended to 7 miles at White Rock Lake with a 9:00 a.m. start time. For more information, please visit www.walkamerica.org or www.marchofdimes.com/texas.

Friday/Saturday April 27 & 28 2007 AREA 10 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Special Olympic will be held on Friday, April 27, 2007 and Saturday, April 28, 2007. The activity will begin Friday from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. and on Saturday beginning at 7:00 AM and will last until about 4:00 PM (or earlier). All activity will be at the Wylie High School, Wylie, Texas.

All communications will take place on an amateur VHF Simplex frequency and Special Olympics provided UHF business 40 radios. We use as a Net Control both Amateur and Business Radio's.

There is a need for 10 radio operators for Friday night and 20 radio operators for Saturday. Friday hours will be from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday Hours will be from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM (or earlier). (only half would help)

All activity will take place at the one location. (Track and Field, Soccer, and Tennis)

If you are interested in helping out please contact Bob Jones, W5BJ at w5bj@arrl.net or 972-495-8573.

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Minutes of the Garland ARC meeting 2-26-07 as submitted by Laura Richards, Secretary.

GARC Club Minutes for February 26, 2007

Al Kinnard AC5AZ led us in the Pledge of Allegiance Election for 2007 board is during the March club meeting. If you have not paid your 2007 club dues you must do so at the club meeting or before to be able to vote. Have you misplaced your name badge or gotten a new call sign. Better yet are you a new HAM. Then go to GARC web site & click on the link to "Sign Man" to get a new name badge. Garland Newman announced that those who had just finished his Tech Class. All had passed the Technician exam & are all new HAM.

New website address: www.k5qhd.org

Are you interested in helping provide communication at a special event. Please visit www.qsl.net/n5tim website & click on special events. The next big event is for the March of Dimes on April 21 at White Rock Lake.

Tom Blackwell has been re-elected as section manager for our area.

A free way for the club to earn a little extra money. Please donate old toner, ink cartridges, or even old cell phones to the club. By the club recycling these item we earn money.

2007 GARC Board of Director nominations are:

President: Allen Yoder - NG5Y

V President: Swank Roberts - WA5GNT

Secretary: David Beverage - waiting on call sign

Treasurer: Wayne Williams - WT5J

Training: Bill Engel - KE5DHY

The ArcLite: Melanie Yoder - KD5LVW

Communications: Ralph Brown - K5KFV

TIME TO RENEW

IT'S RENEWAL TIME AT THE GARC,
PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW AT THE
MARCH MEETING OR MAIL IN YOUR
DUES!

A FEW NOTES FROM THE GOOD NATURED TEXAN

BY SWANK ROBERTS, WA5GNT

"In life, we either PRODUCE the results we say we want ... or the reasons for NOT producing the results !"
I'm not sure who 1st created those quoted words of wisdom; but, that is so very true in many ways. Amateur Radio Clubs are not unlike any other groupings of people with a common interest. One thread keeps bothering me : How can we create a more active interest of involvement from more of the membership ???

We have a wide variety of speakers & topics slated for future meetings. Topics include "Software Defined Radios" on March 26, "Antennas & Antenna Designs" on April 23, and N5SU will present a program on VLF Radios on May 28.

Circle your calendars for Saturday afternoon, June 16 for "Kids Day" @ our ECC. A lot of interest was generated from our "Kids Day" operation in January. We need (more) youthful enthusiasm in the Garland Amateur Radio Club !

Hey Bunkie ... Did you know that the GARC meetings are listed in WORLD RADIO www.wr6wr.com ?

Syd Kazmi, the owner of Ink-R-Cycle , 2330 Jett Street, Farmers Branch, TX 75234 is helping the GARC raise \$\$\$ by recycling used printer ink cartridges. We will have a collection box available @ ALL future GARC events. Please place each empty cartridge in a baggie or sandwich bag to avoid damage to the print head ... plus it'll keep any leaking ink from making a mess ! If you ... or any of your friends & family need any refilled cartridges at a considerable cost savings feel free to contact syd@inkrcycle.com or www.inkrcycle.com (972) 620-0120 & tell Syd that the GARC sent you.

Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie!' ... until you can find a rock !

Badges ? We don't need any stinking badges ! We're the Federales ! Hold on Red Rider ! BUT; if you are @ any Garland Amateur Radio Club function ... a badge would help us to get to know you better ! Badges can be bought thru our www.k5qhd.org website.

And now to finish up with a chuckle ~

A man went to a pet store to get a fish. As he was looking around the store, he noticed a strange, brightly colored fish. He asked the owner what the fish was called. "That's a parrot fish," said the owner. "It sings like a bird." The man was incredulous. The owner sensed the man's hesitancy and told him he could bring the fish back if he wasn't satisfied. About a week later, the man returned to the store to return the fish. The store owner asked him why. The man replied, "You were right. The fish can sing. But, he's horribly off key, and it is just too difficult to tuna fish."

As Charles Osgood would say : "See you on the Radio !"

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Swank Roberts, WA5GNT
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FREE WORKSHOP!

How well are you communicating within, through and about your organization and its work? Arts organizations are uniquely challenged in the way and the volume in which we communicate.

We are challenged internally with changing staff, board and volunteers; and externally trying to build and retain audiences and donors. The way we communicate individually and collectively has a profound impact on our organization and its success. Communication is perhaps one of the most critical components in arts management, and it can impact everything else that we do.

The Dallas Area Cultural Advocacy Coalition is launching a series of FREE workshops for arts organizations. Communicating Within, About, and Through your Arts Organization is a hands-on participatory seminar facilitated by Carol Stabler, Director of Communications at The Meadows Foundation. This is your chance to get one-on-one time with a communications professional from one of Texas' most prominent grant making foundations. Learn how what you say, what you print, what you upload and what you broadcast can make (or break) your arts organization.

If we don't tell our story, who will? And what are the chances they will get it right?

FREE WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS

Communicating Within, About and Through your Arts Organization

PRESENTED BY

CAROL STABLER

Director of Communications

The Meadows Foundation

On Thursday March 22, 2007

2:00 ? 4:00 p.m.

Meadows Hall

Sammons Center for the Arts

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Dallas, TX 75219

The seminar is free, but you must make a reservation by calling the Sammons Center at 214/520-7789. Learn how to successfully communicate a positive image for your organization to funders, community leaders and the outside world.

If we do not learn how to get our message out to the community about what we do, and what we have achieved, we cannot be effective in positioning our organizations for success.

Attn All Amateurs... ARRL VEC still "busy, busy, busy!"

(Mar 15, 2007) -- The ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) reports business continues to be brisk following the FCC's deletion of Morse code as a ham radio licensing requirement. "Busy, busy, busy!" is how ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, described the situation in her department. She says nearly 800 exam sessions are on the schedule for March with another 600 for April, "and it doesn't look like test session activity will be slowing down any time soon," she added. ARRL VEC hosts 450 exam sessions in a typical month. Despite the hectic pace, Somma says personnel have been able to process most test session paperwork promptly. "The majority of our VE teams are returning the sessions in good order and with all the needed forms," she noted. "Thank you!" Even so, processing times are down a bit. Somma advises applicants to allow 15 days from the testing date before checking on application status. To follow up, first use the FCC Universal Licensing System ([ULS](#)) "Search Licenses" tab, or check the ARRL Web [license search](#) engine. To contact the FCC, call toll-free during business hours 888-225-5322. Applicants who tested at ARRL VEC sessions whose applications have not been granted within 15 days may call ARRL VEC, 860-594-0300.



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looked at how other clubs raise funds and I found that one tool they use is a program that Tom Thumb Food Stores supports called the "Good Neighbor Program". The way it works is they establish a number that is unique to our club. You take your Tom Thumb discount card to the customer service department at your local store and tell them to please associate your discount card with our clubs ID number. From that point on Tom Thumb will donate 1% of your food purchases to the GARC. It will not change the price you pay for your groceries at all. Kroger has a very similar plan. I have signed the GARC up to participate in both the Kroger and the Tom Thumb Plans. As other plans become known to the club I plan to let the club know about it and sign us up. I plan to earmark this income stream to fund new repeater equipment. As we get our paperwork back I will share it with the club. (id numbers)

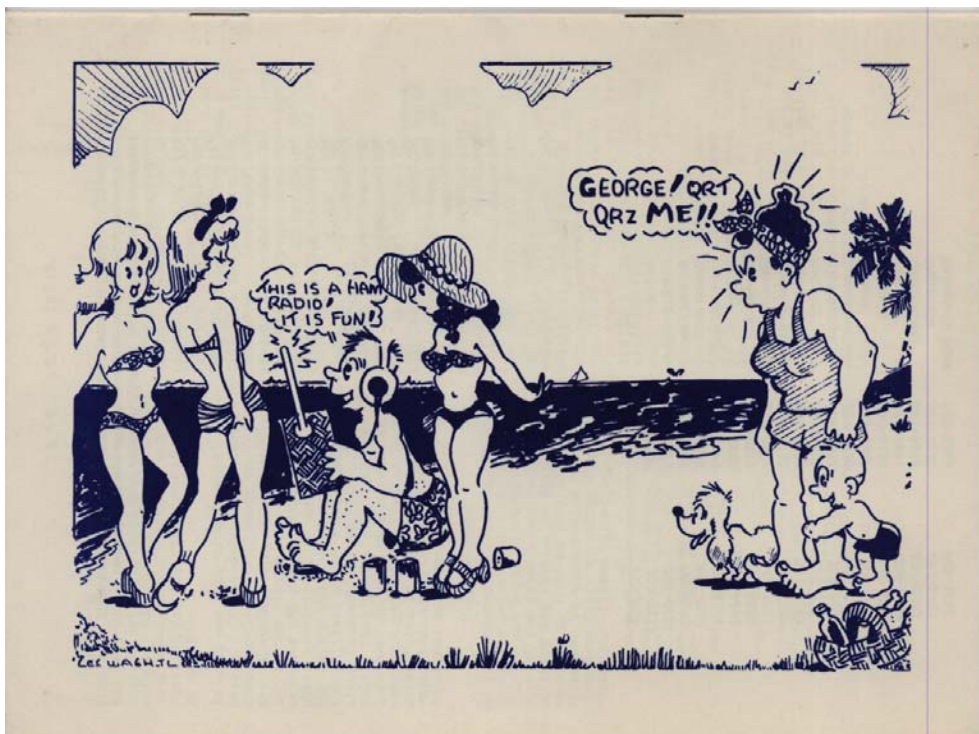
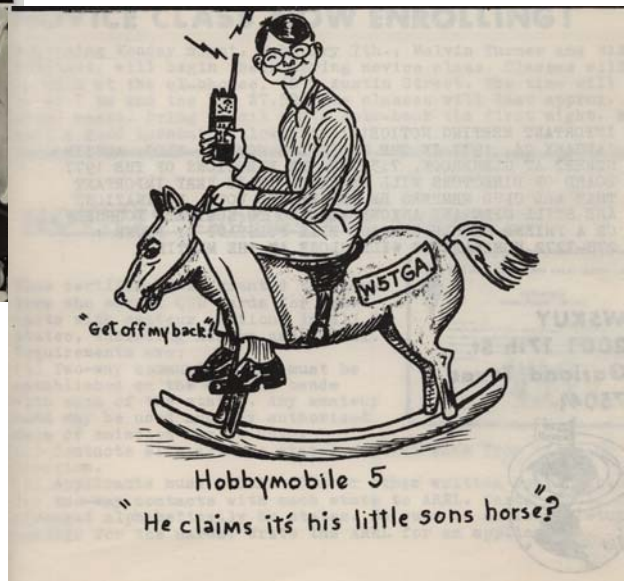
I also want to remind you to please bring your used ink jet cartridges, toner cartridges and even old cell phones that you no longer use to the meetings. We can turn these into recycling companies for cold hard cash.

My vision for the club is to have several well established special interest interest groups for such things as HF, Microwave, ATV, ETC. So that any ham may come into the club and be able to find several interesting things to get involved with in ham radio and in the club as well. I also envision the club operating repeaters on each and every amateur band that it is legal for the club to do so. With the recent restructuring on the ham radio exams I think we can expect significant growth in the ham radio hobby. I want to make the GARC a power house for Amateur radio in North Texas. Most of all I want to make this as fun as possible for all involved. After all this is a hobby right? I want to remind you that if you have any storage needs please use A1 Self Storage in Garland. Be certain you tell them that you are with the GARC. They are giving the club free storage for our field day equipment.

Remember that the March meeting will be both for our elections and we will have a fascinating presentation on Software Defined Radio. It's not a lot of computer gunk I promise you. It's radio as you might never have dreamed possible! See you at the meeting.

73's NG5Y

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1 Join the K5QHD yahoo group	2 To view an interactive	3 Calendar	4	5	6	7
8	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12	13 Meeting on the Air	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Open House ECC
22	23 CLUB MEETING	24	25	26 VEC TEST	27 Meeting on the Air	28
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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.

Newsletter:

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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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Reminder

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