

November 2007

K5QHD

News and more for the Garland Amateur Radio Club. The GARC Currently has two repeaters on 146.660 and 442.700 Both PL Tone 110.9

THE GARC is a 501(C)3 non profit organization established to promote amateur radio and also provide disaster and emergency communications.

November meeting date is 26th at the Garland Women's Activity Center 713 W. Austin Street. Garland TX. 75040 Doors open at 7:00 PM Meeting at 7:30

# ARCITE

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The holidays are here, there is already Christmas Music on 103.7 FM. As we gather with our families this year lets take a moment to honor our service men & women overseas.

Most of us have so much to be thankful this year. Let's take a moment to share the wealth. We can do this in several ways. We can do a "Can Drive" and the club will see that a local food bank gets the non perishable donation. I also want to remind you that the GARC Christmas Party will be at Bill, K5DHY's house again on December 10th. The festivities for the **CHRISTMAS PARTY** will begin at 6:30. You need to send an email to [board@k5qhd.com](mailto:board@k5qhd.com) so we can have an idea how many guest to plan for. If you do plan to attend please bring a covered side dish or desert. An anonymous donor has agreed to pay for the meat this year. Oh! Bills address is:  
6622 Lake Shore Dr.  
Garland TX 75044-2042



See [www.amillionthanks.org](http://www.amillionthanks.org) for ways to support our troops.

## XMAS IS COMING



### Christmas Past

These are pictures from GARC Christmas parties in the past.

Re-live the Yester-Years of AM broadcast radio = <http://www.radiolovers.com/>

HMMM... It's not an optical illusion. It just looks like one.

### A few Notes from the Good Natured Texan.

WOW ! New HD\* table Radios available for ONLY \$99.95

Go to [www.k5qhd.org](http://www.k5qhd.org)

Scroll down to the bottom of the page. Click on the HD Radio "Banner ad" on the lower righthand side. The GARC gets 10% back from Radiosophy (the manufacturer) for each radio sold thru the HD "Banner ad".

Feel free to pass the word that **ANYONE can buy this HD Radio through our website.**

Radio Shack prices are much higher !!!

\*HD Radio = This is AWESOME technology plus NO subscription fees ! Multiple Streams For More Channels.

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Another GARC fund raising project is the "Enjoy the City" coupon books (go to [www.EnjoytheCity.com](http://www.EnjoytheCity.com)) for more info . These \$ 20 coupon books will be available ONLY UNTIL our November 26 meeting and they are **good thru December 2008** ! The GARC treasury gets \$ 10 for each sale. A super idea for that Santa stocking stuffer for friends & family that is available in over 60 cities around the US.

Does anyone have any contacts with a corporation or organization that could become a Corporate Sponsor of the GARC ? With just annual dues, the GARC is really on a "shoestring budget". Any suggestions ?

Don't forget the Monday, Dec. 10 GARC Christmas (dinner) Party @ the home of our Training Officer ... Bill Engel, K5DHY {972-495-0106 Home} ... Starts around 6:30PM ... 6622 Lakeshore Dr, Garland 75044 (talk-in on 146.66 also) ... Bring a salad, veggie or desert to share ... BBQ beef & sausage will be provided !

As Charles Osgood says : "See ya on the radio" !

Purchases help  
the GARC



## Minutes of the October Meeting

The October meeting was the Annual GARC Auction. A good time was held by all. President Allen Yoder, NG5Y was absent do to a scheduling conflict. Tom Blackwell spoke on matters with the ARRL and Ham Radio.

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**Mike Burger Meteorologist from CBS 11 TV will be our Guest Speaker for the November meeting!**

HMMM... I don't suffer from insanity, I enjoy every minute of it.

Hmmm... Never buy a car you can't push



## SANTA RADIO



### Santa introduces Ham Radio

We are always looking for ways to introduce kids to ham radio. Other clubs have done an I talked to Santa on the Ham Radio for kids in the hospital. I would like to see the club do something like this as well. Please email me with ideas and suggestions.

[ng5y@arrrl.net](mailto:ng5y@arrrl.net)



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Clay's Favorite time of year

Clay get's a really big kick out of seeing everyone at the christmas tree lighting. Sign up now to help with the festivities.

John Galvin, N5TIM needs your help with the following events:

### Garland Christmas on the Square Tree Lighting

Clay Orchard, KC5MXN is in need of communicators to help out with the Christmas Tree lighting on the square in downtown Garland. The date for this year's event will be November 29th at 1730 hours with check-in at 1700. Rehearsal is November 28th at 1830 hours. If event is rained out the reschedule date is December 6th with no rehearsal. You can contact Clay at [kc5mxn@verizon.net](mailto:kc5mxn@verizon.net) or call him at 972 278 2927.

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### Plano Christmas Parade

We are looking for a number of ham radio operators to help spread the holiday cheer in Plano on December 1, 2007. This event is a really low stress affair and a great public service event to "get your feet wet". The event will start at around 7:30 am and ends at 11:00 am. If the event is run the same as years in the past, you can also get a great deal on some pancakes when the parade is over. Most positions can easily be done an HT (Resource Type S). We will also be looking to deploy a few trackers (Resource Type DT) and might even do a little amateur television and HSMM, just for the fun of it. If you are interested, please send an email to [tony@w5adc.com](mailto:tony@w5adc.com) with what position you would be interested in. Also, if you are interested in seeing what is involved in planning an event like this, drop me a line and you will be included in the planning.

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### Wellstone's Dallas White Rock Marathon

With the Wellstone sponsorship from last year continuing this year we expect a boost for the Marathon in the number of runners this year. So this ups the need of public service minded amateur radio communicators. This year we anticipate the need for nearly 75 communicators. We start at around 6 AM in the morning and finishing for the final stations around 3 PM.

We operate up to three nets and plan to increase the use of APRS and digital messaging this year. We will need operators with the capability of communicating in one of the urban tactical resource types for VHF/UHF operation. You can review these resource types at [Resource Type Guide Documentation](#).

If you are interested in helping out please contact Bob Jones, W5BJ at [w5bj@arrl.net](mailto:w5bj@arrl.net) or 972-495-8573 or you can use the web [sign up form](#).

Information on the Marathon can be found at [Run the Rock](#).

## Ways you can help the GARC

We really don't like sounding like a broken record but the GARC can only be as good as what you put into it. Your time, even your money make a tremendous difference in what the club can do for your and others. In that light I am again going to ask that if you bring a Kroger or a Tom Thumb Grocery receipt that shows you shopped there and remembered to use your "Good Neighbor" program you will be entered into a drawing for a excellent prize. Also Swank has come up with an excellent coupon book called "Enjoy the City". The book has many many good bargains in it and it will almost instantly pay for itself. The best part is that for each book sold the club gets \$10.00 Please either buy one for yourself, to give as a gift or consider selling some yourself.

Contact Swank for details. The 442.7 machine needs to have some maintenance done to it so that it hears better. We have telephone and internet bills and the cost of the newsletter itself, not to mention the clubs insurance expenses that are a constant drain on the treasury.

If none of the ideas presented so far are your cup of tea please contact the board and let us know what your ideas are. I am open to things like a bake sale or other fundraising ideas.

73's  
NG5Y

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## WAYS TO HELP

Garland Amateur Radio Club  
Where Ham Radio Is Fun...AGAIN!



Donate your excess goods to the GARC.

Don't forget the club is a 501(C)(3) organization and that all your donations can be tax deductible.



## CLUB AFFILIATIONS



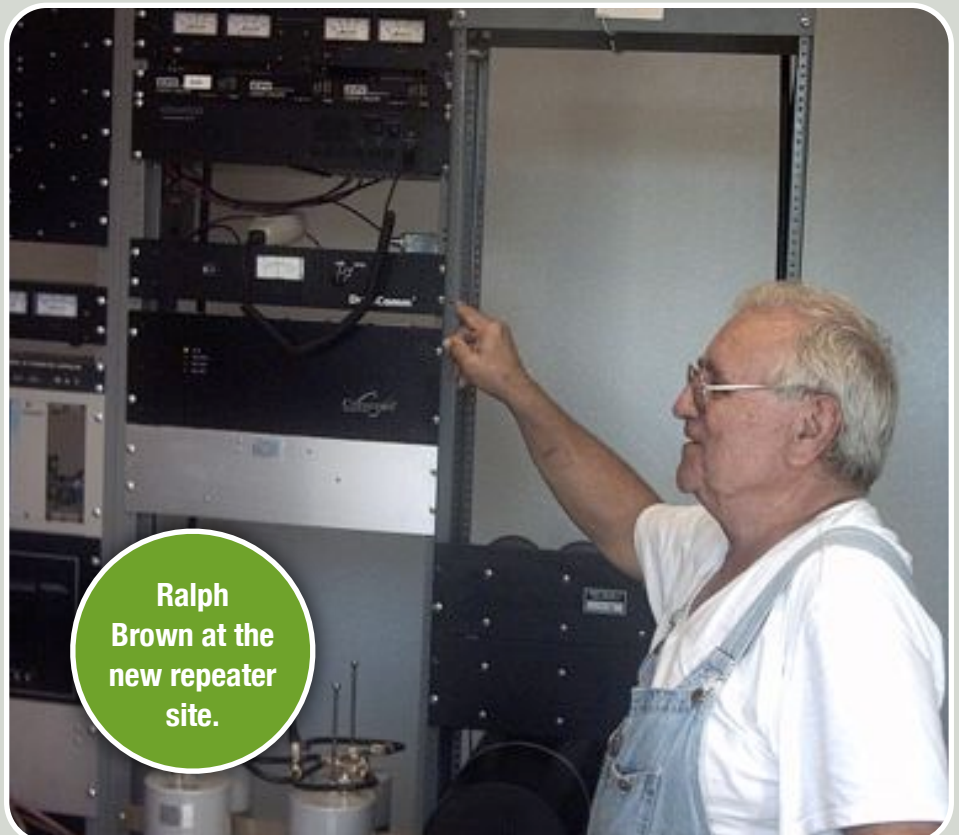
### K5QHD GARC

The GARC is proud to be associated with the ARRL, RACES, ARES and of course we love our country. If you join the ARRL, or renew your ARRL membership through the GARC, you also help support the club as the ARRL shares those revenues with the GARC

A report on K5QHD 146.66 at the new site.

Ralph Brown has received the new controller for the repeater and has been busy making interface cables and installing software. He has been putting off installing the controller because there are some changes to be made at the new site and he does not want to have to do things twice if he can avoid it. Ralph believes he knows the cause of the QRM that is sometimes heard on the repeater and he is working to abate this issue ASAP. We have heard favorable reports from stations in the field that really

appreciate the new coverage the machine has. One thing to point out is that from time to time the original repeater now designated as the backup machine is some times switched on. If the backup machine is on you will not hear anything on your receiver if you have your CTCSS decoder set to only allow a 110.9 tone to break your squelch. If you see activity on your radio's display but hear nothing then suspend your CTCSS squelch. Since we have better coverage now please be sure to greet any new hams that visit with a warm welcome.



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CHRISTMAS 2007

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Remember the party is on the 10th at 6:30  
K5DHY's House

**RACES NETS\***

Every Thursday Night at 9:00 PM local time on either the 146.660 or 147.240. In addition there is also a 1st and 3rd Sunday net on 146.880 at 8:00 pm

**ARES NET**

Unlike the Races nets you do not have to have an Races Appointment to participate. ARES NETS are the 4th Thursday on Either 146.660 or 147.240 at 9:00 pm

**SIREN TEST**

Garland's Eary Warning Sirens are tested by the city on the first wednesday of each month at noon, weather premitting.

RACES NET PARTICIPATION REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION BY RACES Authority or FCC

# GARC GENERAL INFO

## Repeaters:

The GARC operates two open repeaters for its members and guest amateur radio operators on 146.00 (-) and 442.7 (+) Both with PL Tone 110.9

Trustee: Bob Jones W5BJ [trustee@k5qhd.org](mailto:trustee@k5qhd.org)

## INTERNET:

See us at <http://www.k5qhd.org> also on

## Yahoo groups

### Newsletter:

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## MEMBERSHIP:

Membership forms are available at the GARC monthly meetings or the GARC website. Members can be voted in at each meeting. Club Rosters for non commercial uses can be obtained by club members by contacting a board member.

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