

January 2008

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.

January meeting date is 28th at the Garland Women's Activity Center 713 W. Austin Street. Garland TX. 75040
Doors open at 7:00 PM Meeting at 7:30

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Jim Haynie,
President Emeritus
from The ARRL will be
our Guest Speaker .

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The holidays have come and gone, but in Ham Radio every weekend is a holiday weekend. There is always some contest or get together or even just a informal rag chew!

February is coming fast! With that comes Sky Warn School for Dallas County and the GARC. I think most of you have been before. This year it's on **February 16th**. I wont be there this year, I will be in Hawaii. So we will need two volunteers to make things run. One to run the coffee bar and at at least one to sell raffle tickets and club memberships. Please email board@k5qhd.org if you can help. Please remember that you only have to go to skywarn school every other year for Races so if you went last year you could really help the club by volunteering to help with the above.

In other news the nominating committee has been hard at work. If you would like to run for any office at the GARC, PLEASE! CONTACT BOB JONES OR JIM PEARSON. A special email address is set up to contact them. elections@k5qhd.org



Jim Haynie W5JBP is a fascinating and engaging speaker. If you miss hearing him speak you have really missed something.

XMAS PARTY PICS



Christmas Past

These are pictures from 2007 GARC Christmas Party.

HMMM... If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you !!

A few Notes from the Good Natured Texan.

A belated "Happy New Year" to ALL of you from the Good Natured Texan !

Not Mr. Big \$\$\$?

If you don't own a GPS ... go to www.dialdirections.com or call (347) 328-4667 They will text message directions to you for FREE; but, remember that your cell phone carrier "MAY" CHARGE for the texting !

Anytime that the GARC Ed officer has a construction project; we have been offered FREE space @HobbyTown USA , 8041 Walnut Hill Ln. (just East of Central Expwy) 214-987-4744. Ask for Brad Nelson. www.hobbytown.com

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HMMM... "One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory". -- Rita Mae

Just an idea for me to share with you to pass along to anyone interested. If your not going to Skywarn school on February 12 then ... 7AM - 10PM I'm sure that lots of folks might like to take part ...for a good cause !

Go to >> <http://www.ihopp pancakeday.com/>

Purchases help the GARC



Minutes of the December 2007 Meeting

The December 2007 meeting was the Annual GARC Christmas Party. No official club business was conducted. A good time was had by all.

Remember to tell ALL your friends about our selling HD table radios for \$99.95 through our web site www.k5qhd.org. Scroll down to the bottom until you see the Affordable HD radio link. The GARC gets 10% back to add to our treasury !

First FT. Worth Hamfest

Jim Pearson and I attended the show and had a great time. There were some quirks that went along with it being a first time but overall the whole thing was a winner. The outdoor tailgate was a little hard to find and sparsely set up, but the indoor events were wonderful. You should go next year!



FT. WORTH HAM FEST 08



UPCOMING EVENTS



Mesquite Radio Parade

Ok so it's the **Rodeo** Parade. But you can really help with your radio and make it a fun day for everyone.

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

Mesquite Rodeo Parade

Mesquite Rodeo Parade will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 and Ham Association of Mesquite will be needing volunteers this year. The parade starts at 10:00 AM and all volunteers will need to be at Florence Black Elementary School, 328 E. Newson Street, 75149 at 7:30 A.M. All help will be appreciated. Volunteers need to contact George Rice - KC5TOO (972-222-3312) by Wednesday March 26.

This is a fun event and RACES members will receive credit for working the event.

Thanks,

George Rice KC5TOO, 972-222-3312 or garice@sbcglobal.net

Sam's Club MS-150 Bike Tour May 3-4

Details not available at this time.

All public service events are open to any licensed amateur with a desire to participate! No event experience? Lets us know and we can team you with an experienced amateur to show you the ropes. Always check with your RACES officer to verify an event will count for RACES credit.

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, and your money make a tremendous difference in what the club can do! Both for you and the community. 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" or share card program. You will be entered into a drawing for a excellent prize. The 442.7 machine needs

to have some maintenance done so that it hears better.

We have telephone and internet bills, and the cost of the newsletter itself. There is also the issue of 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

How did you get your ticket?

I saw an article on how clubs were focusing on getting young people into ham radio and they decided they should poll their members on how they got into the hobby. Please take a moment and email editor@k5qhd.org with your story on how you became involved with ham radio, and also your ideas on how to get and keep new members and hams. Every member of the club has something they can share with the rest of the club that makes the entire club better! Please share your ideas!

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.

It's RENEWAL TIME

CLUB AFFILIATIONS

For most of you, your club dues will expire at the end of February. Please plan to renew your membership at the January Meeting!



Also NOTE, if you join the ARRL or RENEW your ARRL MEMBERSHIP through the GARC, the club gets a portion of your ARRL MEMBERSHIP. So please renew your ARRL MEMBERSHIP through the GARC.



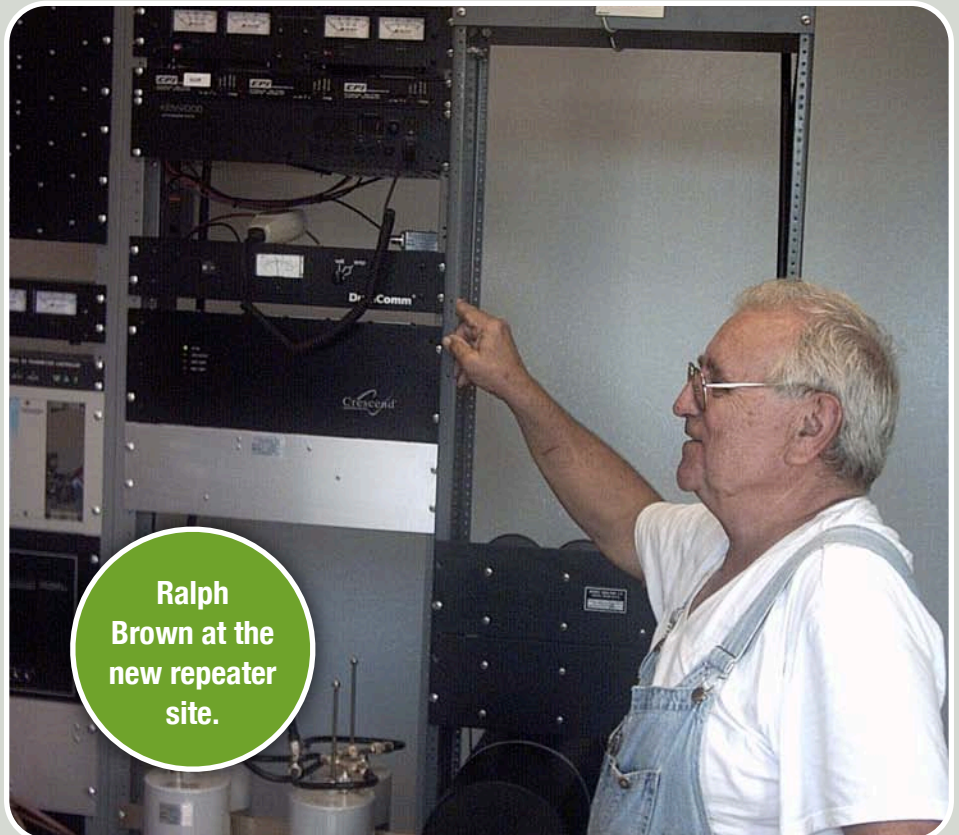
A report on K5QHD 146.66 at the new site.

Ralph Brown has the new controller and says he thinks he will have it configured and on the new repeater by the end of February.



K5QHD GARC

The GARC is proud to be associated with the ARRL, RACES, ARES and of course we love our country.



FEBRUARY 2008

February

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GARLAND
Amateur Radio Club

■ 12:00 AM GARC Meeting

■ 11:00 AM VET TEST

■ 8:30 AM Skywarn School

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 Early 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 it's members and guest amateur radio operators on 146.66 (-) and 442.7 (+) Both with PL Tone 110.9

Trustee: Bob Jones W5BJ 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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