

April 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

# ARC.LITE

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

April 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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The new choir?

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

**DE K5DHY**

Well the 2008 elections are over (at least for the GARC) and your new officers are in place for the coming year. It's my hope that we will exceed your expectations for interesting and meaningful club activities.

If you have not renewed your membership to the GARC for 2008 please do so at the next meeting or before by mail. Membership forms are available on the club's website.

The program for the April meeting, on the 28<sup>th</sup>, will be Laura Aaronson, KE5IOL, speaking to us about the ham radio club at North Garland High School, callsign NG5HS. NGHS was the recipient of equipment from an ARRL program a few years ago and has been under the mentorship (if that's a word) of our own Garland Newman, W5IDN, who has spent many, many hours with the students at North Garland. Thanks Garland for your hard work.

The Dallas area Scout Show will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Market Hall. We will have a presence there as we have had in the past. Garland Newman will be coordinating our participation. Please contact Garland to see how you can help.

I would like to see more utilization of the radio equipment at the ECC. In particular it would be good if we had as many hams as possible familiar with the usage of the HF equipment and be able to step in and operate if the need arose.

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## BOARD PICS



President  
Bill Engel K5DHY



Vice President  
Garland Newman W5IDN



Treasurer  
Wayne Williams

More TO COME!!!

## President's Pen

One of the ways to do this would be to put together a group to do some contesting. Personally I have a lot of fun participating in contests. I do it semi-seriously, knowing that I can't compete with the big yagis on the 200 foot towers and that I don't want to spend an entire weekend on the air. I especially like the CQ contests where they publish the entire results in the magazine and the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) contests where there's not a lot of competition in the W5 area and I can win a certificate every year. Operating a contest from the ECC would give us a chance to expose new hams to the world of HF, working under a control operator if they have a Tech license. If you're interested let me know.

Final item. We are going to have our guest speaker at the next meeting give her presentation at the beginning of the meeting. Our business meeting will follow. After the business meeting is adjourned, I would like to have an open forum, off the record, to just talk about the club – what we're doing right, what we could be doing better, and what we're not doing that we should be doing. So put your thinking caps on and we'll see you on Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup>.

73,  
Bill

### TERRY PARKER KC5EFD, SK

Terry Lee Parker KC5EFD passed away on January 1, 2008, from a apparent blood clot related to recent foot surgery. He was 47 years old. He resided in Bastrop, Texas. He was a General Class licensee and a member of the Bastrop, Austin, and Garland Amateur Radio Clubs and Bastrop ARES. When Terry's travels took him to North Texas he could be found on the 146.660 repeater looking for his Garland friends, particularly W5IDN. On rare occasions he would show up at Crony Lunch. He will be missed



## REPEATER NEWS

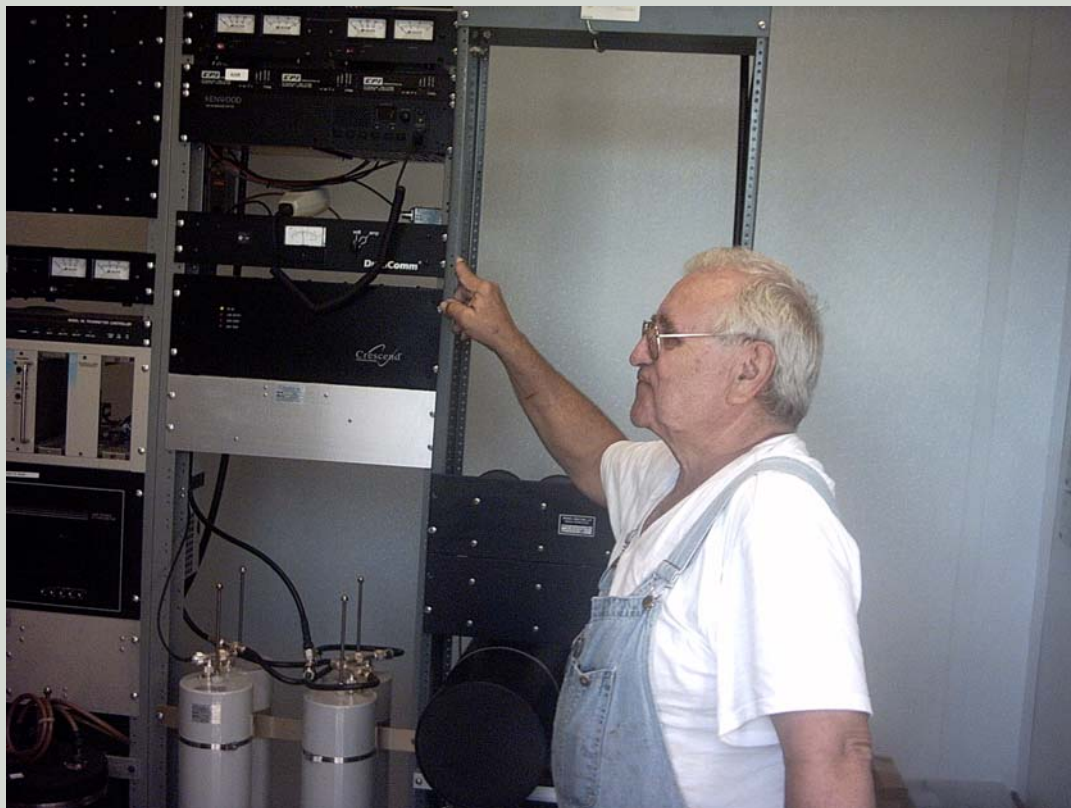
Two items of interest for users of the 146.660 GARC repeater.

First, the repeater controller for the primary repeater is being programmed and should be in place in the near future. Without the controller the repeater has no way of providing tail messages for severe weather watches and warnings. Therefore, until the controller is installed we will switch to the secondary repeater if there is the threat of severe weather so we can provide the appropriate tail message.

Second, in order to insure that the secondary repeater remains in working condition it will be brought on line on an occasional basis for a period of several hours at a time.

Unlike the primary repeater, the secondary repeater does not transmit a CTCSS (PL) tone. If your receiver expects to receive a tone from the repeater to break squelch you will not be able to hear what is transmitted on the secondary repeater. You will need to turn off the “tone squelch” on your receiver to copy the secondary repeater.

Repeater use guidelines for the club's repeaters are posted on the club website under “Club Information.”





## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Special  
Olympics**

## UPCOMING PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Several events requiring amateur radio communicators are coming up in the next month or so.

Saturday, April 26 is the Special Olympics in Wylie at Wylie High School, 2550 W. FM 544. Amateur radio operators are needed from 8 am to 1 pm and from 1 pm to 7 pm. Call or e-mail Don Thomas, KA1CWM, [dwthomas@gte.net](mailto:dwthomas@gte.net), phone 972-462-1333.

May 3 and 4 is the Sam's Club MS-150 Frisco to Fort Worth Bike Tour. You can sign up for both days or just one. James Marple KB5ZDG is the contact. More information and how to volunteer are provided on N5TIM's public service web page accessible from the front page of the club's website or directly at <http://www.qsl.net/n5tim/uplist.html>.

The Richardson Regional Hospital's Wild Ride Bike Rally will be held on Saturday morning, May 17 in conjunction with the Richardson Wild Flower Festival. The rally will start and finish at the Verizon building in Richardson. The 64 mile route will travel northeast over the Lavon Dam out to Josephine, TX and back. Each of the 4 rest stops will be connected to the internet and digital pictures will be sent back to Net Control and to the hospitality tent at the Start/Finish line. Radio operators are needed to provide communications. Hams with laptop computers and digital cameras will be needed for each rest stop. This is an opportunity to use 802.11 for digital communications. Ops are needed for Shadows, SAGs, Rest stop Voice, Rest stop Digital and Networking Infrastructure. If you can help, please contact Doug Kilgore KD5OUG at [kd5oug@arrl.net](mailto:kd5oug@arrl.net).

July 4 is the annual Garland Star Spangled Fourth celebration. Operators are needed in shifts throughout the day and evening. Please contact Clay Orchard at [kc5mxn@verizon.net](mailto:kc5mxn@verizon.net)

## 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



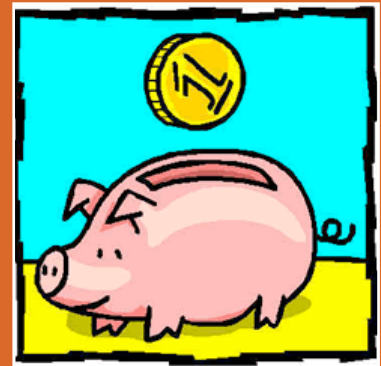
Purchases help  
the GARC

## WAYS TO HELP

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



Good Neighbor #  
11636



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



Some of you might not have realized that your club dues expired at the end of February. If you have not already renewed, please plan to renew your membership at the April 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.



### Theory and Code Classes

These are classes which are geared towards preparing you to take your ham radio exam. Enjoy taking the classes with others all working towards getting their first ham license or upgrading their existing one. To ensure a place in the class, please email or call [Swank Roberts](mailto:Swank.Roberts).



#### Technician Class

Technician Class licensing instruction starts April 22 at 7:00 PM at the ECC . This class will run five weeks; ending on May 20. There is a \$25 fee to participate in order to cover the cost of materials.

Preregistration is required - email [education@k5qhd.org](mailto:education@k5qhd.org)  
Additional classes are being planned

[Online practice exams](#) are available as an aid to your learning.

#### K5QHD GARC

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

### Specialty Classes

These are practical, often hands-on, fun classes. As with all classes on this page, as times, dates, and locations are available, this page will be updated. Please check this page as times and dates are subject to change.  
None scheduled at this time.

## Minutes of March 2008 Meeting by Swank Roberts (acting secretary)

Charlie Myers, KE5NRF led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions of all in attendance @ the meeting.

Officer reports.

John Galvin, N5TIM listed future Public Service Events.

Tom Blackwell, N5GAR gave an overview of North Texas Section news & future events.

Swank Roberts requested to change the position he was running for from Secretary to Education Officer. The motion was raised and approved.

Because there were only one candidate per office on the ballot; new 2008 Officers were voted in by acclamation.

New Officers for 2008

President Bill Engel K5DHY  
VP Garland Newman W5IDN

Secretary Kaye Duncan K5AYE

Treasurer Wayne Williams WT5J

Comm Officer Ralph Brown KV5KVF

Education Officer Swank Roberts WA5GNT

Arclite Editor Allen Yoder NG5Y

A motion was raised to destroy the ballots so that they would not need to be kept in the clubs records. The Motion was approved.

After a short break, KE5NRF introduced officers from the Coast Guard who presented the program on Coast Guard communications.

## April 2008

**VEC TESTING MARCH 24th**  
**GARC MEETING MARCH 28th**  
**GARC BOARD MEETING MAY 12th**



### 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](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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**PLEASE RUSH!!!**