

May 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

ARRCLITE

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

May 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

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Field Day Power

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

DE K5DHY

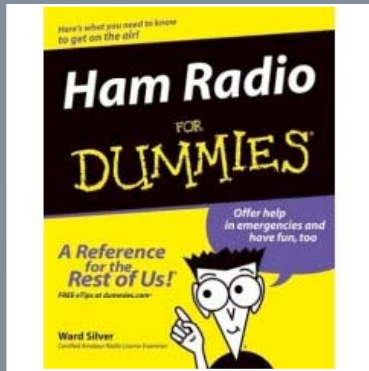
Field Day is just over a month away and planning is underway at the GARC. We have selected Winters Park again as our site. This year we will try to choose a location for our operational area that is more visible to passersby, particularly users of the water park. We have a committee in place to do the planning, but we will need more folks to help plan the hospitality as the date gets closer.

We have made the membership roster available on the Club's website under the "Club Information" menu. In order to keep members' personal information out of the hands of the public, a username and password are required to access the listing. We will not make the access information available on a public forum. If you want to have the username and password please drop me an e-mail to k5dhy@arrl.net. The roster is a pdf file with a listing by name and then a listing by callsign and is up to date through May 15.

Our speaker at our meeting on Monday, May 26, is John Galvin, N5TIM. John will talk to us about APRS.

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STRAYS



HMMM... You know you're living in the year 2008 when... You accidentally enter your password on the microwave !



HMMM... The sign said "pet food", so I did



HMMM... My PC is quite old. I just had to change a vacuum tube !

President's Pen

The Board will be looking for membership approval for two items at the next meeting. One will be approval to spend money on food and drinks for Field Day. The other will be to purchase a projector for use at our meetings and for training classes. We have been borrowing one from the City of Garland, but we really need to have one of our own. And, the City office we borrow from is moving outside of the downtown area later this year. Since the projector is rather expensive we are asking for a few people to contribute 50% its purchase price.

On the home front, all of the ham gear has been boxed up and the antennas have come down as we get ready to change the home QTH to a nearby ham-friendly community. Except for mobile operations, K5DHY is silent for a while, but we are anxious to get back on the air soon.

73,
Bill

Ideas From your Frugal Education Officer

The students in my current class are really absorbing the material for their General Class exam. I expect all of them to pass ... with flying colors !

I'm exploring the class model that the McKinney Club is using : Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Your input would be appreciated.

The most important thing that I try to impress to my students is that an efficient antenna is the key to any Ham station ... more "bang for the buck" !

Speaking of bucks ... or \$\$\$; with the gasoline prices as they are ... we all prefer ways to save money if we can !

Case in point : City Tires & Wheels, (1829 Beltline Rd ... just west of Garland Rd. ... 972-414-3400) has a sign on the front of their building that really caught my attention earlier. State Inspections : \$10.00 OFF = \$29.75 Such a deal ... and nice folks, too !

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REPEATER NEWS

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

We are awaiting the final programming and installation of the repeater controller for our primary 146.660 repeater. We hope to have it operational shortly.

If you are not familiar with the Club's guidelines for usage of our repeaters please take a few minutes to look them over. They are accessible on our web site under "Club Information" then "Repeater Use Guidelines."

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.

Ham-Com Needs Volunteers!

If you can donate some time to Ham-Com please goto the hamcom.org website and volunteer. There are perks for doing this!

See you there!



Minutes of April 2008 Board Meeting As taken by Garland Newman.

Meeting was called to order by Bill Engel, K5DHY. Members present were Garland Newman, W5IDN, Ralph Brown, KA5KVF, Swank Roberts, WA5GNT, and Wayne Williams, WT5J.

Discussion on Field Day, June 28 - 29th., Field day will be at Winters Park, closer to the Hawaiian Falls. Site has been approved by the City of Garland.

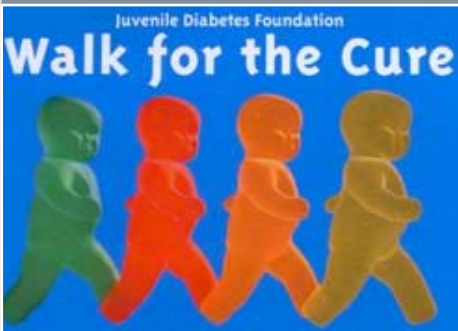
The repeater controller is still being worked on.

Voted to ask the Club for funds for a Projector for speakers as the EOC is being moved to Hwy 66 and Country club.

Speaker for this month will be John Galvin, N5TIM, Topic will be on APRS how to get started and how to program same".

Submitted by Garland Newman, W5IDN

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

If you can get your fill of Ham-Com on Friday, June 13, there is a communicator opportunity available on Saturday the 14th. It's the Collin Classic bicycle tour benefitting CITY House homeless teen shelter and a project in Swaziland (3DA to you DXers) of World Hope International. Radio operators should contact Chadwick Stelzl, KD5UMO, at kd5umo@arrl.net to volunteer. Information about the event is at <http://www.collinclassic.org/home.html>.

July 4 is the annual Garland Star Spangled Fourth celebration. Operators are needed in shifts throughout the day and evening and for fire watch during the fireworks. Please contact Clay Orchard at 972-278-2927 or kc5mxn@verizon.net.

Future events:

Saturday, September 27 is the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk in the vicinity of American Airlines Center. This is an excellent event for first-time communicators to get their feet wet. Contact John Will, W5EJ, at w5ej@arrl.net.

Sunday, December 14 is the annual Dallas Wellstone's White Rock Marathon. Mark your calendar and look for more info in the future. Contact is Bob Jones, W5BJ, w5bj@arrl.net.

HMMM... is there another word for synonym?



Ideas Cont.

Another tip I just heard about from Channel 11 News is a unique way to save \$\$\$ at the grocery store = www.grocerygame.com It really works !

Really, that was just a clever ploy to let you have more money to spend at Ham-Com !

While you are reading this; go ahead and mark your calendars for Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14 = Ham-Com.

If you go through our website www.k5qhd.org ; you can volunteer to work a 2 hour shift as Security and receive FREE admission plus a raffle ticket for their hourly drawings plus the Grand Prize.

The Garland Amateur Radio Club also needs YOU to help distribute our K5QHD business cards at our Information table during Ham-Com. See you there !

As Charles Osgood (of CBS Radio) says, "See ya on the radio". 73,

Swank Roberts, WA5GNT the "Frugal" Good Natured Texan

Ways you can help the GARC

The Kroger Share Card program is being replaced with a new program. Details will follow as soon as they are available. The Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program is still in effect.

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. We are open to things like a bake sale or other fundraising ideas.

73's

NG5Y

HMMM... "SUDAFED": Brought litigation against a government official .

WAYS TO HELP



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 May 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
Additional classes are being planned

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

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.



K5QHD GARC

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

Minutes of Swank 2008 Meeting

by Swank Roberts

Meeting was called to order by Bill Engel

Garland Newman lead the pledge of allegiance
Introduction of officers, members and guest

Reports from board members
Treasure Wayne Williams gave totals for the bank

Bill Engel said we are gearing up for hamcom and field day and could use some help.

Swank Roberts reported that his class was going well

Garland said the meeting topic for May was changing to ARPS with John Galvin due to an illness.

Approval of minutes from March 2008 was made

N5GAR talked about north texas section/ arrl happenings.

Presentation Made to Herman May for DFW Traffic net activities.

Bill Engel presented the upcoming public service events.

David Weekly made a sizable monitory contribution to the club and will be sent a "Certificate of Appreciation", and GARC Membership.

Explorer Scholarships for North Garland High School were discussed.

NG5HS Laura Arnonson gave a talk on the student ham program at North Garland High School

June 2008

- VEC TESTING June 26th**
- GARC BOARD MEETING June 9th**
- GARC MEETING June 23th**



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

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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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