



WA5CKF—The Friendly Bunch!

Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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April

News

Next General Meeting April 27, 2017 at 7:30PM at Senter Park East Recreation Building, 228 Chamberlain, Irving, Texas

Next Business Meeting— Thursday, May 12th, 2017 at Heritage Park, 217 South Main Street, Irving, Texas 75060

Next VE test session— Saturday, May 20th, at 8:30 AM—at Betcha Bingo Hall #2, located at 2420 Irving Blvd., Irving, Texas

A group of IARC, Inc. members and guests meet for breakfast, coffee, etc. at 8:30 AM Wednesdays at McDonald's, 2410 N Story Rd .

IARC Inc. informal net 2nd & 4th Sun. each month 8-9pm on the WA5CKF 146.72 repeater.

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President's Corner – Ken Hansen N2VIP

Over the next few months you may notice some significant changes in club, and I wanted to take a moment to explain what we'll be doing these next few months and why.

First up, as you should be aware by now, the club has decided to run an upgrade class for anyone interested in upgrading their Technician license to a General. The goal is to re-invigorate our membership and become more "radio active". This effort is two-fold, first it is to open up the world of HF operation to more people and second to draw on the experience of our more senior members to pass on their knowledge and experience. Our classes will be run as "review" sessions, not introductions to new topics, and while there will be one "instructor" it is expected that other club members will step in as needed to cover the material.

Second, as you may have heard, the club voted to investigate running a raffle right away, with the prize being drawn at HamCom this June. The basic idea is to get the word out that the Irving Amateur Radio Club is still around and active, and to do this the club has authorized me to contact HamCom to ensure we can pull our raffle winner at HamCom without upsetting anything the organizers have planned. Second, if HamCom has no issue with the raffle, I will put together Terms and Conditions for the raffle, and we will put together a web page and PayPal "button" that will control the number of tickets sold. The raffle will be publicized on-line via email "blasts" to area clubs and on the air in various nets members participate in. All ticket sales will be made on-line, and if an insufficient number of tickets are sold, refunds can be made at no cost to the club. As to the item to be raffled, the club agreed to raffle off a new Flex Radio Systems Flex-6300 HF/6 Meter radio with internal antenna tuner for an estimated cost of under \$3,000. The tickets will sell for \$20/each, and there will be a total of only 300 tickets sold. For those of you that have already run the numbers, that could/should produce \$6,000 in revenue if we sell all 300 tickets (as I expect we will), and the proceeds in excess of costs will be divided evenly between the Irving Great Days of Service charity and our own club, with the club funds intended to be put towards refurbishing of the club shack at the Betcha Bingo Hall. The shack at the bingo hall is a great club asset, and with a little investment I think it could find increased use by club members going forward.

Finally, I have been told that our club will, again, be invited to handle "talk-in" for HamCom this summer. Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming, but as in previous years, in exchange for free admission to the event volunteers are expected to work a minimum of two hours of service. Volunteers will be needed to perform both setup and take-down of the temporary station, as well as man the station during the two days of the event. In addition, the club has purchased a flea market table for HamCom, which will hopefully be used for the previously mentioned radio raffle drawing, and if there is interest club members could sell personal items on the table as well.

I am very excited about the future of our club, I hope you are too – to be successful we will need the help and support of the club membership, please, join me and help write the next chapter in the history of the Irving Amateur Radio Club.

Ken Hansen, N2VIP
President, Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Volunteer Opportunity Ham-Com talk-in

We have been invited to handle "talk-in" for Ham-Com this summer, June 9-10. Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming, but as in previous years, in exchange for free admission to the event volunteers are expected to work a minimum of two hours of service. Volunteers will be needed to perform both setup and take-down of the temporary station, as well as man the station during the two days of the event.

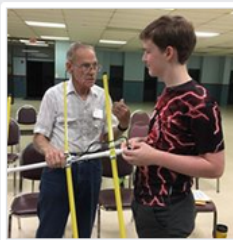


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<https://www.facebook.com/Irving-Amateur-Radio-Club-Inc-129636023778094/>

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Website Updates

- Many thanks to Roger N5VUJ for creating and updating the new website – please visit it at <http://irvingarc.org>.
- Photos are up from Hamfest and a few other events – please see the photos section of the website at <http://irvingarc.org/index.php/photos>

HamCom 2017

06/09-10/2017 | West Gulf Division Convention (Ham-Com)

Location: Irving, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: DFW Metroplex Clubs including Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.!

Website: <http://www.Hamcom.org>

Time to Test! The Friendly Bunch (of Elmers) Has VE Sessions!

VE Testing Sessions are held every 3rd Sat. at 8:30 am Betcha Bingo #2 2420 Irving Blvd Irving, TX

You will need:

2 forms of identification – one must include photo

Pencils or pens (black or blue)

Your current Amateur Radio License (if you have one) and a copy of same to file with your application; your CSCE; and a copy of same, if you have completed relative elements at a prior session

W5YI \$14.00 exam fee –cash, correct change please

ARRL \$15.00 exam fee—cash, correct change please

Contact for further information

Doyle Taylor 972/579-9089 or Dennis Riise 972/255-8187.



Scout Radio Updates – Tom N5HYP

Scout Radio activities: An era ends and a new one begins.

By Tom Schuessler, N5HYP.

With the closing in the coming months of the National Scouting Museum in Irving, TX this coming Labor Day weekend, ends a very fruitful collaboration between the Scouting community and the Amateur Radio community in North Texas. The Irving Amateur Radio Club and the Dallas Amateur Radio Club have been a big part of that collaboration effort. Even with the closing of the Museum, new opportunities have and will present themselves to further that connection. We had a very successful Electronics Merit Badge day at the Scouting Museum on April 1. 12 very enthusiastic young men spent the day learning some basic principles of electronics and digital technology. We taught them how to properly solder a printed circuit board and tutored as they put together a small kit. We even gave away some prizes like Museum T-Shirts and a couple of small electronics kits.

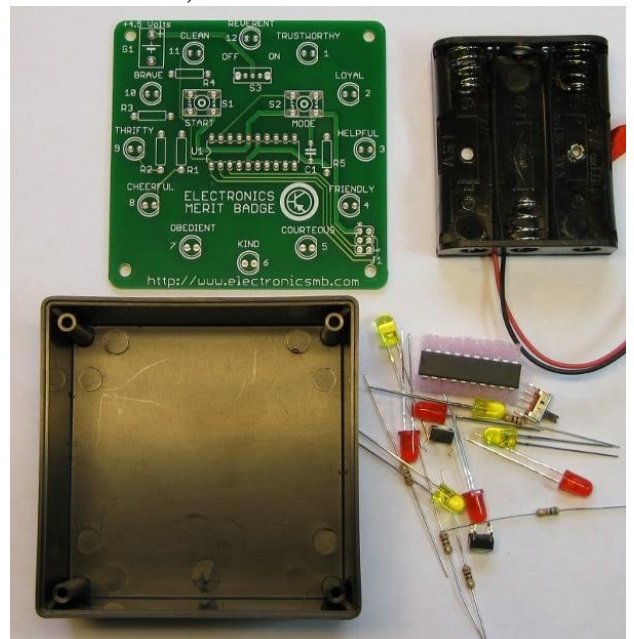


So where do we go from here? I may run a couple of simple activations from the Museum, especially around the time of the National Jamboree this summer and maybe even for Labor Day weekend, just for the fun of it. These will be low key activations but volunteers will be very welcome if we do this. Also on the table; the Irving/Coppell Five Trails District will be sponsoring a “Merit badge college” day in mid September which we are a go for and Circle Ten Council which encompasses all of Dallas County and points east will be holding a large one of these merit badge events at Camp Wisdom in early December.

So why is this important as compared to other activities that we can do as Amateur Radio and electronics enthusiasts? Well we get to make an impact on young minds that might bear fruit either in the short term or long term. Maybe only a few will immediately want to approach Ham licensing, but it may plant a bug for years down the road. A radio demonstration when I was a Cub Scout way back in elementary school put the bug in me that eventually got me to get licensed. And even if these guys or their families do never get a license, they will come away with maybe a higher respect for what we do and that might prove helpful someday, say a Home Owners Association dispute about some antenna you want to put up.

The support of the IARC club has been crucial to making and keeping these activities going and they WILL continue, just in more diverse locations. The goal though is still to make an impact on local residence in the Irving area on behalf of our hobby. 73 to you all for now.

Tom Schuessler, N5HYP



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The Friendly Bunch

Mission Statement

To provide radio communications with honor and integrity and

To honor the amateur radio code of ethics and

To provide technical support services to others so interested and

To support citizens of our community in times of need and disaster and

To provide radio communications as needed during local emergency situations.

IARC Birthdays!

**This is your birthday song,
It isn't very long!**

April:

N5VUJ Roger Bacak

May:

Assoc Sam Bemani

KF5PJH Venzula Mathews

N5BSA Max Perry

K5AVT Dennis Riise



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

