



Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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October

2017

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Events

General Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2017
at 7:30PM at Senter Park
East Recreation Building
228 Chamberlain, Irving,
Texas

Business Meeting

Thursday, November 9,
2017 at Heritage Park, 217
South Main Street, Irving,
Texas 75060

VE Test Session

Saturday, November 18,
8:30 AM at Betcha Bingo
Hall #2, 2420 Irving Blvd.,
Irving, TX

Birthdays!

November

AG5KS Barrett Goad
Assoc Melodye Green
KF5JAV Duncan Parkes

JOTA 2017



JOTA 2017 was held at Uplift Williams Preparatory School in Dallas on October 21 in coordination with the local [STEMScouts](#) lab. We had many volunteers from the Irving, Dallas, and Euless radio clubs. It was a good venue, and we hope to see more scouts next year.



Upcoming Hamfests/ARRL Events

01/13/2018 San Antonio Radio Fiesta 2018, Schertz, TX, Sponsored by the San Antonio Radio Club <http://w5sc.org>

01/19/2018 North Texas Section Convention (Cowtown Hamfest), Forest Hill, TX. Sponsored by the Cowtown Amateur Radio Club. <http://cowtownhamfest.com>

10/27/2017 Texoma Hamarama, Ardmore, OK. Sponsored by Texoma Hamarama, Inc. <http://texomahamarama.org>
Source: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests>

Contact Us

<http://www.irvingarc.org>

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Repeaters

146.72/224.40/442.675
MHz (all 110.9Hz)

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.

Links

Irving ARC Website
<http://irvingarc.org/>

Great Days of Service
<http://gdsirving.org/>

K2BSA
<https://www.k2bsa.net/>

ARRL
<http://www.arrl.org/>

ARRL – North TX
<http://www.arrlntx.org/>

MentorFest 2017 Report

This past Saturday the Irving Amateur Radio Club hosted the 2017 ARRL MentorFest, a meeting of several area radio clubs which had informational tables, and as many as six simultaneous presentations by area Hams on topics as varied as AREDN, DMR, Programming a Baofeng HT, Coax and feedlines, and simple to make VHF/UHF antennas.

The event was reasonably well-attended, despite its 7:30 AM starting time (hi-hi), but off from previous year's attendance levels. There were numerous challenges that conspired to tamp down attendance, but everyone that I spoke with supported the idea of a MentorFest and were enthusiastic about holding another MentorFest event next fall.

Looking towards possibly hosting another MentorFest next fall, I'd like the club to consider, if possible, taking this event on as an IARC event in partnership with the ARRL, taking responsibility for organizing presenters, setup and take-down of the room, and publicity. Ideally we'd find several area clubs to provide resources in the form of club members to help with assorted day-of responsibilities.

Of course, any decision to take on this responsibility will certainly have to be discussed and debated by the club membership and leadership, along with a ARRL leadership. I hope everyone will step forward and let their voices be heard on this topic when we have that discussion. – *Ken N2VIP*

Business Meeting Minutes, Sep. 14, 2017

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1. Concerns for members, family, friends Passing of N5IUF.
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introductions
5. Minutes Dennis James
6. Treasurer Report James Doyle
7. Old Business
 - a. Committee Reports
 - i. AREDN
 1. Being configured, Installation date TBD
 - ii. Website Committee
 1. PayPal button for renewals on club website
 - iii. Repeater Committee
 1. Backup Battery Installation
 2. Status of cable project
 - iv. MentorFest 2017
 1. Advertising has begun – Flyer circulated at Mena Hamfest
 2. Flyer will be shared with area clubs soon
 3. Four presenters secured, 1 volunteer for setup/takedown

VE Testing 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.

Like Us on Facebook!

Thanks to Karen KF5PJJ for keeping up with us on Facebook. Please like and share our page! Search Facebook for Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

4. Club still has several (4-6?) long PVC pipes from previous events
- v. Betcha Bingo Shack Renovation
 1. Reviewed idea w/Melody at BB Ken talked about options for room renovations.
- vi. Documentation Project
 1. Update? Committee recommendation;
- vii. Boy Scouts
 1. JOTA Update
 2. Electronics Merit Badge
8. New Business
 - a. Programs going forward (Sept, Oct, Nov.) Tom Sept. Dennis is working on an October/or November program.
 - b. New Member applications?
 - c. Member Renewal via online application
 - d. Christmas party Check with Angelos. The bigger room.
 - e. New meeting locations for 2018
 - i. Possible other locations for meetings
 - ii. Discussion on FD
 - f. Internet upgrade on the 12th. Not sure what has happened.VE testing this sat.
9. Close

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Schuessler, IARC Secretary/Treasurer, Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

General Meeting Minutes, Sep 28, 2017

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- Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introductions of Members and guests. There were 17 in attendance, 11 ARRL and 4 elected staff
- Birthdays for October were announced by James, N5BKL.
- Old business
- MentorFest, October 21; Ken reported that Bill Caldwell, AC5BC again was not able to give a report on Mentorfest planning and prep. Ken reports that last correspondence had 4 or 5 presenters and several who showed interest in setup-teardown. Ken reports that Bill has the event scheduled from 7:30-4:30 but that he is unclear what actual schedule will look like. Tom Schuessler, N5HYP expressed concern that the lengthening schedule was not what was described originally when the club agreed to lend the venue and be a participant.
- Website; Ken explained that the web site is a work in progress and said we need people to help produce content.
- HamClubOnline; The board has approved the committee recommendation to have the club become involved in HamClubsOnline. Ken reports that the pricing will be reasonable and they can take on some of the membership tasks like renewals and event notifications.
- Repeater site; James Shugart purchased some small parts and work on the final stages will continue
- ARDEN; Now scheduled hopefully for October, Ken said that Andrew

Join Us!

To join the Irving Amateur Radio Club we encourage you to attend one of our upcoming meetings, held twice monthly in Irving, Texas. Dates, times and locations are on the club calendar elsewhere on the website, but we typically meet on the 2nd and fourth Thursdays of each month. If you are interested in joining but unable to attend an upcoming meeting, you can send an email to staff@irvingarc.org for personal attention.

Koenig and his helpers will need to become "Comped" members of the club to be on the club insurance policy and will pursue this very soon.

- Field Day; Discussion of putting on a limited duration ARRL Field Day at either Garden and Arts or Heritage Park. Heritage was talked about as being a better site due to more open space for antennas. Tom Schuessler will explore Irving Parks Department availability of sites for June 2018.
- Winter Dinner; Discussion of possible venues including repeating ant Angelo's as per last year or possibly Spring Creek Barbeque or maybe Wonderful World of Cooking. Tom, N5HYP said he would do some inquiring of these venues.
- Scout Stuff; Tom Schuessler, n5HYP talked about recently completed Electronics Merit Badge class. Felt that word of mouth would bring a better response at next event in February. Tom also talked about upcoming Jamboree on the Air activation for the BSA STEM Scout program at Uplift Williams Preparatory School in NW Dallas on October 21. Volunteer help needed for this as well as Mentorfest the same day.
- Shack renovation; Study on what could and should be done continues to make the Bingo Hall ham shack space more usable and comfortable.
- Radio in the park: Ken would like to see us do some casual outdoor operating days to exercise equipment and try new and different antenna options.
- New Member; Tom Schuessler read the application of Lakshmi Nathan Balasubramanian, W6CIA, applying for membership. He is 25 years old and a Cyber Threat Analyst and Extra Class operator. Application was moved to accept by James, N5BKL, seconded by Max, N5BSA and approved by members present.
- Program - Tom S. on Virtual serial and virtual audio cables for SDR and other radio applications.
- Drawings, Door Prizes for this meeting were two one year memberships to the club. One was one by Collin Parkes and one by Duncan Parkes so thus this will cover their family membership for 2017/2018. 50/50 drawing of \$14 was won by Barrett Goad, AG5KS.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted;

Tom Schuessler, N5HYP, IARC Secretary/Treasurer

