



Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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Events

General Meeting

Thursday, September 28,
2017 at 7:30PM at Senter
Park East Recreation
Building 228 Chamberlain,
Irving, Texas

Business Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2017
at Heritage Park, 217 South
Main Street, Irving, Texas
75060

VE Test Session

Saturday, October 21, 8:30
AM at Betcha Bingo Hall #2,
2420 Irving Blvd., Irving,
TX

Birthdays!

September

KB3RWT Jerry Aberdeen
W5AH Bob Alexander
KG5BEW Ronald Preston

Electronics Merit Badge Class Report



IARC members and friends taught an Electronics Merit Badge class at the Five Trails Fall Merit Badge College on September 16th in Coppell. We only had three scouts for our electronics merit badge session but the word of mouth was very good and we expect a better turnout for radio in February. Many thanks to the Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc. for the purchase of the new circuit board holders which were very helpful in the scouts' ability to expertly solder the kits together.

Upcoming Hamfests/ARRL Events

09/30/2017 ARCOS Tailgate/Swapmeet/Catfish Fry, Shreveport, LA Sponsored by the Amateur Radio Club of Shreveport (ARCOS)
<http://www.qsl.net/nwlarncos.htm>

10/07/2017 HamEXPO, Belton, TX. Sponsored by the Temple Amateur Radio Club. <http://tarc.org/hamexpo>

10/21/2017 NTX Mentorfest 2017, Irving, TX. Sponsored by the Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc. & ARRL NTX Section.
<http://www.arrlntx.org/learning-center/mentorfest> - ***See flyer below***

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/>

Volunteer Opportunity!

ARRL MentorFest October 21, 2017 at Betcha Bingo in Irving, 7:30AM-4:00PM



Free Event! - Hosted by the ARRL North Texas Section

When: October 21, 2017 Time: 7:30am - 4:00pm

Location: Betcha Bingo Hall, 2420 W Irving Blvd, Irving, TX 75061

The ARRL North Texas Section would like to invite all current and prospective Hams to attend Mentorfest! This event is a great way for Hams, especially those recently licensed, to meet and learn about a variety of subjects. Amateur radio operators have a great tradition of helping each other learn about and gain experience in the many facets of the hobby. Mentorfest is designed to build on this tradition by providing a place for Hams of all ages and experience levels to come together, exchange knowledge and make new friends while having fun and enjoying the great hobby of Amateur Radio.

Mentorfest will feature....

- Formal presentations on a number of topics.
- Local clubs providing information on their activities.
- "Elmers" (ham-speak for mentors) available for informal discussions on just about any topic.
- Tours of emergency communications vehicles.
- Representatives from the ARRL, ARES/RACES, REACT, National Weather Service and others showing how you can get involved.

Mentoring

In addition to the formal presentations, mentoring will be available on a large range of topics. Many amateur radio clubs, individual Hams and organizations with ties to amateur radio will be at Mentorfest to answer questions and provide demonstrations in a very informal setting.

If you have something amateur radio related that you would like to show and tell about, please consider attending Mentorfest. Your excitement about a favorite subject might be an inspiration to another Ham. Come share your knowledge and experience. Email mentorfest@arrlntx.org to be a mentor.

Participants & Volunteers

All ARRL affiliated clubs are encouraged to participate in Mentorfest by at least having an information table with club representatives. The ARRL will be promoting Mentorfest to new Hams so there should be opportunities for clubs to recruit new members. If your club or group is interested in participating in Mentorfest, please send E-mail to mentorfest@arrlntx.org. This event is free for everyone!

Volunteers are needed to help with the following tasks.

Arranging tables and chairs before the event opens. Arranging tables and chairs after the event closes. Parking lot control for EmComm vehicle static displays. Greeters to help direct attendees to where to get the answers they seek. Email mentorfest@arrlntx.org to volunteer.

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.

JOTA Volunteer Opportunity October 21

Irving ARC Inc. members and friends have an opportunity to grow the hobby and help build future leaders by helping with Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) for the STEM Scouts program at the Uplift Williams Preparatory School at 1750 Viceroy Drive in Dallas. We are looking for help for the event which will be from 10 till 2 but we will need extensive help for set up between seven and 10. Tom Schuessler, N5HYP has much more information on how you can be of assistance so please contact him via n5hyp@arrl.net for details.

Business Meeting Minutes, Aug. 10, 2017 7:35PM

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1. Concerns for members, family, friends; Coleta is home but is still having issues with the respiratory aids. Wes Dyre recovering from broken collar Bone and wife recovering from fall.
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introductions 10 in attendance 9 + 1
5. Minutes for July Business and General meetings were read and discussed: Moved and seconded - Approved
6. Treasurer Report; Moved and seconded Approved
7. Old Business
 - a. Committee Reports
 - i. AREDN
 1. Being configured, Installation date; September due to summer heat
 - ii. Repeater Committee
 1. Size of battery for repeater will be no more than an 8 AH Plan to purchase/install batteries
 - a. James Shugart purchased two batteries, one for 2 Meter repeater and one for 70 CM.
 - b. Connectors on repeater battery charger screw connectors are already available.
 - c. Eventually there will be a shelf to hold batteries. For now, batteries will be located on top of repeater controllers.
 - d. Dennis has a meeting with Richmond Communications 10AM on 8-11 concerning repeater site wiring. Will obtain quote to complete job. Club has already approved a basic dollar amount.

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.

- iii. MentorFest 2017
 1. Advertising has begun.
 2. Club still has several (4-6?) long PVC pipes from previous events.
 - iv. Documentation Project; Ken Hansen, N2VIP
 1. Need to determine what member info is available
 2. Decide on location for storing "official" club documents. Discussion topics included;
 - a. Website FTP server? Dropbox? PC in Shack?
 - b. HamClubOnline? (used by several local clubs)
 - c. Discussion ensued as to what might be best option and what data is needed
 - d. Ken will appoint a committee to develop a thought and process toward moving forward. Bill Byrom and Tom Schuessler will serve
 - v. Boy Scout Update JOTA is still up in the air but may still happen as a parallel event to MentorFest. Electronics MB on September 16 and Radio demo on September 5
 - vi. Bill Byrom talked about STEM Scout program.
8. New Business
- i. McKinney Amateur Radio Club offering Free Technician class. Dates: Aug. 19 & 26, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (two-day class). Heard Museum at 1 Nature Place, McKinney, TX, 75069 VE Testing will be held at end of 2nd class, cost \$15. Using Gordon West textbook, for more info, contact K5CRX@arrl.net
 - ii. New Member application, PayPal button for renewals on club website.
9. N5BB related a long term proposal to work with Irving EOC to house an IARC repeater or voter system at the fire training facility. Jason Carriere, Irving Emergency Manager. has offered to host the club backup repeater. The city will be preparing their plans and budget to fund the tower and infrastructure to support this project. Ken will draw up a statement of work and the committee of Bill Byrom, Tom Schuessler and Lance Parkes will be appointed to explore with Jason
10. Close

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

General Meeting Minutes, August 24, 2017

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1. Concerns for members, family, friends; Max N5BSA an infection and Ben W5JZ major eye floater. And condolences for Doyle Taylor on the loss of Coleta, KD5QFH SK.
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions 15 in attendance, No guests, 10 ARRL members and 6 club elected officials.
4. Birthdays
5. Committee Reports
 - a. AREDN, APRS;
 - i. Installation tentatively planned for September, due to summer weather conditions
 - b. Repeater Update;
 - i. Battery installation? James Shugart, N5BKL, reports that the backup batteries were installed on 2 Meter and 70CM repeaters.
 - ii. There has been no more reported down time on either repeater.
 - c. Echolink computer;
 - i. There had been many times where our Echolink node was not available. Ken, N2VIP, set the Echoink PC to power up when power returns, this will provide log of outages in system log.
 - d. Documentation review;
 - i. Committee have been created and tasked to make recommendations on how to safely store electronic versions of club documents. Lance Parkes, KI5YCJ, Tom Schuessler, N5HYP and Bill Byrom, N5BB will make recommendations to the board.
 - e. IARC BACKUP REPEATER Committee;
 - i. Committee has been created and tasked to make recommendations on options to work with the City of Irving relating to a proposal to locate club repeater resources at a to be developed new city emergency operations center. Lacne Parkes, KE5YCJ, Tom Schuessler, N5HYP and Bill Byrom, N5BB are on the committee.
 - f. Repeater Committee;
 - i. Dennis Riise reports that the electrical contractor for Baylor, Richland Communications, has submitted a bid to do the finishing of the cable runs and hanging at the AC room. This bid is in line with board approved expenditures.

Dennis believes this should be done in October after some more preliminary work is completed.

- g. Shack Renovation;
 - i. Ken, N2VIP reports that a committee will be created and tasked to make recommendation Ken described some potential improvements to the Bingo Shack. Bill Byrom did question whether we should spend money on something we might not be able to be in the future.
 - h. Renewal Time
 - i. Ken should have PayPal button created to allow for on-line renewal payments by meeting time
6. New Members-None at this meeting.
 7. Reminder 50/50 and door prize drawings
 8. Break
 9. Program
 - a. Bill Caldwell, AC5BC was to make a presentation on the upcoming Mentorfest on October 21st but did not appear. Members discussed what “Mentorfest” means and what will be needed from our membership and other clubs to make this event happen.
 10. Several door Prizes were given out and , 50/50 Drawing
 11. Close

Respectfully submitted;
Tom Schuessler, N5HYP, IARC Secretary/Treasurer

