



Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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March

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Events

General Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018
at 7:30PM at Senter Park
East Recreation Building,
228 Chamberlain St Irving,
TX 75060

Business Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at
Heritage Park, 217 South
Main Street, Irving, Texas
75060

VE Test Session

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

Birthdays!

March

KA5OZC Billy Geer
KG5WRS Rock Neihold
W8EP Jim Nordgren
KE5YCK Collin Parkes

IARC Gives to Great Days of Service



At the IARC monthly general meeting on February 22, President Ken Hansen N2VIP presented the Irving Amateur Radio Club's donation of \$5000 to Glen Rodgers of Great Days of Service toward their continuing efforts to improve the living conditions of numerous older or infirm homeowners in Irving. Representatives were on site to receive the donation and thank IARC for their partnership.

The IARC is proud to have been involved in this community service effort for many years. For more information about Great Days of Service and their service to Irving and to find out how to further serve our community by volunteering or making a donation, please visit the GDS website at: <http://gdsirving.org/>

Contact Us

<http://www.irvingarc.org>

P.O. Box 153333
Irving, TX 75015-3333

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/>

Hamfest 2018



Thanks to the many IARC and DARC volunteers who worked together to make the 2018 Hamfest a success. The grand prize of a new Icom IC-7300 at the Hamfest went to Milton Davis, N5TDX.





Upcoming Hamfests/ARRL Events

06/08/2018 West Gulf Division Convention (Ham-Com 2018), Plano, TX.
Sponsored by Ham-Com, Inc. <http://www.hamcom.org>

04/28/2018 Mentorfest Convention, Garland, TX, Sponsored by the Garland
Hella Hams & ARRL North Texas Section. <http://www.arrlntx.org/mentorfest>

04/13/2018 Oklahoma State Convention - Green Country Hamfest 2018,
Claremore, OK, Sponsored by Green Country Hamfest Inc.
<http://greencountryhamfest.org>

Source: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests>

Wanted: Icom 02AT

Dennis is looking for a used Icom 02AT portable HT for parts. Please
contact Dennis K5AVT directly at dariise@verizon.net.



March General Meeting

Reminder – our general meeting is this Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 at
Senter Park East. Fellowship, education, and fun!

Hamclubonline.com

Members – please log into hamclubonline.com to update your profile, view
and RSVP to upcoming events, and check out the features of the club
member management website. Please let Lance KE5YCJ at ke5ycj@arrl.net
know if you did not receive an invitation to connect.

Minutes

Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
*General Meeting Minutes,
February 22nd , 2017*

1. Concerns for members, family, friends
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions; 18 total in attendance with 5 leadership
4. Introduction of Hamthreads.com/B & B Embroidery. He discussed the availability of Irving ARC logo apparel.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Repeater Update; New 220 repeater ordered and delivered along with new multi-radio controller. Dick Melcher has them and will be testing/configuring them at his house before installation on site.
 - b. Echolink Update; Ken Hansen, N2VIP said there still seems to be some computer issues and additional investigation will be needed
 - c. Shack Renovation; A collection of ideas including rebuilt counters/shelving and such is in the works. New carpeting and paint will also be desirable. Also there is need to rehab at least one of the rooftop antennas.
 - d. Boy Scout Merit Badge; Tom Schuessler, N5HYP reports that he will be holding a RMB on March 3rd, same day as the hamfest and also two days at Camp Wisdom on March 13 and 14. He requests help with on-air contacts.
 - e. AREDN, APRS; Andrew Koenig will make a formal presentation later in evening, explaining what has been done and what is still to come.
 - f. Documentation Migration; Lance Parkes, KE5YCJ reports that he has completed application to Box.com for Non-Profit status but has not heard back from them yet.
 - g. Membership
 - i. Create updated Roster for club members? Tom Schuessler, N5HYP will create that document and get it out to membership
 - h. Micro-Grant Program overview; Ken Hansen described the background behind the Microgrant program. The club will take applications from other clubs to help fund infrastructure improvements to benefit amateur radio in their communities. 5 \$1000 grants will be offered. An application deadline was discussed with the goal to approve eligible clubs by mid-Spring.
 - i. Presentation to Great Days of Service; The club presented Glen Rogan of Great Days of Service a check for \$5000 toward their efforts to improve the living conditions of numerous older or infirmed homeowners in Irving. Representatives were on site to receive the donation and thank IARC for their partnership.
 - j. Hamfest Update Ken Hansen reports that as of this meeting,
 - i. Sold 33 tables, 26 Tickets, and 48 additional Raffle Tickets

- ii. Need for volunteers
- iii. Final planning meeting will be held on Monday, February 26th.
- k. New Projector Purchase Tom Schuessler had presented a need to purchase a new, brighter projector at a business meeting several months ago. Now has found several units that would fit but asked that the budget be increased to \$800. Motion was made to allow that, it was seconded and passed by members.
- 6. New Members; James Comer, , had let his membership lapse. , a new application for membership. Both were approved by members present.
- 7. Break
- 8. Program
 - a. Andrew Koenig discussed AREDN (Amateur Radio Emergency Digital Network) and it's implementation. Talked about the hardware and software needed. Talked about what is happening with the installation at the IARC repeater site.
- 9. Close

Respectfully submitted
 Tom Schuessler, N5HYP
 Secretary/Treasurer
 Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Minutes

Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Business Meeting Minutes,
February 8th, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:30

1. Concerns for members, family, friends ; Wes Dyre's well being after wife' passing.
2. Prayer by Tom Schuessler
3. Pledge of Allegiance by all

Introductions; 8 in attendance, 4 staff and 1 visitor

4. Minutes for November, December and January meetings emailed to leadership. No changes were noted. Motion by Dennis Riise K5AVT to accept , ken n2vip Seconded and passé by those present. Minutes will be published in February newsletter.
5. Treasurer Report; as above, emailed to leadership, by Dennis Riise K5AVT to accept , ken n2vip Seconded and passé by those present.
 - a. Tax Filing Tom Schuessler reports filing was completed by Williamson and Liebert PLLC and e-filed to IRS for 2016 tax year .9/1/2016-8/31/2017). Approval requested to pay \$675 for services. Motion by Dennis, seconded by Doyle, approved
6. Old Business
 - a. Committee Reports
 - i. AREDN; Ken Hansen.
 1. Need to schedule follow-up work party to complete project
 2. Did arrange for Andrew to present on AREDN

- soon
- 3. Club previously approved two nodes for club use
- ii. Website Committee; Roger
 - 1. Working on Instagram, Facebook Integration
 - 2. There is a continued for Content Generation
- iii. Betcha Bingo Shack Renovation; Ken Hansen.
 - 1. Met with Dennis B., Dennis R., and James S.
 - a. Considering installation of manual generator hook-up
 - b. Need to better understand power connection in shack
 - c. Replace drop ceiling tiles, carpet
 - d. Considered movable vs. fixed furniture
 - i. Settled on possible plan for one long 13' counter with a divider to create two "stations"
 - e. Better Computer(s)?
 - f. Multi-headphones per "station"
 - g. Coax patch panel
 - h. Antennas on roof need attention
 - i. Club project to make use of 20x 10' PVC pipes?
- iv. Documentation Project, Tom Schuessler
 - 1. Update on Doc migration – With filing of tax return, Lance Parkes has the needed numbers for obtaining Non-profit rate for Box.co subscription.
- v. Winter Field Day – Tom Schuessler
 - 1. Did not happen at Heritage Park as scheduled due to weather and lack of interest.
 - 2. Dennis Riise reported that the Irving Parks Department was not happy with our bailing on the reservation. In future we must give them 48 hour notice on cancelations so they can bring in other paying customers.

New Business.

- b. Bingo Commission Audit Update, No final word has been given yet by Lottery commission.
- c. Repeater Committee
 - i. Need to move new UHF duplexer cans, coax jumpers to hospital
 - ii. Outstanding cable work on hospital site – scheduled?
 - iii. 220 MHz Repeater replacement and new controller approved, ordered
- d. Hamfest Committee update
 - i. Volunteers needed for most every position, setup, takedown.
 - ii. Website sales on-going, Table/Ticket sales update 300 so far bot one vendor may back out.
 - iii. Door prizes purchased, ARRL 'package' received – in vault
 - iv. Printed Admission/Raffle Tickets ordered fewer

- admission 600
- v. Next meeting Feb. 12 to review outstanding issues, table layout
- vi. Possible meeting Monday before the Hamfest, if needed
- e. Boy Scouts
 - i. Merit Badge class update, Tom Schuessler
 - 1. Class scheduled in support of Irving Five Trails District on March 3rd at Plymouth Park Methodist Church. This is same day as Hamfest. Volunteer help still needed.
 - 2. Tom will also lead two sessions at Camp Wisdom on March 13th and 14th. No or little club gear needed for this one.
 - ii. Tom Schuessler proposed replacing the now 6 or seven year old MTC UV 3R radios that are primarily used for Scout Fox Hunts with new low end radios. Currently have six HTs in various state of disrepair
 - 1. Motion to spend up to \$200 for new radios was posed by Dennis Riise, seconded by ken Hansen, passed
- f. Field Day 2018
 - i. Location has been reserved, Heritage Park
 - ii. Field Day Chairman volunteer? Tom Schuessler will organize and seek help from Bill, N5BB to assist.
- g. Ken has proposed the possibility to alter meeting schedule
 - i. Meet once a month, not twice
 - ii. Meet at same location every meeting, if we retain 2x month
 - iii. Consider alternate locations (work with city?)
 - iv. Nominations needed bylaws in Feb, election in March and office taken in april. Dennis and James Shugart will compose committee.
- h. Ken talked about the need to expand the number of VEs in club. Doyle Taylor wants to take time off.
- i. Ken Hansen again talked about the idea of offering one-time Micro Grant program.
 - i. Solicit applications from selected area clubs (up to 5)
 - ii. Offer micro grants up to \$1,000 for infrastructure project
 - iii. Require formal proposal, description of expenses, timeline, confirmation
 - iv. Considered as a one-time activity, may re-occur in future if funds permit.
 - v. Further discussion, formulation of rules and formal presentation to the club for approval still needed.
- j. There were no new Member applications to approve at this time.

7. Meeting cam to a close around 9PM Close

Respectfully submitted
 Tom Schuessler, N5HYP
 Secretary/Treasurer, Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.