



Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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November

2017

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Events

General Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:30PM at Senter Park East Recreation Building 228 Chamberlain, Irving, Texas

Business Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018 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

Christmas Meeting 2017!



You are invited to the IARC annual Christmas meeting!
Join us on December 14th, 2017

at Spring Creek BBQ on 183 in Irving.

Bring a gift valued under \$20 for the gift exchange, and there will also be several prize drawings. Bring your family and friends!



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>

12/16/2017 MARA Annual Christmas Hamfest, Minden, LA., Sponsored by Minden Amateur Radio Association. <http://www.n5rd.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/>

November Meeting 11/16 (Note the change!)

The November meeting is being held on this Thursday 11/16.

I'm pleased to announce that Dan Abrams from Phasecom will be presenting on the topic of feed lines and connectors, and there will be a hands-on activity where we will use his tools to create the needed set of jumpers for our repeater site overhaul.

In addition, we'll hopefully get a chance to review our cutover to HamClubOnline, and a few other topics, not the least of which is finalizing all our plans for next month's holiday dinner.

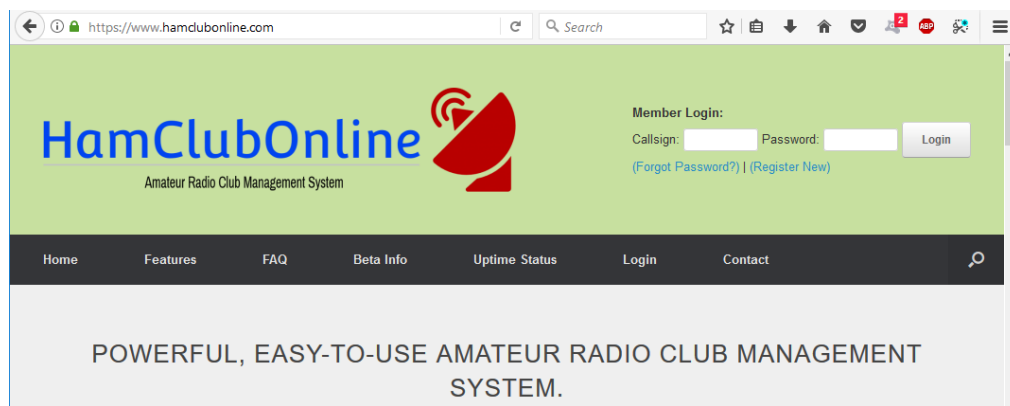
I hope you can join us Thursday night, it promises to be an informative and productive meeting.

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



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.



Business Meeting Minutes, Oct. 12, 2017

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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.

1. Concerns for members, family, friends Doyle recovering from Cataract surgery. Steve Boelter Cateract surgery on October 31.
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introductions; 10 in attendance. 9 members, 1 guest with 5 leadership.
5. Minutes for September Board and Business meetings were emailed to board members; Motion to approve by James Shugart, N5BKL was seconded and approved. Tom Schuessler, Secretary, will email to Lance Parkes for submission in monthlynewsletter.
6. Treasurer Report Moved N5BKL, seconded by Bill, N5BB and approved.
7. Old Business
 - a. Committee Reports
 - i. AREDN
 1. Ken, N2VIP Installation date TBD in October
 2. Andrew and helpers will get comp'd 1 year membership to club.
 - ii. Website Committee
 1. Ken, N2VIP; Need to start adding content to website – ideas?
 - iii. Repeater Committee
 1. Drawings/material list in process Waiting on final list of jumpers and such for project. Dennis Riise, K5AVT working with contractor.
 - iv. MentorFest 2017- Ken N2VIP;
 1. IARC Member participation?
 2. IARC Info Table setup?
 - a. Tri-fold information handout?
 - b. Table-top display boards?
 3. Six presenters secured, unknown number of volunteers for setup/takedown
 4. Club has 8 long (10'?) PVC pipes from prev events
 - v. Betcha Bingo Shack Renovation
 1. Committee needs help, ideas, names of contractors
 2. Internet quote from Spectrumon pricing
 - vi. Documentation Project
 1. Vote on HamClubOnline, Box Subscription (if needed)
 2. Implement Migration to HamClubOnline over coming month
 - vii. Boy Scouts
 1. JOTA Update
 - viii. Holiday Party location
 - New Business

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.

- b. Programs going forward (Oct, Nov.)
 - i. Ken will ask Andrew Koneig, installer of the ARDEN system, to give session – building ARDEN node (hands-on, build your own, build for club)
 - c. Winter Field Day/Field Day plans; Tom Schuessler;
 - i. Participate in Winter Field Day By Irving ARC on January 27th at Heritage park. Our building is secured for the entire day of Saturday. Antennas can be strung in vacant lot along side building. More details to come.
 - ii. Field Day 2018; Last weekend of June is also approved by City for Heritage park for Saturday, June 29th.
 1. Scope; To be discussed
 2. Antennas; To be discussed
 - d. Aside from JOTA and Mentorfest, Ken mentioned that the Plano Amateur Radio Club (K5PRK.COM) is having a Technician “cram” class Oct. 21st & 22nd, if interested, contact club directly at NN5ZZ@arrl.net – they are using the Ham School Study Guide and meeting at the Allen Firehouse.
 - e. New Member applications; None for approval in October.
 - f. Reminder - Member Renewal via online application
8. Close 9:00PM

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

General Meeting Minutes, October 26, 2017

Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Ken Hansen, N2VIP, IARC president presiding.

1. Concerns for members, family, friends; None stated
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions; 15 in attendance with 6 IARC officers present.
4. Birthdays; read by James Shugart, N5BKL
5. Committee Report
 - a. AREDN, APRS
 - i. Ken, N2VIP reports that Installation had been tentatively planned for October, date unknown but eminent.
 - b. Repeater Update
 - i. Plan to build needed jumpers for repeater site at Nov. Mtg. Dan Ambler Phasecom will do the presentation for the club. Ken has asked for quote from Dan to purchase all the needed connectors and tools needed for the club to build these jumpers at this meeting.
 - ii. James Shugart moved certain items needed for the facilities, including duplexers from club storage to the repeater site earlier today.
 - c. Echolink computer
 - i. Updated Internet was arranged for shack (WiFi Client); Ken installed an Internet range extender off the Bingo Halls new Internet service to allow connection to

- Echolink computer.
 - ii. Echolink is at this time not working as Ken says we need to either configure the Echolink client for a proxy server, or configure the Bingo main router for port-forwarding. Club members mentioned available Proxy connections to use.
 - d. Documentation review
 - i. Ken Hansen said that we need to move forward on Committee recommendations (HamClubOnline, Box); Lance Parkes, KE5YCJ says he will begin setting up the Ham ClubsOnline account to begin the process there as well as getting the account setup with Box for cloud based file storage.
 - e. Backup Repeater
 - i. Tom Schuessler and Lance Parkes report that the committee needs to follow up with Jason C. of the City of Irving Office of Emergency Management for a face o face meeting to discuss items the committee discussed at it's meeting a fewweeks ago.
 - f. Shack Renovation- Ken Hansen;
 - i. Curious what capabilities members want to see in renovated shack
 - a. Scanner for public service/first responders?
 - b. Solar/back-up power sources?
 - c. Two operating positions, one HF, one VHF/UHF
 - d. Lending Library?
 - e. Kit-building area?
 - g. MentorFest 2017
 - i. After event report; Room setup was easy. Poorly publicized. Lightly attended.
 - ii. MentorFest 2018? Idea from Ken to take over the concept to have more control over how it works. Will be taken up by IARC board. Tom Schuessler, N5HYP suggested a date more in the Summer when there is less competition.
 - h. JOTA 2017
 - i. After event report; Tom Schuessler, N5HYP reports that the JOTA event on October 21st, for STEM Scouts which was held at Uplift Williams Prepratory in NW Dallas was lightly attended but good contacts were made with both STEN Scout leadership an also with School administration that could result in more Amateur Radio involvement in the future. Tom may try and join the Circle Ten Radio Scouting Committee to get more exposure for our JOTA/RadioScouting efforts.
 - i. Renewal Time
 - i. If have not yet renewed your membership, please do so ASAP
 - ii. If you have renewed membership, Thank You!
6. Reminder 50/50 and door prize drawings
 7. Break
 8. Program

- a. Dale Finley – Gave an update on the RadioScouting activities this past Summer at Philmont Scout facility in New Mexico. Thanked IARC for it's financial support and thanked James Shugart, N5BKL, for loaning much needed equipment.
- b. Ken Hansen, N2VIP – Getting Started with OTA Television
9. Door Prize, 50/50 Drawing
 - a. 50/50 \$52 total \$26 won by Dave Dobbins.
 - b. Door prizes won several individuals.
10. Close of meeting at 9:10PM

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

