



# Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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February

2018

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## Events

### General Meeting

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

### Business Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2018 at  
Heritage Park, 217 South  
Main Street, Irving, Texas  
75060

### VE Test Session

Saturday March 17, 8:30  
AM at Betcha Bingo Hall #2,  
2420 Irving Blvd., Irving,  
TX

## Birthdays!

### February

KB5FVS James Comer  
KF5STS Dave Dobbins  
NU3U Melek Sela'se  
N5BKL James Shugart  
AD5KE Doyle Taylor

## Volunteers Needed: Hamfest 2018 - March 3!



The Irving Amateur Radio Club 15th Annual Hamfest will be held on March 3rd, 2018 at Betcha Bingo in Irving, Texas. As always, the doors will open at 8:00 AM, with ticket sales beginning at 7:00 AM in the Betcha Bingo #2 hall right next door.

**If you haven't yet, please consider volunteering for the Hamfest - either by sending Ken Hansen an email at [hamfest@irvingarc.org](mailto:hamfest@irvingarc.org), approaching him at the General Meeting this Thursday, or at the Hamfest meeting next Monday. We are still in need of many volunteers, I hope you'll be able to help us.**

This year admission will be \$5 if tickets are purchased in advance or at the door, and tables will be \$10 each, with no discount for advance purchase. Additional raffle tickets will be available at a cost of \$5 for 3 (three) additional raffle tickets.

See <http://irvingarc.org> for more information and to buy tickets.



## 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>

02/24/2018 Orange (Texas) Hamfest 2018, Orange, TX, Sponsored by the Orange ARC & Jefferson County ARC. <http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index.htm>

**03/03/2018 Irving ARC Hamfest, Irving, TX., Sponsored by the Irving Amateur Radio Club.** <http://irvingarc.org>

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

## 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/>

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## Wanted: Icom 02AT

Dennis is looking for a used Icom 02AT portable HT for parts. Please contact Dennis K5AVT directly at [dariise@verizon.net](mailto:dariise@verizon.net).



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## February General Meeting

Reminder – our general meeting is this Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 at Senter Park East. We will have a presentation on AREDN and an update on the fast approaching hamfest.

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## Update on the Radio Scouting Event March 3rd

*From Tom N5HYP:* Just a follow-up on the Radio MB class on March 3 for the Five Trails District Merit Badge College program. Signups have been slow. Only One scout so far. As such we will still run the class but the staffing needs are lower unless a whole raft of kids get signed up in the next few days. Chris Shanahan, myself, Rick & April Campbell, and John Cheyney have told me of their interest in assisting. Alexander Prichard hopefully can join us later in the event.

My biggest need will be some transportation help around 7:30 in the morning to get some gear loaded up and transported from the IARC storage at the Bingo hall, to the MB venue which is only about a mile or so away. The 3rd is also the day for the Irving ARC Hamfest so I will be there to help set up but will then have to move on to MB mode in the morning. What I will be bringing is an HF radio, antenna, the educational supplies box, the Fox radios box and fox antennas box, a box of my stuff and my satellite antennas and tripod. Should fit in a small van or a roomie car. If any of you that are not helping with the Hamfest could help me with gear transportation at that time, that would be wonderful.

Again many thanks in advance for the support of RadioScouting.

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## Hamclubonline.com

Members – please log into [hamclubonline.com](http://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](mailto:ke5ycj@arrl.net) know if you did not receive an invitation to connect.

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## Minutes

Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
*General Meeting Minutes,*  
*November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

1. Concerns for members, family, friends
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions
4. Birthdays
5. Committee Report
  - a. AREDN, APRS
    - i. Installation underway, 3x sector antennas up APRS iNode not up and link are not up yet.
  - b. Repeater Update
    - i. Work party to take new jumpers to repeater site
  - c. Echolink computer
    - i. Still need to either configure proxy or port-forwarding
  - d. Documentation review
    - i. Underway – update from committee
  - e. Backup Repeater/ARES/RACES
    - i. Update?
    - ii. Sign MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) with ARES/RACES
  - f. Shack Renovation
    - 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 2018+
    - i. In discussion with Jay Urish re: club assuming responsibility for mentorfest
  - h. Boy Scout Activities; Radio Merit Badge to be given in February. Details from Tom Schuessler forthcoming.
  - i. Membership
    - i. Tom Schuessler to Create updated Roster for club members.
  - j. Reminder – December Holiday Party on second Thursday of December, the 14th
6. New Members Tim Rafferty, N5RWC was approved by board and also approved by general membership.
7. Reminder 50/50 and door prize drawings
8. Break
9. Program
  - a. Dan Abrams, Phasecom – feedlines and connectors, w/ hands-on
10. Close

Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
*Holiday Party Minutes*  
*December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

1. Concerns
2. Prayers
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. SK Remembrance
  - a. Jerry Loftis, KD5BG – May 28th
  - b. Coleta Taylor, KD5QFH – Aug. 15th
  - c. Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU – Nov.17th
5. Presentation of awards
6. Door Prize drawings
  - a. Gift Cards
  - b. 2018 Amateur Radio Handbook
  - c. Yaesu FT-65r & Antenna
7. Message of Thanks, Looking back, Looking forward
  - a. Looking back
    - i. Successful Hamfest, partnered with DARC
    - ii. Provided Talk-in for HamCom again
    - iii. Sold the club trailer
    - iv. New Club Website
    - v. AREDN Install at hospital
    - vi. Repeater upgrade work continues
  - b. Looking Forward
    - i. Another Hamfest this March
    - ii. Ham Shack renovation
    - iii. Repeater Upgrade
      1. Controller replacement, 220 Repeater replacement
      2. Final phase of previous repeater upgrade
    - iv. AREDN, APRS node Presentation
    - v. Repeater Training Program
      1. Configure and install
        - a. Yaesu Repeater at Betcha Bingo
        - b. modest dual-band antenna
        - c. suitable duplexers to cover all 3 repeater pairs club owns
    - vi. Focus on HF operation

Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
*Business Meeting Minutes,*  
*January 11, 2018*

1. Concerns for members, family, friends
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introductions
5. Minutes
6. Treasurer Report
7. Old Business
  - a. Committee Reports
    - i. AREDN

- 1. N/A - placeholder
  - ii. Website Committee
    - 1. Hamfest Info to be posted this week
  - iii. Betcha Bingo Shack Renovation
    - 1. Committee still needs help, ideas, names of contractors
  - iv. Documentation Project
    - 1. Update on Doc migration
  - v. Holiday Party Preparations
    - 1. A great success, thanks to all that helped put it on, attendd
8. New Business
- a. Winter Field Day 2018
    - i. Tom Schuessler to provide update
  - b. Bingo Commission Audit Update
  - c. Repeater Committee
    - i. 220 MHz Repeater replacement, Repeater controller update
  - d. MentorFest 2018
    - i. MentorFest is going to be this April in Garland, TX
  - e. Field Day 2018
    - i. Location has been reserved, Heritage Park
    - ii. Field Day Chairman volunteer?
  - f. Hamfest 2018
    - i. Partner with DARC, other clubs to put on?
    - ii. Door Prizes purchase authorization
  - g. New Member applications?
9. Close

IARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
1-25-2018

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Ken Hansen  
Opening prayer by Dennis Riise and pledge by Doyle Taylor.  
Concerns expressed for Wes Dyre in the passing of his wife Nona. The club sent flowers for the funeral.

New members officially presented to the club. Randy Patterson, KE5JIT and Rock Neihold, KG5WRS. James Shugart motioned to approve, Bill Byrom seconded and voice vote to approve by the club members present. It was decided to not do Winter Field Day from Heritage Park as reserved, but to open the club shack at the bingo hall to whoever wanted to do some radio. Dennis Brady and Ron Tabb were to be there to check out a radio. Ken, N2VIP, expressed the need to have club members originate fresh content for the redesigned club website, <http://irvingarc.org>. Ken also talked about the upcoming first hamfest meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The Dallas ARC will again be asked to share the day of hamfest setup/operations/teardown duties for part of the proceeds. The club discussed the potential raffle prizes. Resolution was made by James, N5BKL to spend from \$1750 to \$2000 on prizes and was seconded by Dennis Brady and approved by members. Club will reach out to previous Volunteer Examiner crew to run examinations during the event. Dick Melcher presented an overview of proposed repeater purchases which include a new 220 radio and a new multi port repeater controller to all three repeaters to be tied together. Treasurer wrote check to Dick for reimbursement of cost of used 440 duplexer. The club also approved

...pping the original approved limit for final cabling work at repeater site to \$2000.

Meeting was adjourned a little past 9:00PM.

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

