



# Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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2018

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## Events

### General Meeting

Thursday, December 13,  
2018 at 7:00PM at Spring  
Creek BBQ on 3514 W  
Airport Freeway in Irving

### Business Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2018  
Location TBD.

### VE Test Session

Saturday Dec 15, 8:30 AM  
at Betcha Bingo Hall #2,  
2420 Irving Blvd., Irving

## December Birthdays!

N5MBQ Tim Fooks

KE5YCJ Lance Parkes

N5RWC Tim Raffety

N5HYP Tom Schuessler

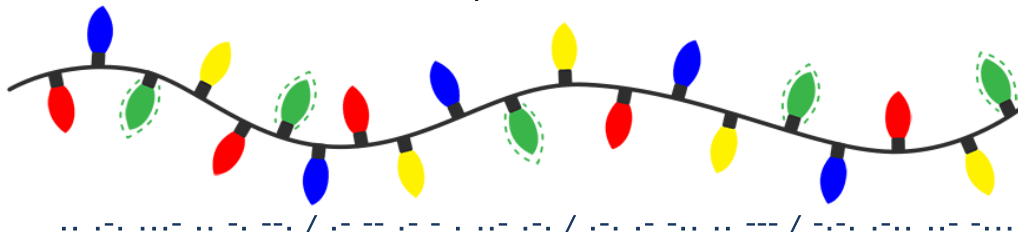
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## The Christmas Meeting is Here!

It is that time of year again! The famous annual IARC Christmas party (and general meeting for December) will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Spring Creek BBQ on 3514 W Airport Freeway in Irving. We will meet in the large room at the back of the restaurant. There will be door prizes and a gift exchange. We will have lots of room, so bring your family and friends!



## President's Corner - Ken N2VIP

As I write this column, the year is winding down. As I look back over the past year, I see many things to be proud of. This past year saw us finally complete the Repeater Upgrade project started several years ago, another successful Hamfest, our widely celebrated Micro-Grant program, and we started upgrading the Club 'shack' at the Betcha Bingo #2 Hall.

Membership remains a struggle, we've lost many members over the past few years, and while it's perfectly normal for members to come-and-go from a club, it is troubling that so few new members have joined us over the same period. I want to challenge every member to make an effort to recruit just one new/returning member in the coming year. It is only by growing the ranks of the club that we can hope to keep the Irving Amateur Radio Club an active, vital organization.

Over the coming year, I'd like to see a closer relationship formed between the IARC and the Irving RACES and ARES groups. It is hoped that by getting closer to these two organizations that the IARC might forge strong bonds with the local government and position ourselves to be not just a part of our community, but a resource available as needed for the community.

Our involvement with the Boy Scout organization has been good, but honestly

## 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/>

**Dallas Amateur Radio Club DARC**  
<http://www.w5fc.org/>

**Richardson Wireless Klub RWK**  
<http://www.k5rwk.org/>

**Metrocrest Amateur Radio Society MARS**  
<http://www.kb5a.org/>

it hasn't proven to be an effort that results in attracting scouts to our organization – and that's OK. As a club we offer/sponsor certain merit badges and Jamboree On The Air activities, but I think we need to stop viewing these activities as membership efforts and instead as a service we offer the community.

Over the coming year, I'd like to see the IARC organize and run more weekend activities – be it Foxhunting, kit-building projects, "picnic table portable" operation, or joining with nearby clubs for Field Day, and other activities. I hope someone will step forward to propose, organize, and lead the club weekend activities.

On a more personal note, after several frustrating years I am now finally able to erect antennas at a permanent location. While my "antenna farm" is fairly modest – a great 20 meter vertical from Gap Antennas and a full-length Alpha Delta 40 meter dipole in the attic at my weekend house in Granbury. Over the coming months I plan to add a 40-6 meter Cobweb antenna at my Granbury QTH, and making my presence known on the HF bands in the coming year. I've been tinkering with SSB, FT8, and even AM recently, and I plan on sharing my activities with the club in the coming months. I'd like to encourage the club to join me and embark on course of presentations and weekend activities intended to help any member that wants to get on HF, be it licensing study groups, formal classes, or just simple projects and hands-on activities to help members get on the HF bands. Our club is blessed to have a wonderful shack that can be made available for any club member that wants to jump on the HF bands with just a little notice. (Even hams with Technician licenses or future hams without a license can get on the air as long as there is a Control Operator present that has the proper license.)

Finally, as I look at the calendar, I realize our annual Hamfest is just over two months away. Yikes! I'd like to enlist the help of as many club members to join me in putting together the 2019 IARC Hamfest in whatever capacity they are able. I'll need help promoting the event, working on selecting door prizes, advance ticket/table sales, etc. Now more than ever we all need to come together to ensure we put on another successful event. As in previous years, I propose we invite one or more clubs to join us in putting on the Hamfest.

It is my hope that 2019 will build on the successes the club enjoyed in 2018, and be the best year ever – I hope we'll get out more, do more, and attract new members to our club as we grow and find our place in the Irving community.

I'm honored to be the President of the Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc., and I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, as well as a prosperous 2019.

73's,

Ken, N2VIP

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# January 2019 Meeting

IARC Inc. location for the January club meeting on 1/24/19 may change to the Irving Public library West branch at Esters and Rochelle in Irving. Much bigger room with tables for all. Watch your email for details.

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## Radio Scouting Report

The December Radio Merit Badge class at Camp Wisdom was a success. Many thanks to all who participated. We had 12 scouts in all! Watch for information about an upcoming volunteer opportunity in the spring – Tom N5HYP

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## Dues are Due, Time to Renew!

IARC Inc. dues were due Sept. 1 and were past due Nov. 1. \$15.00 per year, family member \$7.50 (living in the same household).

Thank you to those who have already paid!

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## Upcoming Hamfests/ARRL Events

12/15/2018 MARA Christmas Hamfest, Minden, LA Sponsored by the Minden Amateur Radio Association. <http://n5rd.org>

01/12/2019 San Antonio Radio Fiesta 2019, Schertz, TX, Sponsored by the San Antonio Radio Club. <http://w5sc.org>

01/19/2019 Cowtown Hamfest, Forest Hill, TX, Sponsored by the Cowtown Amateur Radio Club. <http://cowtownhamfest.com>

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

## IARC Breakfast Bunch

A group of IARC, Inc. members and guests meet for breakfast, coffee, fellowship, tall tales, etc. every Wednesday at 8:30 am at McDonald's, 2410 N Story Rd and 183 (East side of Story, before Rochelle).

## Winter Field Day Jan 26-27 2019

Winter Field Day is coming up, stay tuned for more details. Also see <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

## 1967 JOTA Notice from Boys' Life

Source: *Boy's Life Magazine*, June 1967

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### TENTH JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

The airwaves will hum with dozens of spoken languages as thousands of Scout "hams" around the world pound telegraph keys and gab into microphones in the Tenth Jamboree-on-the-Air. The event this year will be held earlier than usual to coincide with the XII World Jamboree. Times for the radio jambo will be from 0001, Saturday, August 5, to 2359, Sunday, August 6—all Greenwich Mean Time. The World Jamboree station at Farragut, Idaho, will have the call letters K7WSJ. The J.O.T.A. will use these frequencies (in kilocycles): CW—3525; 7025; 14025; 21025 and 28025; phone—3950; 7290; 14290; 21290 and 28590.

There will be another special station, K7BS. It is to be used for message traffic only. No general "ham" chatter will be carried. Its "freqs" (in kilocycles): CW—3545; 7045; 14045; 21045; 28045; phone—3970; 7270; 14270; 21270; 28610.

Even if you aren't an amateur radio operator, you can still talk with Scouts of other lands. Ask a local radio club to do you a Good Turn and established radio contact during the Tenth J.O.T.A., permitting Scouts to listen in and talk. "Hams" are a friendly family that use any excuse to play at their hobby. Chances are good that local "hams" will help. ■

canoe had one for extra tent protection—and rigged a sail. Bill Davey and Sherm MacCready followed suit. But they took the sails down when we came into

quarters. The bulk of their meat comes from the river and the woodlands. Mrs. Taipale, with the help of correspon-