



Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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General/Business Meeting Thursday, March 28 at 7:00PM at the Garden and Arts Building 906 Senter Rd, Irving, TX 75060.

VE Test Session Saturday Apr 20, 8:30 AM at Betcha Bingo Hall #2, 2420 Irving Blvd., Irving

Mar./April Birthdays!

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IARC Gives to Great Days of Service

At the IARC monthly general meeting on February 28, President Ken Hansen N2VIP presented the Irving Amateur Radio Club's donation to 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/>

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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/>

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/>

UT Dallas Radio Club
<http://facebook.com/K5UTD>

March 2019 Meeting

******Note the location change!******

The March club meeting on 3/28/19 will be at the Garden and Arts Building 906 Senter Rd, Irving, TX 75060.

2019 Hamfest Success

What does it take to make a successful hamfest? Many volunteers, full tables, and good attendance. 2019 Hamfest had it all. We had 27 volunteers from IARC and DARC, sold ALL tables, and hosted hundreds of attendees. Many thanks to the volunteers and to our Hamfest Chair Ken N2VIP.



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!



Upcoming Hamfests/ARRL Events

03/02/2019 Irving Amateur Radio Hamfest, Irving, TX Sponsored by the Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc. <http://irvingarc.org>

04/27/2019 ARRL North Texas Mentorfest 2019, Garland, TX, Sponsored by the ARRL NTX Section and Hella Hams Amateur Radio. <http://www.arrlntx.org/mentorfest>

06/07/2019 West Gulf Division Convention (Ham-Com 2019), Plano, TX, Sponsored by Ham-Com, Inc. <http://www.hamcom.org>

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

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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).

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The History of the Car Radio

From K5ZPC, submitted by Dennis Riise K5AVT

Seems like cars have always had radios. But they didn't. Here's the story: One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure. But one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios. Lear served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car. But it wasn't easy. Automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generates noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running. One by one Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago. There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator", a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current. But, as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met

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Combined Meeting Agenda, January 24th, 2019

Called to order at 7:15 by Ken Hansen, N2VIP.

1. Concerns mentioned for members, family, friends
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions
4. Birthdays

Business Meeting

5. Minutes for November and December meetings read by Secretary Tom Schuessler. Motion to approve both given by Bill Byrom, N5BB, seconded and approved by membership present.
6. Treasurer Report Read by Tom Schuessler, Treasurer, Motion to accept was approved by members.
7. Old Business;
 - a. AREDN i. Need to schedule follow-up work party to complete project. Several of us had met with Andrew Koenig at Cowtown Hamfest and discussed his concerns for the tower guying. Ken says that now it seems it needs to warm up some.
 - b. Website Committee
 - i. The Club Calendar needs to be updated once we decide on future meeting locations (Library or regular Park Locations).
 - c. Recent Donations
 - i. Micro-Grant completion reports expected soon
 1. MARS detailed results in newsletter
 2. DARC has communicated with me informally
 3. Plano & Richardson are awaiting tower availability
 - ii. Scholarship proposal update; Discussion in November indicated a desire to table the idea for now.
 - d. Betcha Bingo Shack Renovation
 - i. Network hardline from Betcha Bingo office to club shack *found*
 - ii. Echolink needs to be moved to a new computer
 - iii. Carpet has been cleaned, new desks installed, new computers setup
 - iv. One shack UPS has a failed battery pack – will defer replacing battery until needed
 - v. Antennas
 1. Antennas assessed, report?

2. Fan Dipole end anchors appear to be disconnected
3. Add second VHF/UHF antenna – 2m/1.25m/70cm?

8. New Business

a. Donated computers; Ken Hansen told that the club has been given 4 older one piece computers from member Fr. Mark Rippinger, . Will retain one and give three away as door prizes. One will be given this evening.

b. Winter Field Day; Tom Schuessler, N5HYP, urged members to make it a point to spend at least some time at the Joint Winter Field Day event in Flower Mound on Saturday, January 27th. IARC club equipment will be used for one of 4 stations.

9. New Member applications; There were no new member applications for January.

- - vi. AREDN Node needs to be purchased, configured and installed (simple point-to-point connecting shack & repeater site)
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 - b. Repeater Committee i. UPS for repeater site purchased, needs to be moved to site
 - ii. Repeater Hang Time
 - iii. Cold Weather “fade”
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 - c. Boy Scouts i. Upcoming Events
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 - 2. Program – TV Channel Repack overview
3. Hamfest; a. Marketing – Facebook? Email? Other
- b. Door Prize selection
- c. Ticket Order
- d. Website Update i. Hamfest Notice
 - ii. Ticket, Table, Raffle Tix sales “buttons” or shopping cart?
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- 5. Door Prize, 50/50 Drawing
6. Close

