



# Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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## Events

### General/Business

**Meeting Thursday, May 23 at 7:00PM at the Garden and Arts Building 906 Senter Rd, Irving, TX 75060.**

### VE Test Session

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

## April and May Birthdays!

Assoc Sam Bemani

KF5PJH Venzula Mathews

KA6RKI Katie Melcher

N5BSA Max Perry

K5AVT Dennis Riise

N5VUJ Roger Bacak (April)

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## 2019 Field Day June 22

From Tom Schuessler, N5HYP Field Day Coordinator: We will again be doing the event from Heritage Park as we did last year. The date is June 22nd. Setup will begin around 9:00AM. We want to again do a 2A operation with satellite as the VHF/UHF station. Would again like to elevate one HF antenna on the crank-up mast device and one via our pole set. We will operate from 1P until about 7P. After tear down, we are hoping to have some sort of club meal on site before we leave. We need many folks to take some time, show up for setup and get on the air. FD is a great way to experience something new in ham radio or to mentor someone in something you know. Please put June 22 on the calendar and plan on being a part of FD 2019.

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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/KSUTD>

# May 2019 Meeting

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

The May club meeting on 5/23/19 will be at the Garden and Arts Building 906 Senter Rd, Irving, TX 75060 at 7PM.



## Upcoming Hamfests/ARRL Events

07/26/2019 Ham Holiday 2019, Oklahoma City, OK, Sponsored by Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs. <http://hamholiday.com>

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>

## 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).



# Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## Combined meeting February 28, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:21 PM at Betcha Bingo.

- Concerns: Dennis Riise K5AVT had a small clot and has been released from the hospital to his house. Dave Dobbin's brother recently passed away.
- After prayer and pledge we had introductions and listed birthdays.
- Minutes were not available from the January meeting.
- We did not have a Treasurer's report.
- Old business:
  - All three AREDN sector antennas are now up high. The back haul antenna is now installed halfway up the tower. The tower lights were repaired.
  - We need to schedule a follow-up work party to complete the AREDN project (mainly to point the backhaul antenna to the UTD tower).
- New business:
  - The Nominations Committee was appointed by the President as follows:
    - Bill Byrom N5BB
    - James Shugart N5BKL
  - The IARC approved a \$500 payment to David Darcy KF5LKG for tower work to move the AREDN antennas.
  - The IARC approved a \$5,000 donation to Great Days of Service. The check was presented to Andy Schellenberg from that organization. Andy thanked us for funding this organization more than any other donation source. He spoke about how their group works. Eight religious groups assist them, including the Irving Islamic Center and Cistercian Abbey School. The Great Days of Service work days this year will be the last Friday/Saturday of March and the first Friday/Saturday of April.
  - The IARC approved \$150 for an AREDN Betcha Bingo Hamshack node.
  - We need to put announcements on the club repeater.
  - The IARC approved \$1,000 to seed the Irving Hamfest cashbox.
  - The following new members were approved by vote:
    - Joe Medrano KA5ZBP
    - David Darcy KF5LKG (complimentary)
    - Charles Martin N5MUO
    - Jon Hager KD5NCX (rejoining after many years of inactivity)
- General Meeting old business:
  - Betcha Bingo Shack Renovation
    - Network hardline from Betcha Bingo office to club shack was found
    - Echolink needs to be moved to a new computer
    - One shack UPS has a failed battery pack – will defer replacing battery until needed
    - Antennas

- Fan dipole end anchors appear to be disconnecte
- Discussed adding a second VHF/UHF antenna (possibly 2m/1.25m/70 cm)
- AREDN node needs to be purchased configured, and installed (simple point-to-point connecting shack and repeater site)
- Repeater committee
  - UPS for repeater site has been purchased and needs to be moved to the site
  - Repeater operational problems have been resolved with a donated repair. The 2 meter repeater is now repaired and bak on line
- Website committee
  - The Club calendar needs to be updated once we decide on future meeting locations (library or regular park locations)
  - We need articles and activity on our website/Facebook/etc. to show that the IARC is active to encourage new members
- Winter Field Day report – this was a successful event involving three clubs
- Boy Scouts – no update on any upcoming events
- Program:
  - Irving Hamfest discussion
    - So far we have 66 tables sold or committed
    - Volunteer schedule
      - 6:30 AM – ticket sales
      - 6:30 AM – security
  - Frame antenna discussion
- The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Minutes taken by Bill Byrom N5BB

