



# Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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## Events

### General/Business

**Meeting Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:00PM Senter Park East in Irving**

### VE Test Session

**Saturday Dec 21 at 8:30 AM at Betcha Bingo Hall #2, 2420 Irving Blvd., Irving**

### November Birthdays!

- N5AET Landen Elfenbein
- AG5KS Barrett Goad
- Assoc Melodye Green
- KF5JAV Duncan Parkes

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## November Meeting 11/21/19

\*\*\*\*Note the Date!\*\*\*\* Our November meeting is this Thursday, Nov. 21, and we are meeting at Senter Park East at 7:00 PM. Directions can be found here:

<https://www.cityofirving.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Senter-East-Building-111>

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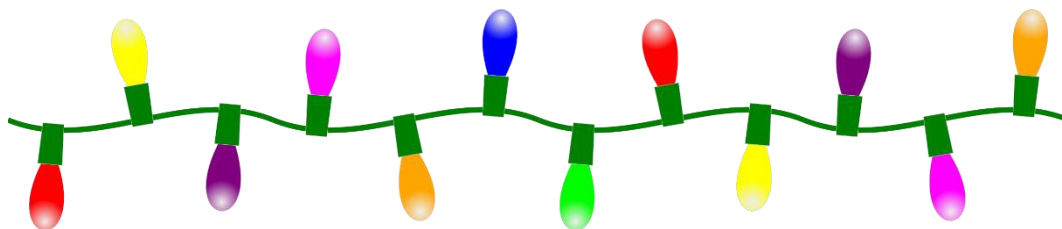
## Christmas Meeting 12/19/19

Merry Christmas to everyone! This is a friendly reminder that the Irving Amateur Radio Club is holding its annual Christmas party/dinner on Thursday, December 19th at Spring Creek Barbecue beginning at 7:00PM. Their address, if you have never been there, is 3514 W Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062. Bring your spouse, friends or whoever and enjoy a great evening of food, fellowship and cheer. We will be having our annual gift exchange. If you choose to participate, bring a wrapped gift for the exchange, and limit the value to under \$20 please.

Here's hoping that as many of you as possible will be able to attend this fun event. Just go through the line, grab your dinner and join us in the back room.

See you on the 19th.

--Tom Schuessler, N5HYP, Secretary/Treasurer, IARC.



## 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>

# MOTA (Meeting on the Air) Report 10/14

The net ran from 7:00 PM to 7:41 PM. N5BB was NCS. Six people checked into the net. We discussed the participant's recent issues with their radios. No news (other than the IARC meeting in one week) was mentioned. Stations participating: N5BB - Bill (NCS), KA5OZC – Billy, KF5IVJ - Justin (in Red Oak), KI5ELP – Vernon, KC5HPO – Ron, KD5RKO – Andrew. -- *Bill Byrom N5BB, Vice-President IARC*

## Scouting Volunteer Opportunity

Radio Merit Badge at Camp Wisdom on Saturday, December 7th. Looking for help in the afternoon for various activities. Also will maybe need people to be available on-air to help make contacts with the Scouts. For more information, contact me at n5hyp@arrl.net and I will give more information. --*Tom N5HYP, Secretary-Treasurer IARC*

## Get On The Air! Local Nets

**\*\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7PM on the Irving ARC Repeater 146.720, pl 110.9 – the Irving ARC Club Net\*\*\***

Every night at 10:30PM on the Irving ARC Repeater 146.720, pl 110.9 – The ARRL late night traffic net. Info: <https://www.dfwtrafficnet.org/>

Every Monday Night – Simplex Roundtable on 146.55, if that is busy they move to 146.58 (Thanks Jim!)

Mondays at 1:30PM on 7.160 - 40m Get-together (Thanks Jim!)

Every Thursday at 9PM on the NRH repeater 145.37, pl 110.9

Every Wednesday at 7PM on the Arlington repeater 147.14, pl 110.9

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7PM on the DARC repeater 146.88, pl 110.9 – the DARC Hamfixin's net. Info: <https://w5fc.org/nets/>

*If anyone knows of other nets/roundtables/get-togethers, please let me know and I will add them to the list – Lance KE5YCJ*



## Upcoming Hamfests/ARRL Events

1/17/2020 Cowtown Hamfest, Forest Hill, TX, Sponsored by The Cowtown ARC and other local clubs. <http://www.cowtownhamfest.com>

\*\*\*3/7/2020 Irving Amateur Radio Hamfest, Irving, TX, Sponsored by The Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc. <http://irvingarc.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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## Irving RACES/ARES Report

Month:>October Year:> 2019

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

District 5

Irving

Total number of ARES members:> 20 Change since last month: (- )  
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Local Net Name:> Irving RACES/ARES

Total sessions>5

NTS liaison is maintained with the> DFW .Net

Number of ARES drills, tests and training sessions this month:>4

2 Dallas Training

1 Irving Training

1 SET (Simulated Emergency Test)

Person hours:>53.0

Number of ARES public service events this month:> 0

Person hours:> 0

Number of ARES emergency operations this month:> 1

1 Skywarn

Person hours:>32.0\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of ARES operations/activations this month:> 5

Total Person hours:>85.0

Comments:>

Submitted by:

William (Billy) Geer KA5OZC

Irving RACES Radio Officer

Irving RACES EC

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## September Meeting Minutes

# Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

*Combined Meeting Minutes,*

*September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

Ken Hansen, N2VIP presiding,

### Meeting

1. Concerns for members, family, friends
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions
4. Birthdays Ron Preston Jerry Aberdeen

### Business Meeting

5. Minutes for August 2019 Motion to accept as written and approved

6. Treasurer Report for August 2019 Motion to accept as written and approved
7. Old Business
  - a. iPower Reimbursement – Ken Hansen
    - i. Owed to Ken Hansen: \$651.00 (2015-2019)
    - ii. Includes 1 final year of domain registration and webhosting through 11/19. Official motion to reimburse Ken for these expenses was made, seconded and approved .
    - iii. Need to secure club debit card to takeover annual domain registration (and other recurring) charges. Tom Schuessler will contact Bank of America and begin process.
    - iv. Domain Registration now \$17.99/yr for irvingarc.org domain
  - b. Home Depot table-top shelving
    - i. owed to Ken Hansen \$72.44 for these purchases;
    - ii. 4 pcs bought, in club shack at Betcha Bingo
    - iii. Will create 2x two shelf “racks”, one for each desk in shack
  - c. Texas VHF-FM Society membership. Ken Hansen reported on his experiences attending on of the VHF-FM society meetings.
    - i. Ken Hansen will assume repeater trustee role
    - ii. Owed to Ken Hansen \$15.00. the club reimbursed.
  - d. Last month Ken was concerned that there might have been a missing, recently purchased repeater. In reality, he found that all Club repeaters located, were in “Vault” the whole time
  - e. “Backup” UHF Duplexer, tuned for active IARC UHF pair purchased from Dennis Riise, have been paid for, and placed in “Vault”
  - f. AREDN Node equipment purchased for \$200, placed in “Vault”
  - g. Half of approved \$300 for roof-top mounting hardware and supplies (non-penetrating mount, cable, coax, mast, etc.) for AREDN node hardware AND additional dual/triple-band V/UHF antenna (CX-333, 2m, 1.25m, 70cm) will be applied to CX-333 antenna, tri-plexer purchase 9/27/19

## 8. New Business

- a. Tax Accountant/CPA fees for 2018 tax year of \$700 was approved by membership. Ken concurs that using a professional firm also satisfies our need for an annual “Audit of our financial dealings.
- b. Reimburse Accountant/CPA for refunded penalty from Tax Year 2017. Penalty was reversed by IRS on insistence from CPA and club will deposit refund.

## General Meeting

### 1. Old Business

#### a. Betcha Bingo Shack Renovation

- i. Assorted tools and accessories for Betcha Bingo Shack – Anderson PowerPole kit, coax crimp connector install kit, two PowerPole power distribution units (one for each workstation), braided wire to ground radios, etc. that were approved last meeting were not purchased (order to be placed Friday, 9/27)
- ii. Betcha Bingo Shack Inventory work party update; Tom Schuessler reports that good progress has been made identifying what items found on old inventories no longer exist in the club’s possession.

#### b. Repeater Committee

- i. Need to promote meeting programs on club repeater
  1. Update on Voice Prompt Programming? Bill Byrom has taken on challenge of programming repeater announcements. Was not at the meeting. Several others have agreed to assist.
  2. Ken Hansen reports that he does hope to activate second UHF repeater pair at Bingo Hall once tri-band antenna installed.

#### c. Boy Scouts

- i. Upcoming Events; Tom Schuessler will be heading a Radio Merit Badge class at Camp Wisdom on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Will be seeking additional volunteer help.

#### d. Irving Volunteer Day report; Billy Geer discussed that

we had a good turn out of club and RACES members supporting our table space, but the attendance of the general public was low. It seemed there were more people from the various agencies than general public.

- e. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> MOTA report; The consensus of the club was that it was successful. All want to see it continue.

## 2. New Business

- a. UT Dallas Department Head emails re licensing students
  - i. So far we are referring them to various resources, Tom Schuessler has referred them to AMSAT and Ken has referred them to other resources closer to Richardson.
- b. Staffing of Positions; Ken Hansen says the club is in need of
  - i. Program Committee Chair
  - ii. Public Information Official Bill Byrom has volunteered
  - iii. Recruitment Effort; Ron Tabb has volunteered.
  - iv. Quartermaster/Property Manager
  - v. Hamfest Chairman Still looking. Ken Hansen says he will assist.
  - vi. Others
- c. Newsletter – sources for content?
- d. Website – Sources for content?

## 3. Program

- a. One-radio go-boxes for club
  - i. Install current radios in cases instead of “loose” in pelican cases
  - ii. Secure “small Chinese” dual-band radios for smaller cases?

## 4. Door Prize, 50/50 Drawing

## 5. Close of meeting at 9:10PM

Respectfully submitted  
Tom Schuessler, N5HYP  
IARC Secretary/Treasurer.

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