

# IRVING AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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### WA5CKF REPEATERS:

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June 2022



### June Meeting Information: New Location

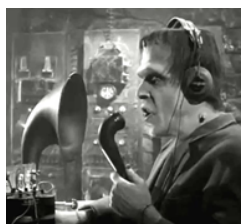
The May meeting will be on Thursday 26 May 2022, 7:00 pm. **This meeting will be at Betcha Bingo, 2420 W Irving Blvd Ste 125, Irving, TX 75061.** This is a one-time-only move.

We will discuss plans for Field Day on Saturday 25 June 2022.

### President's Corner

**Ken Hansen N2VIP**

I've got a lot to cover, so I'm going to get right to it.



### Different Meeting Location

Because of our club's reservation for this Saturday's Field Day event, we did not reserve our usual location for the monthly club meeting. This month we will be meeting at the Betcha Bingo 2 Hall (where the club shack is located) at 7:00 PM. I hope you can join us, we've got a lot to discuss.

### Field Day

This year we will be participating in Field Day in what I would consider a 'casual' mode - we'll set up in a local park, we'll eat a couple meals, and we'll operate some radios. There are plans to set up a CW station, a Digital (FT8) station, and an SSB (voice) station, and we'd welcome everyone to stop by. If you can't stay all day, please try and stop by during the day - we'll be shutting down before it gets dark. The club will arrange for both a lunch and a dinner, and while some drinks will be available, it may be just water (do stay hydrated), so if you want something else drink-wise, plan to bring it yourself.

The club will order and arrange to pick up food locally (maybe sandwiches and chips for lunch, pizza or other for dinner), with the decision of what and from where to be decided by those in attendance.

### VE Testing

Roger Bacak reached out to me last month and requested two Amazon 8" Fire Tablets to explore running out VE testing 'electronically'. In the past we offered tests thru both the ARRL and the W5YI VE programs, but W5YI is going 'all electronic' and Roger, our VE Coordinator is considering only testing for W5YI going forward. To that end, Roger is requesting 6 more tablets & cases (at <\$125 each tablet & case).

In addition Roger is asking for additional club members to sign up as VEs with W5YI and to assist with VE testing. The process is simple, and the more VE testers we have, the easier the commitment. We already partner with Dallas Amateur Radio Club, with both clubs helping each other staff their testing sessions.

Please, consider becoming a VE - it's a great way to give back to the community and meet new hams!

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**General/Business Meeting:**  
May 26 @ 7:00 pm

**Weekly Meeting Nets:**  
7:00 pm each Thursday on  
the WA5CKF repeaters.

### Contact Us

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## DFW Ham Expo

I had very low expectations going into the DFW Ham Expo this past weekend, but I was pleasantly surprised. This was their first 'real' Hamfest (they organized a tailgate session last year, but this year's event had about 40 tables (a little more than half of the 70 tables we have at our Hamfest) and sold over 500 admission tickets (on par with our turnout this past March). If there was a frustration, it was that the event was so small that few stuck around for the noon prize drawings, so it was a struggle to give away door prizes. I understand they are in negotiations for a larger space next year, and based on what I saw this year I think they could be successful with up to 100 tables. It was a nice, successful event, and I wish them continued success going forward.

Remember, we're meeting at the Betcha Bingo 2 Hall in Irving this Thursday at 7:00 PM, I hope you can make it!

## Field Day 2022

### John Cheyney KF5PFP

This year's ARRL Field Day is Saturday, 25 June 2022. The IARC will be participating from T.W. Richardson Grove Park in North Irving. The park is near where I-635 and the President George Bush Turnpike cross. We will begin setup at 0900 on Saturday and operate until approximately sundown on Saturday only. We currently plan on three stations for club members to use. We will have drinks available and plan on ordering dinner based on who's there at the time. Please come by and join us for some good times and good operating

## City of Irving Fourth of July Parade: Volunteers Needed

The annual Irving Fourth of July Parade will be Monday 4 July 2022. The IARC and the Irving RACES/ARES team will be providing communications assistance to the parade. Communicators will need to be in place in Downtown Irving by 0830 and the parade should be done by noon. All you need is a 2meter HT. If you are available please contact John Cheyney at [jjcheyn@gmail.com](mailto:jjcheyn@gmail.com).

## Irving RACES/ARES Report May 2022

### Billy Geer KA5OZC

Total number of ARES members: 13

Change since last month: (-) \_\_\_\_\_ or (+) \_\_\_\_\_ or same: >\_\_X \_\_\_\_\_

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

FEMA Region 4 & 6 Communications Outage Exercise

Person hours: 35.8

Number of ARES public service events this month: 0

Person hours: 0

Number of ARES emergency operations this month: 0

Person hours: 0

Total number of ARES operations/activations this month: 4

Total Person hours: 35.8



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# May Meeting Minutes

**John Cheyney KF5PFP**

IARC May 2022 Meeting  
Senter Park East, Irving, Texas  
26 May 2022

Officers Present:

President Ken Hansen N2VIP  
Secretary John Cheyney KF5PFP  
Treasurer Ron Tabb KC5HPO  
Director Billy Geer KA5OZC

Call to Order 7:08 pm by Ken Hansen N2VIP  
There were 12 members.

Concerns:

Prayer: John Huddleson AI5FV

Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Hansen N2VIP

Introductions

Old Business:

Meetings from the previous meeting

Accept: Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Second: Ron Ford KF5OMH

Approval: Unanimous

Treasurer's report: Will be sent out tomorrow by Ken Hansen N2VIP

Repeater site Update

Still need to buy open racks and some cables.

Shack cleanup party on Sunday 29 May organized by Jerry Aberdeen KB3RWT. Effort to cleanup and make the shack useful as is. No outside work planned.

James Shugart got the non-penetrating mount for the cobweb antenna to be put up eventually.

New Business

VE Testing: In the past, we would do VE testing with W5YI and ARRL and alternate. W5YI wants to move to digital testing. Club purchased two Amazon tablets and are with Roger Bacak to be set up. Would like to eventually purchase more tablets. Tablets will be shared with Dallas club for testing sessions.

Fourth of July Parade on Monday 4 July 2022, 0900. John Cheyney KF5PFP will coordinate.

Field Day: June 25th and 26th. Tom Schuesller N5HYP is coordinating. We have the park overnight if needed and if we have enough people to stay we will, if not we will give back Sunday. Also need to plan for food and drink. Location is TW Richardson Grove Park in Irving.

Start is 1pm local time. Current plan is to go on Saturday only. Plan is to cook a lunch for members and potentially provide dinner.



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Ken would like to give \$100 to Ham club Online.

Motion Billy Geer KA5OZC

Second Tom Schuessler N5HYP

Ron Tabb KC5HPO brought up buying new club shirts. Ken suggested bringing HamThreads and figure out how to get that done.

Presentation on SDR by John Cheyney KF5P

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Motion: Ken Hansen N2VIP

Second: John Cheyney KF5PFP

Submitted by IARC Secretary John Cheyney KF5PFP.

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