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WA5CKF REPEATERS:

146.720 - PL 110.9 TSQ 110.9

224.400 - PL110.9

442.675 + PL 110.9

442.375 + PL110.9



May 2023

May Meeting Information

The May meeting will be Thursday, 25 May 2023, at Senter Park East, 7:00 PM. We will talk about plans for ARRL Field Day in June.

President's Corner

Ken Hansen N2VIP

As I write this I am within driving distance of Xenia, but I'll not be attending this year. Instead, I had a wide-ranging family trip that had me driving from Irving to Cary, NC, then on to Princeton, NJ, and while I am writing this I'm en-route to Pittsburgh, PA, then on to Asheville, NC before returning to Irving later this week.

I've always enjoyed attending Hamvention - I always volunteer to drive golf carts in the parking lot to earn myself a better parking spot, an event hat, and free admission. I enjoy driving the carts, and I also enjoy the perks! (If you do go, I encourage you to consider volunteering, it's a great event and it's nice to feel a part of it, even if just a small part)

Having a well-stocked HRO so close by we may not feel the pressure to attend Hamvention because so many products offered there are available every day just down the road, but for many, many of our ham radio brethren that isn't the case - they may not be able to 'lay hands' on a new radio at a local ham radio store, so attending something like a Hamvention is a really big deal. Then there's the flea market - it used to be bigger, but it is expansive, and can easily consume a full day wandering the aisles seeking out treasures and seeing classic radios you've never seen in-person before. There are great seminars and everyone is really pretty nice to each other (it IS a hobby after all). If you ever get the chance, I encourage everyone to go at least once, and also consider attending either Contest University (put on by Tim Duffy and DX Engineering) or Four Days in May, a kit-building session - they both occur the Thursday before Hamvention. For more information Google is your friend.

Fusion

With all the money I saved by not going to Hamvention I picked up Yet Another Fusion Radio (YA FR), the Yaesu FT-5D. In my defense it was offered at a pretty deep discount, and I was able to pick it up tax-free in Delaware at their HRO, so I'm very happy about that. I'm teaching myself about Fusion, maybe we can dedicate one of the UHF repeaters to offer Wires-X internet connectivity for the community, our Yaesu DR-2X repeaters natively support it, so it *should* be easy...

Repeater Site

I need to head over to the repeater site and wire-up the 12v backup batteries we recently bought, along with labeling every wire to 'document' the site. We also need to figure out how to properly control the repeaters, either using their internal 'basic' controller over an RF channel, or using one of our SCOM controllers. Ah, much to look forward to!



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General/Business Meeting:
May 25 2023 @ 7:00pm

Weekly Meeting Nets:
7:00 pm each Thursday on
the WA5CKF 2m repeater.

Monthly VE Testing:
2nd Saturday of the month,
Business Jet Center at Dallas
Love Field. Check the IARC
Calendar [here](#) for more
details.

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Field Day

Finally, don't forget Field Day is coming up, and it will be discussed at this week's meeting. We've gotten a very interesting offer from a couple club members regarding food at Field Day, but I'll leave it to be discussed at the meeting this week.

Speaking of this weeks meeting, I won't be able to attend, but John Cheyney KF5PFP has generously agreed to head up the meeting, I'm sure he'll do a great job, so do try and attend.

DFW Expo

Is coming up, be sure and keep an eye out for more information - it's at the same location as last year, but the team behind it has been working hard to make it better than last year! I'm looking forward to attending it, it should be fun.

Ken Hansen, N2VIP
President, Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

2023 Field Day

John Cheyney KF5PFP

ARRL Field Day 2023 is fast approaching. As always the event is the last full weekend in June. We are finalizing plans this week, but here is what we have so far.

The club will operate on Saturday only, We will be operating from the Heritage Park building in downtown Irving. Set up starts at 10:00AM. We will operate from 1:00pm to 7:30PM. Breakdown has to be completed by 9:00PM.

We will have three stations, one CW station, one digital station, and one SSB.



- **The Heritage park building is air conditioned and has two bathrooms.**
- We will have three stations, one CW station, one digital station, and one SSB. However, those can change depending on what operators want to do.
- The club will provide drinks. Roger and Kim Bacak will be providing a taco bar for people who want to eat.
- There are also numerous restaurants and a Starbucks within easy walking distance.
- Regardless of your license level, we have control operators who are all Amateur Extra class. You can operate any level you want.
- If you can't join us or want to operate outside those hours you can still aggregate your scores with the club. More information on that later.
- There are bonus points for a satellite contact. The club can provide the equipment but we don't have an operator designated. If you are interested in trying this let us know.

We had a great time in this location at Winter Field Day. What we need more than anything are people to operate radios. Regardless of how long, please come by and enjoy.

The organizing committee has one more meeting this week and we will talk about the details at the meeting. Look for more information as we get closer.

2023 Field Day Committee

- John Cheyney KF5PFP
- John Moss KI5WRQ
- Bill Byrom N5BB
- Tom Schuessler N5HYP
- Ron Tabb KC5HPO

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May Radio In the Park

John Moss KI5WRQ

IARC's Second Radio In The Park Day Was a Another Success

As the IARC prepares for our participation in the upcoming ARRL Summer Field Day on June 24, club leadership thought it might be a good idea for our members to practice our field operation skills before the big day. We held our first Radio in the Park Day on April 1, and that effort was spotlighted in the last newsletter. In order to further improve our remote operating skills we held a second Radio In The Park Day on Saturday, May 6, again at the Shady Grove Trail Park in South Irving.

We had a larger group of attendees for this second outing. Tom Schuessler N5HYP and Club Secretary John Cheyney KF5PFP organized the details and were there early to lead our activities. IARC President Ken Hanson N2VIP and Treasurer Ron Tabb KC5HPO were also early arrivers. Ron brought a young family friend to introduce him to the wonderful world of Amateur Radio.

Other IARC members who joined us at the park were Brandon Bearden KG5Ezs and me KI5WRQ. We also had a special guest. Jack Weaver AA5VZ (President of the Arlington Amateur Radio Club) joined us for the afternoon, helping us erect antennas and working a few satellite passes. Jack gave us some good advice and told some great stories from his 40+ years of experience in Amateur Radio. We hope Jack will join us again in the future!

We had good band conditions in the afternoon of May 6. We put up three antennas and made several contacts from across the US. We were fortunate that afternoon to be operating on the same day as the Indiana QSO Party, the Delaware QSO Party, the New England QSO Party and the 7th Call area QSO Party. Around 3:00 pm the contesters from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Maine were booming into North Texas on 20 meters.

A good time was had by all at our second Radio In The Park afternoon. We encourage all of our IARC members to come out to events like this in the future. There is plenty of room for everyone to participate, operate, and enjoy fellowship and tall tales.

Are we ready now for ARRL Summer Field Day in June? Only time will tell! Please put Saturday, June 24 on your calendar and join us as we operate CW, SSB and Digital at our Field Day QTH at Heritage Park in Irving.



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Irving RACES/ARES Report April 2023

Billy Geer KA5OZC

Total number of ARES members: 13

Change since last month: (-) _____ or (+) 1_____ 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: 3

--2 Dallas Training (27.5 hrs)

--1 Irving Training (9 hrs)

--3 Radio Checks (IPD/IFD/MCLC) (3 hrs)

Person hours: 57

Number of ARES public service events this month: 1

Radio Orienteering Championship, Cooper Lake State Park (1 person)

Number of ARES emergency operations this month: 1

--1 Irving Skywarn Net 4-3-2023

Person hours: 5.5

Total number of ARES operations/activations this month: 5

Total Person hours: 50.5

Thursday Club Net

IARC holds a net every Thursday night, except the fourth Thursday when we have our meeting.

The net starts at 7:00pm on the 146.72 repeater or Echolink. Everyone is welcome, whether you are an IARC member or not. Net controls are:

- Bill Byrom N5BB
- Shane Outlaw KI5GBU
- John Cheyney KF5PFP

April Club Meeting Minutes

John Cheyney KF5PFP, Club Secretary

IARC April 2023 Meeting

Senter Park East, Irving

27 April 2022

Officers Present:

President Ken Hansen N2VIP

Vice-President Bill Byrom N5BB

Secretary John Cheyney KF5PFP

Treasurer Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Director Billy Geer KA5OZC

Director Ron Ford KF5OMH

Call to Order 19:15 pm by Ken Hansen N2VIP

There were 10 members

Pledge: Ken Hansen N2VIP

Prayer: John Moss KI5WRQ

Old Business:

Approve minutes from last meeting (March)

Motion to Accept: Billy Geer KA5OZC

Second: Ron Ford KF5OMH

Unanimous



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Treasurer Report: Ken and Ron worked on the transaction report for Betcha Bingo, covering Jan/Feb/March

Motion to Accept: James Shugart N5BKL

Second: Billy Geer KA5OZC

Unanimous

New Officers Installation:

Install Newly Elected Officers:

- President – Ken Hansen, N2VIP
- Vice-President – Bill Byron, N5BB
- Director – Venezula Matthews, KF5PJH
- Director – Ron Ford, KF5MOH

Ron and Ken went to an accountant. In the past we have taken financial documents to an accountant and had the IRS documentation done. If our total revenue is less than \$50,000 he puts in a form that we have had less than \$50K and we were an ongoing organization. Turns out we missed the year 2021. The documentation was sent to the accountant but not done. The accountant has recommended that we not pay for this service because we don't need an professional. The accountant doesn't think missing one year is an issue. Moving forward the club will take over this function.

Hamfest donation to DARC: In the past we have donated to the Dallas ARC for providing staff for the Hamfest. In the past we have donated \$800. However, the Dallas club charges us \$50 per month x 2 months. In the past we have not run advertisements so we haven't had to pay.

Motion by John Cheyney KF5PFP to donate \$800 to DARC.

Second by Billy Byrom N5BB

Unanimous

Radio In The Park May 6th, afternoon, testing for Field Day. Plan is to have a group meet at the shack, grab equipment and bring it to Shady Grove Trail Park.

Microgrant Update: Status Report from Ron Carlson @ McKinney ARC. City of Melissa has completed road construction at the repeater site. They have purchased equipment and are working through design plans. This was from the 2021 Microgrant group. \$1000 for microwave for remote cameras.

2022 list: Sachse finished theirs, Arlington finished theirs, Denton County needs to send an update. Bill to contact Andrew Koenig for an update.

New Business:

Repeater Status: All four repeaters working. All repeaters now have 110.9 tones. Both UHF repeaters are at the Drill Field (Fire Training Center at 161/Belt Line)

The former primary 220 repeater has issues and will need to be evaluated.

The two UHF repeaters are set up on the internal controllers and need to be set up with internet access. Took down the 2M backup antenna on the hospital, corrected two antenna mounts on the other two antennas.

Ken asked for authorization for \$600 to pay Dave Darcy him for 5 hours of work.

Motion: Bill Byrom N5BB

Second: Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Unanimous.

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Field Day Tentative Plans:

Last weekend in June (the 24th and 25th)

Committee:

Bill Byrom N5BB

John Moss KI5WRQ

John Cheyney KF5PFP

Tom Schuessler N5HYP

Ron Tabb KC5HPO

This group will meet and put together a proposal.

Ken would like to have in person meeting with officers in the next week. He will contact and schedule.

If you have specific request for snacks/drinks at the meetings send an email to Ron Tabb KC5HPO.

Motion to Adjourn: Ron Ford KF5OMH

Second: Billy Geer KA5OZC

Unanimous

Submitted by IARC Secretary John Cheyney KF5PFP.

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