

# IRVING AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## Serving Amateur Radio Since 1955

### WA5CKF REPEATERS:

146.720 - PL 110.9 TSQ 110.9

224.400 - PL 110.9

442.675 + PL 110.9

442.375 + PL 110.9

October 2023



## September Meeting Information

The September meeting will be Thursday, 26 October 2023, at 7:00 PM. We will be meeting at Senter Park East, 1100 Senter Rd, Irving, TX 75060. The program will be making Anderson Powerpole cables for the club equipment.

## President's Corner

### Ken Hansen N2VIP

I've got a lot of things to cover this month, so let's get right to it!



First off, our meeting this month is at Senter East Park, but we're going to try something a bit different. When I first joined the club, we had a Business meeting on the second Thursday of each month, and a General meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month, and for the benefit of all the members we reviewed the issues discussed at the Business meeting at the General meeting. Needless to say, I found this frustrating, so I eliminated the second Thursday meeting, and we covered everything in one meeting. Well, I'm re-thinking that decision. I'm not thinking we go back to two meetings a month, but like some other area clubs do, I'd like to hold a specific Business meeting for the first 30 minutes of the meeting, and anyone not interested in that can plan to arrive at 7:30 for the start of the General meeting. I'm not certain we'll stick with this arrangement, but I'd like to try it.

As I write this I'm looking forward to the Sunday Portable Operations Group outing - I think this group will have a good impact on the club, and I encourage everyone to consider joining us in future outings.

Looking ahead, remember that our November and December meetings are on the third Thursday of November and December to avoid Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Looking even further ahead, we've got Winter Field Day in January and our annual Hamfest in March.

Elsewhere in the newsletter this month are a few Help Wanted ads - I'm looking for help with the Club Shack at the Bingo Hall, the Hamfest in March, and the ongoing operation of the club repeaters. Please take a moment and consider helping with one of these positions, if it appeals to you.

If you haven't done so yet, consider joining the IARC Discord server - it's a great way to reach out and contact fellow club members if you have a question, need some advice, or just want to share something with fellow club members, it's a great tool. What's nice is the conversations/posts are "private" (limited to members of the server) and retained for a long time so that a question posted a week ago can be answered today.

A final reminder, our meeting this month is at Senter Park East, where we usually meet, and the Business meeting will start at 7:00 PM, and the General meeting will start at 7:30 PM.

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**General/Business Meeting:**  
**26 October 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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# Help Wanted

## Repeater Committee:

Looking for a club member to assist in overseeing the IARC Repeater infrastructure, both the repeaters on “the hospital” and at “the EOC site”.

The ideal candidate would have an interest in managing the repeaters the club relies on to provide coverage across the area. Responsibilities will include investigating and resolving issues with any of the club repeaters (employing outside resources to resolve outstanding issues beyond their abilities), implementing technology and procedures to remotely manage club repeaters, and evaluate, design and implement new technologies in the repeater infrastructure. Potential projects include AllStar, Broadcastify streaming, Digital Modulation (C4FM/Fusion, etc.), and other enhancements as the club membership may desire.

The candidate selected for this position will be required to obtain required City of Irving and Baylor Scott & White Hospital Identification credentials to ensure access to either repeater sites

## Hamfest Committee:

Looking for a club member to assist in overseeing the 2024 IARC Hamfest this coming March. The ideal candidate will have an interest in planning, coordinating, and overseeing the Hamfest, and possibly taking a more significant role in future Hamfests. The work is not hard, it will not occupy more than a few hours of your time per month. Responsibilities will include alerting Ham Publications and websites of the planned event, determining door prizes, printing the admission and door prize tickets, overseeing ticket and table sales, Bingo Hall set up and take down, as well as oversight during the event and reporting to the club the results of the Hamfest (attendees, ticket/table sales, revenue generated, and so on)..

## Club Station Committee:

Looking for a club member to assist in overseeing the club radio station (“shack”) at the Betcha Bingo II bingo hall. The ideal candidate will take charge of the space, keep it clean/organized, and be responsible for opening the shack to fellow club members interested in operating the club station during pre-arranged, or scheduled, times throughout the year. Projects the Club Station Committee will consider and, if approved, will execute on will include, but not be limited to upgrading the EchoLink computer system and relocating the equipment to the shack, upgrading the VHF/UHF operating position to support “weak signal” SSB operation, configuring the HF operating position for remote operation by club members, and possibly even establishing a basic satellite station with a small “Sat Pack” antenna array on an Az-El rotor. The ideal candidate must be willing to make themselves available – at a minimum – to open the shack for a few hours several times a week (including weekend mornings), or arrange a fellow club member to take on this responsibility.

Interested club members are encouraged to let their interest be known to Club President Ken Hansen, either at the October Club meeting or via email at [ken@n2vip.org](mailto:ken@n2vip.org).

## Radio In The Park

**John Cheyney KF5PFP**

The IARC held another Radio In The Park on 22 October 2023.

John Moss KI5WRQ, Lyle Baker AI5NO, and Tom Schuessler used the IC-7300 and the Alpha Antennas vertical to make over a dozen HF contacts on 20 M.

Ken Hansen N2VIP and I took the UHF/VHF go box and hooked up the Yaesu FT-400 and the Anytone DU578UV to one of the tri-band J-Pole antennas. We were able to hit all four of the Irving repeaters. We also found a small number of adapters and cables we need to get the Signalink and the GPS in the Anytone working.



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**Radio In The Park  
Cottonwood Creek Park, Irving  
22 October 2023**



# Irving RACES/ARES Report September 2023

Billy Geer KA5OZC

Total number of ARES members: 12

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

Local Net Name: Irving RACES/ARES

Total sessions: 4

NTS liaison is maintained with the: DFW Traffic Net

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

--2 Dallas Training (25 hrs)

--1 Irving Training (6 hrs)

Monthly Warning Siren Check (2 hrs)

Person hours: 33

Number of ARES public service events this month: 0

Number of ARES emergency operations this month: 0

Total number of ARES operations/activations this month: 4

Total Person hours: 33

## September Club Meeting Minutes

**John Cheyney KF5PFP, Club Secretary**

**IARC September 2023 Meeting**

**Betcha Bingo II, Irving**

**28 September 2023**

### 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

Director Venzula Matthews KF5PJH

Call to Order 19:11 pm by Ken Hansen N2VIP

There were 12 members and 2 Guests

Pledge: Ken Hansen N2VIP

Prayer: John Moss KI5WRQ

Introductions of club members and guests.

### Old Business:

Approve minutes from last meeting John Cheyney KF5PFP

Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Billy Geer KA5OZC

Unanimous

Treasurer report: Ron Tabb KC5HPO



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Backup 2M repeater is set up at the EOC center. On our frequency but with a different PL tone of 159.8.

MicroGrant Project: On Tuesday 19 September 2023 the committee met

- Bill Byrom N5BB
- Ken Hansen N2VIP
- Billy Geer KA5OZC
- Ron Ford KF5OMH
- Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Discussed status of the previous projects. All 2020 projects completed. Some 2021 and 2022 projects still not completed. This is largely beyond the control of the clubs who requested the money. No attempts to return the money, Committee recommends another year project (2024). Rules are up on the website but not visible. Rules are same as previous: counties touching Dallas County, and a 501(c)(3), Invites will send out on October 1 with a link to the website. Grants will be announced in Jan 2024. Will invite recipients to the HamFest in March.

Donation to HamClub Online. Completed by Ken Hansen N2VIP.

### Portable Operating Group Update

John Cheyney KF5PFP

The Portable subgroup met on 4 September 2023 for a presentation on Hamstick antennas. Twelve members were in attendance. The group made plans to meet again on 2 October 2023, 7pm, at the club shack at Betcha Bingo II. Shane Outlaw KI5GBU will present on the HAMRS logging app for POTA activations.

### Shack Clean Up

John Cheyney KF5PFP

The shack and the vault have been gone over and cleaned up. There is still some work to be done that will involve trying to get rid of things, likely at the IARC Hamfest.

Support for Irving Christmas Parade. Club agreed to provide support. John Cheyney KF5PFP to email Megan and let her know.

Club will talk about Winter Field Day at next meeting and put together a plan.

First Aid Kits. Venzula Matthews KF5PJH to spec out a couple of portable first aid kits and present back to the club. Bill Byrom N5BB also suggested we look for a small fire extinguisher. She asked for input from people on things that need to be added.

### Hamfest Update:

Ken Hansen N2VIP will start to send out notifications to magazines. Prices for admission will be the same. He is going to reach out to Kenwood for a couple of their new handhelds.

Inviting a blood donation group. People donating blood will get a raffle ticket. Ken will further investigate. Ken will be chairman for this HamFest but this will likely be the last. He is looking for someone to help him and learn.

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## New Business

Irving Schools Foundation Scholarship.

We have the invoice.

Potential for a second donation, or give money to the foundation for a staff member education.

John Moss KI5WRQ to check with the foundation about how that would work.

Bill Byrom N5BB motion to pay the foundation now.

Brandon Bearden KG5EZZ seconded.

Unanimous.

Bill Byrom and Ron Tabb will go tomorrow to drop the check off.

Discussion about a budget for the club,

Annual income is \$750 from dues

~\$24000 from Bingo Hall

Ken Hansen N2VIP proposed the club break money into two accounts based on the source. Dues money would be used for small operational expenses. We will start managing money in that direction starting 1 October 2023.

Motion to Adjourn: Bill Byrom N5BB

Second: Venzula Matthews KF5PJH

Unanimous @ 2049

Submitted by IARC Secretary John Cheyney KF5PFP.



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