

# IRVING AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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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

July 2025



## July Meeting Information

The next in person Meeting will be on July 24th 2025 in the club Shack at Betcha Bingo hall on 2420 W Irving Blvd, Irving, TX 75061.

## President's Corner

**Ron Ford KF50MH**

**President, Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

Is it hot enough for you yet? I try really hard to stay on the cool side of the door; hope you are doing the same.

The next CLUB MEETING is Thursday, July 24, at Betcha Bingo beginning at 7:00 PM sharp. Beginning at 6:00 PM the VE team will be available for anyone wishing to test for an upgrade or take the Technician exam. Our speaker for the evening will be Colin Backup, N5GG, who will be with us in person to talk about Winlink. He started his activities as a ham in Brazil in October 1975 through the Boy Scouts, his first JOTA - Jamboree on the Air - got him hooked right away! To this day he still enjoys JOTA every October. His first call sign was PY2WTY as a 14-year young novice and later upgraded to general and extra, getting the call PY2CGB, which he still keeps. In the USA he first got the extra call AC5TV which he changed to N5GG in 2000. He is a CW enthusiast and likes working DX on HF, mainly QRP out in the field doing POTA/SOTA/FD, chasing rare ones, etc. I'm sure you will enjoy his presentation so come out and meet Colin.

**Director Resignation** - Unfortunately, one of our sitting Directors has chosen to resign his position. The By-Laws of the organization are somewhat conflicting in what manner to follow in filling this position. The Board of Directors, after lengthy discussion, determined that the following process would be used.

An election will be held at the upcoming membership meeting on Thursday, July 24 at 7:00PM at Betcha Bingo. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the meeting where self-nominations will be accepted. If you are unable to attend the meeting and are interested in filling the position send an email indicating your interest to [President@irvingarc.org](mailto:President@irvingarc.org) prior to 6:00PM on July 24.

The vacant position is one of the two positions that will expire in 2026; therefore, this election is to fill that unexpired term until the next election. This will not preclude the successful individual from running for the full term at the 2026 election.

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**General Meeting: 24th July 2025 @ 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 for more details.

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## President's Corner Cont'd

This particular position is the Director of Education and Outreach. In this position this individual oversees/assists with the following:

Newsletter – Jerry KB3RWT, Editor  
Public Information Officer (PIO) – TBD  
Meeting Presentations – Kirk N3KDP  
Webmaster – Roger N5RCB  
Develop an outreach program to grow the club

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to this matter please contact me at [President@irvingarc.org](mailto:President@irvingarc.org)

**Meeting Format** – Since it is a bit redundant to publish the minutes and Treasurer's Report and read them at the membership meeting the chair will ask if there are any corrections, changes or questions to either. If nothing is heard they will stand as published.

FIELD DAY was warm but what do you expect in June in Texas. Thanks to Tom N5HYP for coordinating this year's event and to rest of the Field Day Committee Bill N5BB, Roger N5RCB, and Kim N5KCB. I think that those who came out and participated in the event had a good time.

**The electrical issues in the shack** that have been plaguing us for a long time have now been corrected. Thanks to Ken N2VIP for coordinating with the electrician to accomplish the inspection, provide the estimate and to accomplish the work.

**Open Shack Saturday** July 19 was POTA Support Your Parks weekend. IARC held an event as a club from Cedar Hill State Park. A great time was held by all who attended. There were 11 attendees from the club and 5 guests. A total of 43 contacts were made by those who participated.

**13 Colonies Special Event** – Congratulations to Tom N5HYP for getting a total clean sweep of the 13 colonies and 3 bonus stations for the winning entry to the club's event and winning the \$100 prize. See an article elsewhere in the newsletter for more information. Thanks to John KF5PFP for coordinating the event thanks to John KI5WRQ for coming up with the idea.

**Upcoming Events** – Plans are underway to have a club build day on an upcoming third Saturday in lieu of an Open Shack Day. We will be building a POTA Performer antenna. If you attended last month's meeting you might remember our speaker, Greg Mihran, who invented and offers for free his plans for several different antennas that are popular with POTA operators. Will N5TLH has built one of these and will be leading the event.

**Route 66 On The Air** is another great Special Event somewhat similar to the 13 Colonies event that just finished. It takes place September 6 – 14. John KF5PFP will again coordinate the event and will publish specifics in the near future. In the meantime, if you are interested to learn more about the overall event check out this site -- <https://w6jbt.org/?cat=11>. It is not up to date with all the 2025 information, but you can get a flavor of the event.

Come on, get active with your club. There are a lot of opportunities to be involved.

73 Ron KF5OMH



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# From The Desk Of the Secretary

June 2025 Club Meeting  
26 June 2025  
Betcha Bingo II  
Irving, Texas



## Officers And Directors:

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Vice-President: Ron Tabb KC5HPO  
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Secretary: John Cheyney KF5PFP  
Director: Barry Mac Gregor N5SMW  
Director: Will Turk N5TLH (not present)  
Director: Roger Bacak N5RCB  
Director: Shane Outlaw KI5GBU  
Members Present: 18  
Guests Present: 2

Members Present: 17

Guests Present: 3

Meeting called to order by Ron Ford KF5OMH at 19:01

Pledge of Allegiance: Ron Ford KF5OMH

Blessing: John Moss KIWRQ5

Presentation: Greg Mihran K6JER and the POTA Performer Antenna

Treasurer's Report: Kim Bacak N5KCB

- Motion to accept: KA5OZC
- Second: N22VIP
- Accepted unanimously

Secretary's Minutes: John Cheyney KF5PFP

June Business Meeting

- Motion to accept: N2VIP
- Second: KA5OZC
- Accepted unanimously

May Club Meeting

- Motion to accept: N2VIP
- Second: N5RCB
- Accepted Unanimously

IARC used to be an ARRL Special Service club. That status has lapsed. Ron KC5HPO has contacted the ARRL and is working on getting it set up. He has the information for the next business meeting,

Field Day Plans: Tom Schuessler N5HYP updated the club. Kim Bacak N5KCB has reserved the #2 and #3 Pavilions at TW Richardson Grove on Saturday 28th June 2025 from 10am to 8pm. They will take both FTdx10's to the events.

John Cheyney KF5PFP gave an update on the shack. Echolink is moved to the shack, still on the Windows 10 PC. We have an electrician coming next week to rewire the power to the vault. They are going to rewire the overhead lights, remove the current hanging outlet and replace it with a new outlet. \$750 was authorized at the business meeting based on an estimate from the electrician of \$500. Ken Hansen N2VIP is coordinating.

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Ham Expo in Lewisville June 6 and 7, 2025. We had two tables, one for information and one for club sales. Ken Hansen N2VIP was able to get rid of the folded dipoles and some old hardline. Ending up making a small amount of money.

### Director's Updates:

Barry Mac Gregor N5SMW will be asking for help for committees:

- Scholarships: Will put together a committee for this.
- Charitable Donations: Will put together a committee for this in the future.
- Microgrants: At the business meeting the board voted to stop trying to get information on previous grants.

Bylaws Review: Will Turk N5TLH: Update from Ron Ford KF5OMH5: Establish repeater committee. Will N5TLH will head this.

Roger Bacak N5RCB: Support Your Parks Weekend, 19 July. Kirk and Roger will work on the planning for this event. We have Cedar Hill State Park pavilion reserved.

Fourth of July Parade. Roger sent out an email with Carrye's contact information. People can contact her if they want to participate.

At the business meeting the officers approved that anyone passing a test at our testing session will get a free one year club membership. We have had one and potentially two members from this last meeting.

Ron Tabb KC5HPO has talked to Spring Creek about setting up the Christmas Party. It is booked for December 18th 2025, 7pm to 9pm.

### Raffle winner:

John Huddleson AI5FV  
Lyle Baker AI5NO

Billy Geer KA5OZC reminded everyone of the Siren Test the first Wednesday of each month.

### New Business:

13 Colonies Contest, with a \$100 award. Logs are due to John Cheyney KF5PFP on 14 July 2025.

Motion to adjourn: KA5OZC

Second: N5HYP

Meeting Adjourned at 2051



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# From The Desk Of the Secretary

## IARC July 2025 Business Meeting

IARC Business Meeting  
20 July 2025  
Meeting via Zoom

### Officers Present:

President: Ron Ford KF5OMH  
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Secretary: John Cheyney KF5PFP  
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Director: Roger Bacak N5RCB  
Director: Will Turk N5TLH

### Members:

James Comer KB5FVS  
Kirk Hooks N3KDP  
Bill Byrom N5BB

Meeting called to order at 18:32 by Ron Ford KF5OMH  
9 members present

### Old Business:

Vice President – Ron Tabb KC5HPO Not Present

- Public Service Honor Roll
- ARRL Service Club
- Christmas Party
- Use of church parking lot for sidewalk sale

### Secretary Report – John Cheyney KF5PFP

- 13 Colonies Wrap-up: Tom Schuessler N5HYP won the \$100 prize

### Treasurer Report – Kim Bacak N5KCB

- Sent out to members today via email. Current balance is \$54067. Deposited check from Bingo Hall for \$6540 last week.

Moving forward, the President will now ask if there are issues with the Treasurer's and Secretary's report to give people a chance to ask questions and make corrections. We will not ask them to be approved.

### Director Reports

- Roger Bacak N5RCB
- Patrol events such as "Spook Patrol" tabled from previous meeting - Our insurance policy would cover members who are involved in club activities. Roger will decide if he wants to bring these events forward.

Field Day wrap-up: Participation was disappointing, needed more people to set up. He would like to start planning for next year's Field Day earlier. Roger would like to find a building that is air conditioned. Irving Garden and Arts Center is a possibility. The city opens reservations in November for the next year. Kim Bacak N5KCB will look into that location.



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## From The Desk Of the Secretary

Barry Mac Gregor N5SMW

- Scholarship Committee timing - Bill Byrom N5BB, Ron Tabb KC5HPO, and Barry are the members who have expressed interest. Barry will revisit this right after Hamfest. Roger Bacak N5RCB also expressed interest.
- Charitable Donations Committee - Barry will start working on a committee for next year.
- Working with local Scouting resources to set up opportunities.

Will Turk N5TLH

- Digital repeater - Will Turk N5TLH/Ken Hansen N2VIP (tabled from March membership meeting) - Will be part of the larger work effort, this specific item will be removed from the agenda.
- New computers installed in the shack, EchoLink is moved to the shack. The repeater committee has met and is working on a plan including new repeater controllers. The next committee meeting is next week.
- The committee will be putting new repeater guidelines on the website..

Shack Update – John Cheyney KF5PFP

- Electrical Situation update: The electrical work in the shack vault is completed
- Installed a new quad outlet
- Removed old hanging outlet
- Rehung lights
- Cost was \$325
- We will discuss going up on the roof again before the Winter to check on the antennas.

Resignation of Director: Shane Outlaw KI5GBU has resigned his director position. Bylaws require an election within 60 days. The plan is to have an election at the meeting this Thursday. Ron Ford KF5OMH will send this information out to the membership.

Meeting presentations – Kirk Hooks N3KDP

- July: N5GG Colin Buckup talking about Winlink
- August: Maurice Martin will present on POTA.

Resignation diatribe from Kent Jordan - An email was sent to the officers from a member with some obscene language in it resigning because he was angry at another member. Ron Ford KF5OMH sent him an email asking about specifics. The member's resignation was processed.

Participation event update - Ron Ford KF5OMH. This would be a contest of some kind to get people involved. This will be tabled to November for a start in January.

Bylaw review tabled from previous meetings – Reminder time for an August kickoff meeting. Request that each officer and director marks up the current by laws and then put together a document to be turned over to the ByLaws committee.

Job Descriptions – reminder time. Some have been turned in.

### New Business

Route 66 on the Air – Sept 6-14 2025. John Cheyney KF5PFP will manage a club contest for this..



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## From The Desk Of the Secretary

Antenna build day in lieu of Open Shack: Will Turk N5TLH will lead this. He will put together a list of materials we need to build a POTA Performer antenna. John Cheyney KF5PFP will assist.

Barry Mac Gregor N5SMW: Ordering hats as a club opportunity. This could be generic hats with club logos for door prizes. Tabled to a future discussion.

John Cheyney KF5PFP discussed logging at the POTA event over the weekend. He has deleted the incorrect log and will work with members to upload a new one.

Motion to Adjourn at 2016  
Roger Bacak N5RCB  
Second: Kim Bacak N5KCB  
Unanimous.



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# Repeater Committee Meeting



10 July 2025 @ 20:00

Via Zoom

Members Present:

- Will Turk N5TLH - Committee Chair
- John Cheyney KF5PFP
- Ken Hansen N2VIP
- Ron Ford KF5OMH
- Ron Tabb KC5HPO

This committee was formed at the request of Irving ARC President Ron Ford in response to the repeater failure last month, so that we have multiple people who know how to manage the repeaters and respond to outages.

Ken Hansen N2VIP has produced a draft document of the current locations, status, and equipment. That document is attached.

- Committee Leader – Will Turk N5TLH
- Tech Lead – TBD
- Secretary – John Cheyney KF5PFP
- Club Liaison – Will Turk N5TLH

We have all the equipment at the Irving Fire Training Center to set up all the repeater pairs. We have antennas at the hospital for all repeater pairs but we don't have repeaters for the 440MHz pairs.

We can control the hospital repeaters using the repeater controller and DTMF tones. We cannot do that from the EOC. We can disable the repeater via touch tones. Historically, we acquitted the fourth pair (442.675) that was intended to be a portable repeater for EMCOMM work.

Questions/options for future discussion:

1. Can we modify the controllers to not identify during nets?
2. Will the S-Com controllers control all the controllers at the EOC? Each controller will only control three repeaters.
3. Ken Hansen N2VIP is still the designated repeater trustee.
4. We have liability insurance for club activities. That is also required by the hospital to keep our repeaters there. This is liability only and doesn't cover the cost of equipment.

Takeaways and Tasks (with responsible members)

5. Do a footprint test for the repeaters to see what areas they cover. Ken Hansen N2VIP
6. Merge all the documentation into one. John Cheyney KF5PFP
7. Update the Repeater Policy Page on the website. Will Turk N5TLH.
8. Look at the documentation for the SCOM controllers to understand capabilities. Ken Hansen N2VIP/Bill Byrom N5BB
9. The next meeting of the group will be 31 July 2025 at 7:30pm via Zoom. Will Turk N5TLH

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## Ken's Report

The following was presented to the committee by Ken Hansen N2VIP.

### Overview

This document is intended to provide an overview of the current network of Amateur Radio repeaters operated by the Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc. in the city of Irving and to inform discussions of the Repeater Committee regarding those repeaters. The Irving ARC owns and operates four repeaters, one on the two meter band, one on the 1.75 meter band, and two on the 70 cm band. The repeaters are distributed across two physical locations – the roof of the Baylor, Scott, and White Hospital at MacArthur and Irving Blvd (The Hospital) and at the Joint Irving and Grand Prairie Fire Training Center (The New EOC).

### Locations

The Hospital encourages us to limit our access to the rooftop HVAC “shack” on the top of the hospital where the club repeaters are located to so-called normal business hours, but were there to be an emergency need to access the site outside of normal business hours, arrangements should be possible. We have a primary contact at the hospital, Anthony Fields, with CBRE (Building owner/management company), 972-207-9141.

The New EOC is available for access 24x7, but as a rule I have tried to only visit the location during business hours, or in the early evening, because the Fire Chief, the individual responsible for the site has requested that we call the on-call Communications Department technician to alert them that we are going on-site, and to return the call when we leave, and in order to maintain a happy working relationship with the Communications Department I constrain myself to hours when a call would be reasonably convenient. There is a lockbox on the power transformer behind the shed at the bottom of the radio tower, the code is known by Ken Hansen, and can be provided if needed to another club member. Access to The New EOC requires at least one person visiting the site to have a City of Irving Magnetic Access Card/ID, which requires a background check and is issued by the City (Ken Hansen received his from the ARES/RACES group through the Office of Emergency Management, and I secured access to The New EOC gate/complex thru John Chaney, head of the Radio Department for the city). The on-call Communications Department phone number for the C & E on-call phone is 972-877-9339.

### Internet Access

The Hospital location does not provide internet access to the repeater site, nor does it provide internet access from the repeater site. The New EOC location provides internet access from the repeater site, and it is not clear if outside access to the repeater site is possible – internet access is currently provided by a cellular data modem, but the City of Irving plans on providing “city Internet” access in the future, the cellular modem is a stop-gap measure.

### Repeaters

The club owns five different repeater models – Older Kenwood VHF and UHF FM repeaters (three total), Bridgecom 220 Repeaters (two, a primary and a backup), and three Yaesu Dual-band C4FM/Fusion repeaters. All of these repeaters are installed at either The Hospital or The New EOC. In addition, we have an older (brand not known) 220 Repeater and a Yaesu Dual-band DR-1X in storage at the Betcha Bingo Hall, as well as an Icom D-Star UHF repeater in the rack at The New EOC.

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## Controllers

The Hospital repeater site has an Audio Test Solutions RLC-CLUB 6 port repeater controller, The New EOC repeater site currently has no installed repeater controller, though the club does own two SCOM 7330 3 port repeater controllers, which are in storage at the Betcha Bingo Hall.

## Duplexers

The club owns sufficient duplexers to support all four of our repeater pairs, with several spares – details will be forthcoming.

## Active Repeater Pairs

### 146.720 MHz Repeater

Located at The Hospital, it is using a Kenwood FM repeater and is controlled by the RLC-CLUB controller there, it is 146.720 output, 146.120 input, with a PL Tone of 110.9 Hz that is both required to key the repeater and is output by the repeater for tone squelch.

### 224.400 MHz Repeater

Located at The Hospital, it is running on a Bridgecom 220 FM repeater, and is controlled by the RLC-CLUB controller there, it is 222.800 input, 224.400 output, with a PL tone of 110.9 Hz that is both required to key the repeater and is output by the repeater for tone squelch.

### 442.375 MHz Repeater

Located at The New EOC, it is running on a Yaesu Dual-band DR-2X repeater, and is controlled by the (basic) controller included in the repeater, it is 447.375 input and 442.375 output, with a PL tone of 110.9 Hz that is both required to key the repeater and is output by the repeater for tone squelch.

### 442.675 MHz Repeater

Located at The New EOC, it is running on a Yaesu Dual-band DR-2X repeater, and is controlled by the (basic) controller included in the repeater, it is 447.675 input and 442.675 output, with a PL tone of 110.9 Hz that is both required to key the repeater and is output by the repeater for tone squelch.

## Echolink

We have an echolink node at the Betcha Bingo shack which is configured to connect to the two meter repeater via a Kenwood TM-V71 Dual-band mobile. The echolink node is running on a Windows 10 computer. The echolink node is WA5CKF-R, node #634042

## AREDN

We have three 2.4 GHz sector and one 5 GHz back haul ARDEN nodes installed at The Hospital, operating condition unknown.

We have three 2.4 GHz sector and one 5 GHz back haul ARDEN nodes installed at The New EOC, operating condition unknown.

## Future Projects

- Configure one of the UHF repeater pairs to be Fusion/FM (AMS Mode)
  - Configure one of the UHF repeater pairs to be D-Star
  - Migrate Echolink to either a Raspberry Pi or Windows 11 computer
  - Relocate Echolink to either repeater site from the Bingo Hall
  - Install SCOM Repeater Controllers at each repeater site
- Configure two meter repeater at The New EOC as a Hot Backup (on the 146.720 pair, but with a different PL Tone than the live repeater tone of 110.9 Hz)

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# Lots of Visitors at our “4 Operator” POTA Activation

By John Moss, KI5WRQ



On Tuesday, July 8 four members of the IARC Club met at Cedar Hill State Park (US-2996) to do a “4 Operator” POTA Activation. At the Park, N5TLH (Will), N3KDP (Kirk), N5SMW (Barry) and KI5WRQ (John) all met at a covered picnic table near the park swimming area to start the Activation. It was a warm morning, with a moderate breeze coming in off the lake.

We used KI5WRQ's Yaesu FT-991A transceiver and his RadioWavz 20 meter dipole, set up in an inverted V about 17 feet high at the center and around 6 feet high on both ends. Our power level was 90 watts. As the group began the Activation, several guests came by to watch the activities. The first was Farrell KA5KEH, who dropped by from his home in Duncanville to watch and visit with us. Then a father with three young boys came over and asked “what are you guys doing there?” Every POTA Activator has an answer for that question, so we told them our story. We asked one of the young boys if he would like to say hello to our next contact and he said yes. We then called CQ, had a QSO with a POTA Hunter from Wisconsin - W0BTS - and let the boy say hello to him. The Dad and all three boys thought that was pretty cool. We were happy to have the encounter with that curious family as they were walking through the Park.

In a “4 Operator” POTA Activation, one person in the group calls CQ. When a contact is made the microphone is passed around so all four Operators can give the POTA Hunter their call signs, park location, signal strength, etc. That Hunter will then receive credit for four separate QSOs from four separate POTA Activators when all logs are submitted.

This July 8 POTA Activation was the first one for both N3KDP and N5SMW. They both made over 30 contacts (all on 20 meters SSB), which is a great accomplishment for first time POTA Activators. We hope all four of us will have many more POTA Activations at Cedar Hill State Park - and at other Parks. Portable operating is a lot of fun, so get involved if you can!

## Winlink Wednesday

By Ron KF5OMH

Are you a Winlink user or do you want to become one? Here is a link to the Original Wednesday -- <https://winlinkwednesday.net/>. On the right under the banner is the current week's net reminder; click on it for explicit instructions on how to check-in. This is a quick one liner check-in that takes very little time. It is not for Telnet users, RF only. If you do not know about using Winlink or Winlink Express check this out <https://winlink.org/WinlinkExpress>. If you need help from there, I'll be glad to help you get going.

Yes, this is just another rabbit hole to go down with this hobby.

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# 2025 Lone Star Trade-O-Ree, Bedford, TX

By Barry MacGregor N5SMW



Boy Scout memorabilia vendors assembled in the Knights of Columbus Hall and set up with their new, vintage and collectable Boy Scout uniforms, camping items, knives, jewelry, and BSA patches – thousands of patches from around the world. All vendors were ready to buy, sell and trade with each other and to all of the attending Boy Scouts.

I made an agreement with the event promoter to set up an active radio station for the purpose of demonstrating live ham radio communications to all interested attendees. Kirk Hooks N3KDP and Will Turk N5THL had agreed to attend. The three of us set up the IARC VHF/ UHF, and HF radio go boxes. The Alpha HF vertical antenna was securely set up outside and a mag mount antenna was put on top of a large, flat top mail box. The club battery box was ample to power both radios.

Notable contacts were made on HF to Georgia, Arizona, North Carolina and Puerto Vallarta, MX.

Kirk made a CQ reply contact to The 3905 Century Club contest on 14.320 and then later Kirk was able to check into their 20M net using the WA5CKF station call sign. QSL card was sent.

The 3905 Century Club is a very interesting HF club worth checking out. They have active daily nets at various times on various bands from 20M to 160M. SSB, CW and RTTY.. They have been active since 1977 and are big on WAS and DX awards. Check them out here: <https://www.3905ccn.org>

We had some difficulty with 2m contacts. May have been our low elevation with a huge city water tower much higher up on a hill right across the street tfrom the Kof C hall. Or maybe it was the limited available placement of the mag mount antenna with a limited ground plane effect. We could not hit the IARC 2M repeater.

One very senior gentleman came up to our table and reached out to shake our hands for being ham radio operators. He then shared a story about how a ham radio operator once helped him make an important voice communication to a family member way back when he was a young man serving in the WWII era military. Others shared stories of how the BSA Radio Merit badge help them evolve to a Novice license at 14 – 15 years old.

We had a good time and this may be a seed planted to re-kindle our radio club relationship with the current Scouting America program.



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**Note:** *Volunteers are needed to help test the Irving city siren system every first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in helping, please contact Billy KA5OZC at (214) 587-8729 or via email: [wgeer@verizon.net](mailto:wgeer@verizon.net)*

Let me take the opportunity to thank all our contributors to the current and past editions of the IARC club newsletter. I am always looking for articles that are ham related for the newsletter.

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