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August 2025



July Meeting Information

The next in person Meeting will be on August 28th 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.

The next CLUB MEETING is Thursday, August 28, 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 Maurice Martin who has quite a reputation in the POTA aspect of our hobby. Come out and hear about all the parks he has activated and logged as a hunter. He should be very interesting to hear.

Director Resignation- Last month I sadly announced the resignation of one of our Directors. This month I am pleased to announce that Kirk Hooks, N3KDP was nominated and elected to fill the unexpired term. This term will expire in April 2026. Thank you Kirk.

Audit Committee-The by-laws require that financial records of the club must be audited at the end of the fiscal year, which is August 31. John Moss has volunteered to chair the committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee contact either John or me.

Have you read this article in the newsletter? If so, tell me at the club meeting on Thursday and collect \$1.00 cash.

Upcoming Events -

Plans are underway to have a club build day on an upcoming third Saturday in lieu of an Open Shack Day. A specific date has not been chosen yet. We will be building a POTA Performer antenna. A bill of materials is being developed and will be sent to all members. If you intend to participate you will be responsible to purchase the required materials and bring them to the build. Why are we doing it this way in lieu of the club purchasing the materials and having them available for purchase? Several reasons - 1. you never know how many people are going to show up even if they say they are coming. 2. If we purchase more than we need we then have a storage problem. 3. There are a few variables on some of the parts, so what one person may want would not be necessarily what the next person would want. Stay tuned for more information.

Route 66 On The Air takes place September 6 - 14. John KF5PFP will again coordinate the event, and the Board of Directors approved the following prizes:

\$50 to the operator making the most contacts.

\$25 to the operator making the longest contact from Irving.

\$25 to one operator among everyone who turns in a log.

Let's have a great turnout for this event.

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**General Meeting: 28th
August 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

The club will again participate in the Texas QSO Party September 20 (0900 – 2100) and 21 (0900 – 1500). The shack will be open with both HF radios operating, so there will be plenty of operating time available for everyone to get on the air. If you've never worked a State QSO Party I think you will find it to be fun challenging event.

Did you know that the IARC will celebrate its 70th birthday in November? To commemorate the occasion, we are planning a special event day on November 15 (regular Open Shack Day). We've applied for Special Event Call N7O and are working on a special QSL card for the event. More specific information will be forthcoming in the next month or so.

Mark December 18 on your calendar for the annual club Christmas Party. It will again be held at Spring Creek BBQ in their large party room. More information will be available as we get closer to December.

It may seem a little early, but we are looking forward to Winter Field Day. It is always held the last full weekend in January which will be January 24 & 25, 2026. More information will be available as the date draws closer.

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

July 2025 Club Meeting
24 July 2025
Betcha Bingo II
Irving, Texas

Officers And Directors:

President: Ron Ford KF5OMH
Vice-President: Ron Tabb KC5HPO
Treasurer: Kim Bacak N5KCB
Secretary: John Cheyney KF5PFP
Director: Barry MacGregor N5SMW
Director: Will Turk N5TLH
Director: Roger Bacak N5RCB

Members Present: 17

Guests Present: 3

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Ron Ford KF5OMH

Blessing: John Moss KIWRQ5

Presentation: Colin Buckup N5GG on Winlink

Treasurer's Report: Kim Bacak N5KCB

Approved as published

Secretary's Minutes: John Cheyney KF5PFP

July Business Meeting and June Club Meeting

Approved as published

New members

Laird Rixford KJ5LTT

Jim Simmons K5GSX

Move to accept: Billy Geer KA5OZC

Second: Roger Bacak N5RCB

Unanimous

We are currently working on planning for next Summer Field Day now. Kim Bacak N5KCB has talked to the City of Irving. Reservations for calendar year 2026 open 1 November 2025.

John Cheyney KF5PFP presented certificates to participants in the 13 Colonies Special Event contest. The contest was won by Tom Schuessler N5HYP. The next contest will be around Route 66 On The Air in September.

POTA Support Your Parks Weekend. Cedar Hill State Park. Kirk Hooks N3KDP reported we had several members from other clubs who participated along with IARC members. . The next event is October 18th 2025. We have the same pavilion rented.

Next Month's speaker is Maurice Martin KM5RF on Parks On The Air.

Shack Update: John Cheyney KF5PFP. Electrical work in the vault is done. Thanks to Ken Hansen N2VIP for managing that effort. The plan is to go up on the roof in September/October for maintenance.

Repeater Committee: Will N5TLH presented, Ken Hansen N2VIP and Bill Byrom N5BB are looking at the SCOM controllers to understand what they can do. Ken is working on a footprint mapping exercise. The 220 repeater at the hospital doesn't have a good footprint. He is going to turn the 220 MHz repeater at the hospital off and turn the unit at the Fire Training Center on. The committee is working on new guidelines for using the repeaters to be published on the website.



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Barry MacGregor N5SMW: We will be starting a process to review the ByLaws. They will be reviewed by the board and other members. Barry and Ron Ford KF5OMH will talk about a plan and put that out to members later.

New Business:

Shane Outlaw KI5GBU has resigned his Director position.
Kirk Hooks N3KDP nominated by John Cheyney KF5PFP
No other nominations from the floor.
Kirk Hooks N3KDP elected by acclamation to complete the term.

Billy Geer KA5OZC reminded members of the City siren test. 6 August 2025 at 1pm. He will send out the list.

Ken Hansen N2VIP mentioned that club members participated in the Fourth of July Parade and will participate in the Holiday Parade in December.

Jerry Aberdeen KB3RWT brought up the annual VHF/UHF contest. Ron Ford KF5OMH asked that he bring that to the officers to set a date.

The Christmas party will be on Dec 18th 7p to 9pm at Spring Creek in Irving.

Raffle Winners:

- Marco Bulgarelli NN5MB
- John Cheyney KF5PFP

Motion to adjourn: Kirk Hooks N3KDP
Second: Billy Geer KA5OZC
Meeting Adjourned at 20:45 CST



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IARC July 2025 Business Meeting

IARC Business Meeting
24th August 2025
Meeting via Zoom

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Meeting called to order by Ron Ford KF5OMH
7 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

- Route 66 Special Event Contest
- 6-14 September 2025
- \$50 to the operator making the most contacts
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- John will start publicizing that this week

Treasurer Report – Kim Bacak N5KCB

- Sent out to members today via email.

Current bylaws require an audit of the books at the end of each fiscal year. That is next week. Ron Ford KF5OMH is looking for members for a chair and members for that committee.

- Barry MacGregor N5SMW
- John Cheyney KF5PFP



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Director Reports

Roger Bacak N5RCB

- Texas QSO Party: 20 and 21 September 2025
- John will open the shack both days and set up the equipment

John and Ron Ford KF5OMH will work on getting the computers set up to log over the network.

70th Anniversary

- We can get a special 1x1 call but we need to have a specific date. We asked for "K7O"
- Kim to design a special sticker to add to our current QSL card
- Date will be 15 November 2025
- Kim to double check hours with Bingo Hall

Barry MacGregor N5SMW

- Scholarship Committee timing - Will be looked at after the first of the year.

Charitable Donations Committee - Barry will be working with Ron Tabb KC5HPO and Bill Byrom N5BB.

Will Turk N5TLH

- Repeater Guidelines: These are finalized and will be sent to Roger for publication.
- Antenna build: We had talked about doing a POTA Performer build.

Develop a bill of materials. Each person has to buy their own and we will do the build together.

Kirk Hooks N3KDP

- Meeting and presentations
- August: Maurice Martin will present on POTA
- He is working on others.
- Table Covers: Minimum \$150 per unit. He will look into options.

Bylaw review tabled from previous meetings. We will meet next Sunday 31 August 2025 for a special meeting.

New Business

Military Masts: Tom Schuessler N5HYP has put out a list of items he thinks are needed for the masts. John asked for approval of up to \$200 for those pieces. No objections. There will be a discussion with the club about the antenna that Tom has suggested.

Winter Field Day. We had originally reserved the pavilion at Cedar Hill State Park. Roger is concerned that it will be cold that day. He would like to try and switch the Winter Field Day to a different location. The reservations for the City of Irving open on the 1st of November. Kim is going to find the price for the Garden and Arts Center and let everyone know.

Unanimous motion to Adjourn at 2007



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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 MacGregor 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

Repeater Committee Meeting
21 August 2025 @ 19:33
Via Zoom

Members Present:

- Will Turk N5TLH - Committee Chair
- John Cheyney KF5PFP
- Ken Hansen N2VIP
- Ron Ford KF5OMH
- Bill Byrom N5BB
- Kirk Hooks N3KDP
- Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Called to Order at 19:34 by Will Turk N5TLH.

Update from Bill Byrom N5BB:

- Updated the firmware on the SCOM controllers
- Each one requires 12 volts DC and that will have to be dealt with at the repeater sites
- Ordered cables for the Kenwood repeaters
- Ordered cables for the Bridgecom repeaters
- One cable for the Yaesu DR-2X
- Purchased software to work with the controller and has a GUI for creating files.
- He now has all three backup repeaters from the hospital at his house.
 - Backup 2m repeater
 - Backup 70cm repeater (may not work)
 - Backup 220MHz repeater
- He will get the power meter and service monitor from the club and use it to test those units
- There were two small batteries and an old Pacific Research Controller that Ron Tabb took
- Two of the antennas on the tower are leaning over. This has been evaluated after a windstorm two years ago and the antennas need to be removed and remounted. This will be addressed by the committee at a later date.
- We also want to discuss the possibility of internet access at the hospital, possibly through a hotspot/cellular modem. This will be discussed at a later date.
- We do have internet at the Fire Training Facility but we don't know the details. The city is currently putting radio equipment in.

The team discussed putting the controller up on the hospital in a minimum configuration. There can be other things added later.



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Update from Ken Hansen N2VIP

- The current hardware is solid but the Kenwood repeaters are old. He can't find anyone who can fix those. We have the equipment to switch over to the Yaesu repeaters at some point.
- The Yaesu repeaters can be linked together. It's possible they can put out more power.

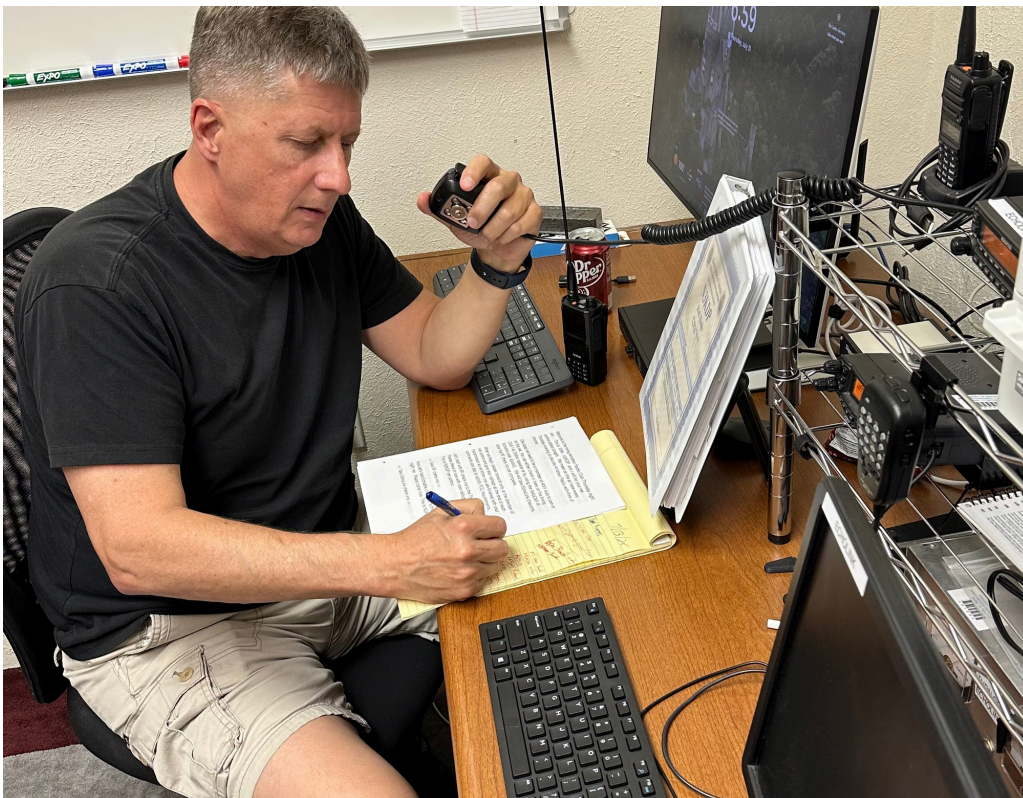
Action Items and Next Meeting:

1. Ron Tabb KC5HPO to send the contact information for CBRE to John Cheyney KF5PFP.
2. Bill Byrom N5BB to put together documentation on how to turn the 2M repeater on and off remotely.
3. Bill Byrom N5BB will continue to triage the repeaters that he took from the hospital. There is a Yaesu DR-1X at the shack that we can get to Bill.
4. John Cheyney KF5PFP to try and hit the repeaters at the Fire Training Center with an HT from a clear area.

Next Meeting: 11 September 2025 at 730pm via Zoom.

IARC on Air Net

Sometimes the IARC weekly Thursday night net is conducted from the ham shack. N3KDP-Kirk was net control recently and received over a dozen check-ins from hams in Irving and as far away as Trophy Club, DeSoto, Dallas AND Albuquerque, New Mexico! For club updates and information be sure to tune in to the IARC 2m repeater 146.720 MHz (-0.600 offset & 110.9 tone) Thursdays at 7pm. In lieu of a net on the 4th Thursday we meet in person at the club. Be sure to attend!



N3KDP-Kirk taking check-ins to the Thursday night net.

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Brunch Bunch

Recently the IARC Wednesday Brunch Bunch gave recognition and thanks to their regular server, Rhonda, at Mama's Daughter's Diner. Rhonda efficiently and most times single handedly waits on our large and hungry group. Without exception she has a pleasant and humorous spirit about her each time.

N5SMW -Barry MacGregor had suggested the idea of the group acknowledging her service & obtained a plaque for such a special occasion. He presented the award which had fanciful culinary artwork on one side and kind words & signatures by brunch bunch members on the other.



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Club Calendar

- August 28, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting at Betcha Bingo
- August 31, 6:30 PM – Board of Directors By-laws revision meeting via Zoom
- September 6-14 times vary – Route 66 On The Air
- September 20 (0900-2100) & 21(0900-1500) – Texas State QSO Party at the Shack
- September 21, 6:30 PM – Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
- September 25, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting at Betcha Bingo
- October 19, 6:30 PM -- Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
- October 23, 7:00 PM – Club Meeting at Betcha Bingo
- November 15, times TBD – 70 Anniversary Special Event
- November 16, 6:30 PM -- Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom (one week early due to Thanksgiving)
- November 20, 7:00 PM -- Club Meeting at Betcha Bingo (one week early due to Thanksgiving)
- November 27 – Thanksgiving, no club meeting
- December 18, time TBD – Christmas Party at Spring Creek BBQ
- December 21, no Board of Directors meeting
- December 25, Merry Christmas, no club meeting

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*

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.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please email your contribution to me at jerry.aberdeen@gmail.com, with the subject "IARC Newsletter and your callsign" e.g. IARC newsletter -KB3RWT

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