

IRVING AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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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



September 2025

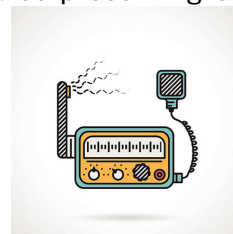
September Meeting Information

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 25 September 2025, at the club Shack at Betcha Bingo II, 2420 W Irving Blvd, Irving, TX 75061. Colin Buckup N5GG will be presenting on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR).

President's Corner

Ron Ford KF5OMH

President, Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



The next **CLUB MEETING** is Thursday, September 25, 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 Buckup N5GG who will enlighten us about DMR (Digital Mobile Radio).

Director Resignation- This month I sadly announce the resignation of one of our Directors. If you are interested in filling this position either contact me or self-nominate at the upcoming club meeting. This position has the responsibility for overseeing the technical side of our club -repeaters, shack, inventory, etc.

Audit Committee-The committee fulfilled their responsibilities on Saturday August 30, and the report of the committee will be read at the upcoming meeting.

John KF5PFP has indicated that he wishes to be relieved of his responsibilities as the Shack Manager. John has made numerous improvements in not only the shack itself but the storage vault, inventory management, periodic antenna maintenance and general housekeeping. He will leave this position no later than the end of the year. If you have an interest in filling this position please contact me at your convenience.

Many Helping Hands, one of the charities we have supported for several years is having a fund-raising event on October 24. See the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter. This sounds like it will be a lot of fun.

Upcoming Events

October 18 will be the fall event of POTA Support Your Parks weekend. IARC will again be at Cedar Hill State Park for the day. Come out and get on the air and get that park activation. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be the food of the day.

Mark your calendar for November 15. This is the day we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the IARC. The Special Event call sign N7O (November 7 Oscar) has been obtained, and we will operate a Special Event on the air from the Shack from 9-3 that day. There will also be some kind of food spread during the morning before the doors open for bingo.

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. It will be held at Irving Garden and Arts Center. More information will be available as the date draws closer.

Plans for the Christmas party are moving forward. Keep December 18 open for an evening of food, fun and, of course, gifts. It will be held at Spring Creek BBQ in Irving. Come on, get active with your club. There are a lot of opportunities to be involved.

73 Ron KF5OMH

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General Meeting:

25 Sept 2024 @ 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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2025 Audit Committee Meeting

The Irving Amateur Radio Club Audit Committee met 30 August 2025, 10:00 am at Betcha Bingo II, as required by the club By-Laws. The committee reviewed and reconciled all financial transactions greater than or equal to \$100. After review, all transactions were reconciled except for one:

17 December 2024, \$256 to the United States Postal Service for our annual Post Office Box rental. -No receipt available

Club Treasurer Kim Bacak N5KCB is looking into paying this electronically instead of manually as we do now.

John Moss KI5WRQ Audit Committee Chair

Kim Bacak N5KCB Treasurer

Barry Mac Gregor N5SMW Director

Ron Ford KF5OMH President

John Cheyney KF5PFP Secretary

September 2025 Business Meeting

IARC Business Meeting

21 September 2025

Meeting via Zoom

Officers Present:

President: Ron Ford KF5OMH

Vice President: Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Treasurer: Kim Bacak N5KCB

Secretary: John Cheyney KF5PFP

Director: Barry MacGregor N5SMW

Director: Roger Bacak N5RCB

Director: Kirk Hooks N3KDP

Members present

Jerry Aberdeen KB3RWT

Bill Byrom N5BB

Meeting called to order at 1900 by Ron Ford KF5OMH

Old Business

Will Turk N5TLH has resigned his director position. We will take nominations at the Thursday meeting.

Vice President – Ron Tabb KC5HPO

- Public Service Honor Roll - No updates.
- ARRL Service Club - No updates.
- Christmas Party: Would like to do the same thing as we have done in the past. \$100 is the target value for each prize.
- Use of church parking lot for sidewalk sale The church is OK with it but the City of Euless considers it a garage sale. We can talk about this in the future.



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September 2025 Business Meeting (cont)

Secretary Report – John Cheyney KF5PFP

- Route 66 Special Event Contest
 - Ron Ford KF5OMH was overall winner
 - Other awards will be drawn at the meeting
 - Kim will handle the awards
- Texas QSO Party
 - 5 members participated
 - 32 contacts
 - Logs are done
- Audit Committee
 - Paper document to the meeting
 - Will post in the newsletter

Treasurer Report – Kim Bacak N5KCB

- Sent out to members today via email.
- Need to have a fiscal year end report of income and expenditures that needs to be posted for the membership.
- Kim has researched different software packages for keeping the club finances. She is trying to find the simplest option.

Director Reports

Roger Bacak N5RCB

- 70th Anniversary
 - We were granted the K7O call for the event
 - We have a design for the sticker that Roger will finish
 - Date will be 15 November 2025 9a -3p
 - Kirk Hooks N3KDP and Ron Ford KF5OMH to work on publicity
- October Parks On The Air event: Running same event as the last time.
 - Hot dogs and hamburgers instead of sandwiches.
 - Kirk Hooks N3KDP will take care of equipment.
- Winter Field Day.
 - Irving Garden and Arts Center in South Irving
 - Facility is nice (bathrooms, counter space)
 - Antenna set up might be challenging.
 - On the south side are windows to pass coax.
 - Multiple options for antennas. Challenges with power lines but the club has done it here before.
 - We can reserve it starting 1 November 2025. We still have the Cedar Hill Park site which we will get a partial refund for.
 - Kim will also reserve it for Summer Field Day at the same time.

Barry Mac Gregor N5SMW

- Charitable Donations Committee - Bill Byrom N5BB was approached by Many Helping Hands asking for a donation for a fund raising event. Barry will contact the group and see about just donating money.



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September 2025 Business Meeting (cont)

Kirk Hooks N3KDP

- Meeting and presentations
 - September: Colin Buckup will be here at the meeting this week.
 - Potential options:
 - Contesting
 - NCTC (linked repeaters)
- Table Covers: Minimum \$150 per unit. He will look into options.
- Working with Jerry Aberdeen KB3RWT on the newsletter. Working on featuring a club member for each newsletter. John Moss KI5WRQ will be the first person featured.

Military Masts: John Cheyney KF5PFP has purchased some of the equipment needed for this and needs to build out the rest of it.

Hats: Roger to buy two dozen blue hats with the club logo to give away.

New Business

220MHz repeaters. Ken Hansen N2VIP got communication from Bridgecom that they are doing a sale on their 220MHz repeaters. Ken feels like Bridgecom will be getting out of the 220MHz repeater business. Ron Ford KF5OMH doesn't feel like we need to get a new one now. Other members agreed.

Barry MacGregor N5SMW: At the last meeting it was discussed that POTA is a 501(c)(3). Other members agreed this was something we should look into. After discussion \$250 was agreed on. The next step is to take this to the club for discussion and vote. He will also vote to donate to HamClubOnline as the club has in the past.

John Cheyney KF5PFP will be stepping away from the shack manager role by the end of the year.

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 1954.

August 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

Aug 2025 Club Meeting

28 August 2025

Betcha Bingo II

Irving, Texas

Officers And Directors:

President: Ron Ford KF5OMH

Vice-President: Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Secretary: John Cheyney KF5PFP

Director: Barry Mac Gregor N5SMW

Director: Will Turk N5TLH

Director: Kirk Hooks N3KDP

Members Present:14

Guests Present: 4

Meeting called to order by Ron Ford KF5OMH at 1900

Pledge of Allegiance: Ron Ford KF5OMH

Blessing: John Moss KI5WRQ

Presentation: Maurice Martin KM5RF on POTA Best Practices



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August 2025 Club Meeting Minutes (cont)

Treasurer's Report: Ron Ford KF5OMH

Approved as published

Secretary's Minutes: John Cheyney KF5PFP

August Business Meeting and July Club Meeting

Approved as published

New members

Jessie Vazquez KI5TX

Move to accept: Tom Schuessler N5HYP

Second: Bill Byrom N5BB

Unanimous

Route 66 On The Air Event John KF5PFP: The club will hold a contest around the Route 66 On The Air special event being held 6-14 September. Logs will be turned in to John.

\$50 for most contacts

\$25 for longest distance

\$25 for everyone else

As required by club by-laws, the Audit Committee is convening Saturday 30 August at 10 am at the club shack.

John Moss KI5WRQ Chair

John Cheyney KF5PFP

Ron Ford KF5OMH

Barry MacGregor N5SMW

Other club members are welcome to attend.

Directors Reports:

Repeater Committee: Will Turk N5TLH. New controllers have been updated and Bill Byrom N5BB has backup repeaters from the hospital and testing them to see if they work.

Ken Hansen N2VIP has gotten two new UHF repeater amplifiers that were surplus by his employer. He is going to put one of them on a UHF repeater at the Fire Training Center. Those repeaters are running 40 watts now and the amplifiers can put out 100 watts.

Kirk Hooks N3KDP: Working on new presentations. Collin Buckup N5GG will be presenting at the September meeting.

Billy Geer KA5OZC reminded everyone about the Siren test on 3 September 2025. He will send out a request for volunteers.

New Business:

TX QSO Party: Coming up September 20 and 21st. The club will open the shack on that weekend. 70th Anniversary of the club is in November. We will do an on air special event on 15 November 2025. We have requested the N7O special event call.

Raffle Winners:

- Bill Byrom N5BB
- Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Motion to adjourn: Ron Tabb KC5HPO

Second: Ken Hansen N2VIP

Meeting Adjourned at 2040



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