

# IARC, Inc News



Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc. – P.O. Box 153333, Irving, TX 75015-3333  
The Friendly Bunch – Website <http://www.irvingarc.org/> - WA5CKF Repeaters  
146.72 (110.9 Hz) – 224.40 – 442.675 MHz - Public Service

**February 2007**

## **Upcoming Scheduled Meetings**

Next scheduled Board Meeting Mar 8, 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park

Next scheduled General Meeting Mar 22, 7:30 p.m. at Senter Park East.

February Program Topic: Redoing transmission lines by Bob Alexander  
W5AH

Clean out your Ham Shack and bring it to the Swap Table at the General Meeting each month

## **Monthly Fox Hunt**

A monthly Fox Hunt is held on each Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday general club meeting. Starting point is SH183 & Story Road in the parking lot on the northwest corner at 1:30 pm. Winner of the hunt gets to be the FOX next time. All Amateur Radio operators are welcome.

## Recipe Sweet Apple Dumplings

1 can (16.3 oz) Pillsbury Grands Homestyle refrigerate buttermilk biscuits  
8 tsp butter or margarine                      ¾ cups water  
4 small to medium Granny Smith apples      ½ cup butter or margarine, melted  
    Peeled, cored and halved                      1 tsp vanilla  
¾ cup sugar    ½ tsp ground cinnamon

1. Heat over to 350. Lightly grease 13x9 inch glass baking dish
1. Flatten biscuits with rolling pin. Place 1 teaspoon butter in the core area of each apple half. Wrap each biscuit around 1 apple half. Place seam sides down in baking dish. Stir together sugar, water melted butter and vanilla; pour over dumplings. Sprinkle cinnamon over dumplings.
2. Bake uncovered 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown and apples are tender.

### SB QST ARL ARLB005

ARLB005 It's official! Morse code requirement ends Friday, February 23.

Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules. On or after that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. Federal Register publication January 24 of the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, starts a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective. Deletion of the Morse requirement - still a matter of controversy within the amateur community - is a landmark in Amateur Radio history.

"The overall effect of this action is to further the public interest by encouraging individuals who are interested in communications technology or who are able to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, to become Amateur Radio operators; and eliminating a requirement that is now unnecessary and may discourage Amateur Service licensees from advancing their skills in the communications and technical phases of Amateur Radio," the FCC remarked in the "Morse code" R&O that settled the matter, at least from a regulatory standpoint.

The League had asked the FCC to retain the 5 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants, but the Commission held to its decision to eliminate the requirement across the board. The R&O appearing in the Federal Register constitutes the official version of the new rules. It is on the web in PDF format at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-729.pdf>.

Until 1991, when a Morse code examination was dropped from the requirements to obtain a Technician ticket, all prospective radio amateurs had to pass a Morse code test.

With the change the US will join a growing list of countries that have dropped the need to demonstrate some level of Morse code proficiency to earn access to frequencies below 30 MHz.

The new rules also put all Technician licensees on an equal footing, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination. Starting February 23, Technicians will gain CW privileges on 80, 40, 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters. Once the revised rules are in place, an applicant holding a valid Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for Element 3 (General) or Element 4 (Amateur Extra) may redeem it for an upgrade. A CSCE is good for 365 days from the date of issuance, no exceptions. For example, a Technician licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 may apply at a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) test session, pay the application fee, which most VECs charge, and receive an instant upgrade.

The FCC R&O includes an Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket 04-140 - the so-called "omnibus" proceeding. It will modify Part 97 in response to ARRL's request to accommodate automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in the wake of other rule changes that became effective last December 15. The Commission > designated 3585 to 3600 kHz for such operations, although that segment will remain available for CW, RTTY and data. The ARRL had requested that the upper limit of the CW/RTTY/data subband be set at 3635 kHz, so that there would be no change in the existing 3620 to 3635 kHz subband.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part 97 rule revisions on its "FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235" Web page, <http://www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/>.

## **Upcoming Events**

IARC Annual Hamfest – March 10, 2007 – Betcha Bingo  
Grasslands Run – March 24 – If interested talked to Richard KE6LOU  
Weatherford Hamfest – March 24  
Lancaster Bike Rally – April 14 – If interested talked to Richard KE6LOU

## **Upcoming VE Test Sessions**

VE Testing Sessions are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 8:30 am Betcha Bingo #2 2420 Irving Blvd (Story and Irving Blvd), Irving, TX you will need:

2 forms of identification – one must include photo  
Pencils or pens (black or blue)

Your current Amateur Radio License (if you have one) and a copy of same to file with your application; your CSCE; and a copy of same, if you have completed relative elements at a prior session

\*\*\$14.00 exam fee\*\*

Contact for further information  
Chuck Beaupre 972/745-8456

## Birthdays

### February

Chuck Beaupre WA5MJB – 2/4  
Doyle Taylor AD5KE – 2/6  
Jim Casey KC5JF – 2/22  
James Shugart N5BKL – 2/23  
Chris Hernandez KE5KCB – 2/26

### March

Jim Hoge W5QM – 3/6  
Carrye Johnstone KD5RFB – 3/9  
Matthew Brown KC5IVQ – 3/14  
Bill Flowers K5VKL – 3/19  
Everett Stoneburner KE6GRJ – 3/22  
Thomas Katopody N9TY – 3/29  
Kenneth Hale KE5KNF – 3/30  
Kenneth Johnstone KE5CDO – 3/30  
Billy Geer KA5OZC – 3/30  
Jim Nordgren W8EP – 3/31

## Ham Shack

### Dennis Brady – Chairman

We have recently restored the IARC station to full operation on bands 80 – 10. There are two functional stations available for use. Contact Dennis Brady 972/790-9026 or any of the Club officers to gain access to the station/equipment.

## Minutes

### IARC Inc. Business meeting minutes of Jan. 11, 2007 at Heritage Park, Irving, TX.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Dennis Riise, approx 7:30Pm.

Prayer by Dennis Riise

Pledge of allegiance by the membership.

7 signed the roster --- 4 board -- 3 members

Motion by Ray McCoy to accept minutes for the business meeting Dec. 14.,2006 as read by secretary Coleta Taylor ,second by Lee Vincent, motion carried.

Motion by Joe Martin to accept Christmas Dinner minutes Dec. 21, 2006 as read by Secretary Coleta Taylor, second by Ray McCoy, motion carried.

Treasurer Report 12/31/2006 by Doyle:

Motion to accept by Ray McCoy and second by Joe Martin, motion carried.

Note: Per Coleta

The James Mitchell Special Fund donation check in the amount of \$500.00 was deposited at the City Employee Grunion Dec. 22, 2006.

Bingo report by Coleta:

3rd Qtr.2006 distributation from Betcha Bingo 1 Unit Trust will be deposited Jan. 12, 2007.

Meeting with Melodye Green with Betcha Bingo, Mon. Dec. 18, 2006 7Pm at Betcha Bingo # 2 was canceled due to family commitments.

The 2007 Board and Officer election nominating chairperson and committee was appointed

Ray McCoy chairperson, Joe Martin, Dennis Brady, Bill Byrom, Jon Hager.  
Secretary Coleta Taylor will send a letter informing them of their appointment.

Discussion:

A letter to the Secretary of State concerning a change of registered agent for the Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc, corporation status and report Non Profit Periodic reporting to be sent by March 9, 2007.

Inventory going well. Just about finished, a few loose ends to take care of.

Ira Wiesenfeld WA5GXP has offered to check out the repeater system, weather permitting Mon. Jan. 15, Lee, Doyle and Dennis Riise will help also.

IARC Inc.'s Kenwood TS-480 SAT Sn # 70100011 (which is out of warranty) has been sent to Kenwood for an estimate for repair and has been repaired and returned in the amount of \$95.00. No warranty.

Info for sending a check to ARRL The Big Project in memory of Bill Duval K5UGM SK has been received and a check in the amount of \$50. 00 will be sent.

2007 Hamfest Gr. Prize radios have been ordered.

Jan. Fox Hunt Jan.28 the FOX. Will Doyle.

2007 Hamfest Mar. 10, 2007

Grassland Mar. 24, 2007

Meeting adjourned approx 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

IARC Inc. Secretary

Coleta M. Taylor KD5QFH

**IARC Inc .minutes of general meeting Jan. 25, 2007., at Senter Park East Irving, TX.**

The meeting was called to order approx 7:30 Pm by Sec. Coleta Taylor in the absents of the Pres. and V-Pres,

Prayer by Ray McCoy

Pledge of allegiance by the membership and guests

17 Members, 1 guest Bertha Vincent XYL of Lee K5LMH gave their name and call sign.

Update on members and families.

Prayers and condolences to Gordon K5LTC and Becky on the loss of Becky's Father, Don Milder.

Program for the night:

Club photographer Raymond Jeffcoat WA5RWO had a wonderful slide show of the IARC Inc. Christmas dinner and also the Arbonet 1 Balloon Launch Sept. 30, 2006. Jeff has some new equipment and enjoying it very much. Allot of hours was put in to have such a presentation. Thanks again Jeff, for all your efforts.

Refreshments of cookies and cold drinks by Amelia Shultz were enjoyed by all present.

Coleta brought her Ham of the Year Plaque for those to see that were not able to be at the Christmas dinner and thanked the Board and members again for the honor.

Reminder:

Ira, Dennis Riise, Doyle and Lee worked on the repeater Fri. Jan. 19; it is working very well now. Thanks for all your help to get it back to working like we know it should be.

Jan. 28 --Fox Hunt --Doyle will be the Fox.

2007 Hamfest meeting Jan. 29 Betcha Bingo # 2 at 7:30 pm.

Statement of Candiate Doug Loughmiller W5BL asking for your vote was on the table for those that wished to take one.

Arrl North Texas Section Mgr. election --Ballots to be recieved in CT. by Feb. 16, 2007. Be sure to VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Code dropped effective Feb. 23, 2007, start studying for your Upgrade of license.

2007 Hamfest Mar. 10, 2007

50 /50 Raffle \$ 26.00--(\$13.00 each) the winner was Dennis Christensen and he donated his share to the general fund.

Meeting adjourn approx 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
IARC Inc. Secretary  
Coleta Taylor KD5QFH

**Deadline for articles for March Newsletter is February 28**

## IARC Officers and Board Members

President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary
Dennis Riise	Jim Shultz	Doyle Taylor	Coleta Taylor
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