

# 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

**MAY 2005**

## **Upcoming Scheduled Meetings**

Next scheduled Board Meeting June 9, 7:30 p.m. at Garden @ Arts  
Next scheduled General Meeting May 26, 7:30 p.m. at Senter Park East.

## **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.

## **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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Field Day – June 25 – 26 at Running Bear Creek Park – if interested contact Tom Schuessler

## Birthdays

May  
Rena Dulworth KC5JOD – 5/1  
Dennis Riise K5AVT – 5/13  
Richard Bartlett KE6LOU – 5/13  
Gordon Gremillion K5LTC – 5/18  
Alex Kaplinsky K5UDY – 5/21  
Richard Baker N5VKR

June  
Holly Schuessler KC5QLN – 6/4  
Hayes Crockett – 6/7  
Mark Corona KD5TTT – 6/8  
Jim Shultz W5OMG – 6/10  
Garry Seither WD8CQZ – 6/13  
William Davis KD5VSY – 6/17  
Lenda Barnes WD5BFY – 6/26

## 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.

## WOUFF-HONG – KG2IC

A very interesting story for those who have never heard of the 'Wouff-Hong'.

A big thanks to Al Klokau [W5VSH] for bring this up and to Lenda Barnes [WD5BFY] for passing it on at the Club meeting. Dennis, K5AVT

## The Meaning of the Wouff-Hong

*"The Wouff-Hong is amateur radio's most sacred symbol and stands for the enforcement of law and order in amateur operation."*

*The Radio Amateur's Handbook, 1930, page 11*





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My Wouff-Hong -KG2IC

I checked my backpack once again; just to be sure it was still there. It was, and its finish though now dull, still bespoke of a proud past. Of my radio purchases over the past 5 years, this simple item, purchased for less than one would spend on a lunch, had eclipsed them all. Let me explain...

On August 14, 1999 [Bill K2LNU](#) and I attended the moving sale of our friend, [Fred Hammond VE3HC](#) in Guelph, Ontario. I had first met Fred 4 years ago, when I was still quite new to the hobby. Fred, licensed since 1929, had established and maintained the outstanding [Hammond Museum of Radio](#) in his hometown of Guelph. Bill and I, along with many others, had become frequent visitors to his museum. His warm "V.. E.. 3.. H-Henry..C-Charlie" had greeted me several times on 75 meter AM as a return to my call of "CQ". However, in 1998 Fred sadly suffered a stroke, and although [recovering](#), has been absent from the air.

At the sale, much of the gear was quickly snapped up, but a garage full of cardboard boxes containing radio parts was left largely untouched. You know the type of the boxes I am speaking about, the kind found under the tables at many a hamfest, covered with alternate layers of dust and grime, so often overlooked by those in quest of more "glamorous" finds. I have always found such boxes truly the proverbial diamonds in the rough, time capsules of radios rich legacy. Needless to say, I was soon busy rooting around in the parts boxes in the garage, boxes that had caught the attention of only a few other amateurs.

I saw a nearby ham pickup, examine curiously and then return to the box an odd shaped metal object. The size and shape certainly looked familiar, but I discounted it, as I would never expect to find such in a box of radio parts. Still, my own curiosity now peaked, I walked over, bent down, and picked up the item for myself. Yes, I thought, as I carefully turned it over in my hands, it really is. Although the once shiny finish was now discolored with age, and caked with decades of dust, there was no mistaking the classic form; it was a "Wouff-Hong".

In 1917, stories by an anonymous writer with the pseudonym "The Old Man", or "T.O.M." began to appear in the [American Radio Relay League](#)' (ARRL) monthly publication QST. Titled the "Rotten Radio" series, they brutally assailed and exposed the poor operating practices of the day with caustic satire and humor. It was in one of these stories, entitled "Rotten QRM", that T.O.M. blasted the gibberish he' d overheard in one particular QSO, citing as an example the words "wouff hong", which apparently was either a concocted abbreviation, or someone' s poor attempt at sending.

At the time of the articles T.O.M. did not know what a Wouff-Hong was, but he later adopted it as a disciplinary object with which to both flail bad operating practices and inflict punishment on the perpetrators. It is said that in the following era he had, half jokingly, proposed its use as an instrument of torture and discipline, to maintain decency and order in the ham radio community.



It was early in 1919 that T.O.M. contributed an article to QST called "Rotten Starting", criticizing the slow progress of the United States government to allow hams to operate again. It finished with "I am sending you a specimen of a real live Wouff-Hong which came to light when we started to get our junk out of cold storage. Keep it in the editorial sanctum where you can lay your hands on it quickly in an emergency. We will soon be allowed to transmit, and then you will need it." Accompanying this article was a weird, misshapen, wooden, wire-bound two-pronged tuning fork-like object. Yes, the Wouff-Hong. The first portrait of the Wouff-Hong appeared in QST for July that year. At each Board meeting, the Wouff-Hong stood on display, to the blanched looks of the humbled Directors."



Only after his death, was it revealed to all that T.O.M. had actually been Hiram Percy Maxim, the founder and first President of the ARRL. It is said that he took the secret of the origin of the first Wouff-Hong to his grave.

And here, in my hands, was a Wouff-Hong, long considered amateur radios most sacred symbol of law and order. Cast into its base were the words "ARRL National Convention Chicago, IL Sept 3 4 5 1938". I was holding an artifact from the Golden Age of Radio, made some 61 years ago. I found myself thinking back, wondering about the person that had brought this back from the Convention, now some six decades into the past.



What were the concerns and thoughts of this fellow radio amateur a few short years after the Great Depression? Would he even recognize the hobby today, and what would he think about radio signals now being passed through satellites, computers, and even the Internet? Had radio fulfilled its once bright promise? Would he find today's amateur holding to the high principles of the past? I had to wonder if he would be pleased by what he found, or somehow sadly disappointed? Indeed, how would T.O.M himself see things? Would his famous "Rotten Radio" articles still be written, and if so, who or what would be the targets? Had we won the technology battle, only to lose the war for the spirit of the hobby?

Startled back to reality by the crash of a carelessly dropped metal panel upon the garage floor, I again considered my find. Possibly this "Wouff-Hong" was some sort of souvenir, or perhaps an award handed out at the Convention, I still have to research the exact origin. Delighted, I paid the requested \$5 for the item, and carefully placed it with in my backpack for safe keeping until the sale was over. \$5 was indeed a cheap price for a journey back into radios past, affording me the opportunity to examine my own beliefs and hopes for the hobby.

Did this "Wouff-Hong" at one time belong to Fred VE3HC, or was it simply a museum piece carelessly discarded into one of the boxes, discarded and forgotten by a generation that often pays little tribute to past? That question has yet to be answered, but to me, the origin of the piece is not as important as the meaning attached to it, the rich, proud legacy of a magical hobby and the remembrance of a friend.

-Bruce KG2IC

## Recipe

### Tangy Tuna Wraps

Two 6 oz cans white tuna (in water)	Juice of 1 lime of to taste
½ cup chopped fresh parsley	2 tsp olive oil
¼ tsp salt or to taste	Dash of pepper
1 scallion, minced optional	4 romaine lettuce leaves
4 whole wheat tortillas	1 large tomato, thinly sliced

Drain the tuna and flake it into a bowl. Add the lime juice, parsley, olive oil, salt, pepper and scallion. Mix well.

Place a lettuce leaf on one half of a tortilla. Spoon on a quarter of the tuna mixture and top with a couple of slices of tomato.

Roll up the tortilla and place it, seam side down on a plate. Slice in half.

4 servings.

## MINUTES

### **IARC Inc. Board & Business meeting minutes of April 14, 2005 at Heritage Park, Irving, TX.**

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Mark Corona, approx 7:30 Pm.

Prayer by Dennis Riise

Pledge of allegiance by the membership.

15 signed the roster --- 7 board --8 members

Motion to accept Minutes for Board and Business meeting Mar 10, 2005 read by secretary Doyle Taylor by Gordon Gremillion second by Lee Vincent motion carried.

Motion to accept Minutes with corrections for General meeting Mar. 24, 2005 read by secretary Doyle Taylor.  
By Gordon Gremillion second by Bill AC5BC, motion carried.

Treasurer Report Mar. 31, 2005 by Coleta:

General \$ 6,985.43

Repeater 14,570.43

Total \$ 21,555.86

Motion to accept by Joe Martin, second by Tom Schuessler motion carried.

Bingo Report by Coleta

4th.qtr. donation deposited 3/18/05 in the amount of \$2678.00 .1st Qtr.2005 Taxes will be due Mar. 25, 2005. Motion to accept by Dennis Riise, second by Gordon Gremillion, motion carried.

Mark Corona KD5TTT, out going IARC Inc. president, resigned his position.

8:05 Pm incoming V-President Dennis Riise K5AVT, assumed responsibility of the meeting.

Motion to accept Joe Martin KM5CW as the IARC Inc. web master, by Bill C. Second by Coleta, motion carried.

New member application; Cliff Meadows W5FAA, motion to accept by Coleta second by Bill C. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill C. for Doug Kilgore KD5OUG, Richardson Regional Cancer Center Wild Ride bike rally, Communications Coordinator, May 21, 2005, to use the IARC Inc. trailer to house multiple flat screen LCD computer displays showing live picture from the web cams. Second by Lee Vincent. Motion carried. Bill Caldwell or Jim Shultz will take the trailer to the event.

Motion to have classes for tech and code licenses, using "ARRL Now You Are Talking " material. By Bill C. Second by Gordon Gremillion, motion carried. Hopefully to start the middle of May.VEC Bill Reynolds K8DNE will be in charge of the testing.

Motion by Bill C. to purchase books, instructor manuals and materials for the license classes, not to exceed \$500.00.

Second by Gordon Gremillion, motion carried.

Reminder:

Installation of elected officers and directors Mar. 24, 2005, will be April 28, 2005. At the general meeting. Mr. AL W5VSH will be in charge of the installation, if his health permits.

Belton Hamfest -- April 30, 2005

Fox Hunt May 1, 2005 per the Fox Jim W5OMG

Ham Com June 3-4-5, 2005

Field Day -- June 25-26, 2005

Notes:

Program for April will be on ARES, by Bill Caldwell AC5BC and Bill Swan K5MWC

Out Door flea market spaces for Ham Com have been reserve red for IARC Inc. equipment sale. June 3-4-5-, 2005

Meeting adjourned approx 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
IARC Inc. Secretary  
Doyle L. Taylor AD5KE

### **IARC Inc. general meeting minutes of April 28, 2005 at the Senter Park East. Irving, TX.**

The meeting was called to order by V-Pres. Charlie Brown KD5OPG  
approx 7:30 Pm

Prayer by Gordon Gremillion

Pledge of allegiance by the membership and guests.

Members and guests gave their name and call sign.

25 members and 9 guests signed the roster.

Welcome to IARC Inc. 9 Guests that signed the roster were Doug Loughmiller W5BL, guest speaker,  
Tracey & Tyler Pierce, Harry Fasick K3EYL, Valli Hoski N8QVT, Dave Best KD5RYM, Allan Ortiz KD5PH, Don Thomas KA1CWM, Brent Orr

Program for the night by Bill AC5BC === ARES Amateur Radio Emergency Service

and

Doug Loughmiller W5BL === CERT (Citizens emergency response team) activities and amateur radio's role.

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

New member application of Cliff Meadows W5FAA was presented to the membership, motion to accept by Dennis, second by Bill C. Motion carried. Welcome to IARC Inc.

Installation of newly elected 2005 officers and 2005 -2006 directors by Lenda Barnes WD5BFY. She read the story of Wolff Hong.

Pres.Charlie Brown KD5OPG

V-Pres. Dennis Riise K5AVT

Sec. Doyle Taylor AD5KE

Treas. Coleta Taylor Kd5QFH

2005 & 2006 Directors

Gordon Gremillion K5LTC

Due to illness Jim Shultz W5OMG 2005 -2006 director was not present and will be installed at a time that he can be at a meeting.

Reminder:

Teachers needed for the Ham Classes see Dennis Riise to sign up to help.

Belton Hamfest April 30,

Next Fox Hunt Sun. May 1 Story & 183 1:30 pm-- Jim W5OMG is the FOX

Wild Ride in Richardson May 21

Ham Com June 3-4-5

2005 Field Day June 25 -26 Running Bear Creek

50 /50 Raffle \$ 29.00-- the winner was Bill AC5BC his share was \$14.50

Meeting adjourn approx 9:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted

IARC Inc. Secretary

Doyle L. Taylor AD5KE

## **Deadline for articles for June Newsletter is May 31**

### **IARC Officers and Board Members**

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