

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

APRIL 2005

Upcoming Scheduled Meetings

Next scheduled Board Meeting May 12, 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park
Next scheduled General Meeting April 28, 7:30 p.m. at Senter Park East.

Monthly Fox Hunt

A monthly Fox Hunt is held on each Sunday following the 4th 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 3rd 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

April

Jerry Irish KB5VZC – 4/3

Amelia Shultz KD5TXQ - 4/11

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

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.

THE GRASSLANDS RUN-YEAR TWO

By

Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU

On March 25th I packed my mobile toy box (my pickup) with my toys (my camping and ham radio gear) to begin the trek to the LBJ Grasslands. Little did I know my trip would be to the LBJ Wetlands!

The weather forecasted isolated showers, and there were a few clouds in the sky, so I put a tarp over my toys. Then I followed the yellow brick road and I was off to see the wizard. Okay...Highway 114 to Interstate 35W to Highway 380 to the Farm Road to the County Road to nowhere...no phone, no lights, no motor cars, not a single luxury, like Robinson Caruso it was as primitive as could be...sorry, Gilligan's Island flashback! I'm back on focus...

As I drove to the Wetlands, it was dry and clear. As soon as I turned onto the Farm Road, I got my first sprinkle. As I got closer, the rain got heavier. By the time I arrived, it was pouring rain. I started to get concerned when I saw an ark full of animals sail by!

After waiting about 45 minutes, and a slight reprieve from the rain, I put up my tent. Thanks to Doyle, Bill C. and Dave for helping me with the tent. Tent rising seemed so

much easier in the daylight, without the wind, cold and rain. But alas, it was only a sign of things to come!

I ate dinner, retired to my tent, programmed my new Kenwood radio, and called it a night.

Then the rain really came! About 3:00 a.m. the thunderstorms began. Great light show, and the pounding of rain on my tent lulled my back into a short slumber. Special thanks to Wal-Mart. The tent I bought from you kept me dry through the night. Also thanks to Mr. Coleman, your sleeping bag kept me warm and your lantern kept me well lighted.

Morning came..and the radio traffic began as the remaining participants began to arrive. I ventured out of my tent, braved the elements and ate breakfast. I packed my belongings and departed for my assignment. Oh yeah...the monsoon continued..more to come about that later.

I began the soggy drive to Rest Stop #1. This was my second year to work at this rest stop. Last year was great weather! Shorts, T-shirt, and sun! This year's amateur radio fashion wear was blue jeans, jacket and rain gear. In my yellow rain coat and pants, I looked like a walking banana. At least I was dry..well most of me was dry. Maybe I'll get me one of those spiffy Irving ARC jackets so I can look like an oversized lime instead!

I met my rest stop teammates. We slogged rest stop supplies up the trail to the rest stop canopy. After a couple of trips, and an added 20 pounds of mud to my shoes, we had our supplies (at least the ones the rest stop volunteers brought). We set up and waited for the food and cups. The rest stop captain brought a tarp, so we had a wall on two sides. It helped keep the rain and wind out..or at least that's what we tried to tell ourselves. Soon, the remaining supplies arrived. We carried the supplies down the trail to the rest stop. My shoes now weigh 30 pounds with the added mud. We were ready for action! About the time the second water cup was filled, the runners started arriving. We were in business.

Things were fairly routine until we had our first runner drop out. We called net control and the supply truck was dispatched to pick up the runner. I thought R&R meant rest and relaxation, not rain and runners.

Then the excitement began. We had our lost "child". Running with a pack of runners was a female Labrador dog. The runner's left and the dog stayed. Our first clue was when we asked her what her bib number was and she didn't have one. At that point we suspected she wasn't part of the marathon. She was very friendly, but was starting to look scared and disoriented.

One of the rest stop volunteers is a lab owner and called her over and instructed her to sit. She did. He gave a couple of other commands and she complied. My fellow rest stop volunteer put a rope on her as a make-shift leash to her collar. The collar had a name tag

with phone numbers. We were unable to get cellular phone coverage at our rest stop so we called net control.

Net control leaped into action. We radioed the phone numbers to net control and asked that they call the owner. Meanwhile, we are enjoying our newly adopted rest stop volunteer. Soon net control called back and informed us that they had contacted the owner. The owner was riding horses with his family and they lost the dog on the trail and had been looking for her. The owner said he would be there shortly.

About fifteen minutes went by, and no owner. We were beginning to wonder if he was going to show. About five minutes after that, a man came riding up the trail, on horseback, at a full gallop. Our new friend ran over to the man on horseback, started wagging his tail, and had a doggie smile on her face. We didn't need to ask for ID, the dog's happy reaction said it all.

The man told us he was 12 miles up the trail, riding with his family. They made a turn on the trail, and the dog didn't make the turn. He left a crying daughter behind and was searching for the dog. The dog had joined a pack of runners and kept on going. The owner was very grateful for our assistance. With the distance involved, and that the dog was on the move, they might have never found her without our assistance. Once again, ham radio saved the day! Another family reunited.

Lots of runners and lots of rain later, the sweep horses came through. We were finished! To celebrate our completion of another successful rest stop, Mother Nature stopped the rain so we could pack up without any rain, and drive home in clear weather!

I returned to the base camp. Although I had set my tent on high ground, it had flooded because the surrounding ground had flooded. I put the tent in a trash bag, decided it was time to retire it and prepared for the trip home. After delightful conversation with my fellow amateur radio operators, I left the Land of Oz and returned to Kansas (I mean Irving!).

Last year the hams were great and the event was great. This year the hams were great and the weather was lousy. At least it proved I could still camp in a severe thunderstorm and survive. And the best news of all, I wasn't sick the next day!

Amateur radio did a great job supporting this event. Jim/W5OMG did a marvelous job planning this event. Amelia/KD5TXQ and Coleta/KD5QFH were great net control operators.

It was a fun event and I'm glad I was a part of it. I'm looking forward to next year's event. If you didn't go, you missed a fun event..go next year!

Recipe

Spring Asparagus with Mimosa-Style Dressing

1 pound asparagus, washed and trimmed
3 hard-boiled eggs
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a large deep saute pan of salted boiling water blanch the asparagus, 6 to 8 stalks at a time, until barely tender and brilliant green, about 1 to 2 minutes depending on thickness of asparagus. Remove asparagus from simmering water and plunge into an ice-water bath. Repeat process for remaining asparagus. When asparagus is completely chilled, drain, pat dry and arrange on a serving platter. Cut each hard-boiled egg in half and separate the whites from the yolks. Pass the egg whites through a coarse sieve into a small bowl. Pass the yolks through a coarse sieve into a second small bowl. In a separate bowl whisk together the lemon juice, mustard and zest. Add the olive oil in a stream whisking constantly until well combined. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Drizzle dressing over asparagus. Sprinkle the sieved egg whites and yolks over the asparagus in a decorative pattern (i.e. stripes of white and yellow). Serve immediately.

IARC Inc. 2005 Election

Installation of officers and directors will be at the general meeting April 28, 2005

President -- Charlie Brown KD5OPG
V-President—Dennis Riise K5AVT
Secretary –Doyle Taylor AD5KE
Treasurer –Coleta Taylor KD5QFH
Director Term 2005-2006- Gordon Gremillion
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MINUTES

IARC Inc. Board & Business meeting minutes of Mar.10, 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.

11 signed the roster --- 6 board --5 members

Motion to accept Minutes for Board and Business meeting Feb 10, 2005 with corrections read by secretary Doyle Taylor.

By Bill C. second by Gordon Gremillion, motion carried.
Motion to accept Minutes for General meeting Feb 24, 2005 read by secretary Doyle Taylor.

By Dennis R. second by Bill AC5BC, motion carried.

Treasurer Report Feb. 28, 2005 by Coleta:

General \$ 5,824.26

Repeater 10,598.78

Total \$ 16,423.04

Motion to accept by Gordon Gremillion, second by Joe Martin motion carried.

Bingo Report by Coleta

4th.qtr. donation to be deposited by 3/31/05 in the amount of \$2678.00 .1st Qtr.

Taxes will be due Mar. 25, 2005. Motion to accept by Bill C., second by Gordon Gremillion, motion carried.

New member application; Jon Hager KD5NCX, motion to accept by Coleta second by Bill C. Motion carried.

Reminder:

IARC Inc.2005 Hamfest Mar. 12, 2005

Election of 2005 officer and directors, Nomination will be presented to the club at the general meeting Mar.24, 2005.

Grassland Run Mar. 26, 2005 See Jim W5OMG if interested in coming.

Weatherford Hamfest Mar. 26, 2005

Next Fox Hunt May 1, 2005 per the Fox Jim W5OMG

Notes:

Tom N5HYP Field Day chairperson, has made arrangement for the Bear Creek Park for the 2005 Field Day event, June 25-26, 2005

Hall Bond's K5ZSB donation of his PE 95 generator has been accepted, and will be moved to Lee's K5LMH.

Programs on ARES will be in Mar and April.

Out Door flea market spaces for Ham Com to be reserved for IARC Inc.

equipment sale. June 3-4-5-, 2005

Meeting adjourned approx 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

IARC Inc. Secretary

Doyle L. Taylor AD5KE

IARC Inc. general meeting minutes of Mar.24, 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 Dennis K5AVT

Pledge of allegiance by the membership and guests.

Members and guests gave their name and call sign.

26 members and 4 guests signed the roster.

Guests signed the roster were Tracey Pierce, Robin Brown, Mike Hennefer KD5ZCF and Vali Hennefer .

Welcome to IARC Inc.

Program for the night by Bill AC5BC and Bill KA5OZC --ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service)

Jeff WA5RWO had a slide show of the 2004 and 2005 Hamfest. Very impressive

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

New member application of Jon Hager KD5NCX was presented to the membership, motion to accept by Coleta, second by Bill C. Motion carried.

Welcome to IARC Inc.

Election of officers and directors:

Chairperson Lee Vincent K5LMH presented the following to the membership as nominees:

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There were not any nominations from the floor.

Motion by Mark McLeod KB5YMC for nominees to be elected by acclamation, second by Coleta KD5QFH, motion carried.

Installation of officers and directors will be at the general meeting April 28, 2005 at Senter Park East.

Meeting time 7:30 Pm.

Again another successful Hamfest,

35 vendors-75 tables sold -- Of course all did not sign the roster, but 104 did sign.

Bill C. presented Mike Hennefer KD5ZCF one of the 2005 IARC Inc Hamfest grand prize winners his TH-D-7AG radio.

Lance Sander AD5KL was the other winner of a TMD-700A; he received it at the Hamfest.

Pictures by Jeff WA5RWO

Reminder:

Grassland Run --Sat. Mar 26-- contact Jim at w5omg@arrl.net for more information.

Weatherford Hamfest Mar. 26, 2005

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

IARC Inc. **will not** have the outside flea market at Ham Com this year. The Ham Com Committee decided to have club rotation to handle it in the future. DARC will have the outside flea market this year.

50 /50 Raffle \$ 26.00-- the winner was Billy Geer his share was \$13.00.

Meeting adjourn approx 9:30 Pm.

Respectfully Submitted
IARC Inc. Secretary
Doyle L. Taylor AD5KE

Deadline for articles for November Newsletter is April 29

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