

# 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

## OCTOBER 2005

### Upcoming Scheduled Meetings

Next scheduled Board Meeting November 10, 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park  
Next scheduled General Meeting October 27, 7:30 p.m. at Senter Park East. Tom  
Blackwell N5GAR, ARRL NTX SM/ARRL will give the presentation

Note the change for the November General Meeting: November 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to  
Thanksgiving) held at Betcha Bingo and the presentation will be given by Tom  
Schuessler N5HYP on Propagation

No General Meeting in December. December holiday dinnertime and location to be  
announced.

### 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.

## Special Election Announcement

To All Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc. Members:

Below is the resignation of Charlie Brown KD5OPG as of Oct. 12, 2005, as president of the Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

To All IRAC Board Members and General Membership,

I regret I am resigning at your Club President. My job and family responsibilities are taking my time in such a way I feel it is not fair to the club to continue as President. I have enjoyed working with all of you and know the club will have GREAT leadership by Dennis. I will continue as a member and will make club meetings and activities as my schedule permits.

Thank all of you for your support.

73's

Charlie Brown

KD5OPG

According to the bylaws [www.irvingarc.org](http://www.irvingarc.org) of the club Article IV 4.5 vacancies shall be filled with in 60 days.

Election for this purpose will be at the general meeting Nov. 17, 2005. Betcha Bingo # 2 Irving Blvd & Story. Irving, TX.

Dennis Riise K5AVT --V-pres. has agreed to president nominee.

Bill Byrom N5BB has agreed to V-Pres. nominee.

Nominations will be taken from the floor. Qualifications: Article IV 4.4 per by laws. [www.irvingarc.org](http://www.irvingarc.org)

## SPOOKS & GOBLINS

It is that time of the year again. As a public service club the Irving Amateur Radio Club Inc. will participate in the Spook Patrol.

Date: Monday - Oct. 31, 2005.

Place: Irving Civic Center Basement

Time: 5:00-5:15 Pm

Maps will be provided and patrol areas will be assigned at that time.  
If you can't make the meeting time and still want to participate, check in on the Irving repeater 146.72 (110.9Hz) for an area assignment.

From Jon Hager KD5NCX:

### **Requesting a QSL card from a foreign contact**

I was fortunate enough to make a contact with an amateur radio operator in Estonia this past weekend. As a result of that, I had to do a little research to find out how to handle the issue of return postage. I found the necessary information at [www.n6hb.org](http://www.n6hb.org). My summary of that information follows.

The usual practice when requesting a QSL card from a contact is to send your QSL card along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. This is fine for U.S. contacts, but doesn't work for requests to foreign countries. U.S. postage is worthless outside the country, so you need to obtain an "international reply coupon" from the local post office. These are valid in any member nation of the Universal Postal Union (almost the entire United Nations membership).

The cost is \$1.75. In the event that you are told these are not available at your local Post Office, direct them to section 372 of the International Mail Manual. In sub-section 372.2, it states "Reply coupons may be requisitioned by Post Office facilities in the same manner as postage stamps. The coupons should be stocked at Post Office facilities that have a demand for them." So, if they do not have them, they can order them (and you do NOT have to pay in advance).

Use of QSL bureaus may make this a moot point for most members, but for those just starting out (like me) or only making the occasional contact, it may be of help.

Thanks,

Jon KD5NCX

## **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

### October

Pete Ohlson W5LVM - 10/1  
Bill Byrom N5BB – 10/3  
Rusty Brown KC5IVP – 10/5  
Dennis Brady W5FRS – 10/20  
Ron Dulworth KB5VED – 10/23  
Bill Revis KF5BBL – 10/23  
Raphord Scott W5BTG – 10/29

### November

Chris Ward (CW) – 11/8  
Charles Brown KD5OPG – 11/12  
Shekhar Tipnis KG6UEF – 11/21  
Ray McCoy KA5HUW - 11/26

*"Got Your Ears On?"*

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The most complex piece of radio equipment in the shack is usually the receiver. This puzzle is about those invaluable devices that can pick out a signal comprising all of a micro-nanowatt and distinguish it from one a million times stronger, just a few kHz away. Yowsers! Here's to our hearers.

## 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.

## Recipe for Cornbread stuffing

4 Tbs unsalted butter  
3 celery stalks, finely chopped  
1-cup low sodium chicken broth  
16-oz pkg cornbread stuffing mix

1 medium onion, finely chopped  
¼ cup dry white wine or low sodium  
chicken broth  
¼ cup dried cranberries

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9x13 inch-baking dish; set aside.
2. Meanwhile in a large pot, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and celery and cook, stirring, until softened, about 8 minutes. Add white wine and cook until liquid is almost evaporated, about 1 minute. Add broth and heat through, 2 minutes.
3. Pour onion mixture over stuffing mix, add cranberries, and gently toss to combine. Transfer stuffing mixture to the prepared baking dish and bake until crusty and golden on top, about 30 minutes.

## MINUTES

Minutes for September will be posted next month.

**Deadline for articles for November Newsletter is October 30**

### IARC Officers and Board Members

President Open	Vice President Dennis Riise K5AVT <a href="mailto:k5avt@arrl.net">k5avt@arrl.net</a>	Treasurer Coleta Taylor KD5QFH <a href="mailto:coleta.mt@verison.net">coleta.mt@verison.net</a>	Secretary Doyle Taylor AD5KE <a href="mailto:ad5ke@arrl.net">ad5ke@arrl.net</a>
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#### Directors

Jim Shultz W5OMG <a href="mailto:w5omg@arrl.net">w5omg@arrl.net</a>	Lee Vincent K5LMH <a href="mailto:k5lmh@arrl.net">k5lmh@arrl.net</a>	Gordon Gremillion K5LTC <a href="mailto:g.gremillion@comcast.net">g.gremillion@comcast.net</a>	Bill Caldwell AC5BC <a href="mailto:ac5bc@arrl.net">ac5bc@arrl.net</a>
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