

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

November 2004

Upcoming Scheduled Meetings

Next scheduled Board Meeting December 9, 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park
Next scheduled General Meeting November 18, 7:30 p.m. at Betcha Bingo. The program
Will be on Coaxial Cable given by Dan Ambler of PhaseCom.

Friday Night Social

Every Friday evening (especially the Friday before the 3rd Saturday of the Month) about 5:30 pm a casual gathering of people interested in HAM radio meets at Don Pablo's Restaurant, 3911 W. Airport Fwy (SH-183 – west of Irving Mall) for dinner, drinks & friendly conversations. If you haven't joined the group yet try to make plans to join our next night out. Any adult interested in HAM radio is welcome – no reservation needed.

Monthly Fox Hunt

*****The Fox Hunt is postponed for the months of November and December due to the Holidays. The Fox Hunt will resume in January******

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.

Holiday Dinner

The IARC, Inc will be having their Holiday Dinner December 16, 2004 at the Golden Corral, 1702 N. Beltline, Irving, and TX at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending contact Coleta Taylor.

Upcoming Public Service Events

November 25 - Turkey Trot contact Richard Bartlett KE6LOU

New Members

Adrian Kerans – KE5CNT

Thank You

Joe Martin KM5CW donated a Gateway 2000 Tower with keyboard, mouse, and monitor. WIN 98SSE, CD player, Samsung CD-RW player and 3 ½ floppy. Your donation will be used for a good cause at the Ham Shack.

Thank you for your generous donation.

Sale Items

33' vertical 40-meter antenna for sale to the 46th ROHN 25G tower, hardware and cable. If you are interested contact Garry Seither WD8CQZ at 972/438-1160 or email GSE1904677@aol.com

BPL

Members of the Irving Amateur Radio Club

I came to your club back in August to discuss the threat that BPL posed to our hobby. More importantly I came to enlist your help and to inform you that BPL was already operating within your city limits. From the presentation that I gave it is undeniable that BPL creates large and broad scale interference to all of HF and the majority of lower VHF spectrum. BPL has been proven to cause 20+ over 9 interference with 500 feet of the system, with wide ranging interference up to one mile of the system.

During my presentation I stated that the system in Irving was a test site that TXU was running to determine if BPL could exist on their system. Review of that system by Amperion shows that little interference was produced on the HF spectrum. A review by two different amateur operators showed high levels of interference to all HF bands from 75 through 6 meters. Based on requests from Amperion, the manufacturer of the BPL components used at Irving, TXU has listed all amateur results as biased in basis and thus thrown them out. The only results that now stand are those of Amperion that show no interference is produced. Based on the results of this test, TXU is now preparing to fully roll out BPL to all communities with the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, and is planning to grant Amperion full access to all power lines within the DFW area. In effect all HF and VHF communications within the metroplex are now threatened.

I had asked from your membership if anyone had received or was receiving interference from the system. Three hams noted that they were adversely affected and promised to post interference complaints with the FCC using directions I provided. Other members promised to review the system and take appropriate action. At present there are no complaints concerning this system filed with the FCC or TXU. Filing of these complaints would have been enough to override the Amperion results and prevented the project from going forward.

This is one last urgent plea for help from your membership to stop the deployment of BPL within the DFW area. I will shortly be in contact with those members that are within the test area and are being negatively affected to aid them in the posting of interference complaints. I urge any other members that have received interference from this system to contact me via email so we can discuss a course of action.

I had the opportunity to meet each of you back in August and work with you during Mentorfest. I have found that the Irving membership is a group of hams that can be called on to help when help is needed. I ask you now, as the only group of hams in North Texas that have the power, to help me stop BPL before it spreads through all of North Texas.

I am but one voice, and I can't stop the tide that is rising against us, you can. Every ham in North Texas, all the rural police and fire departments that operate in the lower VHF spectrum, and all the users of spectrum between 2 and 80 Mhz are riding on your

shoulders. In this the darkest hour of amateur radio you can be our light! Help me defend our hobby!

Thanks
Jory
KJ5RM
ARRL Assistant Section Manager
NTX Section BPL Task Force

Upcoming VE Test Sessions

VE Testing Sessions are held every 3rd Saturday at 8:30 am in the upstairs area of Don Pablo's Restaurant, 3911 W. Airport Fwy (SH183 just west of Irving Mall) 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

\$12.00 exam fee

Contact for further information

Tom Owens 972/258-6308

Chuck Beaupre 972/745-8456

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.

There is a sign in/out log at the station that is to be completed by the person using the Club station. (The person “using the station” is defined as whoever unlocks the door that day.) Additionally, there is a checklist of steps that must be completed when leaving the station. (Some simple stuff like turn off radios, disconnect antennas and clean any trash out of the room.)

We have a continuing need for additional equipment for the station.

- 2 meter radio that runs off of AC line power
- 12 volt trickle charger for the big batteries that run the Yaesu FT-107
- 6 meter radio and antenna(s)
- HF transceivers/mic's/etc.
- Any other items anyone feels are needed to improve the station

Remember, anything left at the stations is subject to loss or accidental damage, so do not put anything in there that you expect to be returned in working order, if at all...

73 de W5FRS
Dennis

Member Birthdays

November

Chris (CW) Ward WD5CW - 11/18
Charles Brown KD5OPG - 11/12
Ray McCoy KA5HWW - 11/26
Shekhar Tipnis KG6UEF - 11/21
Raphord Scott W5BTG - October 29

December

Tom Schuessler N5HYP - Dec 1
Alec Disher KD5FLP - Dec 10
Joe Martin KM5CW - Dec 25
Raymond Jeffcoat WA5RWO - Dec 27

Minutes

The minutes will not be posted this month. We did not have a quorum to have them approved. They will be listed in the December Newsletter.

Past Special Events

Spook Patrol - October 31, 2004
Aids Arms Life Walk - October 2, 2004
Convoy of Hope - September 27, 2004
Red Hot Chili Pepper Ride - August 12, 2004
Irving 4th July Parade 2004
Tri America Triathlon Series - July 3 & July 4, 2004
Great Skate - June 12, 2004
MS150 Red River Run - May 1, 2004
NTTR Grasslands - March 20, 2004
Dino Dash - Jan 24, 2004

Deadline for articles for November Newsletter is November 29

IARC Officers and Board Members

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