

IARC, Inc Newsletter



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

June 2009

Upcoming Scheduled Meetings

Next scheduled Board Meeting, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park
Next scheduled General Meeting, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Senter Park East

The program for the June General Meeting will be presented by Raymond Jeffcoat on part Field Day events.

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 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.

Field Day

It is that time of the year again.

IARC, Inc. ARRL Field Day event June 27-28 2009 (24 hours) -Running Bear Park 2601 S. Story (south of Shady Grove) Irving, TX .Map and info www.irvingarc.org

All member participation is encouraged to have a successful event. (Sat. 1pm thru Sun. 1Pm) As this is a 24 hour event, operators are needed for all stations. Tell your friends bring them out to the park, and have fun.

**Set up time at Running Bear Park 8 am Sat. June 27th
Help needed.**

Sat. Sandwich Lunch provided by Coleta KD5QFH & Doyle AD5KE

Pot Luck dinner at 6pm Sat.27th --bring your family's dinner and spread it together for a good time.

Plates eat ware, cups, napkins, coffee, tea and ice will be provided.

Bring your own water and cold drinks.

Extra ice is always needed.

Breakfast Sun. June 28 approx 7am breakfast furnished by Coleta KD5QFH & Doyle AD5KE

**Breakdown after 1pm Sun. June 28th.
Help needed.**

Condolence

Tom Schuessler's N5HYP Mother passed away June 17, 2009 in Wisconsin.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Tom and his family.

Equipment for Sale

FOR SALE: Heathkit 40 meter HF-SSB 100 Watt Transceiver Model HW-22A w/HP-23 AC Power Supply, Hand Mike & Manual. This unit was loaned to & in use on Air Force MARS recently by Bob Bacak, WB5YHW.

Asking price is \$105.00 or best offer. Dennis Riise, K5AVT, 972-255-8120.

WANTED: Used, clean DRAKE MS-4 speaker to match other Drake equipment by senior retired citizen, K5VKL @ 972-2-55-2544



Collin KE5YCK and Gordon West WB6NOA at Plano HamCom 2009

Irving 4th July Parade-- Saturday July 4, 2009

IARC Inc. will be providing communications again this year for the 4th July parade.

Fellow Hams- We need people again for the 4th of July parade!

We need 5-6 (five -six) people early, 5-5:30am at the parade staging area (Civic Center on Rock Island West of Sowers). Those that are able to help at this time will go to their assigned station along the parade route later.

Note ** Irving Blvd is one way West.

The rest to be at IARC Inc. Staging area (Irving Blvd. & Britain) by 7:30am to go to your respective corners by 8am. The parade starts at 9AM.

Some vests will be available at the time of sign in at the staging area, if you have your own please bring it.

I will be at the staging area approx. 7Am.

There are 5 unassigned positions if we get enough operators I will fill those positions also.(2nd and Sowers, 2nd & Hastings,2nd & Delaware, Irving Blvd. & Delaware and Irving Blvd. & Hastings

Any questions-and position preferred this year please reply to this email or call Coleta @ 972-579-9089:

Repeater 444.45

The K5AB repeater on 444.45 (110.9) invites all of you to use this repeater. It has been on-the-air since 1987. It is located on the grounds of Halliburton on top of a 200 foot plus tower that is fully backed up power wise. I hope you find the coverage to be excellent and our audio is tuned to provide the greatest sound quality.

Control Operator
Dave Little, AF5U

Tower Climber

This is a story about a tower climber that lost his life while working in Mississippi a few days ago. Many may not know this but the Tower maintenance industry is classed the most dangerous job in the US by OSHA. Thought some of you would like to read it, it's pretty good. It's why I say a little prayer every time someone goes up my tower. Paul

By Bruce Holsted

I came to see you today.....but you were not there. You left. It must have happened quickly as those things usually do. You were there just a few days ago, standing on that same ground, looking at the same hoist, casting your eyes over what seemed to be a wasteland during the winter but completely alive during this time of year. So many calls there had struggled for a hand-off and you were there to give it to them.

Only problem was that you are not there now, nor are you here, nor will you ever be, at least, not in the flesh. Your wife will lay alone tonight, as she will for many more. Your kids will look up when the door opens and expect to see you walk in. IN time, however, they will get used to it being someone else that walks in, and in further time, that someone that walks in will be their new dad, because for whatever reason, you dismantled earlier in the week and you won't be around to do that job yourself.

It was windy today. I stood for a while and just felt the wind and looked as the grass bent. I studied the hoist; I looked at the feedlines and the other antennae on the tower. I tried to surmise what brought you to that point. I stood and stared at the narrow cleft in the gravel where the gurney had attempted to roll, only to be tormented by the gravel as it tried to keep you close.

Earlier in the day in a tacky dollar store in a tacky, worn out Mississippi delta town, surrounded by legions a different color than I, standing with red eyes and a handkerchief

in my hand, I bought a tacky, synthetic wreath and sympathy card. While bearing witness to the wind and the thought of your spirit riding upon it, I took out my trusty leatherman tool, wiped the vapor wrap off of it, and wired that little wreath to the fence.

As I turned and cursed the demons of gravity, I could only wonder. Was it your proclivity for morning herbs that took you? Was it a sense of courage that robbed us of you? Was it just plain carelessness? Did a normally steady piece of steel have a missing bolt or nut? What was it Shane? What took you?

After a while I just started the car and slowly eased on down Highway 82. As I passed the big 400 footer behind the old K-Mart I looked up at the DB812's and remembered the howling wind in my ears as I tried to seat those 24 foot monsters. God knows, I've been stupid a hundred times, and I did stupid stuff on that install, but somehow I made it through one more day. You, however, did not.

I'm sorry for your kids, I'm sorry for your co-workers who had to witness it. I feel for the owner, for you see, I too have had to endure the OSHA investigation that comes with a fatality. I too have had to open the citation envelope and have not only the guilt that comes from the loss, but the financial pain that goes with it.

In some states (Arkansas included) the workmen's comp death benefit goes out the window if the deceased tests positive for chemicals. I hope that is not the case in Mississippi, or at least I hope that your screen came back clean. Being a widow surely is not fun at such a young age. Being broke in addition would only make things worse.

I'm sorry I missed you today Shane. I'm sorry I won't ever get to meet you in person, but will have to depend on the stories of your fellow workers to describe who you were. I'm sorry that your accident happened and I wish I could turn back the hands of time to take it all away, but I can't.

So today Shane, since I did a few things for you, you can do a few things for me. Next time some 28 year old kid decides to hot shot it or big dog it while on the steel, I want you to show up and whisper loudly in his ear to get that decel clamped down in a good spot. I want you to help him give a damn about his wife and three kids at home, and I want you to let him know that even though he has hit a home run a thousand times in the past, he could strike out this day, and this could be his last time at bat, as it was yours.

I hope you'll do that for me Shane. I really don't want to buy any more cheap plastic wreaths at smelly dollar stores in dirty little towns and I don't want to stand on gravel driveways with the wind whistling by me as I try to make sense of the senseless.

Bruce Holsted

Every Wednesday Morning

Starting Wed. April 2, 2008 -- 8:30 am, a group of IARC Inc. members and guest will meet for breakfast , coffee etc., at McDonald's, 2410 N Story Rd and 183 , (East side of Story , before Rochelle) .

Come join us

Recipe

Submitted by Coleta Taylor

Potato Chip Cookies

1-cup shortening
1-cup Brown Sugar
1 -Cup White Sugar
1-cup Crushed Potato Chips
2-eggs
2-cup Flour
1-teaspoon Vanilla
1-teaspoon soda
3/4 -cup chopped Walnuts

Pre heat Oven to 350*

Blend shortening, brown sugar, white sugar and eggs until creamy

Add remaining ingredients and mix well.

Drop by spoonful onto lightly greased cookie sheet.

Flatten with fork (dipped in hot water)

Bake for 10-15 min. or until brown

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

W5YI \$14.00 exam fee –cash, correct change please

ARRL \$15.00 exam fee—cash, correct change please

Contact for further information

Chuck Beaupre 972/745-8456

Dennis Riise 972/255-8187

Doyle Taylor 972/579-9089

Birthdays

June

Holly Schuessler – KC5QLN
Hayes Crockett – Assoc
Jim Shultz – W5OMG
Vern Kilburn – KE5HXT
Gary Seither – WD8CQZ
Alexander Zinner – KD5SBJ
Linda Barnes – WD5BFY

July

Mark Sliger - KD5NVI
Bill Caldwell – AC5BC

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 May 14, 2009 at Heritage Park, Irving, TX.

The meeting was called to order by V-Pres. James Shugart N5BKL, approx 7:30Pm.

Prayer Tom N5HYP

Pledge of allegiance by the membership.

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

Motion by Jim W5OMG to accept business meeting minutes of April 9, 2009 read by Secretary Coleta Taylor, second by Bob W5AH, motion carried.

Motion by Jim W5OMG to accept General meeting minutes April 23, 2009 as read by secretary Coleta Taylor ,second by ,Bob W5AH ,motion carried.

Treasurer Report April 30, 2009 by Doyle Taylor,

Motion by Jim W5OMG to accept treasurer's report, second by Bob W5AH motion carried.

Planning stages for:

Check on a rotor for the Tristao manual crank up tower for Field Day (June 27-28-09)

Equipment moved at Hospital site 2nd Qtr.

Portable repeater 3rd Qtr.

Reminder Notes:

Jim W5OMG installed a coax entry to the club trailer.
Program for the general meeting May 28, Bob W5AH:
Fox Hunt May 31, 2009 Jim W5OMG is the FOX.
Sam's Bike Ms --May 2-3 -cancel use of club trailer
Boy/Scout show at Arlington Std. May 2-cancel -

Meeting adjourned approx 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
IARC Inc. Secretary
Coleta M. Taylor KD5QFH

IARC Inc. minutes of general meeting May 28, 2009. At Senter Park East Irving, TX.

The meeting was called to order approx 8: Pm by Pres. Dennis Riise
Lights out in South Irving -- meeting outside-- no program

In attendance were 19 Members and 3 Guest: Gary Lund KA0LAH, Wayne Dutton
KK5IO and Donna Dutton

Motion by Coleta KD5QFH to accept new member Casey Wells KF5ASU, Second and
motion carried.
Welcome to IARC, Inc.

Refreshments of cookies and cold drinks served off of the truck tail gate by Amelia
Shultz were enjoyed by all present.

Reminder: Note ***

Dennis K5AVT's Mom breathing problems -to hospital-- update later
Prayers for Tom's N5HYP mother, ill in Wisconsin
Doug Loughmiller, W5BL surgery was very successful to correct his voice problems.
Fox Hunt May 31 Jim W5OMG is the Fox
Bob Alexander, W5AH (IARC Inc Member) will have a program at Ham Com this year.
Program: Transmission Lines VHF Specific is scheduled at 9 AM Saturday June13 2009
in the Sunny Slope 1&2.

Meeting adjourn approx 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted
IARC Inc. Secretary
Coleta Taylor KD5QFH

Deadline for articles for July Newsletter is June 30

IARC Officers and Board Members

President
Dennis Riise
K5AVT

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James Shugart
N5BKL

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AD5KE

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Tom Schuessler
N5HYP

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