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RCARC Membership Meeting

Tuesday 22 January 2019
1700 Social 1730 Meeting
1800 Program

Methodist Richardson Medical Center
At Bush/Renner/Shiloh Intersection
Conference Room A in Hospital Building

Subject:

**Gene Duprey, K1GD, will talk about
his newest ham radio acquisition**

members, after successful completion of Richardson Police Department Training, patrol their neighborhoods and report all suspicious activities to the Police Department.

2018 Christmas Dinner at Abocas Richardson



Local Club News

Meeting Notice

The next general membership meeting will be next year in January, since the December meeting was the annual Christmas dinner. Our club President, Gene Duprey, K1GD, will be presenting a program on his newest ham radio toy. Be sure to attend so you can drool.

RCARC Community Service Activities

Siren Testing Dennis Cobb WA8ZBT, John McFadden K5TIP and Jim Skinner WB0UNI participate in the Richardson emergency siren testing. The test scheduled for 5 December 2018 was performed, however. Jim Skinner was unable to participate due to a pet medical emergency. The sirens are monitored by amateur radio operators and reports made using the Richardson Wireless Klub (RWK) repeater at 147.120 MHz. Siren testing occasionally uses the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) repeater at 145.430 MHz, which is designated as the backup repeater.

Crime Watch Patrol Jim Skinner WB0UNI participated in Richardson Duck Creek Crime Watch Patrol (CWP). CWP

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President and VP Messages

I hope everyone is having a great start to the holiday season. RCARC had a great Christmas dinner last week. Food was great and it was good to see those who attended. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

Here's to a great Christmas, and I hope you have a safe and fun holiday. I am looking forward to getting my new Flex 6500 system sorted out and working some DX etc. The Maestro control head really makes this system nice to use. I connected it to my Collins 30L-1 yesterday and it works very nicely with it.

Well, that's all for now. Have a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Above all, have a safe holiday season.

Hope to see you all at the meeting and 73's,
Gene, K1GD
RCARC President

Secretary's Report

27 November 2018

President Gene Duprey K1GD called the meeting to order at 1732.

The following were present at the meeting:

Jim Brown	AF5MA
Dennis Cobb	WA8ZBT
Gene Duprey	K1GD
Mike Schmit	WA9WCC
Jim Skinner	WB0UNI
Rohan Thomas	KG5RCN
Joe Wolf	N5UIC

Officers and Committee Reports:

Treasurer Rohan Thomas KG5RCN presented the Treasurer's Report at the meeting.

The Secretary's Report is contained in this newsletter.

Old Business:

None.

VE SESSIONS

Dallas tests are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 1000 hrs. 13350 Floyd Rd. (Old Credit Union) Contact Bob West, WA8YCD 972.917.6362

Irving tests are held on the third Saturday of each month at 0900. Fifth and Main St. Contact Bill Revis, KF5BL 252-8015

McKinney VE test sessions are held at the Heard Museum the first Sunday of the month. The address is 1 Nature Place, McKinney TX. The time of the testing is 1430, ending no later than 1645. **Note: no tests given on holiday weekends.**

Garland testing is held on the fourth Thursday of each month, excluding November, and begins at 1930 sharp. Location is Freeman Heights Baptist Church, 1120 N Garland Ave, Garland (between W Walnut and Buckingham Rd). Enter via the north driveway. A HUGE parking lot is located behind the church. Both the parking lot and the Fellowship Hall are located on the east side of the church building, with big signs by the entrance door. Contact Janet Crenshaw, WB9ZPH at 972.302.9992.

Plano testing is on the third Saturday of each month, 1300 hrs at Williams High School, 1717 17th St. East Plano. Check Repeater 147.180+ for announcements.

Richardson The Richardson Wireless Klub (RWK) VE team hold license testing on the third Thursday of each month at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 West Beltline Rd. Testing begins at 1900 hrs in room 12. Enter through the Northern most door on the east side of the church building. For further information contact Bill Owens

New Business:

Gene Duprey presented an overview of his newly-acquired FlexRadio FLEX-6500.

After a general discussion it was agreed that the club would meet at Aboca's Italian Grill on 18 December to celebrate the Christmas holidays. Jim Skinner WB0UNI volunteered to coordinate and notify members of specifics.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1819.

Rose Chapter 2 of 20

Charlie was working beneath the hood of Ned's car when the postman entered the shop with a certified letter. It was from the Federal Communications Commission. After wiping his hands on a shop towel, he tore the envelope open and read that the amateur radio frequencies were now released for normal amateur use, effective immediately.

He felt a certain satisfaction. Things were returning to normal. After finishing with Ned's tune up, Charlie unlocked the door of his radio shack and pushed it open. Inside, on the desk, sat both his transmitter and receiver. They were home brew rigs, projects from four issues of prewar QSTs, that brought the world to his shack. After using a feather duster to fan away the accumulated dust, Charlie switched on the power. Leaving them both on standby, he leaned back in his wooden office chair to watch the filaments glow. Somehow it reminded him of his first assignment after finishing radio school. He was to locate and destroy a clandestine radio station in Europe.

He'd been chosen for the task because of his gifted ability to mimic other people's fists. In this case, he'd been chosen to locate a station operating on the coast of Spain. The station's regular contact had been silenced and Charlie had substituted for more than a week.

From an aging fishing boat, he maintained the scheduled contacts until he had established its general location. Then under the cover of darkness, he went ashore in a rubber raft and made his way inland, carrying some explosives. Using an R6 spy radio he maintained contact and by dawn, spotted the station in question, a shack built of weather-beaten driftwood slabs.

Working his way closer, he tried to determine if only one person occupied the station. At last a man stepped from the doorway to relieve himself. Charlie recognized his photo on a QSL card. He was an Italian ham he'd worked many times before the war. He couldn't recall his name, but he distinctly remembered his call sign. Now he had to find a way to destroy the station without getting himself killed.

Taking a chance, he transmitted the man's ham call sign, and then followed it with random Spanish call. The man's head spun around and he stared at his shack, but he made no move to respond.

Charlie repeated the call, and then, using what little Spanish he knew, he added: "if you can copy this meet me on the beach where a creek feeds into the sea. I have supplies". The operator did not respond. Instead, he headed for the beach. Moving in quickly, Charlie set his charges and headed for his rubber raft. Moments later, he heard the explosion.

Upcoming Events

Daily	DFW Early Traffic Net (NTS) at 6:30pm 146.88 – PL 110.9Hz
Daily	DFW Late Traffic Net (NTS) at 10:30pm 146.72 – PL 110.9Hz
Daily	Texas CW Traffic Net at 7:00pm on 3541 KHz and at 10pm on 3541 KHz www.k6jt.com
1st Wednesday	Richardson Emergency Siren Test. At noon using the Richardson Wireless Klub (RWK) repeater at 147.120 MHz.
2nd Wednesday	ARES North Texas HF Net Every month—3860 KHz at 8:30 pm—9:30pm
DECEMBER	
11/30-12/2	160 Meter --For Amateurs worldwide to exchange information with W/VE amateurs on 160-meter CW. Starts 2200 UTC Friday, ends 1600 UTC Sunday: forty-two hour period with no time limitation. Details at http://www.arrl.org/160-meter .
8-9	10 Meter -- For Amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible on the 10 meter band. Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; runs through 2359 UTC Sunday. Details at http://www.arrl.org/10-meter .
JANUARY	
1	Straight Key Night This event is dedicated to celebrating our CW heritage. Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply make enjoyable, conversational CW QSOs. The use of straight keys or bugs to send CW is preferred. Operation is from 0000 through 2359 UTC. Details at www.arrl.org/straight-key-night .
8-9	RTTY Roundup Amateurs worldwide contact and exchange QSO information with other amateurs using digital modes on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. Stations may work other stations once per band, regardless of mode. Operation is from 1800 Saturday thru 2400 UTC Sunday. Details at http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup .
19-21	JANUARY VHF Amateurs in the US and Canada to work as many stations in as many 2 x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada may only work stations in the US and Canada. Operation is from 1900 Saturday thru 0359 UTC Monday. Details at http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf .

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W5ROK REPEATER

441.875 MHz +5 MHz Input
131.8 Hz PL - RX and TX

W5ROK-1 PACKET BBS ROK Node

145.05 MHz

W5ROK-N1, W5ROK-N2 & W5ROK-N3 HSMM-
MESHNET Nodes 2.4 GHz

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NEXT SIGNALS INPUTS DEADLINE:

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