

**CARC**  
**Membership Meeting**  
Tuesday 24 January 2023 5:30 PM

The Meeting will be at  
Poor Richards Café, Plano TX

**Annual Show 'n Tell**

**January Meeting Announcement**

The January meeting of the Collins Amateur Radio Club will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 5:30 pm at Poor Richard's Cafe, 2442 K Avenue, Plano, and, via Zoom. The Zoom login instructions will be emailed to members and the CARC [groups.io](https://groups.io) discussion group the Sunday prior to the meeting and are also available in the Members Only Section of the CARC web site, [n5cxx.us](http://n5cxx.us) The cafe doors and Zoom connection open shortly after 5 pm for socializing.

The program for January is our Annual Show and Tell Night. We have several members lined up to talk about something they've built or recently acquired. There is room for more 'short talks,' so if you have something to "show", contact Frank KR1ZAN at [frank@krizan.org](mailto:frank@krizan.org).



Presentations are informal and generally last five to ten minutes. If you prefer to use some slides, Frank can arrange to have them shown on the big screen at the meeting.

In past Show and Tell Nights, we've had everything ranging from chemicals to cables to software utilities to antennas to tools and software. Whatever you have that you think would interest others is what the night is about. We look forward to hearing about your tip or trick, project or gadget.

**Midland ARC St Patrick's Day Hamfest**

The Midland Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce the 67th annual St. Patrick's Day Hamfest and ARRL West Texas Section Convention will be held March 18, 2023. The hamfest will be held at the MLK Community Center in Midland, Texas.

We are also raffling an Icom IC-7610 HF+50 MHz All Mode Transceiver.

Hamfest prizes include an AnyTone AT-D878UVII Plus DMR handheld, an Icom IC-705 All-Mode Portable Transceiver, a RigExpert STICK-230 Antenna Analyzer, and an Alinco DM-330MVT Power Supply.

For more information and to register for the hamfest and/or purchase a raffle ticket please visit <https://hamfest.w5qgg.org>.

Questions? Contact us at [marc.w5qgg@gmail.com](mailto:marc.w5qgg@gmail.com)

Thanks & 73,

Midland Amateur Radio Club



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**VE SESSIONS**

**Collins Amateur Radio Club (CARC)** Test sessions take place on fourth Tuesdays, immediately following the regular CARC monthly membership meeting (about 7:30 p.m.). The test sessions are held at **Poor Richards Café Plano TX**. Walk-ins are welcome, but it's best to register with the lead examiner, Kerry Weeks, at [weeks.kerry@gmail.com](mailto:weeks.kerry@gmail.com) or by phone at (214) 478-3230.

**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 week-ends.**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Don Klick KG5CK. 972.464.2889 or E-mail [rwkhamtest@gmail.com](mailto:rwkhamtest@gmail.com).

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As we transition from one slate of officers to another, this message is from both the new CARC President and the outgoing President. The past three years have seen some difficult times for our Club, with the Covid pandemic, loss of our Radio Room and problems with our repeater.

Fortunately things are turning around, and we hope that 2023 will be a year of recovery. We thought this column would be a good place to look at what is coming up this year.

We know this sounds like a broken record, but membership dues run from January 1st to December 31st. Many of you received a notice in November that your dues were expiring. With all the holiday activities, it's easy to overlook renewing. If you know that your membership expired at the end of 2022, please send in your dues payment. If you're not sure, you can check your membership status by logging into Ham Club Online or accessing the Members Only section at [n5cxx.us](http://n5cxx.us) and looking at the HCOL Roster. If your dues are delinquent, you'll also be receiving a notice shortly. We hope you will continue to support your Club.

In various media, the idea of penning "New Year's Resolutions" seems to be old hat, and the modern term seems to be "setting goals". So let's see if we can't all join in on achieving some critical goals for the Collins Amateur Radio Club of Richardson.

Two years ago we got booted out of our highly successful Radio Room in 461 and moved into a very nice room upstairs in 462. Unfortunately, Covid caused access restrictions, and there seemed to be a lack of support in getting the room setup and coax and cables run from the existing antennas. Interestingly, the critical need for our old space went away, and we are being moved back into our old space in 461.

Our first stated goal is to get the Radio Room operational once again. Jim Skinner, WB0UNI, is heading up the team to accomplish this goal. Several members spoke up at a recent meeting to volunteer to help, but Jim needs you to contact him to discuss how you can help. His contact info is available in the Officers and Primary Contacts list on the [n5cxx.us](http://n5cxx.us) website.

Next, we need to get the problems with our 70cm repeater fixed. We have a plan to determine if the issues are with the antenna or the coax, but there are some issues with who is allowed to climb the tower. Bill Swan, K5MWC, has been working with Facilities and Maintenance, and we hope to have the legalities worked out soon.

Those are the big goals, but we have a number of other ones that are important also.

The Board of Directors desires us to have Class A programs each month at our meetings. Frank, KR1ZAN, is handling the meeting programs and has a number of excellent speakers lined up. If you would like to give a program, know of someone who would be a good speaker or would like to suggest a topic for a program, let Frank know at [frank@krizan.org](mailto:frank@krizan.org)

An important goal is to increase our membership. We allow membership from employees, contractors, retirees and the general public. If you're an employee, talk up the importance of our Club and the benefit of amateur radio related to technical skills and knowledge to your fellow workers. Retirees, you probably know some retirees of Collins/Rockwell/Alcatel that are hams or would be interested in getting their license; invite them to a meeting. And for all our members: Invite other family members, neighbors and friends to our meetings. There are many hams who don't belong to other clubs and could benefit from the camaraderie and mentoring of our Club members.

Closely connected to this goal is to increase attendance at our monthly meetings. Remember all the fun you've had before? Join us monthly at Poor Richard's.

A significant goal for 2023 is to offer amateur radio licensing classes. We're looking into how best to do this. If you're interested in helping teach classes, especially if you have experience in teaching ham classes, contact Frank, KR1ZAN.

And finally, we'd like to have another outdoor Field Day this year. The one we did in 2021 was a great success. There has been talk of doing some Ham Radio in the Park activities as well, but in order to accomplish this we'll need some

volunteers. Let any Board member know if you're interested and what your ideas are.

Let's all work together to make our Club a premier association in North Texas.

73, Bill Swan, K5MWC and Frank Krizan, KR1ZAN

## Membership Chairman Report

**Membership Chairman Report** – Updated Membership status - There are no changes to the membership from the previous reporting period

Current Membership - 57

Full Members – 40 (Includes Life and Retiree Members)

Associate Members - 17

Continuing membership is important to the CARC. Through the skills and experiences of all of our members, our club provides fellowship, education and service opportunities. If you have questions about your membership status or other membership related questions, please contact me. Thank you to all of our members for their support and contributions to the CARC.

73s,

Bill K5MWC

## Secretary's Report

There is no Secretary's Report for the December 2022 meeting since it was the annual club Christmas dinner. Pictures of the dinner are in the December 2022 newsletter.

## CARC January Board Meeting Minutes

**Date: January 10, 2023**

The CARC Board Meeting was conducted by Zoom.

### Agenda

Frank Krizan called the January meeting of the Collins Amateur Radio Club of Richardson to order at 1900.

In order to verify that a quorum exists, Frank called the roll of current and incoming Board Members:

#### Current Officers:

Frank Krizan KR1ZAN, President

Bill Swan K5MWC, Vice President

Jim Brown AF5MA, Secretary

Rohan Thomas KG5RCN, Treasurer (Absent)

Kerry Weeks K5WKS, Activity Director

#### Incoming Officers:

Bill Swan K5MWC, President

Bill Fell KK5PB, Vice President

Jim Stafford W5DTG, Secretary

Kerry Weeks K5WKS, Treasurer

Frank Krizan KR1ZAN, Past President and Director at Large and Activity Director

The Chair also recognizes the following non-Board attendees:

Jim Skinner WB0UNI, Newsletter Editor

Bob Chandler KIK5RN

The proposed agenda begins with the Installation of Officers and the transfer of the Chair to the new President. The Board meeting will then be recessed for the Monthly Workshop. After the workshop, the recess shall end and the Board meeting resumed with the roll-call of new officers. Business shall be conducted, first with motions brought forward from the workshop, followed by motions from the floor. At the conclusion of business, the Board meeting shall be adjourned.

The Chair will entertain a motion to accept the agenda --

Moved by Bill Fell, seconded by Kerry Weeks and passed unanimously.

**Comments by Outgoing President.**

Frank Krizan thanked Bill Fell for securing a facility for monthly meetings, then thanked the outgoing officers for their support during the last two years.

**Comments by other Outgoing Officers.**

None

**Installation of Officers for 2023**

Frank Krizan swore in new officers with the following oath of office: "As duly elected officers for 2023 of the Collins Amateur Radio Club of Richardson do you avow to fulfill your duties as defined in the Club Constitution and related documents and to serve the membership to the best of your abilities? All replied with "I will."

Frank congratulated the new officers and passed the Chairmanship to Bill Swan, the new President.

Bill Swan thanked Frank Krizan for his leadership during the difficulty of the Covid-19 pandemic. Bill also thanked the new officers for volunteering, and he anticipates a good new year which will include growing the value of CARC to the ham community and the local community.

Bill Swan asked if any new Board member wanted to make comments. There were no comments.

Bill Swan recessed the January Board meeting to conduct the monthly Board of Directors informal workshop.

**1. Scheduling of 2023 Club events:** The following dates are proposed for the monthly General Membership Meetings (Motion 1) Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, Jun 27, Jul 25 (Ice Cream Social), Aug 22, Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 14 (Annual Meeting), and Dec 5 (CARC Christmas Dinner).

**2. Radio Room Status:** A work request needs to be submitted by Dennis Cobb to remove the carpets and have a deep cleaning of the room to prevent health issues because of storage of chemicals in the room during the Covid pandemic. An equipment layout plan needs to be prepared and given to facilities for furniture positioning. Jim Skinner to provide a list of retirees who will receive authorization to access the club room to get the room and station functional.

**3. Repeater Status:** It was suggested that a new VHF/UHF antenna be purchased and installed on the tower at the time the coax feed line is inspected and tested. Any antenna climbing must be done by an active employee.

**4. Bank Account Status:** Bill Swan and Kerry Weeks to meet with the Prosperity Bank officer to set up a new account. The bank officer has provided the federal tax ID number.

**5. Brainstorm session regarding attracting new members:** Frank Krizan documented suggestions from the Board regarding how to solicit new membership in the categories of: Employees, Retirees, Spouses, Dependents, and the General Public. This will be addressed at a future date.

**6. Show & Tell Night - Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting**

- Frank Krizan, Rothammel's Antenna Book
- Jim Stafford, 2m/70cm antenna from 1973 ARRL Handbook
- Kerry Weeks, 2m/70cm Squalo

Need 2 or 3 more presenters

**7. CACLB 2023 Funding Request Form prepared by Frank Krizan for 2023:**

(Motion 2) The CARC Board approved the input to the Collins Aerospace Clubs and Leagues Board of 48 qualifying members and requested a stipend of \$864. In addition, CARC requested special project funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a propane fuel system for the two Honda generators we purchased in 2021.

**8. "The Big Project" for high level focus CARC involvement:** Bill Swan asked the Board to submit ideas that will result in a legacy of things the club will be remembered for in the future by the amateur radio and local communities. Examples are public service, community outreach regarding disaster preparedness, youth involvement in amateur radio, and just what the "brand" for the club should be. This will have follow-up meetings.

**9. Review of Officer Contact Info and Email Aliases:** Discussion of using aliases instead of publishing the Board

members' actual phone numbers and personal email addresses in the N5CXX.us website. For example, [President@N5CXX.US](mailto:President@N5CXX.US) or [Secretary@N5CXX.US](mailto:Secretary@N5CXX.US), etc. This will be left to the individual Board member. Frank Krizan will pursue tying the ARRL link "info@N5CXX" to the CARC Secretary's direct email address. The Secretary will be the single point of contact with CARC inquiries.

**10. Discussion of mailing address to use for Club:** It was decided to use the Collins Aerospace mail stop address on Prosperity bank checks and have Prosperity bank to send the bank statements directly to the Treasurer's home address as a secondary address.

Bill Swan asked if there were any other items for the workshop, and there were none.

Bill Swan stated the informal workshop has ended and 2023 Board meeting will resume.

Bill Swan called the roll of the Officers for 2023 to verify we have a quorum of new board officers:

Bill Swan K5MWC, President

Bill Fell KK5PB, Vice President

Jim Stafford W5DTG, Secretary

Kerry Weeks K5WKS, Treasurer

Frank Krizan KR1ZAN, Past President and Director at large, Activities Director

The roll call showed that all were present, and the quorum was established.

**Motion 1:** The CARC Board of Directors hereby adopts the following schedule for monthly General Membership Meetings:

Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, Jun 27, Jul 25 (Ice Cream Social), Aug 22, Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 14 (Annual Meeting), and Dec 5 (CARC Christmas Dinner).

Moved by Bill Fell, seconded by Kerry Weeks and passed unanimously.

**Motion 2:** The CARC Board of Directors approves the input to the Collins Aerospace Clubs and Leagues Board (CACLB) of 48 qualifying members and request of a stipend of \$864. In addition, CARC requests special project funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a propane fuel system for the two Honda generators purchased in 2022.

Moved by Kerry Weeks, seconded by Bill Fell and passed unanimously.

Next the Chair will entertain any other motions from the floor. There were none.

There being no other business, the Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Kerry Weeks, seconded by Bill Fell and passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 2035

**Next Board Meeting:** February 14, 2023

**Scribe:** Jim Stafford

## Drive Home Net Report - January 2023



The Collins ARC Drive Home Net continues on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:00 pm on the K5QHD Repeater 442.700 MHz, +5 MHz, PL=110.9 Hz. The Net is not held on the Tuesdays of the monthly membership meeting or on Tuesdays of social events and holidays. We gratefully thank the Garland ARC for the use of their 70cm repeater while our repeater is being diagnosed.

All stations are invited to check in, whether a member of CARC or not. The Net is informal, operating as a Roundtable.

### NET LOGS SINCE LAST MONTH'S REPORT:

**DEC 27** - [7] K5MWC Bill (NCS); K5WKS Kerry; KI5KRN Bob; W5BJ Bob; KG5HCL Russ; KC5MVE Paul; WB0UNI Jim; Core topic: What is your 2023 resolution regarding Ham Radio?

**JAN 3** - [6] K5MWC Bill - NCS; K5WKS Kerry; KI5KRN Bob; W5BJ Bob; WB0UNI Jim; AA5AH Robert

**JAN 10** - [5] K5WKS Kerry (NCS); K5MWC Bill; AF5XZ Gary; KI5AON Rob; WB0UNI Jim; Core topic: When does your license expire?

Average participation for this period: 6

Average participation for the previous period: 7

Net record for check-ins: 10

The Drive Home Net is intended for comments on amateur radio topics, listing items for buy/trade/sell, asking questions or contacting others on frequency. We hope you'll give it a try soon. We've had some great conversations of late.

## January CARC VE Test Session Report

ARRL VE Test Sessions are held immediately following the monthly CARC Meeting at Poor Richard's Cafe, 2442 K Avenue, Plano TX 75074.

All levels of exams are being offered; BUT YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO BE ASSURED A SEAT. We also need to know who is coming in case we have to cancel due to Covid-19 declarations.

Contact Kerry Weeks, K5WKS, at 214-478-3230 or via email: [weeks.kerry@gmail.com](mailto:weeks.kerry@gmail.com) to register. Kerry will discuss the exam fees, what you need to do prior to the exam, and what to bring to the test session. More info is available at: <http://www.arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session>



We had no candidates for testing in December as there was no regularly scheduled test session due to the Christmas party.

If you are an ARRL VE and would like to volunteer for future test sessions, contact Kerry at the email/phone shown above. If you are accredited through another VEC, Kerry can give you info on how to get accredited with the ARRL VEC.

## CARC Community Service Activities

**Siren Testing** Dennis Cobb WA8ZBT and Jim Skinner WB0UNI participate in the Richardson emergency siren testing. The January 2023 test was performed as scheduled on 4 January. All sirens performed as designed with the exception of number 22 which had a non-functional strobe.. 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, as backup. Garland conducted their siren test also on 4 January on the Garland ARC 146.66 MHz repeater. John Galvin, N5TIM, was coordinator and Net Control. Also, helping was Jim Stafford, W5DTG.

**Crime Watch Patrol** Jim Skinner WB0UNI participates in Richardson Duck Creek Crime Watch Patrol (CWP). CWP members, after successful completion of Richardson Police Department training, patrol their neighborhoods and report all suspicious activities to the police department.

## Excerpt from Jack, W5TFB's Book

Here is the next excerpt from Jack's book. Jack gets very close to Sue.

Thursday 22 November

I slept well until the phone rang. The phone was next to the clock, and I saw it was almost 7. Sue was just returning from a trip to the bathroom, and answered it. She said to the phone, "Just a second." Then to me, "Could you make some coffee and bring it? This may take a while." I left after picking up my clothes, went to my room to dress.

It was probably business. I took my time making coffee, and was getting a head start when the phone rang in the kitchen. The white button was flashing, so it was the house phone. It was Sue. "I have to go to Atlanta on business. I should be back about nine this evening. I'm going to dress and come down for coffee. I'll take it with me. I must be at the Lafayette airport by 740."

I thought I had seen a travel cup with a lid, somewhat insulated. Yes, there it is. I filled it with hot coffee and went out to the front room. She came down, looking different of course, but nice. She had a purse and a laptop, the latest and fastest from Apple. She took the shortcut through the offices to the Z. She just said, "Reserve me a warm spot in bed."

I decided to make Mae a nice breakfast. It was something I had thought about but never tried. The idea was to make a sort-of soufflé. Separate the eggs, beat the whites until stiff peaks stand straight up, beat the yolks (this time I added minced ham and cheddar) with a fork until just short of stringy, and fold that in with the egg whites. Pour into a buttered heated skillet as you would an omelet, and heat on medium until the bottom sets and fold half over. Then pop in a 350° oven for ten minutes. For two I will use four eggs. It will take half the time it takes to make a soufflé. If I have it ready at 825 I can go try to wake Mae up at 820. No hurry. I went back to change clothes. The gown top and jeans is not indecent but sure looks weird. These old clothes looked weird enough without any help.

The dish was in the oven when Mae came down at 820. "What smells so good? I could smell it in my room."

I told her, and that it would be ready in five minutes. She got coffee and went back to her room to prepare for school. When she came down it was at her place with a small glass of milk. I had tasted mine. It was as good as any soufflé I've had. Not as elegant looking, but a lot easier to serve and eat. It was about an inch thick. Mae liked it.

"Sue had to go to Atlanta on business, but will probably be back this evening." Mae seemed upset by this. I wondered why, and asked, "Are you upset?"

"Not about anything specific, I just don't like it when she has to go away. I'm sure she doesn't like to go."

"When I worked I didn't like it either. The stuff I did was a lot easier than what Sue is doing though."

Mae said she should go now, and left. I had at least 8 hours free, and went to the upstairs library. I was surprised to see all six tables occupied with people looking stuff up or studying something. They weren't really tables, I guess study desks would be better. They had a hutch with two shelves for books and a USB connector, but no computer. I guess it was BYOC, one after BYOB. Four had laptops. Since I had never seen more than two working in the library before I suspected they were working on some question that was associated with Sue's trip.

It was a Thursday, so the librarian wouldn't be there, but she was, probably as a researcher. I took three of the Poe volumes into the glass office to refresh my memory. Two more came in, and told me they needed the scanner and big Mac, so I checked out one of the volumes and took it to my room. I had never read any of the extensive correspondence that Poe kept up, and this volume was full of it.

The telephone rang. It was the house phone. It had to be from the office, so I answered, "Bryant."

"This is Caroline. I'm going to transfer a call from Ms Barber to you now." I told her OK, and got Sue.

"I'm in Atlanta at the airport. The meeting is in the airport hotel. I'm about to enter a tunnel that will take me there. Have you been to the library?"

"Yes, but I had to leave. When I left there were eight or nine working on something." She said, "They are the research group. I have a few questions I need answers to." "I figured that is what is happening. The research Department Head/Librarian was there at 845 when I came in, and it's not a librarian day. Then two more came in and needed to use the computer and scanner I left."

"Good. I'm leaving now. This thing doesn't work under ground. Love you." "I love you." She left, I think before I told her. I didn't tell her about breakfast. The call took me away from Edgar Allan Poe. I decided I felt like cooking, especially a rich stew that would warm nicely. I have made Beef Bourguignon scores of times. The best recipe is that of Julia Child, the centerpiece of the first volume of *Mastering*. I'm sure it is in the sitting room library, but I was also sure I knew it. I asked one of the security men where a supermarket was, and got directions. It was almost on the other side of town, but easy to find. An A&P. They have one in College Station that I had never been to.

The first chore is to ask the butcher for 3 pounds of rump pot roast. I don't know why but I have never liked dealing with butchers. They had it. I had a Plan B if they didn't. Then I got nice big mushrooms, small boiling onions, small red potatoes, and thick-sliced bacon. I also bought two 750 ml bottles of Burgundy. It was made in Chile. I don't remember seeing any red wine at Sue's. I must confess I bought canned beef stock. I know, bad form, but they wouldn't give me any beef bones. Everything else was on hand.

I was about to start browning the meat when the house phone rang. I was again transferred to Sue. I said, "We can't keep meeting like this."

"I know. I am through here and will try for an earlier flight to Lafayette. I'm about two minutes from going under ground. If I do get a flight I'm going to be hungry. The 'lunch' they brought in at 10 was inedible. Maybe it was supposed to be a snack. I wouldn't feed the little sandwiches on stale goo bread with crusts trimmed and no telling what inside to a cat, and you may remember I have no sympathy for cats. Even the coffee was awful. If I there is no early flight I'll eat here."

I said, "There will be plenty of food. Call from Lafayette and I'll have it warm and on the table. This dish will need to be served in the dining room."

"I'm gone."

It takes four hours to cook everything, but it is worth it. Having help will not speed it up. That is just for simmering the beef. So I got right on it. The only tedious part is peeling the onions and browning them in the oven. They won't be uniformly brown. I got out the enameled iron oven-proof pot, 10 inches in diameter, 3 inches deep, cut up the roast in 5 cm cubes, and browned the beef in canola oil and the blanched bacon fat a little at a time. The whole house would be filled with aroma, so I closed the dining room door and turned on the range hood fan.

I went to the sitting room and looked for something to read. In the chess section there was a collection of 180 of Morphy's games published in 1915. I had never heard of the author, B. Raek. All were played in Europe in 1858–9. I had Sergeant's collection of 300 of Morphy's games which included most of the 180 except for a dozen or so played in a blindfold exhibition. One oddity of Morphy's brief career was the lack of any intentional lasting influence he had on the game. He had never opened a book on the game, nor did he write one. He won because of his amazing memory (it is said that at age twenty he could recite from memory the complete Louisiana Civil Code), calculating ability, and complete lack of passion when playing, even in the most difficult of situations. It is true that his opponents played poorly, but that wasn't their fault. Someone asked Andersson why he did not play better against Morphy, and he said, "Morphy would not let me."

I went in the kitchen to check on food, found the beef tender, so I made the mushroom dish, added the browned onions and mushrooms. I dished out two generous servings and put them in the warming oven, and transferred the pot, uncovered, to the freezer. It would go in the icebox when it cooled enough. I started eight small potatoes in cold water with a pinch of salt to boil.

I fetched salad stuff. I also stopped by to feed the chickens and gather eggs. They may have already been fed, but I didn't think so because they were not running around the barn.

I was returning to the house when Mae rode up the driveway. I said, "Tell me ten minutes before you want dinner."

"Consider yourself told."

That was good. I was hungry. The egg thing was digested long ago. Once in the kitchen I made salad and checked on the potatoes. Almost done. I set the dining room table and turned the warmer oven up to maximum, 250°. Mae came in and said, "That smells wonderful. I see why you had the door closed. What is it?"

"Beef Bourguignon `a la mode de Julia Child. From the first volume of *Mastering*." "We have that in the sitting room." I said, "I thought you probably did. Have you made it?" "Grandma did once. I cooked the mushrooms and peeled onions and tried to brown them in the oven. That didn't work well. You made it from memory?" I just said sure. "I didn't have lunch at school. I was with my English teacher and forgot to eat. She's a wonderful teacher, really challenges me."

The potatoes were ready so I served everything. We sat across from each other in the center. I didn't bother with candles. As usual I had the salad stuff on the cart. Dressing should always be made just before it is to be used, at the table, unless it has to age. I once made a bleu cheese dressing that was supposed to age in the icebox, but I forgot about it until it made its presence known a few weeks later.

Mae was raving about the food. Even about the potatoes. She cut them in half and dipped them in the rich sauce. I remembered I forgot to sprinkle parsley on the stew, but didn't mention it.

"What are you and your teacher doing? And what is her name? You said she."

"Ms Cooper. It's kinda complicated. We're writing a story together, but using a computer." She ate half a potato and an onion. "It depends on three items: One is the title of the story, meant to be descriptive rather than cute. The other items are two positive integers,  $n$  and  $m$ ." There went a mushroom quarter and a chunk of beef. I was keeping up with her, but taking it easy because I wanted to have some with Sue if she hadn't eaten. (I tried, but just couldn't stop.)

"The players alternate writing the story without communicating with each other. At each turn, the computer reveals the last  $n$  sentences in the story, and you have to write  $m$  additional sentences." She was having no problem with the eating, but it did slow down her talking a bit.

"What is the current title?"

"Holiday Feast, and  $n = 3$ ,  $m = 3$ . It is almost impossible to make anything sensible if both  $n$  and  $m$  are 1, or if  $n < m$ . You get a fairly coherent story with 3 and 2. It still wanders, almost aimlessly, much like early computer generated music. The feast is bound to have recipes, and I'm not sure how that is going to work. We are absolutely forbidden to discuss any overall plan. The first one we did was 'My Most Unforgettable Character,' with 1 and 1. That was all over the place." She ate.

"Do you know who first thought of this?" She said she didn't.

"John R. Pierce, while he was working at Bell Labs. He was trying to study the redundancy of English. He is a MIT-educated Electrical Engineer, with a specialty in Communication Theory. That is concerned with sending messages on noisy bandwidth-limited channels. He started doing it with single words instead of sentences. Later similar things were done with composing music, in which you could see the  $n$  preceding bars and had to compose the next  $m$ ."

Mae said, "I doubt if Ms Cooper knows that. She thinks of it as partly a game and partly a study of long-term memory. We are not allowed to make any notes, but we are allowed to remember things. After all, even with 1 and 1, each person could know the whole story to any point if they could remember perfectly."

"Yes. Pierce did it with at least three people. One time he used ten."

She was about finished, so I fetched the salad plates from the icebox, put the stew in the icebox, and made the dressing. Simple. One sure way to make a poor salad is to put everything in sight in it.

Sue called from the airport. She said she would be home in 40 minutes if she could find her car. I told Mae and she said

good. There was no way I could eat anything else, but I would have everything ready for Sue. With candles.

I put four potatoes in to cook (always start with cool water) and got out a bowl for stew and filled it. There was plenty of salad left. Mae set a place for Sue and made coffee so we would have something while she ate. I put the dishes in the dishwasher. Making a dish like this I just keep up with the dishes as I go.

I heard the Z buzzing up the driveway, so I lit the candles and brought food to the table. Mae teased, "She gets candles? Boohoo." The potatoes were hot of course, and the stew would be in 30 seconds. Mae poured us all cups of coffee. Sue had no luggage, just her purse and laptop. She didn't even go upstairs, just sat to eat.

She had just one taste of the sauce and said, "This is amazing. I have had Boeuf à la Bourguignonne in France many times, and have tried to cook it myself, but never anything like this."

I said, "You're just hungry." "Yes I am, but . . . Marie, tell him. It is amazing." "Yes it is, but then I was hungry too. I didn't ask him what he did. What did you do?"

"Just followed Julia Child's instructions, almost to the letter except for the onions and mushrooms. I got lucky and was able to find 3 pounds of rump roast at the A&P on the other side of town, along with the baby boiling onions and beautiful fresh large mushrooms. I also got bottles of cheap Chilean Burgundy, which I sacrificed. There is plenty, and it freezes well if frozen in individual serving sizes. It is in the icebox now."

Sue said, "I never shop there. It is expensive and distant. Who told you to go there? And how much did the roast cost?"

"A security guy, and about \$10 a pound. Cheaper than prime rib and a lot better cut. I had the butcher remove all fiber and trim it carefully. He did a good job. I can do it but it takes a special knife I haven't seen here. Plus I'm slow."

Mae said, "He has the recipe memorized."

"But Mae, what you remember in chess is much more than this, which is not even two pages in Mastering I."

They started talking at once. Then they caught themselves. Sue said, "I'll say it like you would. The recipe is just the words. You understand the music, as deeply as anyone I have known. And, like anyone who understands an art, you find it easy and natural, even effortless."

"It has not always been so. When we first met you understood math better than I did, while I was a whiz at English. We taught each other. And cooking did not come to me easily, although I always enjoyed it and had many great teachers. You yourself have the gift: one taste of the sauce, not even savoring the solid but tender beef, or the slightly underdone mushrooms, or the onions that remain in one piece and not squirt all over when attacked by knife and fork—

that, the sauce, is the point of the dish. “You knew, from that single taste, that you had here a rare success. I do not boast, only describe. I have never had it turn out so well. The mushrooms are just timing (I cook them for a shorter time than Julia, and in crème fraîche with freshly grated nutmeg), the onions are nothing but a trick (I cook them longer at a much lower temperature, and, since there is no way to evenly brown them, I don’t even try), the beef is what it started out being (you can’t make this dish from sirloin or brisket, and I was lucky to find that perfect cut and a butcher who knew what he was doing).”

Sue had finished so I brought the salad. One nice thing about a garden is the lettuce stays crisp for an hour, perhaps more. Lettuce from the store has been dead for days. While I was getting the salad they talked about something, I would guess Sue’s trip. I wanted to say more: That I was inspired to cook well because I was cooking for a goddess and her descendent, in her own right a rising star. That is too corny and they wouldn’t buy it anyway, as they shouldn’t for it wouldn’t be true. Sue’s BS filter is probably not made up. I would have cooked as well had I been cooking for a Salvation Army buffet for the downtrodden. It is simple: It is pride of workmanship. Every great cook, or average mathematician, has it.

Friday 23 November

I woke up at 5, went to pee, slipped on my pants (the gown did not really cover me) and went down to the kitchen to make coffee. I left the door to Sue’s bedroom open just a bit so I could get back in. I took the pot and cups back to her room. She had a microwave there so the coffee could be reheated. I looked at her, sleeping. Is Sue a perhaps? She had convinced me that I had no other life than with her, and then insisted that I had no life with her. She runs me off and brings me back. It has nearly killed me according to my doctor. Twice and counting. I don’t buy that, but there it is. I remember what Sue had said about thinking, so I tried to stop, at least stop this line.

I was chilly so I finished my coffee and went back to bed. It was still warm, and soon I was.

She rolled over a little to be closer to being on her back. I kissed her gently. She said, “You taste like coffee.” I asked if she wanted any.

“Would you mind?” I said, “I brought the pot and your cup up here.” I got my left arm back and saw to coffee. It seemed warm enough so I gave hers and mine together a minute. Sue lit two candles and sat up in bed. “When did you make coffee?” I told her about 5. According to the clock on the microwave it was now a little after 6. I put her coffee on the nightstand and sat at the foot of her bed on her side. It was a big bed, although I don’t know the names of different sizes of beds. She was a regular sized woman, about 5’5, and her feet didn’t come close to the end, especially with her sitting up. She had the cover folded back just covering her lap. I sipped coffee. I only had a little left, finished

it, and put my cup next to hers. She moved her cup so that it was touching mine.

I thought it likely that I would go back to sleep, but I didn’t. I think she did.

Her small alarm clock went off. I punched the snooze button but she rolled over, kissed me, and got up. I dressed. It occurred to me that I couldn’t enter my bedroom without going out in the hall, so I told Sue I would go make breakfast and left, taking the coffee pot and cups. I knew Mae thought we were sleeping together, so what could it hurt if I got caught? But Sue walked in. It was after 8, so I poured some OJ for Sue and prepared to make toast. I had a big glass of milk. It was a little too cold, but it would warm fast.

I remembered from nowhere that a lovebird is a small greenish short-tailed African parrot, noted for close bonding and mutual preening between mates. They are popular as cage birds: Eileen Gray had a mated pair in a huge cage. The other, human, lovebirds are known to display affection in public, and I did not qualify. If you stretch it a little, I suppose Sue did, but just by not objecting to some suggestive comments by Mae, and by that ‘my man’ that probably got out by accident.

One should not be held strictly accountable for words said when upset or immersed in emotion. That does not extend to other actions, and words can hurt more than sticks and stones. Especially written words. “The pen is mightier” begins a more accurate saying than the cliché that starts out “Sticks and stones.” I know, they are both clichés.

*To Be Continued*

## Upcoming Events

<b>Daily</b>	DFW Early Traffic Net (NTS) at 6:30pm 146.88 – PL 110.9Hz
<b>Daily</b>	DFW Late Traffic Net (NTS) at 10:30pm 146.72 – PL 110.9Hz
<b>Daily</b>	Texas CW Traffic Net at 7:00pm on 3541 KHz and at 10pm on 3541 KHz <a href="http://www.k6jt.com">www.k6jt.com</a>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Collins ARC Drive Home Net. 442.7 (+5) MHz, PL=110.9 Hz (K5QHD repeater), 5:30-6:00pm (no net 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday.)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday</b>	Richardson Emergency Siren Test. At noon using the Richardson Wireless Klub (RWK) repeater at 147.120 MHz.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday</b>	ARES North Texas HF Net Every month—3860 KHz at 8:30 pm—9:30pm
<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>21-23</b>	<b>JANUARY VHF</b> Objective: For 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 <a href="http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf">http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf</a>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>13-17</b>	<b>School Club Roundup</b> Objective: To exchange QSO information with club stations that are part of an elementary, middle, high school or college. The event runs from 1300 UTC Monday through 2359 UTC Friday. A station may operate no more than 6 hours in a 24-hour period, and a maximum of 24 hours of the 107 hour event. Details at <a href="http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup">http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup</a> .
<b>18-19</b>	<b>International DX—CW</b> To encourage W/VE stations to expand knowledge of DX propagation on the HF and MF bands, improve operating skills, and station capability by creating competition. W/VE amateurs: Work as many DX stations in as many DXCC entities as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. The event runs 48 hours, from 0000 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC. Details at <a href="http://www.arll.org/arll-dx">http://www.arll.org/arll-dx</a> .
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<b>4-5</b>	<b>International DX—Phone</b> To encourage W/VE stations to expand knowledge of DX propagation on the HF and MF bands, improve operating skills, and station capability by creating competition. W/VE amateurs: Work as many DX stations in as many DXCC entities as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. The event runs 48 hours, from 0000 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday. Details at <a href="http://www.arll.org/arll-dx">http://www.arll.org/arll-dx</a>

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**LOYAL** - offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

**PROGRESSIVE** - with knowledge abreast of science, a well built and efficient station, and operation beyond reproach.

**FRIENDLY** - with slow and patient operation when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, co-operation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

**BALANCED** - Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

**PATRIOTIC** - with station and skill always ready for service to country and community

### CDXA Periodic Table of Contests

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2   R RTTY Roundup 1800	6   CSRD VT QSO Party 0000	8   S ARRL DX - SSB	3   CSRD LA QSO Party 1400	1   CSRD 7th Area QSO Party 1800	180   CSRD KY QSO Party 1400	1   CS RAC Canada Day 0000	7   C NAQP - CW 1800	4   S AA DX - SSB 0000	2   S Oceana DX - SSB 0800	6   S NA Sprint - SSB 0000	3   CS ARRL - 160M 2200
9   C NAQP - CW 1800	6   R Mexico - RTTY 1200	10   CSRD OK QSO Party 1400	180   CSRD MS QSO Party 1800	1   CS IN QSO Party 1800	12   CSRD ARRL - VHF 1800	3   R DL DX - RTTY 1100	14   C WAE DX - CW 0000	4   C CWops Open 0000	2   CS CA QSO Party 1800	6   C Sweepstakes CW 2100	4   U FT Roundup 1800
16   S NAQP - SSB 1800	8   CSRD MN QSO Party 1400	13   C Stew Perry TBC	180   CSRD MO QSO Party 1800	1   CSRD DE QSO Party 1500	19   C Stew Perry TBC	3   C Marconi Memorial 1400	14   CSR MDC QSO Party 1500	180   CSR CO QSO Party 1500	9   R Makrothen - RTTY 0000	13   R WAE DX - RTTY 0000	11   CS ARRL - 10M 0000
16   CSRD ARRL - VHF 1800	8   CSRD BC QSO Party 1800	10   CSRD ID QSO Party 1900	4   S NA Sprint - SSB 0000	1   CSRD New England CQWW 2000	180   CSRD WV QSO Party 1800	30   CS IARU 1200	21   S NAQP - SSB 1800	180   CS NE QSO Party 1500	9   CSRD NV QSO Party 1800	20   S Sweepstakes SSB 2100	18   CS RAC Winter 0000
23   R BARTG RTTY 1200	6   C NA Sprint - CW 2500	10   R NA Sprint - RTTY 2500	30   O FT(n) DX 1200	8   CS AR QSO Party 1800		17   CSRD CQWW - VHF 1800	20   CSRD HI QSO Party 1800	180   CSRD TN QSO Party 1800	9   C Oceana DX - CW 0000	27   C CQWW - CW 0000	24   C Stew Perry TBC 1800
29   C CQ - 160M CW 2000	13   R CQWW WPX 0000	14   CSRD WI QSO Party 1800	30   CSRD NM QSO Party 1400	29   C CQWW WPX - CW 0000		17   R NAQP - RTTY 1800	20   O WW Digi DX 1200	11   S WAE DX - SSB 0000	9   CS AZ QSO Party 1800		
	20   C ARRL DX - CW 0000	30   R BARTG RTTY 0000	30   CS GA QSO Party 1800			24   CS RSGB IOTA 1200	20   CS OH QSO Party 1800	11   CSRD TX QSO Party 1400	9   CSRD PA QSO Party 1800		



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