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RCARC Membership Meeting

Tuesday 26 June 2018
1700 Social 1730 Meeting
1800 Program

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

Subject:
Field Day Recap

Thanks to Michael Ketchum K5MDK for a Great Program Last Month:

Smart phones are a common staple in society today. Michael presented some of the ways a smart phone can be used for ham radio activity, turning its capabilities into a ham radio or a nifty tool for the shack.



June VHF Contest Report

W5ROK operated in the ARRL June VHF Contest. Bob Kirby (K3NT), John McFadden (K5TIP) and Dennis Cobb (WA8ZBT) left Ham-Com to

Mhz	Mode	Contacts	Grids
50	CW	82	23
50	USB	170	77
144	CW	1	1
144	USB	24	13
432	USB	15	10
Total		292	124
Points = 37,944			

Local Club News

Meeting Notice

In addition to the monthly business meeting, this month's meeting will include a recap of this year's Field Day event.

RCARC Community Service Activities

Siren Testing Dennis Cobb WA8ZBT, John McFadden K5TIP and Jim Skinner WB0UNI participated in the Richardson emergency siren testing on 6 June 2018. All sirens worked well, with the exception of one with a nonfunctional strobe. The siren testing is performed at 12:00 on the first Wednesday of each month. 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 members, after successful completion of Richardson Police Department Training, patrol their neighborhoods and report all suspicious activities to the Police Department.



start operating at 1300 Hours on Saturday June 9, 2018. They worked Mike Schmit (WA9WCC) and also Ross Terry (K5SRT) along with many other stations. (Ross was a Rover—this picture shows his rig).

*(Contributed by
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WA8ZBT)*

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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 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 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 Dave Russell W2DMR, at 972.690.9894 or E-mail warhog4@tx.rr.com.

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President and VP Messages

Hi all, I've been on a photography trip this past several weeks, so I am recuperating.

This past month Ham-Com returned to Plano, and I think it was a success, although numbers still seemed to be down. I don't think everyone got the message that it was back in Plano, so next year will tell the real story. There was a fair turnout of vendors, although some regulars were missing. Kenwood still had only a table with three radios, but they did have a representative. Their display on Saturday was an improvement over their table last year, which had only one radio. Icom and Yaesu had their regular booths, although I thought Yaesu's was a bit smaller. I was really impressed by Icom's new 7610 radio. Flex Radio really caught my eye with their new line of stand-alone radios and their performance flexibilities, especially if you are interested in working remote. The flea market inside was a big success, as it looked like every spot was filled. The outside flea market was almost non-existent from what I could see. I guess the heat drove them away. I am looking forward to seeing what next year's Ham-Com brings.

This month we also have Field Day. If you have never participated, you need to come out and join in; it is always fun, and it will improve your operating abilities. I will be there, although not sure how much, as I seem to have done myself in on my photography trip: walking/climbing canyons, slot canyons, and sand dunes. I am hobbling around with excessive left foot pain, so it is looking like a trip to the foot doctor if it does not start improving soon.

Oh! I did get on the air early this month and worked some stations, including a New Zealand station, so the rig still works just fine.

See you at the meeting & 73's,
Gene, K1GD
RCARC President

Secretary's Report

22 May 2018

President Gene Duprey K1GD called the meeting to order at 1741.

The following were present at the meeting:

Jim Brown	AF5MA
Dennis Cobb	WA8ZBT
Gene Duprey	K1GD
Michael Ketchum	K5MDK
Bob Kirby	K3NT
Mike Schmit	WA9WCC
Jim Skinner	WB0UNI
Joe Wolf	N5UIC

Officers and Committee Reports:

There were no formal reports other than the Secretary's Report, which is contained in this newsletter.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

President Gene Duprey K1GD mentioned the upcoming Field day in June and confirmed that the club had at least four volunteers to cover the event. He also reminded all that Ham-Com would be held in Plano this year from 8 to 10 June.

Bob Kirby K3NT announced that Ross Terry K5SRT would be operating in the area during the upcoming ARRL VHF contest (9 to 10 June) and had requested communications support from the club and the W5ROK station.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1802 and followed by a well-received presentation on "Ways to Use Your Cellphone as a Ham Radio" by Mike Ketchum K5MDK.

Field Day is Here!

W5ROK will be participating in the 2018 ARRL Field Day the last weekend in June (23-24 June). The station is ready and RCARC members are welcome. Visitors are also welcome to operate or observe, but they must be escorted. Retirees on the access list in the north guard shack are authorized to escort visitors. Please advise Dennis WA8ZBT or Bob K3NT if you would like to participate.

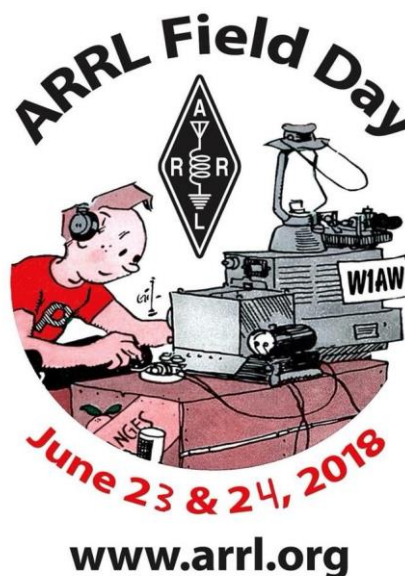
A PDF of the rules can be found here:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2018/2018-Field-Day-Rules.pdf>

(Contributed by Bob Kirby K3NT)

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
JUNE	
23-24	Field Day —Field Day is ham radio's open house. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio. Details at http://www.arrl.org/field-day .
JULY	
14-15	IARU HF World Championship —Objective: to contact as many other amateurs around the world as possible using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. Begins 1200 UTC Saturday and ends 1159 UTC Sunday. Details at http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship .



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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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