

In the DARC



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DARC Under New Management

By N. T. "Len" Carlson, K4IWL

First let me say that I appreciate all those who voted for me in the DARC 2002 election. As most of you know, this past year and half has been a difficult one for the DARC. The major event was losing our meeting place of about 16 years at Wyatt's Cafeteria. This had been an ideal situation because we had a private room that seated around 70-80 persons, it was free, and located where it was easily accessible by most of our members.

As a result of losing our meeting place and the instability that caused as we moved around the Metroplex searching for the "ideal" replacement, we started to see a sharp decline in club membership. This caused a decline in the quality and frequency of the programs, members not getting the word on where the next meeting was going to be, and in some cases meetings were held in locations which made it difficult for some of our members to get to.

As your new President, my number one priority is to find a permanent meeting place that meets the needs of the majority of our members and stimulates new growth in the club.

My job is simple:

To find the ideal meeting place. Facilities, location, size, and free.

To talk to and cajole our past members to renew their memberships

To get the membership more involved in the workings of the club.

To provide "value" that will motivate Dallas hams to join and become involved in the club.

To motivate the membership and the board to establish a focus and purpose for the club.

That's all the we have to do for 2002. Well, let me talk about each of these items and explore what it will take to accomplish these

tasks.

1. **Meeting place:** This has been difficult. There are two factors which have been very daunting in finding the "ideal" place. Location and free. The search has been to find another Wyatt's. After a year of looking we have yet to find such a place. The Red Cross Headquarters provided the most perfect location due to having a private room, offered multi-media equipment for programs, and free. There have been mixed feelings about this mostly due to its location and for that reason the attendance at the meetings declined. A number of restaurants have been tested but either the space was too small, not private, not having a space friendly to programs, or not free (requiring a certain number of meals to be served). So as you can see, this is not an easy task. Other places are being explored.

2. **Membership Renewals:** I'm not going to beat around the bush but the DARC needs your membership. The largest portion of our budget comes from membership dues. At the end of 1999 we had a membership of about 300 and at the end of 2001 our current membership is around 140. That's a loss of approximately 160 members in a little over a year. That is a significant decline. This may be due in part to the instability of a meeting place, it also could be the result of not sending renewal notices to the membership, possibly due to a decline in quality programs because of the meeting place problem, and some of it could be the result of not mailing out a hardcopy newsletter and switching to e-mail versions only. Whatever the reasons, I want to know what would motivate you to become a member and to renew your membership. Contact us, send an e-mail, or come to the next meeting and tell us what you think the club should do for you to continue to get your support. I plan to take some steps starting immediately to add

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**January Meeting
Wednesday, January 9,
2002**

**Casa Rosa
5550 W. Lover's Lane
next to the Inwood
Theatre**

**W5FC Repeaters
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223.28/224.88 MHz
447.425/442.425 MHz**

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The Dallas Amateur Radio Club meets the first Wednesday of each month. Guests are welcome! Membership is open to all interested persons subject to confirmation by the voting members in accordance with the DARC Bylaws. Annual dues are \$25. The Dallas Amateur Radio Club is a non-profit, American Radio Relay League Affiliated Special Service Organization. Contributions to In the DARC are always welcome and may be submitted to the editor by mail, fax or e-mail. Letters to the Editor will be printed as space permits. DARC accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of this newsletter. Reproduction is permitted provided that this newsletter and the original source are credited.

Minutes of the Dallas Amateur Radio Club

December 6, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 19:11 by Gayland Scott, K5LGS, and was held at the Degloyer Elementary School. He started by introducing the teacher who heads the club at Degloyer.

Bernie Parker, K5BP, gave the repeater report stating that there has been no significant change. They are still working on both repeaters for other little problems.

Len Carlson, K4IWL, gave a membership report. There were 4 new membership applications. All were voted and approved.

Gayland gave the van report and indicated it is being worked on. Everything is under warranty so the club won't be out any additional money.

Mont O'Leary, K0YCN, gave the financial report. We are still solvent, although not by much. There is \$1,103.00 in the bank.

Len stated that we will be meeting at the Casa Rosa Café for the next meeting.

Don gave an audit report. There are missing odds and ends. We had a lengthy show and tell session. After the Show and Tell, the nominating committee gave the results of the election.

The new officers are:

John Cotton, K5SN, Director

Peter Hicks, N5KD, Director

Bernie Parker, K5BP, Director

Marina D. Calverley, KC5ZMY, Secretary

Don Murray, W9VE, Treasurer

Colin Buckup, N5G, Vice-President

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A motion was made to adjourn at 20:33



The deadline for the February, 2002, issue of In the DARC is January 17, 2002 (No Exceptions)

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value to what the club offers the membership. But let's hear from you.

3. **More Involvement by Members:** The club belongs to the members. Not to the Officers or the Board of Directors but to you the members. I will be asking some of you to take on certain tasks during the year. It's important for the health of any club or organization for the membership to have a piece of the action. Your part and active participation in the grand scheme of things is very important.

4. **Value:** Any club or membership organization must provide something of value to the members in order to bring in new members, retain existing members, and to ensure good attendance at meetings. What is the value that you're looking for from the DARC? Let us know! We want your feedback! The value that the DARC currently provides are:

5. **Operation and maintenance of the repeaters.** This is supported entirely by the membership dues.

6. **Programs.** Programs for the enlightenment and/or education of the members,

7. **Activities.** Activities such as Field Day. I plan to initiate some additional activities for members and their families in 2002. Activities are supported by the member's dues and donations where costs are involved.

8. **Information.** To bring the members up-to-date on current happenings and public service events.

9. **The Club's Van.** This provides a visible icon to the general public and emphasizes our public service presence. It also is our mobile communications center. The van is supported entirely from the DARC treasury which comes almost entirely from the membership dues.

10. **AND, the newsletter.** Due to the cost of printing and mailing, the DARC board was forced to go to an e-mail only newsletter. However, in 2002, I plan to develop a program that will make sure that members who don't have Internet access can continue to get their printed newsletter each month. Also, I am implementing a program that will bring more local news to the newsletter and member profiles each month.

11. **Focus and Purpose:** What is the focus and purpose of the DARC? Are we a social club? A technical forum? A public service organization? An emergency communications club? It is for us and YOU the membership to help us define this. What is it that you think is important? Tell us!

In 2002 I want the DARC to grow and to provide value to the membership and for the membership to have a larger voice in the operation of the club.

One final note. I want the DARC to also be a "kinder - gentler" club. Be nice to each other.

Thank you for your support.

Happy New Year!



Is The Big Project DOA In Texas?

Little-known Texas law may quash the League's Education Initiative before it gets off the ground

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I know what you're thinking. This must be an April Fool's joke, right? I wish it were. An obscure piece of minutia buried deep in the Texas Education Code (Section 37.082) may well keep Amateur Radio locked out of most Texas middle schools whether enthusiastic science teachers support the Big Project or not. Clubs that approach schools with offers of radio gear, books, and grant money could well be told, "Sorry, we can't. It's the law."

It was only a few days ago that I found out about this law, and how schools are exploiting it far beyond its original intent. I thought it important to get this information out immediately.

Yes, it's true. Unless a little-known Texas law is changed, there will be virtually no Big Project in Texas.

Good Intentions

This is the story of how a law which started out as a nice sounding idea resulted in unintended negative consequences for the public as well as for Amateur Radio.

It all started back in the mid-1980s when drug dealers began relying heavily on pagers to communicate with customers and suppliers. They developed an elaborate system of number codes which had specific meanings, such as where to meet for drug deals, etc.

In an effort to stem drug dealing in Texas schools, the Legislature passed a law in 1995 which gave schools the right to prohibit "paging devices" in schools, and at school sponsored events. The law further gave schools the right to seize pagers on sight, and charge up to a \$15.00 handling fee to return them to the lawful owner.

The law defined a paging device as "a telecommunications device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor." Years ago, that described a standard, garden-variety pager, and nothing else. At the time, such was the intent of the law.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

DUES AMNESTY

All members whose memberships have expired prior to October 1, 2001, which exceeds the renewal grace period of 90 days, will be forgiven unpaid past dues. If you renew during the month of January 2002 will only be responsible for the regular one-year membership fee. Your new expiration date will be reset to January 2003.

Use the enclosed return envelope to send your check. Please make sure that your Call Sign is written on the front of the check along with the word AMNESTY.

Thanks for supporting the DARC.

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Join the Dallas Amateur Radio Club

Become a member of the Dallas Amateur Radio Club today. Fill out this application and mail it with our check to the address below or bring it to the next meeting. You can be a member the same night! During the break between the business meeting and the program, all applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee and voted on before the program.

Membership Fees are:

Full (Ham license—has vote)	\$25.00
Life (12 times above rate)	\$300.00 (65+ is \$150.00, attach proof of age)
Senior (65 or older)	\$15.00
Family (must have one of the above)	\$5.00
Associate (no license, no vote)	\$25.00
Students (must be full time 5 of last 12 months)	\$15.00

Send your application to:
 Dallas Amateur Radio Club
 Post Office Box 744266
 Dallas, Texas 75374-4266

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Residential) _____ Phone (Business) _____

E-mail _____ Call Sign _____

Class of License _____ Date First Licensed _____

ARRL Member? Yes _____ No _____

Occupation _____

Hobbies or Interests _____

Comments: What are your preferred Ham activities? What types of programs would you like to see at Club meetings? _____

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Abuse Runs Rampant

Soon after the anti-pager law was passed, schools wasted no time adopting policies prohibiting students from possessing them. After all, they wanted to prevent drug dealing by students on campus. How better to do that than to cut off their communications? But as often happens, many school officials who had been given an inch of authority began to take miles of latitude far beyond what the law allowed.

In one case I know of personally, a Principal took a pager from an 8th grade student who was a spectator in the stands at a Thursday night JV football game. The boy's father had bought him the pager as an "electronic leash"—a means of keeping tabs on his son's whereabouts. This incident occurred back when a lot of high profile

child abductions were terrifying parents all over the nation. Putting in place a means of keeping tabs on his teenage son was a reasonable and prudent thing for the man to do.

The important point in this case was that the Principal construed the pager prohibition to cover paying spectators at a school related event which was open to the public—as if buying a ticket and sitting in the football bleachers were the same as sitting in Algebra class. Such was never the intent of the law. This Principal essentially wrote his own law.

The boy's father didn't take the matter lying down. He went right down to the police station and filed criminal theft charges against the Principal. I understand that it created quite a stir when the Constable came to the school the next day and served the Principal with a court

summons.

More Abuse Of Power

Although I didn't hear how the case turned out, it illustrates how schools often play fast and loose with the law, and abuse their authority. This same type of over-reaching occurred some twenty years ago when the Federal Equal Access Law was passed, allowing voluntary student-initiated prayer on school property.

Hundreds of schools defied the law and began to seize Bibles from students, and to exact discipline for such egregious offenses as saying grace over lunch. To bolster their argument, schools came up with all kinds of fictitious horror stories. They said that if they allowed any form of religious expression, then Occultists would be coming in demanding the right to do Black Magic

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spells, animal sacrifices, and so on. Of course, those things didn't happen.

All of those over-zealous schools were sued, and all of them lost. In the process, millions of taxpayer dollars were wasted as schools pulled out all the stops to silence voluntary prayer which the law allowed, and which a majority of Americans support to this day.

How many books, microscopes, desks, and football uniforms could that money have bought? How does taking a pager from an 8th grade football fan, or stopping a high schooler from saying grace at lunch make the school safer or the students smarter? Of course, these matters actually have nothing to do with academic achievement or school safety. In the end, the only horrible things that came about were perpetuated against the public by schools that neither followed the law nor respected the will of the people.

Cheaper and Smaller

As technology evolved in recent years, the line between old-timey paging and other forms of wireless technology began to disappear as services became more integrated. Today's wireless phones include text messaging, email, voice mail, and internet access. Third generation wireless phones promise full color video in the palm of your hand!

As wireless devices became more affordable, they proliferated, and consumers came to rely on them. Wireless phones and PDAs are everywhere these days. FRS radios are now as common at malls as talkies are at hamfests. Few of us can imagine living our daily lives without relying on wireless technology.

Safety is the most compelling reason for owning a wireless device these days. A pre-teen who has an FRS radio at the mall is a kid who is less likely to get lost from his or her parents.

More wireless phones in the hands of the general population create a difficult working environment for the average crook. There are too many people who can report him to police in a matter of seconds. Presently, over 100,000 emergency calls originate from wireless phones every day in America. In short, the proliferation of wireless devices has made our lives safer and more convenient.

Stretching The Law Even More

Although the pager law was originally written to only prohibit pagers, most

schools have today construed it to cover everything from cellular phones, to talkies, to wireless PDAs, to laptops with wireless internet modems. Anything that emits audio, displays a message, or delivers a communications to the possessor is now considered to be contraband, just like a bag of marijuana. Talkies, GPS receivers for APRS, handheld SSTV devices, and tiny ATV linkers are all prohibited and subject to seizure by school officials at any moment.

Although policies vary slightly from school to school, it's safe to say that *most* Texas schools prohibit *all* wireless devices. Using information posted on school district web sites, and by making a few phone calls, I was able to determine that of the fifteen school districts in Dallas County, only two *don't* prohibit students from possessing all things wireless. Fortunately, the Big Project pilot school in Dallas is in one of those two districts.

An informal survey of schools in surrounding counties yielded similar figures. A few districts allow students who are volunteer firemen and medics to carry pagers at school. But the HEB-ISD goes so far as to even prohibits tape recording devices.

Would HEB really seize a \$1000 digital camcorder from a 7th grader who is caught taping his big brother's Saturday morning swim meet from the spectator stands? Under their policy, they could do exactly that. It's important to note that the law only allows schools to prohibit paging devices, but schools are going much further on their own initiative.

Students who would participate in an Amateur Radio program in school would surely be carrying wireless RF devices. That's exactly what we want to see. We all know the benefits of these Big Project educational programs, and of Amateur Radio in general. They are too numerous to mention here, and the League has done a marvelous job of articulating those benefits anyhow.

Emergency Preparedness

Since Columbine and the 9-11 terrorist attacks, we have all become more mindful of preparedness, especially as it relates to the wellbeing of our children. At this writing, Texas schools were put on high alert for a possible terrorist attack a few days ago. It was later determined that the threat was not credible.

In these uncertain times, we hams take comfort in the fact that in the event of a disaster, we have a distinct advantage that

the "average Joe" doesn't—we have the ability to communicate when nobody else can! When the phone lines are jammed and the cell sites are busied out, Amateur Radio shows its true worth.

For the sake of discussion, let's think of some hypothetical emergency situations which might involve our kids at school. If a tornado were to hit your child's school, wouldn't it be best if he were able to communicate with the outside world, even if he were trapped beneath debris? Better yet, wouldn't it be good if somebody at the school (student or teacher) were to get an additional few minutes of advance warning of a tornado via the 2-meter Skywarn net? Wouldn't more advance warning save lives?

If there were a school shooting, wouldn't it be best if your child were able to report to police that he and his classmates were safely locked inside Mrs. Ellis' classroom? At Columbine, some students were able to report this kind of information via cell phones.

In a school emergency, let's picture what might typically happen outside the school. Parents would be rushing to the school, parking on grass and roadsides—perhaps even throwing their cars in park out in the streets—and running to the building in a mad panic. There would be hundreds of parents doing this. The scene would be completely chaotic as hundreds of distraught students scrambled to match up with hundreds of parents.

How could Amateur Radio give us the advantage? Picture this: Your ham son keeps a Kenwood TH-D7AG dual band data radio in his backpack along with a cheap GPS receiver. His orders are that if there is an emergency which requires him to flee the school, he is to switch on the radio and GPS and start squawking his location over APRS. He is then to monitor a special UHF simplex channel as he walks to a prearranged location a couple of blocks away, or to a safe house.

As soon as you hear that there has been an emergency at the school, you leave work for the prearranged location without entering the chaotic area around the school. You monitor your son's position over APRS on your laptop or PDA. As you get within range, you make voice contact on UHF. If he is holed up inside the school, you can at least know his exact location and hear his voice. Perhaps he can report valuable information to public safety officials. If the APRS system

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is too elaborate for your budget, a simple credit-card size 2-meter radio safely tucked away in his backpack would be better than nothing.

Certainly, there is no guarantee that the presence of ham radios and other wireless devices in schools would necessarily be a magic fix-all. Neither does the presence of fire extinguishers guarantee that the building won't burn down. But every bit of preparation and preparedness is nothing but a good thing and should never be prohibited by law or school policy. Let's remember that Amateur Radio in the schools, and the emergency skills that the young hams bring, costs the schools nothing.

A Real School Emergency

When I was a Sophomore in high school, I used Amateur Radio during a school function to summon help during a real emergency. I was in the band and we were returning home on the school busses from an out-of-town football game. Our bus was in the lead, and three other busses were behind us.

As we traveled the two-lane highway, I noticed that our bus began to travel much slower than normal. (Most of the other band students had dozed off by this time.) I discretely made my way up near the front to see what was going on. Right away I saw what the trouble was. In front of us was a drunk driver!

The drunk was traveling substantially slower than the normal flow of traffic. Every few seconds he would cross the yellow center stripe into the oncoming traffic lane, then drift to the right and off onto the grass. I recognized the truck as belonging to a Senior who had a reputation for being a dangerous and violent drunk. We were going slowly because it was unsafe for us to pass the drunk driver on a two-lane road in a loaded school bus.

He had to be stopped. After a brief conversation with the driver, I quietly autopatched the Sheriff's Department using my old, crystal-controlled talkie. I was able to report our situation and our exact location. As our bus convoy approached the next town, the "long arm of the law" was waiting. The drunk was apprehended without incident, and we all made it home safely. Only the bus driver and I knew how the drunk had been done it that night. We can never know how many lives were saved.

Let Amateur Radio In

Today, any student caught carrying a talkie (as I often did years ago) would be suspended from school and removed from the band. School officials would seize the talkie. Let's not forget that the law does not prohibit Amateur Radio in schools. The schools have construed it to do so. As a result, Texas schools are *less* safe.

The case for Amateur Radio in the schools of Texas is indisputable. Many areas of academic study are strengthened, and emergency preparedness is enhanced. Further, if the worst should happen, parents would be able to contact their children when no other means of communications was available. There are simply no negatives.

If we were to suggest that schools should abolish their bans on wireless devices, no doubt many would once again barrage us with more fictitious horror stories. It's their way.

No doubt they would warn us that students would be concocting elaborate cheating schemes or clandestine plans to traffic drugs on campus. They would like us to believe that 6th graders are capable of sophisticated communications techniques that the CIA only dreams of.

In reality, government at any level is unlikely to give up any control over students and parents without a fight. (Let's not forget that the schools are an arm of government. They remind us of this every time the subject of voluntary school prayer comes up.) Government entities rarely consent to less power for themselves and more freedom for the people.

For this reason, I believe that the Big Project will never be allowed in most Texas schools unless we take action now. We will even find it difficult to raise money for the project. Heck, what corporate sponsor or wealthy individual would donate gear that the school could seize and auction off at any time? What parent would bother to have their kid in such a program if the kid weren't allowed to use Amateur Radio at school—possibly at the moment when it might be needed most to save lives?

Taking Action

There are five avenues that I believe should be pursued to remedy this problem. No one individual can do all of these things. We must all stand together, and each do our part. Our ranks are large, and some of us have influence in specialized areas where others don't. Not all of us can do everything I'm about to mention, but we can each do

Let's remember that we must maintain a positive tone at all times as we work through the system to change laws and policies that are detrimental to Amateur Radio. We can only win by making friends, not enemies.

First, to be totally safe, the anti-pager law must be changed completely to *prohibit* schools from regulating wireless devices. The original intent of the law, which was to inhibit drug trafficking, is now an obsolete concept since police now have a much more powerful tool: "roving" wiretap authority. In essence, police can now wiretap the person rather than a specific device. Other available tools, such as drug-sniffing dogs, and random drug testing, have relegated the pager law to the ash heap of obsolescence.

To get the law changed, we must begin contacting our state lawmakers now. We must write letters to them, and speak at their town hall meetings. Perhaps a ham radio demonstration at a civic event would help make our case. Each one of us can do this.

Second, since the Legislature will not be in session again for another two years, the law cannot be changed until then. For now, our only hope on the legal front lies with the Texas Attorney General. He can simply write an opinion stating that because technology and wiretap laws have changed since the law was passed, the anti-pager law is obsolete and won't be supported by the State of Texas. The A/G's opinion carries the force of law for all practical purposes.

After an opinion of that nature is issued, any school which continues to enforce the non-supported law will have no legal basis for doing so, and will be open to lawsuits. Getting this done would require us to convince the A/G of the merits of Amateur Radio in Texas schools, and why the Big Project should be protected from the unintended negative consequences of this law.

This type of opinion was issued a few years ago when it was discovered that the law prohibiting a person from carrying a firearm didn't exempt police officers assigned to airports. The A/G stated that the State would not support the prosecution of a police officer under these circumstances.

It's important to note that not just anybody can request that the A/G issue a written opinion regarding a law. Only a limited number of state officials have the constitutional authority to request an opinion to which the A/G must respond. However, I would like to relate a case from

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Arlington where an ordinary citizen got the ball rolling.

A citizen was concerned about Arlington ISD's disciplinary policy and requested in writing that the Superintendent provide him with a written legal opinion. The Superintendent wrote to the Board's law firm for an opinion. They wrote to the local State Representative, who wrote to the head of the Texas Education Agency, who wrote to the A/G. Presto! The citizen got his opinion from the A/G. So you see, one citizen can make a difference.

Convincing the A/G to issue special Amateur Radio protection is not something that just any "average Joe" can do. But I'm sure that there are some members in Texas ham clubs who are in a position to get the job done. Whoever you are, we're counting on you.

Third, we must educate Texas Task Force on Homeland Security, and their chairman David Dewhurst, about why communities benefit when there is more Amateur Radio in the schools, and why it's a necessary part of any emergency preparedness plan. We all know that any emergency preparedness plan which doesn't include Amateur Radio will come up short. We must now educate Chairman Dewhurst on that. I'm sure that somebody reading this has a task force member within his or her circle of influence. Perhaps this committee would benefit from a ham radio demo also.

Fourth, we should begin working behind the scenes. We must contact our school board members and educate them about Amateur Radio. Let's make sure that their schools aren't eligible for certain "technology grants" (Big Project grants) if they prohibit wireless devices. Certainly, no club should sponsor such a school. No elected official wants to go on record opposing free grants.

We must volunteer at area schools to make our case on the inside. Essentially, every one of us should become a "lobbyist" or a "mole." School Boards can abolish their anti-wireless policies at any time. We should encourage them to do so by creating support for ham radio from the ground up. I'm on a technical advisory committee at my local school. They put out a call for volunteers from industry. I signed up. At the proper time, I will make our case.

Finally, the League must resolve not to donate a Big Project package to any school district which could possibly seize the donated equipment, or other student owned

equipment, at any time. Although we may think it unlikely that they would do such a thing, it's imperative that a letter of guarantee be obtained from each district before Amateur Radio is brought into the school.

That's it folks. It's time for us to all get busy. I support the Big Project. I want to see Amateur Radio in every school. I want to hear many young voices on the air soon. Our future depends on it.

I welcome your comments, your suggestions, and your war stories. Ready? Let's roll.

The impossible is possible when people align with you. When you do things with people, not against them, the amazing resources of the Higher Self within are mobilized.

Anonymous

Treasurer's Report

Mont O'Leary, K0YCN

Following is the status of our major accounts as of the end of November 2001:

Account Balances

General Fund	(\$265.09)
Griffith Fund	\$5,333.98
Repeater Fund	\$1,115.88

Year-To-Date Income

Auction Income	\$1,170.05
Equipment Resale	\$1,352.50
Ham-Com Income	\$773.02
Membership Dues	\$2,855.00
Contributions	\$752.54

Year-To-Date Expense

DARC Van	\$4,230.89
Liability Insurance	\$547.00
Operations	\$1,977.59
Program	\$372.31
Repeater	\$687.41

Membership (dues current): 144

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Larry Melby

Yes, remember that number. It's the new way to help raise money for the DARC, and best of all, it doesn't require any additional effort by the members of the club. Here's all you have to do. Go to your neighborhood Tom Thumb and apply for your Reward Card. It's free and it takes only a couple of minutes to get. When you check out, simply give the cashier your Reward card and DARC's number, 4056! Then just use the card each and every time that you shop at Tom Thumb.

Tom Thumb will track the total sales each quarter for the club and make a donation to the club of up to 1%!

So sign up today and spend, spend, spend!

Idiots in Food Service

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the individual behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

Idiots at the Airport

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate, when the airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" I said, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled and nodded knowingly, "That's why we ask."

Idiots in Management

At a good-bye lunch for an old and dear coworker who is leaving the company due to "downsizing" our manager spoke up and said, "This is fun. We should have lunch like this more often." Not another word was spoken. We just looked at each other like deer staring into the headlights of an approaching truck.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day Irving ARC Net	2 7:45 PM Metroplex Amsat Net-147.14 ATV Net 144.34 Voice	3 8:00 PM AB51GATV Net - 2.4 GHz	4	5 12:30 PM OCWA Meeting (lunch at 11:30 AM)
6 7:15 AM OCWA Net - 3835 kHz 8:00 PM Dallas County RACES Net	7 Garland ARC Net	8 Irving ARC Net Lake Area ARC Parker County Amateur Radio Club	9 7:00 PM DARC Meeting 7:45 PM Metroplex Amsat Net-147.14 ATV Net 144.34 Voice Test Session	10 8:00 PM AB51GATV Net - 2.4 GHz	11	12 9:00 AM DARC Test Session at Piedmont- Hawthorn Air Center
13 7:15 AM OCWA Net - 3835 kHz	14 Garland ARC Net Richardson Wireless Klub	15 Irving ARC Net	16 7:45 PM Metroplex Amsat Net-147.14 ATV Net 144.34 Voice Test Session	17 8:00 PM AB51GATV Net - 2.4 GHz	18 Arlington ARC	19 Fort Worth Sidewalk Sale-TANDY IARC Test Session
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