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LANCASTER RALLY A GREAT SUCCESS!

BY RICHARD BARTLETT, KE6LOU

The Dallas Amateur Radio Club welcomes all who are interested in Amateur Radio be they prospective Amateurs or Amateurs of any License Class in becoming members of our organization.

May Business Meeting
 Tuesday, May 2, 2005
 7:00 PM—Dinner at 6:00 PM
 Talk-in on the 146.88 repeater
 Midway Point Restaurant
 (S.W. corner LBJ and Midway Rd.)

May Board Meeting
 Wednesday, May 11th, 2005
 7:00 PM
 Spring Creek Barbeque
 (Beltway Dr. and Midway, Addison)
 Listen to 146.88 for new location.

W5FC Repeaters
 146.28/146.88 MHz
 223.28/224.88 MHz
 447.425/442.425 MHz (110.9)



Ryan KE5DMM in route to his assigned post at the Lancaster Rally on Saturday, April 9th.
 — Photo by Doug Kilgore KD5OUG

Twenty-eight amateur radio operators came together on April 9th to provide communications support to the Lancaster Bike Rally. This is the first year that this rally used amateur radio and our debut was a smashing success!

We provided communications support for the rally leadership, SAG/bike vehicles, rest stops, roving vehicles, and the tail car.

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May 2005 Club Meeting
Tuesday, May 2nd
VibroPlex Keys

Dallas Amateur Radio Club

Founded 1914

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or email us at W5FC@arrl.net**2005 Officers****President:** Joe Isabella, N3JI**Vice-President:** Mason Sarles, KD5YHX**Treasurer:** Mont O'Leary, K0YCN**Secretary:** Craig Modrzynski, KD5WJV**Board of Directors:**

Colin Buckup, N5GG
 Ron Wycoff, WB0DZY
 John Carlson, K9SQ
 Don Murray, W9VE
 Bill Chapman, WB5DX
 N. T. "Len" Carlson, K4IWL

2005 Other Officers**Public Information &** Colin Buckup, N5GG**Webmaster:** John Carlson, K9SQ**Emergency Officer &** Johnny Davis, K5JD
W5FC Trustee:**Property:** Open**Programs:** Jim Heye, K5WLQ**Public Service:** Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU**Technical Officer:** Bernie Parker, K5BP**Activities:** Ron Wycoff, WB0DZY**Membership:** Don Murray, W9VE**Field Day:** Joe Isabella, N3JISend any information, articles, and pictures to John Carlson.

The Dallas Amateur Radio Club meets the first Tuesday of each month. Guests are welcome! **The Dallas Amateur Radio Club welcomes all who are interested in Amateur Radio be they prospective Amateurs or Amateurs of any License Class in becoming members of our organization.** See membership application for details at www.W5FC.org. The Dallas Amateur Radio Club is a non-profit, American Radio Relay League Affiliated Organization. Contributions to *In the DARC* are always welcome and may be submitted to the Public Information Officer by e-mail (K9SQ@arrl.net). 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.

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**Public Service Event
 Announcement**
PUBLIC SERVICE VOLUNTEERING***MAKING THE MOST OF THE EXPERIENCE*****By Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU****May 7, 2005****Dino Dash****22 Radio Operators Needed****August 20, 2005****Red Hot Chili Pepper Rally****38 Radio Operators Needed****October 1, 2005****AIDS Arms Lifewalk****10 Radio Operators Needed****November 5, 2005****Walk For Diabetes****9 Radio Operators Needed****November 24, 2005****Dallas Turkey Trot****7 Radio Operators Needed**For additional information contact Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU via email at KE6LOU@arrl.net

To participate, go to the following web URL, fill out the form, and press "Submit". It's that easy!

http://www.w5fc.org/pse_info/pse_appl.htm
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 is May 15, 2005.**

Dallas Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
First Quarter 2005
By Mont O'Leary K0YCN

Income	Year to Date	Budget
Campaign Income	315.50	3000.00
Contributions	1128.54	1500.00
Membership Dues	<u>1432.50</u>	<u>3000.00</u>
Total Income	2876.54	7500.00
Expense		
Campaign Expense	0.00	400.00
Communications	15.91	300.00
Membership	0.00	100.00
Operations	706.30	1000.00
Program Expense	21.70	200.00
Public Service	744.42	3890.00
Repeaters	<u>169.37</u>	<u>1100.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>1657.70</u>	<u>6990.00</u>
Net Income	1218.84	510.00

Following is our balance sheet as of the end of the quarter.

Assets	
Checking	7394.97
Griffith Fund	<u>6247.54</u>
Total Assets	13642.51
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Net Equity	13642.51

Notes to financial statements:

Campaign Income includes 50-50 ticket sales, equipment resale, raffles, public service donations, and auction income. Membership expense includes postage and other expenses incurred in recruiting and retaining members. Operations expense includes bonds, general liability insurance, PO box rental, Supplies, Telephone, etc. Program expense includes Field Day and Youth Programs. Public Service expense includes DARC van operations and other public service expenses. The Griffith Fund is an endowment whose investment income is reserved solely for the costs associated with the Griffith Community Service Award.

Reserve YOUR Space Now!
Ham-Com Outdoor Flea Market
June 3-5, 2005
\$30 including parking for 3 days

www.hamcom.org

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It never ceases to amaze me how a group of people, many who have never worked with each other before, at an event that we have never worked before, can come together, work as a team, and perform as if we have been together for years. Many were new to amateur radio public service. The newer members performed as if they were seasoned veterans. The seasoned veterans continued their tradition of excellence.

It was refreshing to have a teenaged radio operator. Ryan/KE5DMM was assigned to the same position as the adult participants and performed like a seasoned veteran. He is the future of amateur radio and we hope to see him at future public service events.

The event leadership and I truly appreciate how everyone arrived on time, were properly equipped, knew their assignments, and adapted to a very fluid situation. Everyone took ownership of their positions and did what was necessary to make the event successful. It doesn't get any better than this.

After the event, I met with the Rally Master, Asst. Rally Master, next year's Rally Master, and the SAG Captain. All gave amateur radio rave reviews for the job we did! They were already talking about us participating in 2006's rally!

Those of you assigned with rally officials and drivers impressed your "shadowees". You put on your "Ambassador of Goodwill" hats today and promoted a positive image of amateur radio. There were two event officials that were not sure about using amateur radio. One was skeptical and the other was "lukewarm" about the idea. By the end of the event they were both sold on amateur radio and its value.

Those of you assigned to rover positions proved this to be a value contribution. The security of having a full time presence on the course provided an additional safety net to the riders. Rovers were the first to locate numerous riders who were tired or needed mechanical assistance. The riders appreciated seeing the rovers on course, especially when you stopped to see if someone was okay if they were walking or sitting on the course. The rovers reported several safety issues to rally leadership, took the initiative to handle several on-course situations, and located or responded to on-course emergencies. Even the tail car got in on the action by locating a rider with mechanical problems on course and notifying a bike truck.

Below are a few examples of how amateur radio contributed to this event's success:

We dealt with three on-course participant emergencies (that I was aware of).

The first emergency was a tired rider near Rest Stop #1. Rest Stop 1 Foot Mobile was the first responder. Rest Stop 1 and RS 1 Foot Mobile updated Net Control on the situation and he walked with the rider to the rest stop. And who says nothing ever happens at Rest Stop 1?

The second was a rider bitten by a dog. A rover stayed with the rider and helped coordinate with the Sheriff's Department to take the rider back to the area and search for the dog and its owner.

The third was a rider exhibiting symptoms of heat stress. A SAG vehicle, bike truck, and I provided scene safety for the rider while the SAG vehicle and bike truck personnel handled the emergency. The rider was given water, a dry event shirt to wear, and at her request, her husband was called (who was at the finish line) to pick her up at the scene.

We had two instances of stray dogs on the course that were reported to Net Control. The rover called the Sheriff's Department and animal control picked up the dogs. The SAG vehicles and bike trucks made numerous transports of tired riders. The bike trucks made numerous on-course and rest stop bike repairs. The rest stop operators kept the Rest Stop Coordinator updated on supply status. The Rest Stop Coordinator ensured that supplies were efficiently moved between rest stops so that the rest stops were well stocked.

Participating were:

Richard Bartlett, KE6LOU
 Dave Best, KD5RYM
 Richard Bird, KD5NFW
 John Carlson, K9SQ
 Dennis Christensen, N5DJC
 Bill Cleaver, KD5PMB
 Robert Crosby, KD5YHY
 Bill Dyer, KE5BTZ
 Joshua Elson, KD5ZBD
 Harry Fasick, K3EYL
 Gary Haden, KD5ZCP
 Valli Hoski, N8QVT
 DeWayne Hughes, KE5DHO
 Ryan Hughes, KE5DMM
 Mike Hutchins, N5WJS
 Tom Katopody, N9TY
 Doug Kilgore, KD5OUG
 Karl Meyer, N5UOI
 Craig Modrzynski, KD5WJV
 Jeff Newman, N5KZT
 Mont O'Leary, K0YCN
 Bill Pirtle, N3UF
 Janet Reese, KD5IQM
 Tom Reese, KD5IPJ
 Cathy Schack, KE5DIO
 Amelia Shultz, KD5TXQ
 Jim Shultz, W5OMG
 Russ Thompson, KX5G

Once again, thanks to everyone for their participation!

For more information about DARC public service events, go to <http://www.w5fc.org/psevents.htm>.

Upcoming Events!

30 April 2005

**Belton - HAM EXPO
 Belton, TX**

<http://www.tarc.org/hamradio/hamexpo/oct2002early.html>

30 April 2005

**Ham Flea Market
 Durant Amateur Repeater Association
 Bryan County Community Building
 1 mile south of Durant, OK on Bus 69**

<http://www.brightok.net/~k5ym/dara.htm>
 Setup 0700; Doors open at 0800

7 May 2005

**Key City Amateur Radio Club - Abilene, TX
 Abilene, TX**

<http://www.qsl.net/kcarc/hamfest.html>

20-22 May 2005

**Dayton Hamvention
 Trotwood, Ohio**

<http://www.hamvention.org/>

3-5 June 2005

**HAM-COM
 Arlington, TX.**

<http://www.hamcom.org/>

NETS 146.88

May 7th	1900 CST	DARC Meeting on the Air
May 7th	2000 CST	Dallas County RACES
May 21st	1900 CST	DARC Meeting on the Air
May 21st	2000 CST	Dallas County RACES

**Next DARC VE Test Session is scheduled for
 Saturday, May 14th at 9 a.m.**

**Business Jet Center
 8611 Lemon Ave., 2nd Floor Cafeteria
 Contact: Larry Herring, WR3J
 214-350-9580**

See www.dfwlist.org for information.

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