



IN THE DARC

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Larry Melby KA5TXL Editor May 2010

Hello everyone from the President's Corner.

This month I've included a number of topics which, I hope, you will find interesting. I'd like to remind you, if you haven't attended a DARC meeting, checked into the new Tech Talk Net on Saturday at 7PM on the "88", or just not dropped by to say "hi" on the repeater, we'd love to hear from you!

As the weather gets warmer and days get longer, the radio isn't as attractive a past time as working in the garden or enjoying a rare, comfortable walk in the park, but it can be equally satisfying - perhaps in new ways.

Ham radio is about making contacts with others and as we move from springtime into the early, dog days, of summer, don't forget to check in on the "88" and make a lunch date with an old friend, catch up on the latest HF contests, or tell others about your latest antenna project or technical "victory". The repeater acts as a social center, probably close to a "party line" where we can listen in or actively talk about what's been going on in Dallas and in our own, personal, lives. Confidentially I connect via Echolink and do listen in when I'm out of town; it acts as a nice, familiar "voice" while I'm miles from home. It's a great way to "stay connected" while I'm stuck in the Oklahoma pan handle, which is where I'm writing this article! They are having some big dust storms today, by the way.

Oh, and don't forget to tell others about our Tech Talk net. I was at another club event (yes, I do that too), and they were talking about our new net! Support our net control stations, Katherine KC5ZMY and Roger KE5YTA, who have done a wonderful job in running our newest net. You can help by telling new hams about it and remind long time hams that we need them there to answer their questions. The main reason we created this net is to encourage and welcome new hams into the hobby. You can be pivotal in making that happen, right here in Dallas by being an "on air Elmer" and giving back to the hobby you love in an easy and fun way.

Martin "Sandy" Sandberg N5NBW SK

I just recently received this sad news: Martin "Sandy" Sandberg N5NBW passed peacefully from this life on April 25, 2010. Sandy was a former president of the Dallas Amateur Radio Club and well respected by the ham community.

I did not know Sandy personally but many, long time members expressed their personal appreciation and friendship, including his personal contributions to ham radio and to our club.

Here are some notable accomplishments about Sandy: He was born in Brooklyn, New York on March 19, 1926. He served in the US Army and US Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Sandy was a broadcast engineer with ABC Television for much of his work career, and was a Fellow in The Society of Broadcast Engineers. He was an avid amateur radio operator. He was also a Scottish Rite Mason for over 50 years. He and his wife are members of the Wilshire Baptist Church.

Sandy is survived by his wife Nell Sandberg, and children Peggy Sandberg, Sylvia

Steiger, Linda Baldor and Larry McDonald. His grandchildren are Ashby Mc-Donald, Autry McDonald, Alyssa McDonald, Kevin Baldor, Brian Baldor, Jennifer Baldor Wilson, Irene Steiger and Daniel Steiger.

73, Sandy, we will miss you.

General Meeting in April

The meeting in April was "Old Timers Night" and we had a hefty collection of stories from John K5SN, Don W9VE, Larry KA5TXL, and Doug KD5OUG as well as some fun short stories from other club members.

The evening concluded with DARC trivia and historical ham radio questions, all with the goal to win a grab bag of ham radio parts as prizes at this event.

Frontiers of Flight April 10th and 11th a success.

The DARC participated in the Frontiers of Flight, Tribute to World War II Flyers April 10th and 11th.

We set up the trailer on northwest side of the museum near the tarmac where the Collins Group operated three vintage aircraft from World War II; a B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Mitchell, and a PT-51C Mustang Trainer/Fighter.

Numerous people helped us on this event and a big "thank you" goes out to: Dale KB5NFT who moved the trailer down to the museum, Scott KE5DKV, John K5JDW, Roger KE5YTA, Carolyn KE5ZCM, John Cotton K5SN, Grant KE5ZYP, Kevin AG5KG, and many others I'm sure I forgot.

We attempted to demonstrate satellite work, Scott brought a couple of WWII signal radios, John did some HF work on 20 meters, and everyone handed out pamphlets on amateur radio. Several people made a point of contacting us on the 88 repeater and dropped by the museum and the trailer to say hello.

The Collins folks also invited us on board the B-24 to look at their radio shack and to wander around the only flyable version of this aircraft type in the world! This was great fun as we "fired up" a 60 year old radio (it worked!). We were able to tune in on 40 meter CW where a contest was going on as well as pick up the 3 letter CW navigation aid frequencies.

You can see our pictures from the event by going the w5fc.org website and click on the links.

Trailer Sightings:

We will try setting up the trailer at additional sites in May, before the weather gets a little too warm. This will include some visits to Tanner Electronics, at Valwood Parkway and I-35 and, perhaps, one of the local Dallas Wal-Mart locations. This will be impromptu and announced fairly quickly and its purpose is to Gardner interest in the DARC and ham radio.

Field Day

On the subject of Field Day, we will be utilizing a solar cell trailer to provide power. The use of this trailer came as a gift from a local community service minded ham that didn't want to be identified. The trailer will provide enough power for as many as six radio stations with enough battery life to take us through Saturday evening. As we should be familiar with all kinds of technologies, we'll,

of course, take both generators to the Field Day site and use them, as required.

Once again we will be setting up at our regular location "Flag Pole Hill" at White Rock Lake. This year, our plan is to do our setup on Saturday, early, and start operating at noon and concluding, 24 hours later - noon on Sunday.

We are still in the planning stages, so if you have some nifty equipment/antennas you would like to set up, please let us know so we can incorporate it into our plans.

Monthly Meeting:

Our next meeting of the DARC will be May 4th. Dale Finley KB5NFT will be discussing and demonstrating a new ham software package called "Depiction". This software is used to for event and disaster planning and overlay APRS information onto virtual maps. Dale has spent the last 3 months working with this software. It should be an interesting presentation.

Also, if you are one of the folks who helped make the DARC Emergency Communications trailer a reality, we'd really like you at the May meeting. Please try to attend! We meet at the Brookhaven Church, 13000 Marsh Lane, Dallas, TX. Our meetings begin at 6PM for the board meeting, immediately followed by the general meeting at 7PM. All members and non-members are invited to attend either or both meetings.

73 to everyone until next month!

Tom KE5ICX

Letters from Len

May 2010

N. T. "Len" Carlson, K4IWL

How many of you remember "Y2K"? Well, the Dallas Amateur Radio Club created a major event in the city of Dallas on the night of December 31, 1999 – January 1, 2000.

Larry Melby was President of the club and I was vice-president and the Field Day Chairman for a couple of years so through our connections with the Dallas Parks department I was successful in negotiating a permit to secure Ferris Plaza Park in downtown Dallas across the street from WFAA-TV to setup a Y2K *emergency communications* event. The night of December 31 there were several thousand people in downtown Dallas waiting for all the computers and clocks to crash and stop working and we, the DARC, were ready to save the day.

Prior to that week I petitioned Mayor Ron Kirk to declare the week of December 27, 1999 as *Amateur Radio Emergency Service Week*. It was approved and signed by Mayor Kirk and the following proclamation was issued.

PROCLAMATION

City of Dallas, Texas
Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the city of Dallas has nearly 2000 licensed Amateur Radio operators who have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing emergency radio communications; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio operators donate these services free of charge to the City, in the interest of the citizens of the city as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio Operators are on alert for any emergency, local or world-wide, and practice their communication skills during the annual Amateur Radio Relay League's Field Day exercise; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio Operators have provided emergency communication following the Lancaster and Oklahoma City, and other, tornado disasters as well as during and after damaging hurricanes in South Texas; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio Operators demonstrate their commitment to the City and County of Dallas by participating in the National Weather Service SkyWarn program by being trained and performing as storm spotters whenever severe weather and possible tornadic activity threaten the City and County of Dallas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON KIRK, Mayor of the City of Dallas hereby declare the week of December 27, 1999 as

Amateur Radio Emergency Service Week

In recognition of the contributions of the Amateur Radio Operators to the safety and security of all the citizens, and call upon all citizens to pay tribute to the Amateur Radio Operators of our City.

We sent a notice to all of the ham clubs in and around Dallas and the Boy Scouts to participate in the event. The following is the first paragraph of that notice:

The DARC will be setting up operations in downtown Dallas starting around 9:00 AM on Friday, December 31, 1999 and ending at or about noon on January 1, 2000. The location of the event will be in downtown Dallas at the corner of Houston and Young Streets (opposite WFAA Television and the Dallas Morning News) in Ferris Plaza Park. Look for the DARC Van.

Over the 24 hours of the event we had over 30 operators and helpers and handed out some literature to the downtown crowds as they wandered through the park to see what we were doing that night. We operated the HF bands, VHF, UHF, and ATV throughout the night.

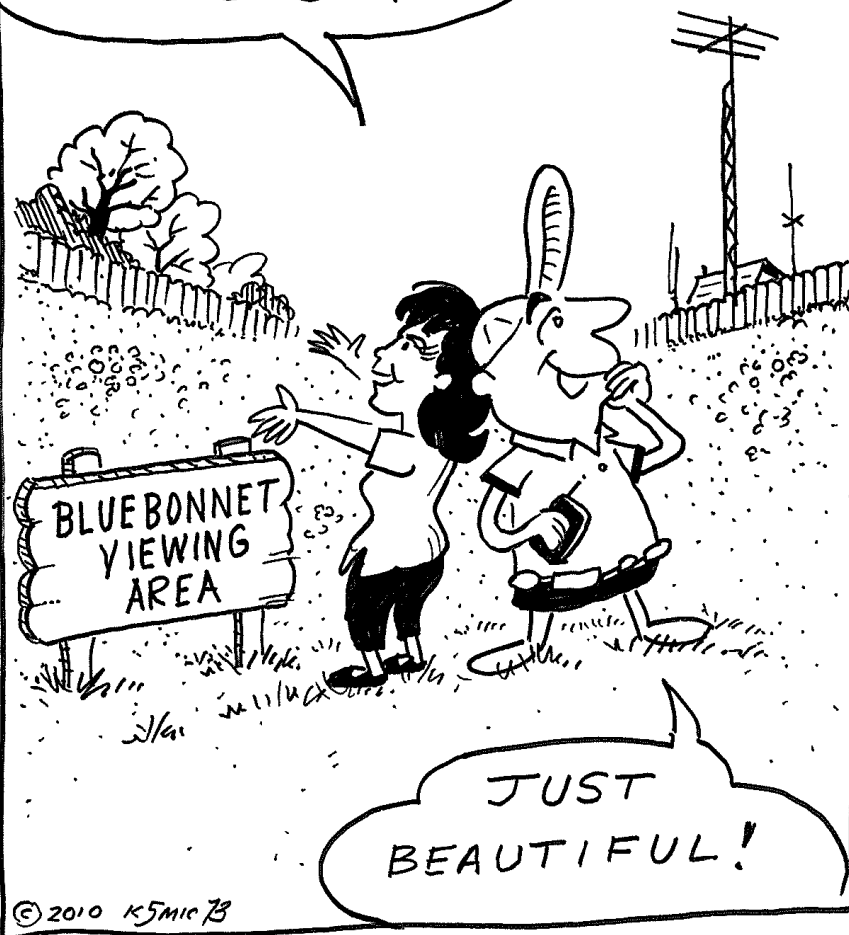
Those who operated at this event received a personalized certificate. Here is what it looked like.



73, N.T. "Len Carlson, K4IWL

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AH... SPRINGTIME IN TEXAS AND A WHOLE NEW CROP!



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Minutes of the DARC Board Meeting of April 6, 2010

Present:

President	Tom KE5ICX
Vice President	Scott N1SAC
Treasurer	Tony KE5TGM
Director 2	Herman KE5HYW
Director 3	James N5BKL
Director 4	Bob KE5PHX
Director 5	Scott KE5DKV
Director 6	Randy KE5JIT

Absent:

Secretary	Mike K2MIC
Director 1	Karl KE5AVE

The meeting was called to order by the DARC President Tom General at 6:09 p.m. at the Brookhaven Church on Marsh Lane and Valley View.

Introductions of board members and guest took place by name and call sign for recorded purposes.

The March board minutes were approved by the attending board members.

Mike K2MIC was released as secretary due to personal commitments conflicting with club meeting times which resulted in Mike missing 3 consecutive board meetings. This action is in accordance with the DARC by-laws.

Tom will make arrangements to meet with the official from the City of Dallas on Friday April 10th at Love Field so the generator can be inspected, inventoried and tagged at the request of the city.

Tony KE5TGM gave the Treasurer's Report which can be found in the regular club meeting minutes.

The board approved reimbursement in the amount of \$363.00 going to Randy KE5JIT for the payment on the club's liability insurance.

The board approved the use of a solar powered trailer at field day provided by a gentleman by the name of Dan Polinsky who is associated with local radio station KERA.

Technical Officer Bernie K5BP reported that he had gotten the new repeater back on the air.

Tom advised per Randy Berger that the DARC needed to try to locate somewhere to put the stacks for DSTAR operation. The board is waiting for more info from Randy on this matter.

The board approved a 30 day extension on membership renewals.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by Scott Drummond/KE5DKV

Minutes of the DARC General Meeting for April 6, 2010,

The meeting was called to order by the President of the club Tom General KE5ICX at 7:20 p.m. at the Brookhaven Church, at the corner of Marsh Lane and Valley View.

25 members / visitors were present.

John K5SN led the club members and guest in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Club members and guest were introduced by name and call sign.

This meeting's program was "Old Timers Night", recognizing amateur radio operators who have been in the hobby for many years.

Left standing was Dave with 66 years in the hobby and John with 51 years enjoying ham radio.

James KE5JAX informed members about the World War 2 aircrafts and some radio equipment that will be on display at the "Frontiers of Flight" museum at Love Field on Saturday April 10 and Sunday April 11. The DARC Communications Trailer will also be on location.

Tom reported that the "Wounded Warrior" event went very well and it is hoped that this event can become an annual activity for the DARC.

Don W9VE spoke on the upcoming field day and asked the members how they would like to have field day on Saturday and Sunday instead of setting up on Friday night. All were in favor of this suggestion.

Tom informed the members about the solar powered trailer that will be available during field day by Dan Polinsky.

A motion was made and approved by the members to allow a budget of \$500.00 for food and beverage for this year's field day.

The club approved the use of the trailer to be used at the "Methodist Richardson Hospital Wild Ride Bike Rally" on May 15. Anyone wishing to help out in this event can contact Doug KD5OUG@ARRL.Net

The Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2010

Checking:	\$11,552.78
Vanguard (Ann and Whit Griffith Fund):	\$7,081.70
PayPal-:	\$71.91
Expenses for March 2010:	\$50.00 Repeater Site \$50.00 Trailer Liability Insurance \$55.44 AT & T \$225.20 3 years of web hosting \$21.56 Postage

Total: \$402.20

Tony Mendina, Treasurer, DARC

Technical Officer Bernie K5BP reported that he had gotten the new repeater back on the air.

Door Prize winners were Kevin N5KRG who won assorted BNC and Microphone connectors and Roger KE5YTA who won a "Fluke" multi-meter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by Scott Drummond/KE5DKV

May 15, 2010 - Richardson Wild Ride Bike Rally and Walk

The 2010 Wild Ride Bike Rally and 5K Walk will be held on Saturday, May 15th. Benefiting the Methodist Richardson Cancer Center, the ride will travel a new 64 mile route from Richardson over the Lavon dam out to Josephine, TX and back. A 5K Walk will be held at the same time.

Ham operators are needed to provide support communications. VHF voice, APRS, and 802.11 digital will be used. Each rest stop will have a VHF base station operator and a digital operator who is to be connected to the internet. Digital still pictures will be taken and sent over the internet to the Start/Finish line for display. Hams with a laptop computer and digital camera are needed. For SAG vehicles, hams with pickups or vans are being recruited.

To volunteer, fill out the form at <http://k5rwk.org/form.html> or contact Doug Kilgore KD5OUG kd5oug@arrl.net or 972-231-8539. There's a place on the form where you can indicate your assignment preference.

Ham-Com 2010 is Friday & Saturday, June 11-12 at the Plano Centre

ARRL West Gulf Division Convention - Saturday, June 12

The Dallas Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
PO Box 744266 Dallas, TX 75374

2010 DARC Officers and Directors:

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Vice-President	Scott Clark N1SAC
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Director 3	James Shugart N5BKL
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The Dallas Amateur Radio Club, Inc., founded in 1914, is an ARRL-affiliated Special Service Club, and is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c) (3) organization. Your donations to the DARC qualify for tax exemption.

Club meetings are always open to anyone interested in amateur radio. To contact us email: info@w5fc.org.

Our repeater Trustee is Johnny Davis K5JD. Our repeaters are located in the city of Dallas and are available for the use of all licensed amateur radio operators, subject to the repeater guidelines set forth in the official DARC website, w5fc.org.

The repeater auto-patch is for the use of DARC members only. Any club member may obtain the patch code and instructions by contacting the Secretary at secretary@w5fc.org. Also contact him if you have lost your membership roster password.

DARC REPEATERS:

2m	146.880 out	146.280 in
	110.9/110.9	
	Echolink Node: 37247 / W5FC-R	
1.25m	224.880 out	223.280 in
	110.9/110.9	
70cm	442.425 out	447.425 in
	110.9/110.9	

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

DARC Club Meeting - Burger House (Informal Meet Up) Brookhaven Church	Tuesday May 4th Dinner 6:00 PM Business 7:00 PM
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DARC Board Meeting - Brookhaven Church	Tuesday May 4th 6:00 PM
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Meetings are in the Youth Center adjacent to the church.

Dallas RACES Training Net - Sunday May 2nd & 16th
146.88 MHz 8:00 PM - 1st & 3rd Sundays
Everyone is invited to listen, but only RACES appointed stations are permitted to participate.

DARC Meeting on the Air - Sunday May 2nd & 16th
146.88 MHz 7:00 PM - 1st & 3rd Sundays
Now available through Echolink Node 37247

DARC Tech Net every Saturday evening at 7 PM
146.88 MHz

DARC board meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend, visit, and observe.

NTS DFW Early Traffic Net - 146.88 MHz	Every Day 6:30 PM - every evening
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All hams are invited to this traffic and training net.

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