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CARC Membership Meeting Tuesday 25 July 2023 5:30 PM

The Meeting will be at
Woodcreek Church Richardson TX
(and via Zoom)

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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Our July 25th meeting is our Annual Ice Cream Social. Doors open at 5 p.m. at Woodcreek Church, 3400 E. Renner Rd, Richardson. We will stream the festivities via Zoom, sans the ice cream -- those at home will have to supply their own!

No business meeting is planned, but if some approval is needed, we promise to keep deliberations short. Our focus for July is fellowship and Blue Bell.



CHOTA 2023 EVENT

Churches and Chapels on the Air

For those clubs who meet at churches, consider this unique OTA event - Churches and Chapels on the Air coming up on September 9th:

<https://www.amateurradio.com/chota-2023/>

(Contributed by Frank Krizan KR1ZAN)

North American QSO RTTY Party

N5CXX operated in the NAQP RTTY (North American QSO Party). There were four N5CXX members that helped out: Dennis Cobb WA8ZBT, Mike Montgomery WD5TX Jim Skinner WB0UNI and Bob Kirby K3NT. We had 286 contacts.

(Contributed by Dennis Cobb)



The CVARC Hamfest Saturday August 5, 2023

Hosted by the
Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club
8:00 AM- 5:00 PM



at the Linn County Fairground, Central City IA
In Cooperation with the Iowa Antique Radio Club
The American Radio Relay League (ARRL), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Collins Amateur Radio Club, Collins Collectors Association, Eastern Iowa DX Association, Quarter Century Wireless Association, Iowa QRP Club AND MORE!!
Talk-In: 146.745- (192.8Hz) / 146.52 Simplex

FEATURING

39 Acre Show Site 6+ Acre Free Parking Camping On-Site
Indoor & Outdoor Flea Markets Build Projects
Linn County 4-H Food Vendors Live Demonstrations
Door Prizes galore!!

ARRL VE Testing - 2:00 PM Saturday August 5th Please contact Al Butler, ka0ies@hotmail.com for information

Tickets \$10, kids under 18 FREE
Indoor Tables \$10
Outdoor Tailgating FREE
RV Camping \$20/night

Convention Chairman: David Cripe, NMOS@ARRL.net
Questions? <http://w0gq.org/hamfest/>

ARRL LICENSE TESTING

The Northeast Metro ARRL License Testing Group will hold testing sessions on the **first** Monday each month (except holidays) at the Garland Amateur Radio clubhouse in downtown Garland TX, 1027B Austin St., Garland TX 75040 beginning August 2023. Time 6-8pm. All who want to test for an amateur radio license are welcome. You will need **photo ID, FRN from FCC and \$15.00 correct cash**. All forms, etc., will be provided by testing group. You can reserve a seat by calling Kerry Weeks at 214.478.3230 or email at weeks.kerry@gmail.com in advance of the test.



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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 weekends.**

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

Our July meeting is coming up on the 25th, and it will be the ever-popular Ice Cream Social. With the recent heat wave that we have had I expect having ice cream will be most welcome. The meeting will be a time for just enjoying good fellowship and tall tale exchanges. No formal business meeting is planned. I hope that many of our members will join us for this fun and refreshing event. Hope to see you at the Woodcreek Church at 1730.

As noted in the recent Board meeting minutes, the leadership team will be working to prepare two very important documents before the end of the year. The first will be a document that addresses the funding requirements for the remainder of this year. The second will be a CY24 budget that will address the operational and project plans for next year.

The first planning meeting of the Big Project Special Interest Group (SIG) that is chaired by Frank Krizan, KR1ZAN, is coming up on the 18th. It is exciting to see that a number of initiatives have already been proposed, such as working with the boys and girls scouting programs in association with the K5BSA organization. Another is developing a possible program centered around the ARRL initiative called LIOTA - Libraries On the AIR. Frank will keep us all up to date on how this multiyear program is going. Input from our members will also be important, so watch out for the opportunity to contribute to this project.

Speaking of K5BSA, we are now currently using the K5BSA repeater for our Tuesday Drive Home Nets. That repeater has great coverage and seems to be easy to access from many locations in the area. K5BSA operates on 442.8 +5 with a PL tone of 110.9. This net is an informal get-together

to just have a good QSO. Recently we have been seeing non-CARC members join the net, which is great. If you can, join us every Tuesday at 1730 except those Tuesdays when we have our membership meetings or a holiday. The net lasts 30 minutes.

As reported last month, the development of a challenge coin under the leadership of Jim Brown, AF5MA, is underway. Jim reviewed his progress during the July Board meeting. He provided cost estimates, final design decisions and a proposal to purchase two proof coins for review for an amount NTE \$250. That request was approved, and Jim has advised that the proof coins are on order. Once all is in place a production order will be prepared for review. These coins will offer our members something they can purchase to proudly show their membership and commitment to the club. Additionally, they can also be used as an honorarium. Thank you, Jim.

A big THANK YOU goes to the work team that has been restoring the club station in building 461. This work, led by Jim Skinner, WB0UNI, is proceeding well and it is hoped that the radio station will be ready for any visitor that may wish to use it very soon. That work team numbers 15 CARC members, seven of which are current active employees.

Your leadership team is dedicated to providing good management and direction for the CARC. Ultimately, of course, the CARC is your club, and your input is important to continued success and growth. I hope that you will take every opportunity to express your suggestions for the Club's offerings to any member of the leadership team. Your input will be considered, and you will receive feedback. Join us at the board meetings which are open to all members.

You will see this in every President's article that I write as I sincerely want to serve you, our members.

As I close this newsletter entry, I commit to you that I will work to continue the work of the CARC, a work focused on providing fellowship and value. Let me know if you have suggestions or comments on how we can work together to make the CARC shine and grow.

SERVICE, EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP

73, Bill, K5MWC

VP Report

VP Report – I am reviewing our asset acquisition and disposition history since the 2006 inventory in order to update the listing of CARC's equipment assets. I am also preparing a budget for CARC through this yearend. And finally, I am preparing a budget for FY2024 for the board's consideration. If anyone would like to help in any of these tasks, please contact me.

Membership Committee – No new members were added to CARC during June and July.

Current Active Membership = 51

Full Members = 37 (includes life and retiree members)

Associate Members = 14

Members moved to Inactive Status = 0

Continuing membership is important to the CARC. Through the skills and experiences of all 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 your support and contributions to the CARC.

73, Bill, KK5PB

Secretary's Report

27 June 2023

President Bill Swan K5MWC called the meeting to order at 1735 CDT. The meeting was in-person at our meeting site at Woodcreek Church. Zoom access was also provided for those not able to meet in person.

The following were present at the meeting site:

Bill Swan K5MWC (President)

Bill Fell KK5PB (Vice President/Membership)

Frank Krizan KR1ZAN (Activities/Training)

Jim Stafford W5DTG (Secretary)

Kerry Weeks K5WKS (Treasurer)

Jim Skinner WB0UNI (Signals Editor)

Jim Brown AF5MA

Gene Duprey K1GD

John McFadden K5TIP

Dennis Cobb WA8ZBT

Mark Dempsky N5MD

Milton Withers AD5XD

Wayne Collins KI5YOQ (visitor) – Woodcreek Church coordinator)

Joaquin Cruz KI5WZV (visitor)

The following logged in via Zoom:

Bob Kirby K3NT

Bob Jones W5BJ

David Russell W2DMR

Mike Montgomery WD5TX

Joe Wolf N5UIC

Preliminaries

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Member and Visitor Recognition: Joaquin Cruz KI5WZV, Wayne Collins KI5YOQ).
3. Officer Reports - Included in the June Newsletter. Kerry Weeks, K5WKS, provided a verbal report on bank account balance and a \$10/month service charge was not in effect because we have more than \$3,500 in our account.

Old Business

Update on the radio room at Collins Aerospace. A restoration team has been established and now is engaged. The team is composed of Dennis Cobb, Mike Montgomery, Steve Phillips, Jim Skinner, Gene Duprey, Jon Moon, and Bob Kirby. A photo was shown to those present of the newly organized work station. Only a small portion of the \$250 allowance has been spent. Receipts will be given to the Treasurer as they are received.

New Business

There was a discussion regarding if and when excess equipment should be disposed of. Should Club members be given first opportunity to bid or buy unneeded equipment? If no club member wants a piece of unneeded equipment, how will it be disposed of?

Also, it needs to be determined how to remove the equipment from the facility. How will the security guards know that the equipment can leave the facility?

June Monthly Meeting - Frank Krizan, KR1ZAN Field Day recap and WSPR Overview

Adjourn Business Meeting at 1830 CDT.

Tonight's Program

1. Frank Krizan asked those present who participated in Field Day to talk about where and how they participated. The following responded: Gene Duprey K1GD, Brad Wick W0CO, Dennis Cobb WA8ZBT, Milton Withers AD5XD, Joaquin Cruz KI5WZV, Kerry Weeks K5WKS, John McFadden K5TIP, and Jim Stafford W5DTG.
2. Frank Krizan presented a PowerPoint of the Weak Signal Propagation Reporter (WSPR). He provided an example report using Wayne Collins's 20-meter home-brewed vertical antenna. A question-and-answer session followed.

Program ended at 1925 CDT.

CARC July Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 11 July 2023

Bill Swan, K5MWC, called the Collins Amateur Radio Club of Richardson, Texas Board of Directors meeting to order at 1905 CDT.

Board Members Present:

President: Bill Swan, K5MWC

Vice-President/ Membership Director: Bill Fell, KK5PB

Secretary: Jim Stafford, W5DTG

Treasurer: Kerry Weeks, K5WKS

Immediate Past President / Director at Large: Frank Krizan, KR1ZAN

Visitors Present:

Jim Brown, AF5MA

Jim Skinner, WB0UNI

Mike Montgomery, WD5TX

Bob Coellin, KG5JL

Bob Chandler, KI5KRN

Bob Kirby, K3NT

1. Welcome
2. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
 - a: Minutes of the 13 June 2023 Board Meeting, previously distributed
 - b: Minutes of the 27 June 2023 Club Meeting, previously distributed
 - c. Agenda for 11 July Board Meeting, previously distributed

Motion made by Bill Fell, seconded by Frank Krizan. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Visitor Access and Escort Agreement and Badge Return Status
 - a. Visitor and Escort Agreement is in place and has been approved by the Company Security Officer, Mike Talley.
 - b. Agreement documents distributed to CARC members; deadline of 31 July established for return of the signed documents to the CARC President. Returns have started to come in; a reminder message will be sent out mid-month.
 - c. Four of the eight picture badges have been returned.
4. A process for removal of equipment from the company facilities has been established and implemented. The Company Security Officer, Mike Talley, has agreed with the process.

- a. A process description document has been prepared and distributed for review and revision as necessary.
 - b. Action: Approval by the Board of Directors of final document
 - c. Motion by Frank Krizan to approve the initial release as written. Seconded by Bill Fell. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Bill Swan to consider process to approve removal of equipment if he is unavailable to communicate with the Company Security Officer.
5. THE BIG PROJECT - Special Interest Group (SIG) Update
- a. Frank Krizan received an encouraging email from Eric Wolf regarding the KARS and CARC initiative to use the K5BSA repeater and other applications such as IRLP, Echo-link, and ALLSTAR, possibly to link scout camps together.
 - b. LIOTA - Libraries On the AIR was another possible activity CARC could consider as part of the BIG PROJECT.
 - c. Frank Krizan wants to schedule a meeting with the SIG for 18 July 2023 to begin considering the strategic plan. The plan will be required before any budgetary considerations can be made.
6. Budget/Project Planning Process
- a. Stand up a special planning committee reporting to the CARC Vice President
 - b. The purpose is to plan for spending for the balance of 2023 and develop a budget for 2024.
 - c. The date for a plan for the balance of 2023 is September 2023
 - d. The date for a budget plan for 2024 is November 2023.
7. Officer Transition Guide
- Jim Brown requests input from the Board to complete and approve the document as soon as possible.
8. Other
- a. Challenge Coin preparation status - Jim Brown, AF5MA, presented a Powerpoint of his investigation of the Board-approved design, with costs and timing of the challenge coins from three vendors.
 - b. ACTION: Approval by the CARC Board for expenditure of not more the \$250 to create a coin mold and produce two proof coins (one soft enamel, one hard enamel) for evaluation. After

evaluation of proofs, the Board can offer to full membership to fund a production run (quantity to be determined).

- c. Motion made by Frank Krizan, seconded by Bill Fell. Motion passed. Kerry Weeks opposed.
 - d. WSPR station and weather station for the Company facility radio room will be considered during the spending planning meeting for the balance of 2023.
 - e. The cost estimate for completing the radio room will be addressed at or prior to the July monthly meeting.
9. Program Reminder – 25 July 2023 Annual Ice Cream Social at Wood Creek Church, 1730 CDT.
10. Board Meeting adjourned at 2034 CDT.

Dubya-Dubya-Dubya

Web sites for Hams ...



We all have our favorite web sites for various amateur radio topics and resources. To help in the sharing of that info, we're starting a monthly collection of useful web sites on a different topic each month. This list isn't all inclusive ... and we're sure you have others that could benefit your fellow members.

So we'd like to ask that you send along your URLs (web site addresses) along with a short description of what's important on the web site to kr1zan@arrl.net. We'll publish your added links in the following month's SIGNALS.

Also, if you have a favorite web site that's not associated with this month's topic, send it along with a brief description to kr1zan@arrl.net and we'll include it in the ETC section of next month's Dubya-Dubya-Dubya.

No one submitted any additional links for APRS ☹️ and, likewise, no submissions for favorite websites, so this month we continue with an extension of the APRS theme of last month and focus on BEACONS. Enjoy ...

- <https://www.ncdxf.org/beacon/> -- NCDXF/IARU International Beacon Project
- <https://www.g0lgs.co.uk/showbeacons.php?band=10m&By=call> -- World-Wide 28MHz_Beacons
- <https://www.g0lgs.co.uk/showbeacons.php?band=6m> -- World-Wide 50MHz Beacons
- <http://www.newsvhf.com/beacons2.html> -- VHF/UHF BEACONS by WZ1V

<https://www.reversebeacon.net> --
Reverse Beacon Network

<https://www.pskreporter.info> – PSKreporter
Digimode Automatic Propagation Reporter

<https://ntms.org> -- North Texas Microwave Society - click on
"Beacons" in left column - includes VHF & up beacons in
North Texas

<http://www.wsprnet.org/drupal/sites/wsprnet.org/files/ZS6SGM%20-%20WSPR%20Tutorial%20v1.03.pdf> --
Quick Tutorial to Start Using WSPR for RX

<https://shortwaveschedule.com/index.php?now> --
[ShortwaveSchedule.com](https://shortwaveschedule.com)



Unfortunately, this month the Etc. cupboard is bare. Hopefully, some enterprising readers will submit some useful and favorite links for inclusion next month. 73

(Contributed by Frank Krizan KR1ZAN)

CARC Community Service Activities

Siren Testing Dennis Cobb WA8ZBT and Jim Skinner WB0UNI participate in the Richardson emergency siren testing. The July 2023 test was conducted on 5 July. All sirens were reported fully operational except one. 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. The following CARC members participated in the July City of Garland Siren Test: Bob Jones, W5BJ, Frank Krizan, KR1ZAN, and Jim Stafford, W5DTG. The Garland test observations report on a Net conducted on the GARC 146.66 repeater.

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. Mae does very well in the chess tournament and makes a new friend.

I went back to the bullpen, noted that there were no problems. I checked on the Senior division. Leland came out and said, "Barber won decisively, as did Cain. Barber played the French, Nimzovich variation, making her first sixteen moves in a minute. That has to be hard to play against. It is a pleasure to have Cain, but I wonder why he bothers. His rating will not increase significantly if he wins all his games, and he risks losing more if he draws even

one." I reminded him, "Not if he loses to or draws an unrated player. And he may feel he needs the experience. Or, heaven forbid, could it be he likes playing chess?"

"True. I would like to see him lose if it did not hurt him. Perhaps Barber can pull it off. She won her first game easily in 18 moves. She is the only unrated player."

New rounds were starting as soon as earlier ones were reported after a fifteen minute delay. The delay was to let the last pair to have played recover a bit. Before each new round I asked if there were any questions about anything. Everything was running well. Some starting times were earlier than I had planned for because young kids play fast. That didn't hurt a thing. They were starting within 15 minutes of my timetable, always before.

The tournament had pizza brought in starting at 1130, ten large pizzas, 120 slices at a time, and a huge ice chest full of soda. The Lafayette Chess Club furnished the brave people who exchanged food and drink for money from mostly pre-teens. Slices and drinks were sold to the kids at ten/c over cost, a pretty good deal, even for the soda, which was a lot less than the vending machine. They had arranged with Pizza Hut to deliver more pizza when half of the last batch was gone. That only took a short phone call. Everyone working the tournament ate free, so they probably broke even or made a little on the food. I didn't ask but they probably got some kind of discount from Pizza Hut.

I had seen the Pizza Hut oven. It was 9 feet long and two large pizzas wide with a steel conveyer belt, heated with gas from both above and below. After startup it could turn out two large pizzas a minute. That is, a single 18 inch pizza would take 6 minutes in the oven. They also had a big electric roller to flatten dough which could more than keep up with the oven. I don't know how many were working, I would imagine it was an assembly line production. I can't imagine a less interesting job than cutting dough, putting it on a pan, spooning on a cup of sauce and sprinkling with two cups of cheese, and pushing it down the line, two a minute, for hours on end. I would still like to watch the process in action.

Mae won her second round game, now on board 9. Her opponent lost on time, but she said she had an easy win being up a Bishop and a pawn with better pawn structure, another French defense game, this time the Tarrasch Variation. They only played 21 moves before his flag fell. She still had 7 minutes, and felt she could win the game even at blitz speed from where they were, and all she had to do was make 9 moves to reach time control. I asked if she was hungry, and she said she was, and I told her about the pizza. After she said she could wait, I said she wouldn't have to, it was already here in the skittles room. I asked if she had money. She did.

I kept track of the number of whole large pizzas they ate until it got to be over a hundred. I would guess 150.

Someone, I don't know who, told me they bought 20 24-packs of soda, half of them being kept cold in the restaurant's walk in icebox. And there would be tomorrow.

Cain stopped by and told us they had posted the standings. There were 7 with perfect 2-0-0 scores. I thought a second, said, "That is a little less than you would expect. Oh, how did your casual game with Mae end?"

Craig said, "We agreed to a draw when we learned the second round was starting. I thought she might be ahead at the time, but it looked like I would have a chance in the endgame. She was ten minutes ahead on time. I didn't want to use a clock but she said she needed the practice. I am impressed. I do not want to have to play her in the tournament, and won't if there are three or more with 4-0-0 after four rounds because the pairing algorithm puts an unrated player last, and she is the only unrated player with a perfect score now.

"Are you a poker player?"

"I, so to speak, know the moves, but I don't play anymore." Craig said that was a pity.

I was getting hungry and got a slice of pizza, mushrooms and red peppers, with extra sauce and cheese. It was marginally edible; the sauce tasted like tomato paste, and the cheese smelled rancid, but I couldn't taste that. Mae and Craig had some as well. I also had a Pepsi, something I do when facing the imminent sudden sleep syndrome. I think it is the sugar, not the caffeine.

There were no games being played now, so I told them I would have a walk and be back well before the third round started. I gave the office manager a copy of my timetable for starting round 3. He said that's what we have been doing, and that it seemed reasonable.

I first went up to see if there was a Sue lurking, but there was no sign she had been here. I went back down to see about Mae, and saw that she was actively flirting with Craig, so I went on a lone walk, which is sometimes better. I had about 30 minutes, a mile out and back.

Before I had gone a mile I encountered a Starbucks, and parted with a remarkable sum for a paper cup of coffee. It was not remarkable. I had never tried it. It was just their commoner coffee. Whatever else I may be, I am that.

I got back in plenty of time. I looked at the pairings, which had just been posted, and saw that Mae had Black against one of the kids from Spring, Billy Harden, that was in the 9th grade but was rated 1824. On board 4. She was coming up fast. It would be a good test of my estimate of her ability. He was the highest rated scholastic player his grade in Texas, and won the state championship Blitz tournament 22-0-0 last year. One of the players he beat was Cain.

However, he was a real jerk and made noise and fidgeted when playing. I had seen him play several times. I was sure

the distraction would not effect Mae, and thought she had a good chance to beat him if she was careful. Billy was excessively aggressive and played poorly with White against closed defenses. He was playing out of his league. His rating could grow if he won two of his last 3 games.

I spotted Mae, still with Craig, and asked if I could steal her for a minute. I told her what I knew about her next opponent, and to just ignore the mannerisms, and he has moved 1 e4 in every game I knew of. Also, he drew in the second round. He has had Black twice, too. I asked her what she would do.

"The French. It really suits my style. I have never won a game replying 1 . . . e5. I know all the common lines, the Nimzovich to 20 moves with at least a hundred variations. I have never lost a Nimzovich."

"OK, but you won't crush him, he will self-destruct."

She went to see her board number. I could have told her, 4, but she would want to know why. Anyway the exercise would be good for her. I had another slice, this time pepperoni. It was better. They probably stirred the sauce this time. She returned and said, "I have Black again." "How many times have you had Black? I think twice." "Yes." "Then you will have White both games tomorrow, a psychological advantage and indubitably a real advantage, not that you are guaranteed a win. I think they are about to begin."

Mr. Leland came out and said, "We have a problem. Your friend is playing one of my players. I have a strong bias against him. He is talented but has no respect for the etiquette of the game. I had to warn him twice to keep still and not make those noises."

"Yes, I know. I have seen Billy in action. What say you swap with the director of 8-9 for this round? This is a critical game for both of them."

"Thank you, that is a real relief. I do not want to award a game based on behavior, although of course I can. He has 11 now and a loss will hurt him a lot. You might have noticed that Mae is one of seven with two wins." The 8-9 section was just now paired, so we found the director, Jim Spencer from Baton Rouge, and explained the situation. He agreed, and said, "There have been no problems, Just a faulty claim of a draw because of insufficient material, and the ever-present touch-move rule. One accidentally knocked over his King, but the King had no legal move. We have had to count the 50 move rule twice. You would think that players this advanced would know more about the rules. I have a blind player who won his first two games. My assistant is good with kids, knows a lot of the rules, and he has the book. And Gary knows everything."

So they swapped, for the rest of the event. There was no section Mr. Leland could direct without having the same conflict, but he said he could be objective about his other

students. They actually were his students, for Leland taught chess full time in Spring. Texas regards chess as a sport, but Spring is the only independent school district in which a player has won a letter in chess and that has a full time chess-only teacher. His degree is in statistics, so he can fill in teaching math when needed.

I saw Cain and his victim going to the table to enter their result. He stopped me to ask how the hotel coffee was. I told him strong but good, and asked him what he was going to do this evening. He said, "I don't know yet. I asked Mae out for dinner and a movie, but she said she had to ask her grandmother." I was all for it, but knew I didn't have a vote.

"After Mae finishes her game she can probably reach her grandmother on her cell. Oh, how did you do?"

"I won. He lost the exchange and a pawn early so I traded the heavy pieces and queened a pawn."

I saw Mae coming, huge grin. Her victim looked as glum as she was happy. After they reported, she came over, probably to see Craig, but said to me, "The eyes thing worked. He couldn't make eye contact with me after the first time, my pleasant smile clearly rattled him, and he bent over the board. He let me play the Nimzovich, and I was winning, but then he forgot to punch his clock and lost on time. He called me some bad names but I just laughed. I called the director and pointed to the clock, which I had stopped when his flag fell."

Craig said, "That guy is not hopeless but spends all his energy fidgeting. He is the best blitz player I've played. We played a match in May, winner the first one to reach 6 points, and he won convincingly, 5-2-0, but he is hard to play with normal time controls. He drives most of us nuts."

I suggested to Mae that she might be able to reach Sue on Sue's cell phone, and said that if she had any questions she could call me, but I have to stay here. I gave Mae the number Sue could call. I asked if she needed the cell number, and she said she had it. She said, "I'll go try now. Can Craig come?" I said sure, if he wants to. Craig nodded yes. I heard them talking about chess as they left.

I went over to the bullpen, and told them I thought I might be getting a call soon. The phone rang four minutes later, and sure enough it was Sue. She asked, "Tell me all you know about Craig."

"I know a lot. He is 16, is a Senior in public high school in Dallas, must have skipped two grades like Mae. I have known him for six years in connection with chess activities. He has beaten me twice in adult tournaments. I know his mother well, but only met his father once. Craig has been a master since he was 14 and played in July as part of the US Chess Olympiad Junior Team in Rio. He has won the Texas State Scholastic, Senior division, 5 years running. He is polite and has good table manners. His mother is here and she will drive them and join them at dinner. They

will probably invite us to dinner with them. He and Mae played a casual game which they drew."

"If Mae were your daughter what would you do?" "Without question I approve. Mae just met him today but they have a lot in common." "How is Mae doing?" "She won all three of her games today, playing Black in all three, and will have White in both games tomorrow. I think she will win the Louisiana state championship, and come in second or third in the open tournament. She is playing with confidence and I think she is almost unbeatable. She has a heavy psychological advantage over everyone but Craig."

"OK, I will call and tell her to have fun. She has money, I think a little over \$100, and has an American Express card through my company, and I agree, she has had confidence since you have been here. You did it."

"No, I just watched. I have not been with her during any of her games, and I had no part in what happened at school."

"I watched too, but you did it. You woke her up. I better return to my friends."

I told her to come to the second floor if she got back here by 1730, said bye, and gave the phone back. One of the results collectors said, "Craig?" I just nodded yes. "He's a good kid, and his mom is a good player and taught him until he was 12 and over her head. Bruce Pandolfini taught him in a chess camp near New York three weeks the last four summers." The day was dragging on. Still no conflicts to resolve. Mae and Craig came in and said, "We are going to a matinee of a film both want to see. We can walk to the theater. Craig's mom will pick us up at 6 to go to dinner, perhaps here. She invited you and Grandma to join us."

I asked, "Did you call Sue and ask about dinner?"

"I called but no answer. I left a message. She is a fanatic about keeping up with her messages."

"She will want to go. I certainly do. Tell the mom that the hotel restaurant is excellent." She told me where they would be, only three blocks away, and they left.

I asked the Senior section result collector how it was progressing, and he said there was just one more game, and when it came in they would post the standings immediately. This gang was right on top of everything.

I finally had a problem to solve. It was in the 6-7 section. One of the kids was looking through the booklet in which he recorded games. It only contained the two games he had already played. I looked at the score so far on their current game, saw that the other two games had nothing to do with it. Then I looked at the board; he was up a rook and two pawns and had better development and more space, and was ahead on time. I just denied the claim and handed the book back, but told the kid who had it not to do that any more. Both the section director and assistant did not know what to do, and it is not in the rule book. In that

event the director has wide discretion. It was clear the kid was bored with the game. The complainant was in both game trouble and time trouble.

While I was doing that the standings were posted, and there were only three with perfect scores of 3 and nine with 2, one was 2-1-0, so in the last round at most two would have 4, Craig would probably beat his opponent, and if Mae beat hers then Mae and Craig would play in the last round. I looked more closely at the top 15 and saw only one other from Louisiana (the one with 21). So, knowing nothing else, looked like she had a good chance to win that trophy. Most of the sections were complete, only two 8-9 and one 6-7. I found a place where I could do the math including draws, and including draw possibilities changes the numbers in each group since it makes more groups. I don't have anyone to talk to about things like this any more, which, in spite of being busy, leads to a haunting feeling of being all alone.

It was about 1710, and Sue showed up. I said it would only be a few minutes.

She said, "You don't look tired, more like thoughtful. I got the message from Mae and called Craig's mom to accept the invitation. I did not mention you, so if you would rather sit around and mope, or do math, you are free to. As for me, I think a dinner with a new family would be great.

"How has it gone since we talked last? It was nice being with these old hussies. They asked me if I had a facelift or something more modern, but I just said, 'No, but a man from my past I have loved/hated for 55 years accidentally found me, and we have been seeing each other. I will have dinner with him, Marie, and another couple tonight.' Of course that alone won't do, so I was grilled for ten minutes until I convinced them that was about all I knew. It was all I would tell. The less you tell the more they invent, but nothing would come close to what has happened yesterday and this morning."

"That's for sure, and what has happened to Mae. And to me as well. I haven't done anything about the way I look lately until yesterday. And you, too. You did something to your hair. You have a beautiful neck. Oh: when they left for the movie they were talking about chess, and not holding hands. I think that is a good sign."

Sue said, "I wouldn't count on that lasting."

The last of the games had finished, so I introduced Sue to the people who did the hard work, and said I would see them at 8:30 in the morning. We went up to our room. Sue checked for messages and found none on her cell, and the message light on the phone was not blinking. I asked, "Are you hungry?"

"No, there was a constant parade of snacks. I laid off most, but had to have some of the petit fours. They were so sweet and buttery, with finely chopped pecans inside. I quit cold turkey after three. I am not hungry but in an hour may be.

"I assume we can dress like we are now?" "Yes. I don't intend to change except my shirt." "We would have almost an hour." She was undressing me but wasn't good at it, but better than I was at her, so we just did ourselves. She said, "I have to go pee." While she was doing that I called down and reserved a place for 5 at 7.

When I was horizontal I finally realized how tired I was. The pillow was wrong so I just went without while on my back. Sue crawled in beside me. I grabbed the pillow and turned to face her. "You have changed. You look radiant now, decades younger. A week ago you looked permanently defeated. I didn't need to figure it out because it could have only been one thing." "Just hold me. I have missed you." I don't know how long we slept, but the phone beside the bed rang. It was Craig,

"Mom has just picked us up. Mae told us that the hotel food is excellent. Would you like to join us in 30 minutes? Mae wants to go to her room before dinner."

I said that would be fine, and told him we had a reservation for five at 7, which could be changed if that was not satisfactory. I told Sue what he said. "It was sweet to sleep in each other's arms. That was not planned." We kissed, and got up to dress. There was plenty of time.

Mae arrived. I asked, "How was the film?"

She said, "Nice. I wouldn't let Craig buy me any snacks or something to drink, but he did pay for the tickets." She went in her room and emerged wearing a simple blue long-sleeved rib-knit turtleneck sweater and a long black skirt, with shiny black shoes and (probably) knee-high blonde (perhaps golden) nylons. She had a thin black patent leather purse swinging from her shoulder. She had also done something to her eyes, maybe some kind of make-up.

I told her she looked nice, and she thanked me. "Craig's mom was dressed in a simple black ballet dress with a pearl necklace, and heels, at least 4 inches. I thought it might be better to show I was not just fresh from wading in the bayou."

Sue said, "You didn't show that, you were dressed as well as I am now, but you do look good, stunning. You have never looked so beautiful."

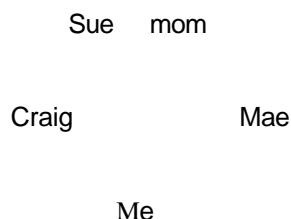
The slightly tight sweater came down to just above the point where her bottom begins to turn into thigh. There was no doubt she had breasts, which didn't seem to have anything holding them up. I realize she is 15. If I were 16, well, you know. I was sure she was not dolled up to compete with Craig's mom. And she didn't wear heels, possibly because Craig was only an inch taller. So it wasn't the mom she was after.

It was time, so we went down to the restaurant. Craig was sitting on a bench reading a newspaper. His mom was not

there yet. He certainly noticed Mae. So did mom, who had just arrived. Neither said anything. Mom looked as good as I had remembered.

We went in. I could see we didn't need the reservation. The maître d'hôtel seated us at a round table, and removed the extra chair. It was nice to have the same busboy and waiter as we had last night. Naturally they remembered us.

I usually don't do this, but I seated the females, then myself so that Craig would be across from mom and Mae and next to me and Sue. No one complained, and it was kind of neat. I especially liked the two triangles, Sue-Mae-me and mom-Mae-Craig, representing two families, with Mae the common link. I suppose I was jumping the gun. This is probably not necessary but it is easier to do it visually.



They brought drinks (everyone wanted water, mom with no ice) and menus. Craig was surprised that there were so many items on the menu. Craig ordered a porterhouse steak, medium, snow peas, mashed potatoes, and milk. The rest of us stuck with water. Sue ordered, of course in French, baked bass, choux glorieux, and minted carrots. Mom had stuffed crab, asparagus almandine, and celery almandine, also ordered in French. She probably knew what almandine meant. To me it means a red gemstone. Mae projected a flood of French across the table to order crayfish pie, broccoli and onions au gratin, and stuffed cucumbers. I asked if they had shrimp arnaud, they did, so I ordered that, stuffed artichokes, and eggplant soufflé. We had agreed on salad for dessert. Sue asked if we could all share a large bowl of house salad served by us at the table on chilled salad plates, and that was no problem. Once again, the waiter stood at the table with his hands behind his back, no writing. I guess he could be wearing a wire or a hidden recorder, but I thought not. Playing serious chess involves remembering much more than that, for years, in a language with an enormous alphabet. Almost anything one does with exceptional skill shares that burden.

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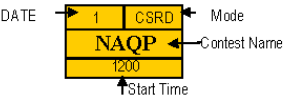
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