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RCARC Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 27 November 2018
1700 Social 1730 Meeting
1800 Program**

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

Subject:

RCARC Christmas Meeting Planning

W5ROK Field Day Results in QST

The December 2018 QST contains the W5ROK Field Day results on page 83 under "2E" category. Be sure to check it out.



PEGGY SUE GERRON, EX-K5PSG (SK)

Peggy Sue Gerron, ex-K5PSG, of Lubbock, Texas, who inspired singer Buddy Holly's 1957 rockabilly hit "Peggy Sue," died on October 1. She was 78. First licensed in 2004 as KE5AKW, she later obtained the vanity call K5PSG. Her license expired in 2014, and K5PSG has since been reissued. Gerron went to high school with Holly and



later married The Crickets drummer, Jerry Allison. As rock 'n' roll history has it, Holly originally titled the song "Cindy Lou," but Allison convinced the singer to change the tune's name to "Peggy Sue." In a 2004 interview, Gerron said that story is close to the truth, but not entirely accurate. After Holly's death in 1959, Gerron toured with The Crickets when the band got back together. Over the years, Gerron made public and media appearances all over the country. She said her participation in the 2004 W5B special event in Lubbock commemorating Holly helped inspire her Amateur Radio aspirations. "You can do TV specials, and you can be interviewed by the very best DJs," she said, "but there is nothing like the feeling of putting your finger down, and transmitting your call sign, and (Continued on page 3)

Local Club News

Meeting Notice

In addition to the monthly business meeting, this month's meeting will include planning for the annual Christmas meeting and dinner.

RCARC Community Service Activities

Siren Testing Dennis Cobb WA8ZBT, John McFadden K5TIP and Jim Skinner WB0UNI participate in the Richardson emergency siren testing. The test scheduled for 7 November 2018 was cancelled due to cloudy weather. The sirens are monitored by amateur radio operators and reports made using the Richardson Wireless Klub (RWK) repeater at 147.120 MHz. Siren testing occasionally uses the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) repeater at 145.430 MHz, which is designated as the backup repeater.

Crime Watch Patrol Jim Skinner WB0UNI participated in Richardson Duck Creek Crime Watch Patrol (CWP). CWP members, after successful completion of Richardson Police Department Training, patrol their neighborhoods and report all suspicious activities to the Police Department.

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President and VP Messages

Hi everyone, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Well another month has passed, and we have survived all the heat of summer, and the rains of fall. The W5ROK station now has 3 new noise cancelling headsets. I have used the RadioSport RS-20S headsets and I have found them to be excellent in all areas.

I hope you have been enjoying the ham bands, as there has been quite a bit of activity, with several Special Event Stations, and several state QSO Party activities going on.

As for myself, it is looking very good for my quest for a FlexRadio station. It will not be one of the latest 6400 or 6600 rigs, but I am working on buying a CPO 6500 radio with a Maestro control head. I have been working with Matt Youngblood at Flex on this, Excellent customer service from him, and he has answered all my questions as I have had them. I tried to sell my ICOM IC-775DSP, and thought I had it sold a couple of times. But for one reason or another it just did not happen, so I am keeping it for now. Although I would be willing to give it up if someone gave me a reasonable offer. I will be trading in my ICOM IC-7000 mobile rig, which has under 10 hours of use. I have been using it for UTC time keeping.

I did, on a whim, plug in my Collins 30L-1 Amplifier, and try it out. It did not blow the circuit breaker, so I have been using it as needed with the Collins S-Line. I am getting 600 watts out CW which is great.

Hope to see you all at the meeting and 73's,
Gene, K1GD
RCARC President

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 through the Northern most door on the east side of the church building. For further information contact Bill Owens

Secretary's Report

23 October 2018

Secretary Jim Brown AF5MA called the meeting to order at 1737.

The following were present at the meeting:

Jim Brown	AF5MA
Dennis Cobb	WA8ZBT
Bob Kirby	K3NT
John McFadden	K5TIP
Mike Schmit	WA9WCC
Jim Skinner	WB0UNI
Ross Terry (by phone)	K5SRT
Joe Wolf	N5UIC

Officers and Committee Reports:

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

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1743, followed by a presentation on club participation in the September ARRL VHF Contest, including interaction with mobile rigs operated by Ross Terry K5SRT and Randy Wing, N0LD. Presenters were Bob Kirby K3NT, Dennis Cobb WA8ZBT and former RCARC president Ross Terry K5SRT (by phone).

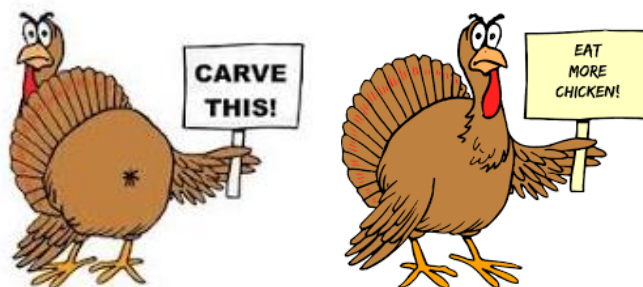
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(Continued from page 1) having somebody answer back. (Reprinted courtesy of the Sachse Amateur Radio Association newsletter, "SARA Skywaves.")



Upcoming Events

Daily	DFW Early Traffic Net (NTS) at 6:30pm 146.88 – PL 110.9Hz
Daily	DFW Late Traffic Net (NTS) at 10:30pm 146.72 – PL 110.9Hz
Daily	Texas CW Traffic Net at 7:00pm on 3541 KHz and at 10pm on 3541 KHz www.k6jt.com
1st Wednesday	Richardson Emergency Siren Test. At noon using the Richardson Wireless Klub (RWK) repeater at 147.120 MHz.
2nd Wednesday	ARES North Texas HF Net Every month—3860 KHz at 8:30 pm—9:30pm
NOVEMBER	
21-22	Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone --For stations in the United States and Canada (including territories and possessions) to exchange QSO information with as many other US and Canadian stations as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands 2100 UTC Saturday through 0259 UTC Monday. Details at http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes .
24-25	EME - 50 to 1296 MHz —Objective: To work as many amateur stations as possible via the earth-moon-earth path on any authorized amateur frequency above 50 MHz. Full weekend 48-hour period (0000 UTC on Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday). Details at http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest .
DECEMBER	
11/30-12/2	160 Meter --For Amateurs worldwide to exchange information with W/VE amateurs on 160-meter CW. Starts 2200 UTC Friday, ends 1600 UTC Sunday: forty-two hour period with no time limitation. Details at http://www.arrl.org/160-meter .
8-9	10 Meter -- For Amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible on the 10 meter band. Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; runs through 2359 UTC Sunday. Details at http://www.arrl.org/10-meter .



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W5ROK REPEATER
 441.875 MHz +5 MHz Input
 131.8 Hz PL - RX and TX

W5ROK-1 PACKET BBS ROK Node
 145.05 MHz

W5ROK-N1, W5ROK-N2 & W5ROK-N3 HSMM-MESHNET Nodes 2.4 GHz

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