



**May 1, 2023**

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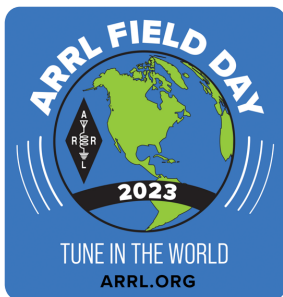
## TSPOTA



*Texas State Parks On The Air* was a huge success! We had over 16 hams join us at Ray Roberts Lake State Park for the event on April 15. Preliminary stats reveal we had 85 contacts including three state parks. With all the extras and multipliers, it looks like we'll submit a total score of **649!**

Please check out the full story and photo gallery at [KB5A.org](http://KB5A.org).

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## Field Day is June 24–25

CQ MARS (someday that will have a different meaning)! ARRL Field Day is less than 8 weeks away. The next Play Day is May 20; June Play Day is June 17; Field Day is June 24 and 25. You may think you have plenty of time to get ready, but time flies when we're having fun.

We need volunteers to pitch in! Bring rigs, antennas, coax, headphone amps, et al. Erect antennas, set up the operating room, wrangle food, go after bonus points, coach the Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station, and operate during the event. Want to do something different? Just ask. There's something for everyone to do.

If you are an inactive or a newly licensed ham, you may qualify to operate the GOTA station. We will have Coaches available to lead you in making your first Field Day contact. If you're a seasoned ham, you're qualified to be a

GOTA Coach or you can help less experienced operators at the other stations.

We're planning to use the air-conditioned **Farmers Branch Fire Administration Building**. If you want to volunteer or operate, please give me shout, **FieldDay@KB5A.org**. You may find me at Hams & Eggs, or on the 145.210 repeater as well. We're looking forward to another great Field Day event.

—**Ron Reeves, NN5R**, Field Day Marshal

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## Contesting with Tom

Congratulations to **all** who participated in the April TSPOTA event and very special thanks to **Ken Wendel, W5RPS**, for crafting the 10- to 40-meter horizontal loop antenna and to **Perry Schrag, N0PAS**, for the use of his tower. To be sure, without the great nourishment provided by **David Gilpin, K5GIL**, and **George Williams, KG5GXU**, we all would have faded in just a few hours. I have to say that I think this was a very memorable event for me and I am looking forward to TSPOTA in 2024.

As far as contesting goes, May is our “breather” month before Field Day comes around near the end of June but don't relax too much! There are three State QSO Parties in May along with 2 “Area” QSO Parties. If you are not familiar with the *N3FJP* software, this is a great month to download it and learn how to enter your contacts before Field Day rolls around.

Here is a short sampling of contests in May. For a more complete list of **all** the May contests, please visit: <https://www.contestcalendar.com/>.

May 02	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	PH	<a href="https://wwsac.com/rules.html">https://wwsac.com/rules.html</a>
May 06	10-10 International Spring Contest	CW	<a href="https://www.ten-ten.org/">https://www.ten-ten.org/</a>
May 06	7th Call Area QSO Party	CW, PH, DIG	<a href="http://7qp.org/new/page.asp?content=start">http://7qp.org/new/page.asp?content=start</a>
May 06	Indiana QSO Party	CW, PH	<a href="http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/">http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/</a>
May 06	Delaware QSO Party	PH, DIG	<a href="https://www.fsarc.org/index.htm">https://www.fsarc.org/index.htm</a>
May 06	New England QSO Party	CW, PH, DIG	<a href="https://neqp.org/rules/">https://neqp.org/rules/</a>
May 14	50MHz Spring Sprint	CW, PH, DIG	<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfup/sprints/home/2023-information">https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfup/sprints/home/2023-information</a>
May 20	Arkansas QSO Party	CW, PH, DIG	<a href="https://arkqp.com/">https://arkqp.com/</a>
May 27	CQ Worldwide WPX Contest	CW	<a href="http://www.cqwpw.com/rules.htm">www.cqwpw.com/rules.htm</a>

Happy Contesting & 73, **Tom Yenny, K5LOL** [K5LOL@ARRL.net](mailto:K5LOL@ARRL.net)

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## Next Regular Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 11, 2023, 6:30 PM CT



[Carrollton Public Library Hebron and Josey, 4220 N Josey Lane.](#)

Candidates for the Board of Directors will be presented by the Nominating Committee. At that time members will have an opportunity to nominate others for the positions. The slate will then be confirmed to be voted on at the June meeting.

This will be a hybrid in-person/remote meeting. We'd love to have an eyeball QSO, but you may join by Zoom. You will receive an invitation as a subscriber to this *Newsletter*.

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## Play Day

Play Day is Saturday, May 20, 2023, 10:00 AM ≈ 2:00 PM CT at

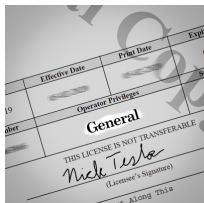


the [Carrollton Josey Ranch Lake Library • 1700 Keller Springs Road.](#)

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## General License Class

May 20, 2023, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM CT – May 21, 2023, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM CT



The Denton County Amateur Radio Association (DCARA) will host an Amateur Radio General License Class on May 20-21, 2023. This class along with study materials will prepare you to take your exam on the final day of the class. The cost is \$25.00

[Go now to DCARA for information about how to sign up.](#)

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## Amateur Testing

Saturday, May 20, 2023 • 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM CT

Allan Batteiger, WB5QNG, will have *IN-PERSON* testing at the [Carrollton Josey Ranch Lake Library, 1700 Keller Springs Road](#), in the “*Story Time*”



### **Room.**

Allan continues to host *online* test sessions as well. Go to <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/wb5qng> to find a session. Visit <https://wb5qng.org/> for information about how to sign up and prepare for a session. Send Allan an email [arb@rtsi.com](mailto:arb@rtsi.com) if you have any questions.

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### **Hams & Eggs**

Every Saturday morning at the [Whataburger at Old Denton and PGBT](#). Hams from all over get together from 8:00 AM to 10-ish or whenever. There's talk about amateur radio and sometimes Show 'n' Tell. Ya'll come!

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### **ARES<sup>®</sup>, RACES & Sirens Oh my!**

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#### **Next ARES Training Net**

**May 14, 2023, 8:00 PM CT, 145.210 Tone 110.9**

#### **Next RACES Training Net**

**May 21, 2023, 7:45 PM CT, 145.210 Tone 110.9**

Siren Tests in Carrollton and Farmers Branch are on the first Wednesday of the month at 1300 Hours, CT, *weather permitting*. Contact **Steve Darrah** [KD5YPB@ARRL.net](mailto:KD5YPB@ARRL.net) if you wish to volunteer to monitor a siren.

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### **Chat Room**

Have something to sell, want to ask for tech help, or just want to rag chew? Create a login and post it on our [FORUM Page](#). It's free and you don't have to be a member to post.

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**Call sign 3BCK—The first “YL.”**

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That's all for now. ***73 from all the Hams at MARS!***

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