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Field Day Update

Field Day is just over line-of-sight for June 25–26. MARS will set up at the Farmers Branch Fire Administration Building, 13333 Hutton Drive in Farmers Branch. This is an excellent air-conditioned site with plenty of room for antennas.

FD Marshal **Ron Reeves, NN5R**, says we need volunteers to wrangle those antennas as well as band monitors, greeters, safety officers, food manager and more. Set up will be around 9:00 AM on the 25th.

We plan to have lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, so we need to know you'll be there.

If you'd like to participate, let us know by signing up here: <https://www.kb5a.org/fd-signup>. Monitor the [EVENTS](#) page for updates and shoot Ron an email, FieldDay@KB5A.org if you have any questions.

Meanwhile, check the *Net Without An Interesting Name (NeWAIN)*, Thursdays at 7 PM on the 145.210 repeater, or come to Hams & Eggs for Field Day discussions.

Come enjoy the comradery, learn something new, eat some great food, and oh yeah, get on the air and make contacts with other hams.

New Member

MARS welcomes **Mark McCormick, KI5PPO**. Mark just recently upgraded to General, so congratulations from the hams at MARS!

Next Regular Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 9, 2022, 7:00 PM CT

[Carrollton Fire Rescue Administration \(Gravley Center\), 1111 W. Belt Line Rd suite #100, \(SW corner of Belt Line Rd and S. Broadway\)](#)

- **Ken Mitchell, KD2KW, will show us how to learn CW.**
- **The Nominating Committee will count the ballots for Officers for 2022–23.**

This will be a “hybrid” in-person and remote meeting. As a subscriber to this *Newsletter*, you will receive your Zoom invitation by email.

Contesting with Tom

Field Day is upon us! June is the ever-popular month for Field Day and we are participating as a club. For our more experienced operators, this is an opportunity to sharpen your skills whether voice, CW or digital and to test out your equipment.

To score better in this contest, we actually need more qualified CW and digital operators to participate even if only for an hour or two. For our Technician Class licensees, FD is the **perfect** opportunity to work HF under the supervision of one of our General or Extra Class members. Come out and ask questions about the antennas and radios we are using as well as the procedures for making contacts. Get out and operate!

There are two State QSO Parties in June as well as a variety of other contests.

And please don't forget Kid's Day. Here is an opportunity to show off our hobby to children in your neighborhood. Let your neighborhood kids know about the event and invite them to your QTH to make a contact. Or set up a temporary HF station in your front yard. Let's have some fun!

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

Selected June Contests

June 04	10-10 International Open Season PSK Contest	DIG	https://www.ten-ten.org/
	Tisza Cup CW Contest	CW	https://www.tizacup.eu/index.php/en/
	Kentucky QSO Party	CW, PH, DIG	https://kyqsoparty.org/rules/
	ARRL International Digital Contest (No RTTY)	DIG	https://www.arrl.org/arrl-digital-contest
June 11	Portugal Day Contest	CW, PH	https://portugaldaycontest.rep.pt/rules.php
	ARRL June VHF Contest	CW, PH, DIG	https://www.arrl.org/june-vhf
June 16	NTC QSO Party	CW	https://www.qsl.net/ntc/party.html
June 18	West Virginia QSO Party	CW, PH, DIG	https://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/
	ARRL Kid's Day	PH	https://www.arrl.org/kids-day
June 25	His Majesty King of Spain Contest	PH	https://concursos.ure.es/en/s-m-el-rey-de-espana-ssb/bases/
	FIELD DAY!	CW, PH, DIG	https://www.arrl.org/field-day

Happy Contesting & 73, **Tom Yenny, K5LOL**

Play Day

Saturday, June 18, 2022 • 10:00 AM ≈ 3:00 PM CT

[Carrollton Josey Ranch Lake Library, 1700 Keller Springs Road](#)

We'll be in the **Environmental Room in the back**. This is the last Play Day before Field Day, so bring your FD gear and check it out.

—**Steve Darrah, KD5YPB@ARRL.net**

Amateur Testing

Saturday, June 18, 2022 • 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 *Conference Room* in the back (right side). He 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 if you have any questions.

Hams & Eggs

Every Saturday morning at the [Whataburger at Old Denton and PGBT](#). Hams from all over get together from 7:00 AM to 10-ish or whatever. There's no program, no officers, no door prizes, but there is hot food, hot coffee, cold drinks, and sometimes show and tell. Ya'll come.

—Ron NN5R

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Next ARES Training Net

12 June 2022, 8:00 PM CT • 145.210 Tone 110.9

Next RACES Training Net

19 June 2022, 7:45 PM CT • 145.210 Tone 110.9

Siren Tests in Carrollton and Farmers Branch • First Wednesday of the month at 1300 Hours, CT, *weather permitting*.

Contact **Steve Darrah** KD5YPB@ARRL.net if you wish to volunteer to monitor a siren.

MARS General Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

President David Gilpin, K5GIL, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM CT. **There were 12 in-person, 8 remote members, and one visitor attending via Zoom. A quorum of voting members was established.** The attendees said the *Pledge of Allegiance*. All introduced themselves.

PRESENTATION

David Gilpin introduced our guest speaker, **Ken Rainey, AC5EZ**. Ken is a member of the **Lake Area Amateur Radio Klub (LARK)**. Ken's talk was about "Bonding and Grounding."

MINUTES

Steve Darrah, KD5YPB, moved and J.J. Henry, N5IMS, seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022, meeting as published in the May Newsletter. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J.J. Henry, N5IMS, read the May 2022 financial statement and it was approved.

TESTING

Allan Batteiger, WB5QNG, reported the FCC is now processing new applications and remote testing continues Tuesday evenings. David Gilpin said we are reaching out to other clubs not having in-person testing to join us. **Liz Brown, K5EMB**, said we are continuing in-person testing at the Josey Ranch Lake Library during Play Days on the third Saturday of the month. Testing will be in the Conference Room.

REPEATERS/WINLINK

David Gilpin reported all operational repeaters are on the air. The Winlink gateway is running normally.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Webmaster Mike Brown reported the website is up to date.

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David Gilpin said the May siren test was cancelled due to weather. Steve Darrah said the ARES net was held on May 8, and the RACES is on for May 15. Steve is open for training ideas. **Mike Brown, W5MDB**, said there is a nationwide drill on Saturday, May 14; details on the MARS website.

PLAY DAY

David Gilpin said Play Day will be on May 21 at the Josey Ranch Lake Library in the Environmental Room. Radio programming will be available.

ELECTION/NOMINATIONS

Steve Darrah said the candidates, *so far*, for the upcoming election of officers are **David Gilpin, K5GIL**, for President; **Andy Parcel, KE5KOF**, for Vice-President; **Mike Brown, W5MDB**, for Secretary; **J.J. Henry, N5IMS**, for Treasurer; **Dave Lane, N5GDL**, and **Tom Yenny, K5LOL**, are running for the single Director seat.

David Gilpin thanked the Nominations Committee for their hard work. David asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, David asked for a motion to close nominations. **Steve Darrah, KD5YPB, moved; Bill Cahill,**

AD8BC, seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mike Brown said the ballots will be printed and mailed to eligible voters and asked that the ballots be returned to arrive at the Club's mailbox not later than 12:00 Noon, June 9. He said you can bring your ballot to the June 9 meeting, but it must be in the Committee's hands by 7:00 PM.

NET WITHOUT AN INTERESTING NAME/EXTRA STUDY GROUP

David Gilpin mentioned *NeWA/N* is on Thursdays, except on Club meeting nights. More participation is needed.

DAVID DUKE, KM5YQ/SK

David Gilpin mentioned several members attended a visitation service on May 1. He asked for a moment of silence to remember KM5YQ.

David Gilpin mentioned that **Kevin Grantham, N5KRG**, is helping the Duke family sell items from the estate. There will be a special mailing to offer the equipment to MARS members before being published.

FIELD DAY

Ron Reeves, NN5R, has agreed to be the Field Day "Field Marshal" June 25–26. Ron and Kevin Grantham have secured the Farmers Branch Fire Administration Building for our location. More information will be posted on the website.

OTHER ITEMS

David Gilpin reminded the group to support MARS through Amazon, Kroger, and Tom Thumb. David reminded us to pay our dues.

ADJOURN

Allan Batteiger moved; Bob Norris, N0IIL, seconded that the meeting adjourn. David Gilpin adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM CT.

—Respectfully submitted, **Mike Brown, W5MDB**, Secretary@KB5A.org

How to benefit MARS at no cost to you!

MARS works with various businesses that have programs that donate to 501(c)(3) organizations based on member's purchases. We are associated with Amazon Smile, Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Program and Kroger Community Awards. If you're aware of other businesses that have similar programs, please let us know how to contact them to get us added. Please note that the donations will not affect your costs.

To learn how to join these programs head over to the [SUPPORT page](#) on the MARS website.

—**JJ Henry, N5IMS**, Treasurer@KB5A.org

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.

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

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