



Ron Reeves, NN5R, (R), explains to Farmers Branch Councilmember Richard Jackson how hams work together to make contacts during Field Day. Tom Yenny, K5LOL (L), and Jimmy Litton K0VEZ work in the foreground.

2022 Field Day Wrap Up

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

MARS enjoyed a very successful 2022 ARRL Field Day June 25–26. We had 31 hams and visitors turn out for the two-day event. Among our special invited guests were Farmers Branch Councilmembers **Richard Jackson** and **David Merritt** along with Farmers Branch Emergency Specialist **Luke Parten** and Assistant City Manager **Ben Williamson, KF5LPB**. ARRL NTX Section Manager **Steven Smith, KG5YK**, and NTX Affiliated Club Coordinator **Ken Hansen, N2VIP**, dropped by as well.

Using a Raspberry Pi server designed and built by **David Duke, KM5YQ/SK**, we easily connected our logging computers without the hassle of last year. I don't think we ever lost our network connection during Field Day. Thanks to David's efforts and those who tested their computer setups during the last Play Day, we operated our radios rather than messed with Microsoft. Thanks David. We miss you.

Preliminary Box Score (but it's not a contest)

- 171 contacts: 28 digital; 143 phone
- 199 QSO points

- 870 bonus points
- Total 1069 points
- Average 20 QSOs per hour (for on-the-air periods)
- 20 meters led the way with 83 contacts followed by 63 contacts on 40m, 19 contacts on 6m, 3 on 15m and another 3 on 10m.

FT8 aficionado **David Gilpin, K5GIL**, made the first Field Day QSO using FT8—of course! **Tom Yenny, K5LOL**, was the *QSO King* with 95 contacts logged. Tom brought some help to Field Day—brothers-in-law **Jim Litton, K0VEZ**, and **Guy Butterfield, KI5IWS**.

[[Please go here to continue reading Ron's report.](#)]

New Members

MARS welcomes **Clint Bradford, K6LCS**, Rick Murphy, KG5HOA, Thorsten Prutz, K5TCP, Amanda Gilliam, KG5QWT, and **Grant Gilliam, KE5ERW**.

Next Regular Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, July 14, 2022, 7:00 PM CT**

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

AMSAT Ambassador **Clint Bradford, K6LCS**, will show us “How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your HT.”

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

Well, Field Day is over for another year and I hope everyone had a good time. Our club operated from the convenience of the Farmers Branch Fire Administration Building and that air conditioning surely was appreciated! I think a good time was had by all who came out and, as usual, there were some lessons learned.

With the summer heat in full force now, spending some time contesting is a cool way to help pass the time. Although not official a “contest” per se, July offers us an opportunity work the *13 Colonies Special Event*. Let’s see how many in our club can work all 13 original colonies. Ironically, there are **no** State QSO Parties in July but don’t worry, there are still plenty of fun contests to work this month.

For a more complete list of *all* the July contests, please visit:

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>

Selected July Contests

July 07	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	CW PH DIG	https://nrricontest.no/index.php/nrri-contests
July 09	IARU HF World Championship	CW PH	https://www.arri.org/iaru-hf-world-championship
July 11	4 States QRP Group 2nd Sunday	CW PH	http://www.4sqr.com/index.php
July 13	VHF-UFH FT8 Activity Contest	DIG	https://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/
July 16	North American QSO Party,	RTTY DIG	https://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf

	CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	CW PH DIG	https://www.cqww-vhf.com/
July 23	Youngsters On The Air	CW PH	https://www.ham-yota.com/contest/
July 30	Tennessee State Parks OTA	CW PH DIG	https://www.tnpota.com/event-info/

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

Play Day

Saturday, July 16, 2022 • 10:00 AM ≈ 3:00 PM CT

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

We'll be in the **Large Room just inside the front door.**

—**Steve Darrah, KD5YPB@ARRL.net**

Amateur Testing

Saturday, July 16, 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.

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Next ARES Training Net

10 July 2022, 8:00 PM CT • 145.210 Tone 110.9

Next RACES Training Net

17 July 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

June 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

President David Gilpin, K5GIL, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM CT. **There were 12 in-person members, and 9 remote members attending. Four visitors attended by 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 Mitchell, KD2KW**. Ken is a member of the

Lake Area Amateur Radio Klub (LARK). Ken's talk was about "Learning CW."
Gary Rodgers, KI5X, announced that **Clint Bradford, K6LCS,** will present "How to work Amateur Satellites using your HT" at the July 14 meeting.

ELECTION RESULTS

Ron Reeves, NN5R, announced that 39 ballots were received. The only contested office was that of Director and that **Tom Yenny, K5LOL,** will serve in that position for the 3-year term.

*[Secretary's note: The Board of Directors for 2022–23 are: President, **David Gilpin, K5GIL;** Vice-President, **Andy Parcel, KE5KOF;** Secretary, **Mike Brown, W5MDB;** Treasurer, **J.J. Henry, N5IMS;** Directors **Allan Batteiger, WB5QNG;** **Darrell Crimmins, KG5E;** **Tom Yenny, K5LOL;** and Immediate Past President, **Kevin Grantham, N5KRG.]**
David Gilpin thanked Ron, **Steve Darrah, KD5YPB,** and **Liz Brown, K5EMB,** who stepped in for Andy Parcel, for serving on the committee.*

MINUTES/SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mike Brown reported we have 66 active members including one new member, **Mark McCormick, KI5PPO.** **Steve Darrah, KD5YPB,** moved and **James Jernigan, KG5WVL,** seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022, meeting as published in the June *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, said we will have in-person testing at the Josey Ranch Lake Library during Play Day on June 18. Testing will be in the Conference Room.

REPEATERS/WINLINK

David Gilpin reported all operational repeaters are on the air. Plans are to inspect the CRMC installation and replace lightning protectors if needed. 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 June siren test was cancelled due to weather. Steve Darrah said the ARES net was held on June 5, and the RACES net is on for June 12. Steve is open for training ideas.

NET WITHOUT AN INTERESTING NAME

David Gilpin mentioned *NeWAIN* continues on Thursdays, except on Club meeting nights. More participation is needed.

DFW HAM EXPO

The event is Saturday, June 11, at Music City Mall (formerly known as Vista Ridge) in Lewisville. David Gilpin said the Club has 3 tables; other members have reserved tables as well. Consignment items need to be priced and the seller identified. The Club will charge a 10% commission with a 20-dollar cap for members; no cap for non-members.

PLAY DAY

David Gilpin said Play Day will be on June 18 at the Josey Ranch Lake Library in the Environmental Room. This is the last Play Day before Field Day, so come and prep your gear. Setting up the network for the N3FJP logging system is on the agenda as well.

FIELD DAY

Field Day is June 25–26. Ron Reeves and Kevin Grantham have secured the Farmers Branch Fire Administration Building for our location. Plans are to work under KB5A as 3A, North Texas (NTX). David Gilpin encouraged those working from home to contribute their scores to the Club; please see rules.

DAVID DUKE, KM5YQ/SK

David Gilpin mentioned that Kevin Grantham, is helping the Duke family sell items from the estate. There are items still available.

OTHER ITEMS

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

ADJOURN

Mauricio Mazuera, W4FPV, moved; Allan Batteiger seconded that the meeting adjourn. David Gilpin adjourned the meeting at 8:38 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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