



MARS activates Festival

MARS plans to activate a **special event station** for this year's *Festival at the Switchyard* Saturday, November 5. Working under the Club call, **KB5A**, we will have voice, digital, and Winlink stations on 40, 20 and 15 meters. If you make a contact, send us a card! Check the [CONTACT](#) page for QSL info.



Back again will be the popular "Kid Code Key." Youngsters will try their fists with a straight key (no, it's not on the air).

This is our best opportunity to showcase Amateur Radio, but we need your help. The Festival is less than a week away and we need volunteers to set up, work the rigs, greet guests, and encourage potential hams.

Two-hour shifts are available from 8 AM to 10 PM but we usually wrap before 10. Please go now to the sign-up sheet to reserve your time.

<https://forms.gle/HKrYwdSTAjvoxoh77>

If you're in the area, stop by for an eyeball QSO. We'll be in our usual spot at the corner of Broadway and 2nd Avenue in downtown Carrollton.

<https://goo.gl/maps/WDVDf8LWEywyDe87>

Contesting with Tom

If you've been sitting on the fence about whether or not you would like to contest, November is **your** month to get involved. The ARRL has both its CW and Phone Sweepstakes Contests during the month of November **and** there are several pages of the November issue of *QST* magazine that are dedicated to helping you get started in contesting. Ironically, there are no state QSO Parties this month, but there are a ton of other fun contests to work.

Recently, 10 meters has been open again giving HF users the opportunity to make contacts and, if desired, become members of **Ten-Ten International** <https://www.ten-ten.org/>. To become a member, you must work 10 members on the 10-meter band then submit your contacts for verification. It is *really easy*. This month, there is a *digital* QSO party to help you make your contacts. Voice and CW Ten-Ten contests occur in different months.

Over 75,000 Ten-Ten numbers have been issued since 1962. I have a somewhat rare number (7156) so work me on the air that weekend as one of your contacts!!

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

NOV 01	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	PH	https://wwsac.com/
NOV 05	ARRL Sweepstakes Contest	CW	https://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes
NOV 12	ARRL EME Contest	CW, PH, DIG	https://www.arrl.org/eme-contest
	10-10 International Fall Contest	DIG	https://www.ten-ten.org/
NOV 14	Four States QRP Contest	CW, PH	http://www.4sqr.com/index.php
NOV 19	ARRL Sweepstakes Contest	PH	https://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

Happy Contesting & 73, **Tom Yenny, K5LOL** K5LOL@ARRL.net

Next Regular Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 2022, 7:00 PM CT

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



Tom Yenny, K5LOL, will present “The Past, Present and Future Possibilities of Handie-Talkies.” Bring your oldest HT—made before 2000 if you have one—to the meeting. Share why you bought that particular radio and the features it had when you bought it.

This will be a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting. As a subscriber to this *Newsletter* you will receive an invitation. Looking forward to seeing you in person or on the screen!

Play Day

Saturday, November 19, 2022 • 10:00 AM ≈ 3:00 PM CT

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

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

—Steve Darrah, KD5YPB@ARRL.net

Amateur Testing

Saturday, November 19, 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).

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 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 8:00 AM to 10-ish or whenever. There's talk about amateur radio and sometimes Show 'n' Tell. Ya'll come!

Saturday Morning Live

Formerly known as "The Net Without An Interesting Name," **this net meets every Saturday (except 3rd) at 10:00 AM CT, on the 145.210 repeater, CTCSS tone 110.9.** Join us to chat about your latest ham radio activities. You can check in and don't need to check out.

Trivia Question— Who was "The Old Man?"

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Next ARES Training Net

13 November 2022, 8:00 PM CT • 145.210 Tone 110.9

Next RACES Training Net

20 November 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.

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.



“Electronics—I am your father.”

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

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