



Field Day is On the Way

Field Day is coming up fast and this year we are planning to have a group operation somewhere in the Farmers Branch/Carrollton area. It's always the last full weekend in June and that means June 25–26. We checked the long-range weather forecast and determined we'll have some kind of weather suitable for setting up antennas. We'll burn something on the barbie, maybe brew up a thick pot of *Legal Limit Chili* or have crock-pot specials on Saturday night.

Reserve the weekend now with your family. Hey, if there's a young son, daughter, or grandkid on the family tree, invite them to come along and get on the air. There's a strange rule of propagation physics that says young kids can cut through the QRM and make contacts on an otherwise dead band. It's similar to that rule about antennas being setup in bad weather having an extra 3 dB of gain.

If you would like to participate in the MARS Field Day group outing, send an email to **Ron Reeves**, FieldDay@KB5A.org or see him at *Hams & Eggs* on Saturday mornings.



Remembering David Duke, KM5YQ

Graveside services will be held Monday, May 16, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM at the [Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75211](#). You may post memories of David here: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/richardson-tx/david-duke-10726311>

Elections

Election of Officers and one Director will be held during the **June 9 club meeting**. If you

would like to run for one of the positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Director), or if you would like to nominate a willing candidate, send an email to nominations@kb5a.org before **May 12**. One of the fine hams on our nominating committee will contact the nominee. Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the May club meeting then nominations will be closed.

Next Regular Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 12, 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 Rainey, AC5EZ, will present “Bonding and Grounding in the Ham Shack.”

Following his talk, the Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates to the membership. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor before the ballot is final.

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

May is a great month to contest in preparation for *Field Day* coming up in June. The club is planning to participate in *Field Day* so get warmed up by working 2 or 3 contests this month. We need more operators who can work CW and Digital modes during major club sponsored contests and there are a LOT of CW and Digital contest in May.

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

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

Selected May Contests

May 07	10-10 International CW Contest	CW	https://www.ten-ten.org/
	ARI International DX Contest	PH, CW, DIG	http://www.ari.it/
	Indiana QSO Party	PH, CW	http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html
	Delaware QSO Party	PH, CW, DIG	https://www.fsarc.org/qsoparty/rules.htm
	New England QSO Party	PH, CW, DIG	https://neqp.org/rules/
	7th Call Area QSO Party	PH, CW, DIG	http://7qp.org/new/Page.asp
May 14	Canadian Prairies QSO Party	PH, CW	https://cpqp.ve6hams.ca/
May 21	Arkansas QSO Party	PH, CW, DIG	https://arkqp.com/
	His Majesty King of Spain	CW	https://concursos.ure.es/en/s-m-el-rey-de-espana-cw/bases/
May 28	CQ WW WPX Contest	CW	https://www.cqwpx.com/

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

Play Day

Saturday, May 21, 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**. Bring your projects and have some fun!

—Steve Darrah, KD5YPB@ARRL.net

Amateur Testing

As of May 4, 2022, the FCC is still not processing applications for **new** licenses, renewals

and vanity calls. Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) have been asked to refrain from submitting new filings until the system is restored. **Meanwhile testing moves forward...**
Saturday, May 21, 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. The only Covid rule is “don’t bring it with you.” There’s no program, no officers, no door prizes, but there is hot food, hot coffee, cold drinks, and sometimes show and tell. I wonder what other people coming into the Whataburger think about the jabbering crew in the corner passing around radios and antenna parts. One of them came by last weekend and said they were glad to see us there! Topics for discussion include antennas, HOAs, slide rules, Field Day, the latest cool toy someone found online, POTA, hamfests, guns, QRP, logging, computer problems, the many uses of duct tape, stupid human tricks, and, oh yeah, ham radio. Ya’ll come.

—Ron NN5R

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Next ARES Training Net

8 May 2022, 8:00 PM CT • 145.210 Tone 110.9

Next RACES Training Net

15 May 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

April 14, 2022

President David Gilpin, K5GIL, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM CT. The attendees said the *Pledge of Allegiance*. All introduced themselves. **There were 16 in-person and 6 remote attendees via Zoom. A quorum of voting members was established.**

MINUTES

George Williams, KG5GXU, moved and **Allan Batteiger, WB5QNG**, seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the **March 10, 2022, meeting as published in the April Newsletter**. The motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

JJ Henry, N5IMS, read the **March 2022 financial statement and it was approved.**

TESTING

Allan Batteiger, WB5QNG, reported remote testing continues Tuesday evenings, and that he will continue 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

Allan confirmed that the Club’s repeaters are working. David Gilpin reported all operational machines are on the air. The Winlink gateway is running normally.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

The website is up to date.

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Steve Darrah, KD5YPB, said the April ARES net was cancelled and the RACES net may or may not be cancelled. Siren tests were conducted and revealed a non-functioning site.

PLAY DAY

Steve said Play Day will be on April 16 at the Josey Ranch Lake Library with no particular theme. Radio programming will be available.

TEXAS STATE PARKS ON THE AIR

Steve reported that TSPOTA was successful. State Park staff were very helpful. It was a great place to do radio.

ELECTION/NOMINATIONS

Steve said the ballot, *so far*, for the upcoming election of officers has: **David Gilpin, K5GIL**, for 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. There is no candidate yet for Vice-President and **Gary Rodgers, KI5X**, asked members to seriously consider running for the office. Steve asked those interested to send an email to nominations@KB5A.org.

NET WITHOUT AN INTERESTING NAME/EXTRA STUDY GROUP

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

The Extra Study Group has been discontinued.

FIELD DAY

Ron Reeves, NN5R, has agreed to be the Field Day “Field Marshal” June 25–26. Steve Darrah is looking into Mary Heads Carter Park as a possible location.

PRESENTATION

Gary Rodgers said we need a program for May and to let him know if members have any ideas. He introduced **Allan Batteiger, WB5QNG**, who reviewed the new FCC application process and the \$35.00 fee. He mentioned there will be a new log in procedure to access your FCC records. Paper applications will not be accepted. Payments will be accepted only by credit/debit card.

IRVING ARC GRANT

To encourage youth to take the amateur exam, David Gilpin and Allan Batteiger requested a grant from the Irving Amateur Radio Club to subsidize the VEC portion (\$7) of W5YI exam fees. The proposal defines “youth” as anyone age 25 or less enrolled in an accredited physical school. The candidate must present proof of age and proof they have properly prepared for the exam.

ET CETERA

Members discussed their general activities and observations. **Kevin Grantham, N5KRG**, promoted “Winlink Thursday” sponsored by EmComm-Training.org.

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

ADJOURN

Kevin Grantham moved; David Duke seconded that the meeting adjourn. David Gilpin adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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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