



Dallas Marathon Urgently Needs Hams

The **Dallas Marathon** (formerly known as the White Rock Marathon) is looking for Amateur Radio Operators to work this event on **December 11**. Amateur Radio has supported the Marathon for almost 40 years.

ARES[®] Members: This is a great way to earn public service credit. Please consider coming out and helping with communications for this worthwhile event. Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/dallasmarathoncomms/> for complete information and links to sign up.

For general information about the Marathon visit <https://rundallas.com/>.

Ho! Ho! Ho! And Merry Christmas

MARS' Annual Christmas Party is just about a week away on December 8! We plan to gather at the [American Legion Post 597, 1024 Elm Street, in downtown Carrollton](#) for a fine dinner, fun and fellowship.

As in years' past, we will have door prizes and a terrific raffle. A [Yaesu FT-891](#) HF+50MHz 100 watt all mode transceiver will be given away to a lucky ham.



Dinner will be your choice of steak or chicken with baked potato, salad, dessert and a cash bar, only 25 bucks a plate. **If you wish to eat (and who doesn't?) you must make a reservation not later than 12:00 Noon, Saturday, December 3—no reservation, no dinner.**

Go now to buy raffle tickets and order dinner: <https://www.kb5a.org/2022-christmas-party-dinner-raffle>

The raffle is conducted by Metrocrest Amateur Radio Society, Inc., 12895 Josey Ln #124-449, Farmers Branch TX 75234. Raffle ticket price is \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing will be held Thursday 12/8/2022. You do not have to be present to win, but you must be a licensed amateur radio operator to buy a ticket.

Happy Holidays from the Hams from MARS! Looking forward to seeing you at the party!

Contesting with Tom

Can you believe it is December already? Where did this year go? December is chock full of fun contests including the ARRL 10-meter Contest. In case you haven't noticed, 10 meters is starting to come back alive; just ask our President **David Gilpin, K5GIL**, who made several contacts on 10 meters during the *Festival At The Switchyard*. David was showing his expertise in operating as he nailed several DX QSOs on 10 meters. Job well done!!

As we make out our Christmas lists, think about what accessories you might like to have to improve your contesting skills. It could be something on the hardware front—like a new radio, keyer or microphone—but it could also be in the software arena. Maybe a better logging program, or a better remote control program for your rig? Think about how you like to contest and what might help improve your scores.

Ironically, there are no state QSO Parties in December but there are some good Phone and CW contests including the ever popular “Straight Key Night” that starts on New Year's eve at 7:00 PM local time. As the name implies, this contest is about making contacts with a standard straight key. No keyers or computers are allowed, just good old fashioned straight keys.

Hope everyone has had a fun year in contesting. I'm looking forward to another great contesting year in 2023 which will start off with *Winter Field Day* in January.

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

DEC 02	K1USN Slow Speed Test	CW	http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html
DEC 10	ARRL 10-Meter Contest	CW, PH	https://www.arrl.org/10-meter
DEC 10	International Naval Contest	CW, PH	https://www.marinefreunde.com/

DEC 17	Croatian CW Contest	CW	https://www.9acw.org/index.php/rules
DEC 31	Straight Key Night	CW	https://www.arrrl.org/straight-key-night

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

Next Regular Meeting

***** Please note new time and place! *****

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2023, 6:30 PM CT

[We return to our old stomping grounds: Carrollton Public Library Hebron and Josey, 4220 N Josey Lane.](#)

Chip Coker, KD4C, from the [Richardson Wireless Klub](#), will tell us everything we need to know about “Foxhunting.”

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, January 21, 2023 • 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, December 17, 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 **Environmental Room in the back** (left 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

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—*Edwin Howard Armstrong* is known for inventing what?

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Next ARES Training Net

8 January 2023, 8:00 PM CT • 145.210 Tone 110.9

Next RACES Training Net

15 January 2023, 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.



**This Ham wrote over 40 books and 3,000 articles.
He explained how to build your own DIY transistor.**

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

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