

**Welcome to the Retro Issue!!!**

By Mitch London, KD5HCV

Early in May I was called for jury duty. I went down to the courthouse to do my civic duty. I arrived early and found a good parking spot at the Austin History Center; which is only a block from the courthouse. Seeing as I did not know how long it would take to go through the jury duty process, I filled up the parking meter the full 2 hours, just in case. I made my way to the 4th floor of the courthouse and got to the courtroom and on the door was a note saying the jury impaneling was no longer needed. In the immortal words of Homer (J. Simpson that is) DOH!

Determined not to waste the remaining 1 hour and 45 minutes on the parking meter, I went into the History Center to look up the AARC club records that were on file. Interestingly they were not all in one spot, the newsletters were under periodicals and some newspaper clippings were elsewhere. In all I had 2 small boxes and 2 folders. Thanks go out to Pete Jordahl, K5GM who apparently donated a good number of old newsletters since his name was still on them. I am sure other people have donated some items as well, the records that I saw just do not tell.

So, in the following pages, please enjoy some items that I pulled from the old newsletters. I think you will find them interesting. Sadly though, the earliest records we have only go back to the mid 1970's. If anyone is hoarding a stash of our records dating back to anything, let one of the officers know so that we can collect them and get them to the History Center for preservation.

**Periodic Events**

Sun	7:30 p.m.	Travis ARES net	147.36 MHz + (131.8)
Sun	8:00 p.m.	Travis ARES Packet	145.73 MHz -
Sun	8:00 p.m.	Williamson ARES net	146.64 MHz - (162.2)
Sun	9:00 p.m.	ARO Swapnet	146.94 MHz -
Sun	(After Swapnet)	Newsline	146.94 MHz -
Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Hays ARES net	444.150 + (114.8)
Tues.	8:00 p.m.	Bastrop ARES Net	443.750 + (114.8)
Wed	11:30 a.m.	Ham Social Luncheon, Jim's	146.94 MHz -
Thu	9:00 p.m.	2m SSB Net	144.250 (USB)
Thu	11:30 a.m.	Lunch, Waterloo Ice House	444.1 MHz+
Fri	8:00 p.m.	6m SSB Net	50.230(texasvhf.org/)
Sat	7:00 - 8:30a.m.	Breakfast @ Waterloo Ice House	444.1 MHz +
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Chapter 67 QCWA QSO Net.	3.920 MHz LSB
Daily	6:30 p.m.	Central Texas Traffic Net	147.14MHz+

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## Ham Radio Exams Results

The following are the results of the ARRL VE Test Session held on May 3rd, 2008 in **The Quarries** Sports Complex:

### Technician Class Licenses Processed

Andrew A. Gray, KE5ULP  
Steven G. Lively, KE5ULQ  
Anonymous KE5ULR

Jeffery L. Hart, KE5ULN  
Anonymous KE5ULO

### General Class Licenses Processed

Jerry D. Boatright, KE5TYB

Alan J. Brumley, KE5TNO

### Extra Class License Processed

Thomas S. Kendall, WA5LHM

### Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Milt Cram, W8NUE  
Curt Goodson, W4QBU  
Joe Makeever, W5HS

Tony Davee, KM5JH  
Larry Gunter, WB5BEK  
Joe Thiel, N5SMN

### Next Two ARRL VE Test Sessions

June 7th - **The Quarries** Sports Complex  
July 5th - **The Quarries** Sports Complex  
TNX ES 73 DE W5HS  
Joe

## 5-17-2008

The South Austin W5YI VE team heartily congratulates all of the following people who earned new or upgraded amateur radio licenses at our May 17<sup>th</sup> session:

### Extra Class – none

#### General Class –

John H. Clark, III, -new-  
Michael R. Primm, -new-

Mario A. Leal, Jr, -new-  
Steven B. Lively, KE5VLQ

#### Technician Class (all new) –

Jon C. Etheredge.  
Taylor B. Stull

Lisa M. Primm

Our administering volunteer examiners were:

Hugh Brown, NT5O

Jim Greenwood, AB5EK

Lloyd Goehring, Jr., N5TO

Jimmy Mercer, N5WDH

Sam Mihalik, KM5MY

Our next two amateur radio exam sessions will start at 2 PM on June 21<sup>st</sup>  
and July 19<sup>th</sup> in room 106 of Fleck Hall on the campus of  
St. Edward's University.

For additional information regarding our amateur radio examination sessions,  
please contact Jim, AB5EK at (512) 327-6184 or by e-mail to  
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**hamradioexams@hotmail.com or visit our web page at <http://texashams.org/w5yi-austin/>**

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Please contact a club officer, attend a meeting, mail us to join the organization, you can also join or renew online.

**The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (AARC)** has annual membership dues of \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per family. AARC maintains the following repeaters:

FREQUENCY	AUTOPATCH	USE
146.780	Yes	General
146.880	Yes	General
146.940	No	Most popular, WX, Swapnet & Newslite
224.800	No	
444.100	No	
146.480/+1.0	No	2m D-Star Repeater (Cedar Park Area)

Persons using the repeaters are asked to join the club to help support these valuable resources. To use the autopatch, announce your call sign, press \* and dial the phone number then release the PTT. When finished, press # to hang up the phone. Dial 911 (no \* needed) for emergency services.

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**For Changes in your ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER or CALL SIGN:**

See Jay Hoffman, KA5OST (512) 388-4404 ka5ost@arrl.net

**Jay handles all changes for membership information .**

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### **Chinese Olympic Special Event Stations Are On-the-Air**

Special Event stations for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games began operating May 18, running through Wednesday, September 17. Five special calls, representing the five rings of the Olympic flag, will be on the air: BT1OB, BT1OJ, BT1OH, BT1OY and BT1ON. The last letter of the call sign corresponds to the color of each of the rings of the Olympic flag -- Beibei (Blue), Jingjing (Black), Huanhuan (Red), Yingying (Yellow) and Nini (Green). Zheng Feng, BA4EG, will be the QSL manager for all stations. QSLs can be sent either direct or via the bureau and will begin to be answered in October. A Web site supporting the Special Event stations will include an on line log search, QSL card received and sent status, as well as other information <<http://www.bj2008ses.com.cn/>>; award criteria will soon be posted on the site.

-- Thanks to "The Daily DX" for this information

## **AARC Meeting Minutes: May 6, 2008**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:01pm by President Don Dudley, AC5YK.

Agenda quickly covered (slide shown).

**Visitors:** Kazuyoshi Hayashi (no call).

**New Members:** Steve Sparks, WK5S; Ed Cates, KE5TWU.

**Minutes:** last meetings minutes approved as written in the AARCOVER.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** (detailed handout was available) \$1447, checking account; \$8237, equipment fund; paid memberships at 150; standing reminders, let the Treasurer know if you have any club assets and please join ARRL so the club keeps its affiliation; and took a day long, government taught, bookkeeping class for non-profit organizations.

**Tech Committee:** Stuart Rohre, K5KVH: in process of changing all club repeaters to W5KA callsign; listed order of repeaters to be changed; and thanked those who have helped obtaining and working with the EPROMs needed for the work.

Showed and confirmed slide of upcoming club presentations is still up-to-date.

**Old Business:** The contact person for a possible D-Star site retired, but authorization for the internet connection has started up the chain of command. Some D-star frequency and radio programming info was discussed.

The mast is ready to be removed from the club trailer; and then it will be fixed/cleaned up for use in emergencies and the Ham Demo Days. And, it now has disaster license plates.

The club was approached by a Scout troop to help them make ARISS contacts. NASA has scheduled us for sometime in June. We will be contacting the ISS. Anyone interested in helping out and/or providing (or building) equipment is definitely welcome.

We have several committees looking for member input and/or help. These include Field Day, Ham Demo Days, Radio Roundup, Membership, and AARC's 90-Years Events.

**New Business:** Stuart Rorhe made a motion to present Jim Neely, WA5LHS, with an honorary award for his years of work with the scholarship fund. The motion passed. The award will be a globe with engraved nameplate (~\$36) order from the ARRL website.

**Ham of the Month:** Stuart Rorhe, K5KVH.

Slides and brief discussion of upcoming events: all listed in the AARC Swapnet newsletter, at [www.austinhams.org](http://www.austinhams.org), or at the Yahoo user group.

**Announcements:** Roger Wines, W5WIA: reminder of the TCARES meeting dates.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:29pm

**Presentation:** Open Mic Night – a chance to hear from various local clubs and special interest groups.

# AARCOVER Mastheads

By Mitch London

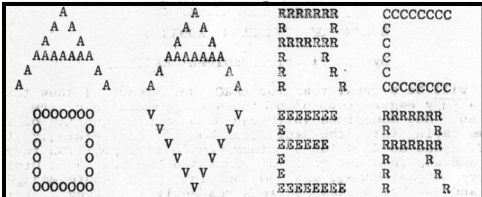


The AARCOVER has gone through many changes over the past 30 plus years. Below you will see some of the various styles and looks they have gone through. There is also an article from 1974 about the new look to come for the AARCOVER at the time. I know some of you remember these first hand!

## AARCOVER EVOLUTION

By Bill Byrom, WA5ZBJ  
(Sept. 1974)

September 1974



February 1974

The AARCOVER has undergone numerous changes in the last few months. Some of you may be interested in our present printing and mailing procedures and the new editorial policies of the AARCOVER. The AARCOVER is the descendant of the Austin Amateur Radio Club Bulletin, a publication which was printed by mimeograph. The mimeograph process involves squeezing a mixture of ink and oil through a stencil onto the paper.

Printing and quality tends

to be rather poor, and reproduction of drawings or photos by this process is very difficult. The circulation of the Austin Amateur Radio Club Bulletin was limited to AARC members, and articles in this bulletin generally concerned AARC activities.



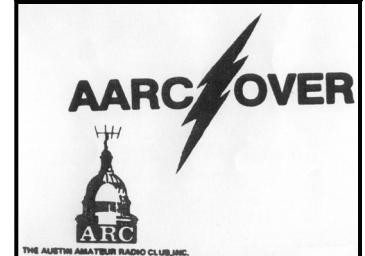
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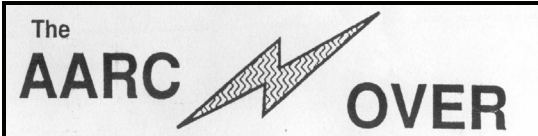
Early in 1974, the editorial staff of the AARC Bulletin and the officers of the AARC decided to radically change this publication. We decided to call the new publication the AARCOVER, a name given to the AARC Bulletin several months earlier. Our first major goal was to print the AARCOVER on the offset press which was available to us. Several months passed before the AARCOVER staff was able to assemble the manual for the offset press and the

chemicals required to run it. The fact that the press was imported from Japan did not speed our task. In the offset method of printing, a mixture of ink and water is applied to a master plate. Two types of masters can be used: a direct image master on which the material to be printed is directly typed or drawn with a special pencil, or photographically produced plate, which can be plastic, paper, or metal. The AARCOVER is now produced from direct image masters, which are quite inexpensive. In the near future we hope to be using photographic plates to reproduce photographs and advertisements.

The second major goal of the AARCOVER changes was to produce a publication which was self-supporting. This required the AARCOVER to carry advertising sufficient to cover printing and mailing costs. Our goal is to mail the AARCOVER free of charge to all of the amateur radio operators in the Austin area; we think we can obtain advertising to support the distribution of about 500 copies.

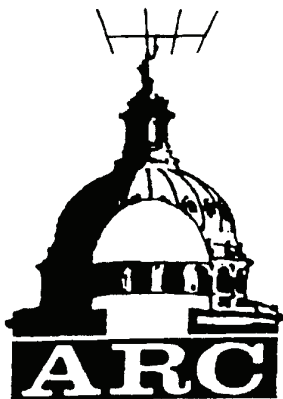


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December 1990

If you wish to write an article for the AARCOVER, please write the address shown in the publishing information block on page 2 and ask for RC-5 (AARCOVER manuscript preparation).



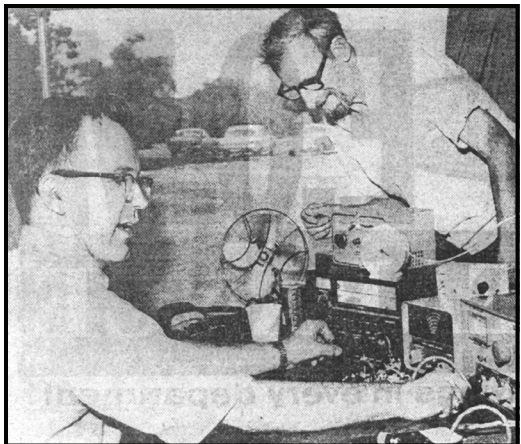
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## 'Ham' Field Day - Game With a Purpose

Courtesy: Austin Statesman June 29, 1970



Zilker Park was the rendezvous this weekend for members of the Austin Amateur Radio Club participating in the world's largest emergency communication system. The annual Field Day event, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, featured licensed "ham" operators combining the serious preparation for emergency broadcasts with the flavor of a week-end campout.



### ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE EQUIPMENT

William Ryan and James Geisinger

The competition began noon Saturday with the Austin "hams" setting up their short wave equipment powered by self-contained generators. Through noon Sunday they attempted to secure as many contacts as possible with operators in other parts of the U.S. and Canada.

The winner of individual and team events will be determined by the number of radio contacts made in the 24-hour period. Mrs. Paul Hargis, a local amateur radio enthusiast, said the practice "hams" were afforded this week-end was indispensable to their disaster operations.

"Our local operations," said Mrs.

Hargis, "were very busy during Hurricane Carla; they worked the Lubbock tornado too. In these conditions "hams" relay messages for police, civil defense and Red Cross...most of the time they are the only link to the disaster areas."



### Joe Fisher Scales, Places Antenna

Zilker Park was site for "ham" Field Day

## State of the Club Address

By Joe Fisher, President AARC  
(February 1974)



1974 will be a great year for AARC; best ever! I know that because we have a very eager group of officers and committee chairmen who will make it so. But sometimes (although much less frequently of late) I hear hams saying that "the Radio Club doesn't do anything." I say: "BALONEY!" And so do a lot of other people in a position to compare AARC with clubs in other parts of Texas and the West Gulf Division. Like Jerry Morgan, W5ABQ, and Rod Roderick, W5QU, Route Managers of Southern and Northern Texas Sections respectively. They'll tell you Austin is about the best represented town in traffic nets in Texas. Represented by many different people. And I'll tell you that they're AARC members too. When Bill Clinger, WB5BFW, came down from Ft. Worth to the November meeting (the poorest showing of the year) he was impressed by the enthusiastic discussion (both for and against) on several controversial projects of the Club members. He says that in their Kilocycle Club they have hardly any discussion, much less activity. AARC has no activity? I don't believe it for a minute! But if you have had feelings of this type, I suggest you do three things.

1. Ask yourself what specific activity you would most like to see the Radio Club do this year and jot your answer down on a scrap of paper.

2. Consider if you would be willing to eagerly support someone else's suggested Club activity if different from your own that a majority of the Club members were enthusiastic about.

3. Ask yourself what you can do for the Radio Club to help make it the kind of group you would like it to be.

Write this on your scrap of paper under item 1, and bring it to the meeting Tuesday. Then during "Coffee and Donuts" or the bull session afterward (I promise the meeting will be short so the bull can go get pretty well shot up) corner the officers or committee chairmen most responsible for activities relating to your items 1 and 3, and tell 'em how you feel. That way we who are leading the Club can tell what you want and set about doing it.

## Austin Amateur Radio Club

Minutes for the January meeting, 1972.

The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc., held



its

annual Banquet meeting on January 18th, 1972 at THE BARN, at 8611 Balcones Drive.

The meeting convened at 7:30 pm with the serving of dinner, which included the BARN's customary cheese appetizer, green salad, steak and baked potato and drinks. Food and service was excellent. The 65 members and guests all enjoyed the meal.

Our guest speaker, Jim Dear, K5HWH, spoke on the subject of our privileges in the use of the radio frequency spectrum and our qualifications for obtaining these privileges.

Vice President Pete Jordahl, W7WAH/5, spoke on the clubs activities during the past year and in some important cases the lack of activity.

The annual election of club officers was held and all nominations were received from the floor and voting was held by a show of hands for each office following the nominations for that office. The officers elected for the 1972 year are as follows:

President: William D Pearson, W5RJA  
Vice Pres: Peter R. Jordahl, W7WAH/5  
Treasurer: J. Earl Debord, W5PPQ  
Secretary: John W. "Bill" Byrom, WA5ZBJ  
Activities Mgr: Joe Fisher, K5EJL

The prize drawings were held as the final event of the evening with four ARRL publications given as preliminary prizes and a MICRANTA 100k Ohm/Volt VOM as the main prize. This prize was won by Charles Pearson, WN5???, to the consternation of the other members present and the amazement of his OM, W5RJA. Mrs. Hargis donated a Norleco Hair Dryer for a ladies Only Prize which was won by Francis Debord, XYL of W5PPQ.

At Ten pm, following the initiation of K5FRK into the ARRL, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded and a very enjoyable evening came to a close.

William D Pearson, W5RJA  
President  
Bill Byrom, WA5ZBJ  
Secretary

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## CQ ANNOUNCES 2008 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Just before Hamvention weekend, CQ magazine announced its 2008 Hall of Fame inductees, welcoming 14 new members into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame, three new members of the CQ DX Hall of Fame and two new members of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame honors those individuals, whether licensed hams or not, who have made significant contributions to Amateur Radio; and those amateurs who have made significant contributions either to Amateur Radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect of life on our planet. The CQ Contest and DX Halls of Fame honor those amateurs who not only excel in personal performance in these major areas of Amateur Radio but who also "give back" to Amateur Radio in outstanding ways.

Randy Thompson, K5ZD, has multiple wins in the CQ World Wide DX Contest, ARRL Sweepstakes, CQ WPX (CW and SSB), CQ 160 and the IARU HF Championship. His station has also hosted many #1 performances by guest operators. Thompson is three-time editor of the National Contest Journal (NCJ) and co-founder of the eham.net Web site. He has just been named Director of the CQ WPX Contests. Thompson is a member of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC).

Ed. Note - Randy Thompson, K5ZD, was starting to make his mark in the DX and contest world back in the 80's in Austin, he was also a former Club member.

(Special Thanks to Stuart Rohre, K5KVH for passing along this info)

## **AARC Meeting Info.** **Waterloo Icehouse**

**8600 Burnet Rd. South of 183**

**Officers Meeting**  
**June 17th 6pm Waterloo Icehouse**  
**(unless otherwise mentioned)**

**Regular Business Meeting**  
**Come Eat at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00pm**  
**June 3rd - Field Day is fast approaching and**  
**changes may be in store! Come to the meeting to**  
**hear the latest!**

### **2008 Upcoming Amateur Exams**

**ARRL VEC- June 7th & July 5th** 9a.m. at The Quarries. Contact Joe Makeever, W5HS (345-0800) or Joe Thiel, N5SMN (832-0450) for info. \$14 fee.

**W5YI VEC- June 21st & July 19th** 2p.m. in room 106, Fleck Hall, St. Edwards University. Contact Jim Greenwood, AB5EK@arrl.net, (327-6184)  
**<http://texasparadise.com/w5yi-austin>** for more info.

## **2008 Calendar of Events**

**Jun 13-14 Ham Com at Plano Center**  
469-361-2143 [www.hamcom.org](http://www.hamcom.org)

**Jun 21 Lufkin, TX Hamfest**  
Denman Avenue Baptist Church  
The tables and tailgating are FREE!  
Jerry K5JLW ac5zj AT cs.com  
<http://www.lufkinhamfest.com/>

**Jul 12 Tidelands Amateur Radio Society Hamfest**  
Doyle Convention Center, 2010 5th Avenue North,  
Texas City  
Talk-In: 147.14 (PL167.9) alt 442.025 (PL103.5)  
<http://tidelands.org/>

June	July	Austin Meetings/Happenings
3	1	AARC Meeting Waterloo Ice House** 7:00 p.m.
14	12	Austin QRP, Alvin's Sandwich Shop 11:00 a.m.
10	8	ARES Training -CTECC 6:30 p.m.
11	9	High Speed Multimedia SIG Red Cross 7:00 p.m.
17	15	ATV Club Mtg. Mangia Pizza 6:30 p.m.
21	19	QCWA Denny's on Burnet Rd. 1:00 p.m.
23	28	Travis Co. REACT Denny's on Burnet 7:00 p.m.
24	22	Travis County A.R.E.S., ARL Aud. 7:00 p.m.
25	23	Packet Set-up Lab @ Red Cross* 7:00 p.m.

**\*\*AARC Business Meeting is at Waterloo Ice House 8600 Burnet**  
**Come early and grab dinner before the meeting.**

**Return Service Requested**  
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