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Happy Thanksgiving!

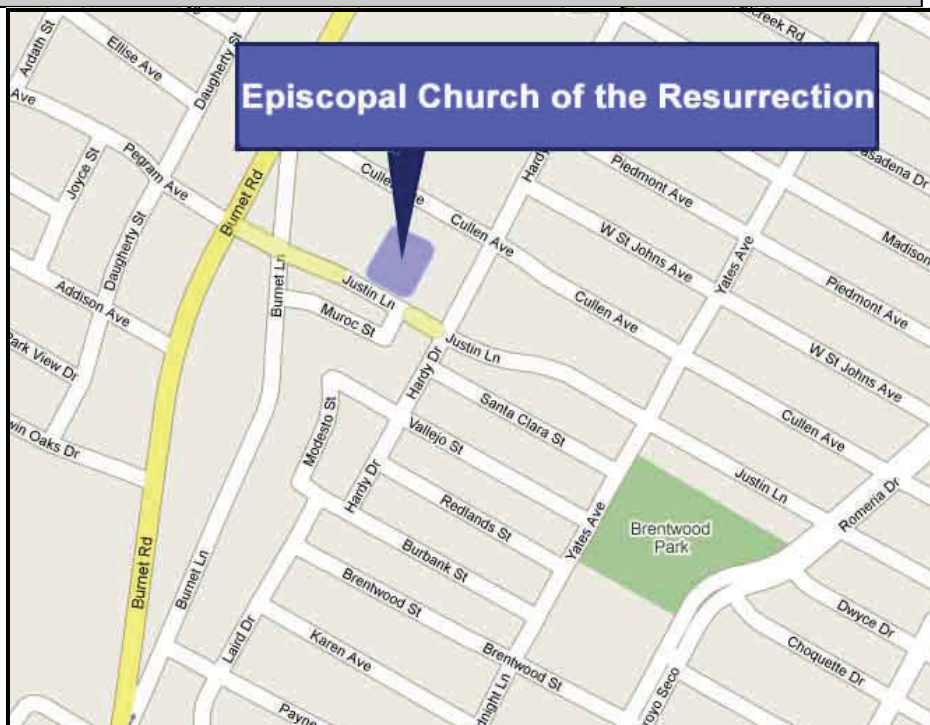
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2008 Christmas Party!

By Jeff Schmidt, N5MNV

The annual AARC Christmas party has been scheduled for Tuesday Dec 2nd (Plz check www.AustinHams.org for further details) at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection hall on 2200 Justin Ln, just off Burnet.

Musical entertainment has been confirmed- Darlene (My Mom) WD5DAR's Ladies Barbershop Chorus- Austin Harmony will be the headliner. Lori KM5MQ has joined Austin Harmony's "Holiday Chorus" and will sing with the



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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 October 11th, 2008 in **The Quarries** Sports Complex:

Technician Class License Processed

Charl A. Williams KE5WQE

General Class License Processed

Homer F. Riley, Jr. KE5WQF

Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Milt Cram, W8NUE

Howard Glueck, K5ZUA

Curt Goodson, W4QBU

Gene Hinkle, K5PA

Jerry Jackson, N5UJ

Joe Makeever, W5HS

Next Two ARRL VE Test Sessions

November 1st - **The Quarries** Sports Complex

December 6th - **The Quarries** Sports Complex

TNX ES 73 DE W5HS

Joe

10-18-2008

The South Austin W5YI VE team heartily congratulates all of the following people who earned new or upgraded amateur radio licenses at our October 18th session:

Extra Class –

General Class –

Troy M. Brown, KE5WLA

Technician Class (all new) –

Matthew J. Hammons.

Our administering volunteer examiners were:

Hugh Brown, NT5O

Jim Greenwood, AB5EK

Lloyd Goehring, Jr., N5TO

Jimmy Mercer, N5WDH

Tony Lyon, KJ5XF

Our next two amateur radio exam sessions will start at 2 PM on November 15th and December 20th 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 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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group. If any ladies would like to join (if only for the holidays), please contact Joann 255-5391 or cell 952-210-5347.

Rehearsals are Mondays 7-10PM at the Manchaca United Methodist Church. Annual favorites- the QLF, tabletop and dessert contests will be featured. (MNW) I look forward to defending my 2007 QLF title. Maybe the (more worthy than I) contenders will show up and take the prize. I've actually practiced BENS BEST BENT WIRE at Maker Faire this year, although not by LF... Dinner plans will be announced at the next club meeting at Waterloo. The new officers will be announced at the party. Come on out for an evening of fun!

The IC-7000 raffle winner will be drawn that night, so please come join us!

There are still a few of the 250 raffle tickets left! The IC-7000 raffle entry form is on page 6 or go to http://www.austinhams.org/Docs/raffle_flyer_2008a.pdf

Volunteer Leadership



Volunteer organizations thrive on change. Change in leadership positions is good because new ideas and direction come forth, and growth is the result. Every leadership position should run two to four years. The first year is finding out what to do, the second is to do it, the third is continuation, and by the fourth year the cycle needs to be started again with someone new. All volunteer organizations that have regularly scheduled replacements in their leadership know that it is healthy to do so. This also gives more opportunity to those with their ideas to implement them and be the leader.

This time of year our AARC nominates the officer slate for the upcoming year. The Treasurer and the Secretary have agreed to run for another term and are nominated. Others should also be nominated for these positions. The Vice President is not running again. The President is also wanting to be replaced. Now is the time to step up to the plate, and help by volunteering to be nominated, or nominate (with their approval) others you believe would help run the club. Nominations remain open until elections at the November monthly club meeting.

This being said, I am completing my third year as T.C. ARES Emergency Coordinator, and it's time for me to step aside and let someone else take the position. There have been planned changes over the past three years, along with new direction to follow the over-all plan of the ARRL across the nation. We have to make changes to the way we do business to keep pace with today's technology. We have been the leaders in the electronic world in the past, especially in communications, and are currently being pushed aside due to modern technologies our served agencies have available to them. We have to continue to develop more and better ways to communicate to stay valuable to our country and those we serve in emergency situations. Many challenges are on the table with more to come. The need is for you to bring forth your ideas along with your help in this endeavor. This being said, it's time to again bring others to the leadership of our group. We also need more trained members with clearances to be available to help in these emergencies. It does no good to be a Ham and sit back and not be involved. We are needed and wanted to help with emergencies and in today's world, without the required training and credentials, you won't be able to help. It's time now to consider what part you want to play, and step up.

I have let it be known all year long that I plan to step down by year's end, and therefore I am resigning as E.C. effective December 31, 2008. I am in hopes that others will volunteer to take the position. The process is to let it be known of your interest to Joe Fisher III, K5EJL - District Emergency Coordinator by making application to him.

If you have a question about what any of the positions are challenged with, or just want to discuss any of this with someone, contact any of the officers or me and we will welcome the opportunity to help you through it. This is your club, your organization, and if you want to have it continue, then help by locating the members to volunteer, or volunteer yourself. Everyone counts, everyone is a part of the total, and everyone has something to offer. Try it - it doesn't hurt, it feels good.

Roger Wines, W5WIA - Travis County Emergency Coordinator



AARC Meeting Minutes: October 7, 2008

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm by President Don Dudley, AC5YK.

Visitors: Al White, K5ANM; Wayne Smith, KV5WS.

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

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Don went to Belton last weekend, and all those who went had a good time. Also, Belton has a new parking lot. (Don gave the Treasurer's Report in Jay Hoffman's absence.) The club has ~\$8700 in the equipment fund and ~\$1700 in the general account. The club is raffling off an ICOM-7000 @ \$10/ticket with ~100 tickets left.

Editor: Always looking for articles and pictures. Send info for inclusion about other clubs you may be a member of; otherwise, no changes to report.

ARES: Roger Wines, W5WIA, reported that ARES had a booth at the Travis County Sherriff's Extravaganza last Saturday. He suggested we should do it again next year. Also, please consider joining ARES; after all, it is a volunteer organization and Roger reported he will be stepping down at the year's end.

Tech Committee: The 444.1 repeater is down at this time and the 146.94 repeater was down for installation of a new battery setup. The club has a new rotor for the tower at the Red Cross. We found a good one while at Belton.

Other: Lew Thompson, W5IFQ, reported that he deployed with Texas MARS and Texas Military Forces for Hurricane Gustav; then, deployed again for Hurricane Ike. Each event allowed him to provide lots of good communications and vital intelligence.

Ham of the Month: the entire membership of STX (South Texas) ARES; especially District 1 & 14.

New Business: The Officers' Election will be November. The current nominees are Alan Russell, KE5DTR, for Secretary and Jay Hoffman, KA5OST, for Treasurer. No current nominations have been made for President and Vice-President.

Slides and discussion of upcoming events: all listed in the AARC Swapnet newsletter, at www.austinhams.org, or at the Yahoo user group. Again, special mention made for the ARISS contact and the Boy Scouts' "Jamboree on the Air" (JOTA). Also, the Christmas Party will be held Tuesday evening, December 2nd.

Announcements: It is time for students to start applying for the Copeland Fund Scholarship. The deadline is January 31, 2009. The Christmas dinner may be scheduled, but the choices of entrees and pricing is still being discussed. The club is looking at selling tickets to the Christmas dinner so we know who wants what to eat if there is a choice of entrees. School Ham Clubs will participate in an event October 20-24; so, get on the air so they have hams to contact.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35pm

Presentation: Lee Cooper, W5LHC presented his "2nd Annual AARC Movie Night."

Officers for 2009 Sought

If you are interested in running for office in the Austin Amateur Radio Club, then let your voice be heard! It does not matter if you are Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, or any other! All you need is the desire to help make the club better than ever! At the November meeting we will be taking nominees and then electing officers for 2009. Feel free to run for any position: President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Helping the club out by being an officer is a rewarding endeavor. Come on by the next radio club meeting and find out more about what each office entails and see if that suits you! The next meeting is November 4th at 7 pm at Waterloo Icehouse on N. Burnet Rd. It's a perfect day for elections!

ICOM IC-7000 HF Mobile Radio Raffle

Austin Amateur Radio Club

ICOM IC-7000 Raffle

ONLY 250 TICKETS TO BE SOLD!
DRAWING TO BE HELD AT AUSTIN XMAS PARTY
ON DECEMBER 6TH, 2008

The Austin Amateur Radio Club is having a fundraising event this year. We are raffling off a brand new ICOM 7000 Mobile HF Radio! This is the latest offering from ICOM. We will be selling just 250 tickets so your chances are good. The drawing will be held at the AARC Christmas Party in Austin Texas on December 2nd. See website for details www.austinhams.org

Winners need not be present to win.

If we receive any entry forms over the 250 allotted we will return your coupon and entry fee to you. In event of last minute receipts, postmarks will be used to determine order of receipt.



Important:

Raffle available to residents of TEXAS only.
Winner will be required to provide a valid Social Security Number and will be issued an IRS Form W-2G for tax purposes.

AARC ICOM IC-7000 Raffle

ICOM IC-7000 Raffle

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ICOM 7000 Raffle
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Austin, TX 78765-4739

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E-mail: ka5ost@arrl.net

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Address Line 2 _____
Phone _____ Email: _____

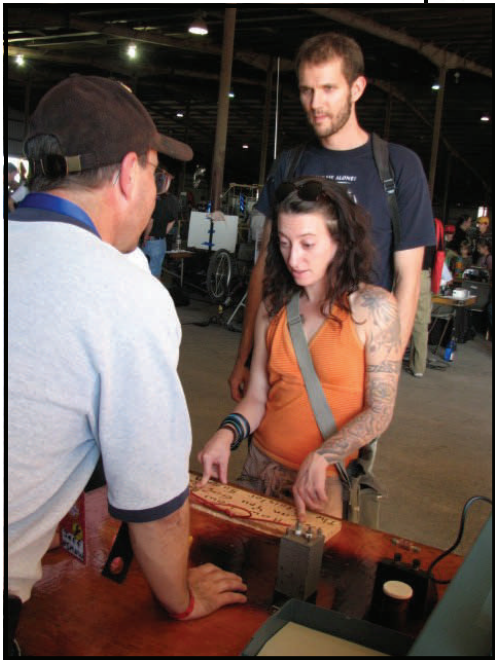
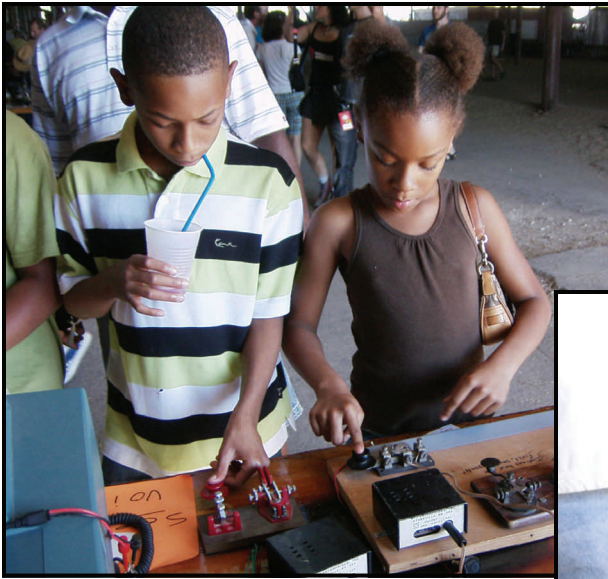


RAFFLE TICKET PRICE \$10 / ENTRY
AARC Xmas Party December 2nd 2008
Fill in one form for each entry — Limit 10 entries per household.

Mail to:
Austin Amateur Radio Club
ICOM 7000 Raffle
PO Box 4739
Austin, TX 78765-4739

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Some of the ISS Contact Team:
Mark Florian, Gene Chapline, Kenneth Branson
Tina Rissinger, Josie Chapline, Lee Cooper,
Bryan Bible, Joan Cox, Roy Miyasaki

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Austin Amateur Radio Club

Membership Form for year ending December 31, _____

Application for: (check applicable box or boxes and include payment)

- AARC \$20 single \$30 family (all at same mailing address)
 \$5 student (thru 12th grade, no AARCOVER by mail)
 ARRL \$24 (first time membership) \$21 (senior first time)
 \$37 (renewal thru AARC) \$34 (senior renewal)
 QCWA \$6 (Local chapter 67 annual dues)

Check One: Information changes Renew membership
 New member (never before registered)

Call sign: _____ License class? E A G T+ T N (circle one)

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Pager: _____

Email Address: _____

If the family box is checked please list family members below.

2nd Call: _____ Name: _____ ARRL?

3rd Call: _____ Name: _____ ARRL?

4th Call: _____ Name: _____ ARRL?

I/We have interest in the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Working events | <input type="checkbox"/> Transmitter hunts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 meters FM | <input type="checkbox"/> DXing | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Holding Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting programs | <input type="checkbox"/> CW | <input type="checkbox"/> Net control | <input type="checkbox"/> Emer communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holding ARRL office | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

Mail this form with payment to:

AARC - P.O. Box 4739 - Austin, TX 78765

or:

Bring it to the next meeting (See <http://www.austinhams.org>)

2009 Dues !

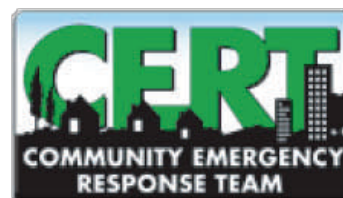
If you have not paid your 2009 AARC Club Dues then now is a great time! Just cut out this form write a check for the appropriate amount and mail to the address at the bottom of the form.

You can also apply online at www.austinhams.org/join

Help the club grow and foster new ham radio operators by becoming part of the Austin Ham Radio Community.



JOIN



AARC Meeting Info.

Waterloo Icehouse

8600 Burnet Rd. South of 183

Officers Meeting

November 18th 6pm Waterloo Icehouse

(unless otherwise mentioned)

Regular Business Meeting

Come Eat at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00pm

November 4th - Emergency Repeater Operations

2008 Upcoming Amateur Exams

ARRL VEC- November 1st & December 6th 9a.m. at The Quarries. Contact Joe Makeever, W5HS (345-0800) or Joe Thiel, N5SMN (832-0450) for info. \$14 fee.

W5YI VEC- November 15th & December 20th 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.

*******2009 DUES ARE DUE!!! *******

Dues must be paid by April 15, to be included in the annual Roster. Contact Jay Hoffman, KA5OST (512) 388-4404 or ka5ost @ arrl.net or you can pay dues online at...
www.austinhams.org/join

2008 Calendar of Events

Nov 1 **Enid Hamfest**, Garfield County Fairgrounds, 302 East Oxford, Enid, www.enidhamfest.com

Nov 8 **10th Annual STARC Hamfest** Hilltop Community Center www.starc-corporuschristi.org/

Nov 8 **NCTECH 2009 in Azle**, Azle Community Center www.wc5c.org

Dec 2 **Austin Amateur Radio Club Christmas Party** 7-10PM Winner of the IC-7000 raffle drawn (need not be present) Episcopal Church of the Resurrection Hall 2200 Justin Ln, just E of Burnet Rd. Austin, TX QLF, tabletop, dessert contests Catered dinner and Musical entertainment All are welcome and invited!

Nov.	Dec.	Austin Meetings/Happenings
4	2**	AARC Meeting Waterloo Ice House* 7:00 p.m.
8	13	Austin QRP, Alvin's Sandwich Shop 11:00 a.m.
11	9	ARES Training -CTECC 6:30 p.m.
12	10	High Speed Multimedia SIG Red Cross 7:00 p.m.
18	16	ATV Club Mtg. Mangia Pizza 6:30 p.m.
15	20	QCWA IHOP 183 Near Duval 1:00 p.m.
24	22	Travis Co. REACT Denny's on Burnet 7:00 p.m.
25	23	Travis County A.R.E.S., ARL Aud. 7:00 p.m.
26	24	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.*

*** AARC Christmas Party - See Page 1 for details!*

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