



K5RWK EVENTS

Meeting-on-the-Air

First Monday of every month, 7:30 PM
RWK Repeater, 2 Meter
147.120 (PL 110.9 Hz)

Monthly Meeting

Second Monday of every month, 6:30 PM
St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church
1220 W. Belt Line Road, Richardson

Next Meeting Program:

Collins Radio

with
KE1RR!

Monthly Breakfast

Third Saturday of every month, 8:00 AM
Southern Recipes Grill
621 W. Plano Parkway, Suite 229, Plano, TX

RACES Nets & Siren Test

See website calendar for latest updates.

www.k5rwk.org

VHF repeater: 147.120 (PL 110.9 Hz)

UHF repeater: 444.725 (PL 110.9 Hz)
Wires X active 100%



Affiliated Club Since 1952

Ham radio license exams
3rd Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church

The Chawed Rag

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Many thanks to all the members that made the Show & Tell a huge success. Member feedback was all positive so we'll be sure to hold this again in 2018!

President's Corner:

One month to go on my tenure and I must say it has been a privilege to serve all of you over the last 2 years. A big THANK YOU to all our members and the officer & board cadre for making this year such a HUGE success!

At press time we stand at **206** paid members, something to be very proud of. Your attitude and welcoming nature is the difference.

See new **feature**, member spotlight on page 5

As we head into **December** I hope each of you will consider planning to be involved in **winter field day** in January. Contact Paul / KA5TYW to get involved.

Congrats to Birl Smith / KF5TSK and all volunteers on the **Richardson Christmas Parade** public service. Great success!

The president's dinner will be Monday 8 January 2018 at Amazing Jakes in a private room adequate for our growing numbers. Watch for RSVP via HCOL email. There will be super door prizes and great food too.

Thanks and 73 de W5XJ

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Klub membership is open to all persons interested in amateur radio. Join at any meeting, by mail or on-line via www.hamclubonline.com - Annual dues are \$15 individual, \$20 family, or \$5 student rate.

Archives of The Chawed Rag are available online at:

<http://k5rwk.org/rwk01/index.php/rwk-documents/rwk-newsletters>.

RWK Website: <http://www.k5rwk.org>

RWK E-mail forum – see website

RWK is on Facebook for check it out

<https://www.facebook.com/k5rwk>

It's a fast and easy way to keep up with all the goings on!

RWK Siren Testing Services

The City of Richardson tests emergency sirens on first Wednesdays, at noon (weather permitting). We do not conduct the test if the weather looks threatening, to avoid confusing residents. Hams assist each month by going to a designated siren, checking into the net on 147.120 MHz, watching and listening to the performance of the siren, then reporting on the net. Most sirens have an assigned ham, but there often are unassigned sirens. New hams are welcome to participate and learn! **Please contact Don Bowen K5LHO, 972-235-3063, if you can help with siren tests.**

Help RWK with 'AmazonSmile' donations! *Register on-line now!*

Smile.Amazon.com is the website to use when making purchases on Amazon! Once you subscribe to smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to The Richardson Wireless Klub! *Sweet! Amazon paid RWK \$9.29 for the 4th Quarter 2016!*



[Click this quick link to register on smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

Check the website for the latest scheduled events at RWK. Up to date and ready for your review!

www.k5rwk.org

Congrats to these new members & renewals!

Rick – W5RAA

Jeff – KG5URT

Jerrel – W5TUU

Bill - KG5VDT

HCOL Wants YOU!!!!

Be sure to log in to Ham Club Online to join, renew or extend your membership. It's easy, safe and the way to go. Keep all your info up to date to insure you are included.

www.hamclubonline.com

RWK is on Facebook and is a great way to keep in touch with the latest news, etc. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/k5rwk>

Need help getting a ham license? Getting on the air? Trying something new?

The Richardson Wireless Klub (RWK) donated to the Richardson Public Library a set of books to study for the Technician License. In addition, there are handbooks on various facets of ham radio operations. Look on the third floor in reference category 621.384.

RWK has "loaner" HF and VHF transceivers available for use by RWK members. For more information, contact secretary@k5rwk.org

RWK offers informal **Mentoring sessions** prior to the Klub's regular monthly meetings. Arrive at 5:30 P.M. to get answers to your ham questions and issues. "Elmer" is the term used to identify a mentor for amateur radio. RWK members act as local "Elmers" to new hams *or* to existing members exploring new modes or interests. If you could use some help, just let us know. We will put you together with one an answer guy to help get you going. Check out and promote this site to wanna-be hams!

<http://k5rwk.org/rwk01/index.php/be-a-ham>

You will find interactive practice license exams online at the following websites: <http://qrz.com/ht/>, or <http://www.eham.net/exams/>. When you can consistently get 81.235% or better on practice exams, you are ready to take the real exam from the RWK Volunteer Examiner team. You can check for the exam location, dates, and times at:

<http://k5rwk.org/rwk01/index.php/about-us/ve-testing>

P.S. RWK offers exam sessions on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

For more info contact Bill Owens at 972.380.2859 or email rwkhamtest@gmail.com

[CLICK HERE](#): to go directly to ARRL's booklet, "Practical Radio Applications for New Technician Licensees."

K5RWK VE Ham Exam sessions

The Richardson Wireless Klub holds license exam sessions on the third Thursday evening each month, starting at 7:00 P.M. We have an excellent group and the numbers that sit for tests is growing each onth.

If you know someone who might like to become a ham, please tell him/her about the RWK VE program. Our VE testing project also has produced quite a few new RWK members. We're anxious to help new hams learn and enjoy!

Interested in helping with VE testing? An *open book* orientation exam for Volunteer Examiners is all it takes to receive ARRL accreditation. If you are a General, Advanced, or Extra Class, why not get *your* accreditation?

For more information, contact Bill Owens at 972.380.2859 or email rwkhamtest@gmail.com.

RWK Wednesday "Hungry Hams" lunch

The RWK lunch bunch meets each Wednesday at noon at **Sonny Bryan's BBQ** on West Campbell Rd. two blocks East of Coit Rd. All are invited to enjoy the benefit of a lot of "eyeball QSOs." **NOTE:** On the first Wednesday of the month, RWK helps the City of Richardson conduct siren tests, so lunch is delayed until around 12:30 P.M. Of course, members of other ham clubs and guests are very welcome to *join in the fun and fellowship!*

ARRL "The Doctor is in" podcasts available on-line so check it out!!!!

"The Doctor is in" podcasts with ARRL's Joel Hallas W1ZR are now available on InetRadio. They are located under "Talk" in the "Amateur Radio" category. Selecting the Blue Info button in the menu listing will let you set it to AutoPlay so new episodes automatically play when they are posted. InetRadio is a free app for iOS and Android, giving the user complete control of what they listen to...music, news, podcasts and more. A player is available for desktops and laptops. Other ham-related podcasts are also available on the same InetRadio site. To try a podcast, click on:

<http://www.inetradio.com>.

Hey you! Yeah that's right, you, do you like the newsletter? Be the 1st to email me at the address to the right and receive one year's membership free. **Sound off and let us know president@k5rwk.org**

Member Spotlight, our featured member is Kevin Sims / KD5YVL



Kevin is pictured above at recent work event on VHF repeater.

We have Kevin to thank for our terrific repeater site.

Who got you into ham: His son, former KD5PQA, a collegiate storm chaser that needed tech help.

What got you interested: Portable antenna design, home brewing and QRP.

When did you get licensed: August 2003

Why did you join RWK: Invited by Doug / KD5OUG, found like-minded people in Klub

Where were you born: Midland, Texas – moved to Richardson in winter of 1972

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A lending library like no other! Here is a sampling of the things your Klub has to lend to members. Simply contact a board member to arrange it.

Kenwood 590SG Transceiver

Kenwood TS-430 Transceiver

Kenwood 440S Transceiver

Powerwerx 12 volt supply

SDRPlay Receiver

Rig Expert AA-30 Antenna Analyzer

Radiosport Comm Headset

LDG 100 Antenna Tuner

LDG 1000 Antenna Tuner

Balun Designs Baluns

Promoting “Radio Scouting” with Amateur Radio



Boy Scout 'Radio' Merit Badge

Amateur radio needs younger hams to get on. Help us promote radio to scouts in your circle.

To learn more check out these fine radio scouting sites:

www.k2bsa.net – national site

<http://circleten.org/circle-ten-radio> - local BSA site for radio scouting in Richardson

Got something to say? Write an article for the Chawed Rag

We're always on the lookout for ham radio-related articles by our members. You choose the topic and simply draft your article. You might describe your most memorable QSO, or put together a technical description of an antenna design that you have used successfully. Tell other members the ham activities that most interest you and tell why you find those aspects so compelling. Your article can be as short as three or four paragraphs, or as long as a page...or two.

Keep us posted on your fine hamming! Send ideas to secretary@k5rwk.org

President's Dinner Announced:

We have a huge room, the HD Theatre, with three HD screens plus an overflow area secured for the dinner.

**Amazing Jakes Event Center – Collin Creek Mall
NWC of Central & Plano Parkway**

Map Link <http://www.amazingjakesplano.com/home/hours--directions/>

Monday 8 January 2018

5:30 PM Check in, mix & mingle

6:00 PM Enter gourmet all you can eat Italian food line

7:00 PM seated and ready to begin program

Cost is only about \$9.00 per person “all inclusive” pay as you enter, entre, salads, pizza, pasta, deserts, bottomless drinks.

Door prize drawings will be held.

What's the big idea? Suggest a program for our meetings!

Do you have any idea for a presentation? If so let us know so we can get it going. Just email the program chair to get a conversation going vp@k5rwk.org

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