



## K5RWK EVENTS

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### 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:*

*Show & Tell*  
with  
You be the star!

### 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](http://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*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.  
St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church

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## The Chawed Rag

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Many thanks to Mac AE5PH for his excellent October presentation on satellite ops. We all learned a lot. Check the website for info on the next presenter!

### President's Corner:

A big THANK YOU to all our members and the officer cadre for making this year such a HUGE success – it not over yet.

Today we stand at **194** 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 **November** I hope each of you will consider planning to be involved in **winter field day** in January and also help with the **Richardson Christmas Parade** public service event headed up by Birl Smith - KF5TSK on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 0900, Alamo time.

Big plans are underway for a great president's dinner in January. The surprise location is sure to be a crowd pleaser with fair priced food and fun for whole family.

Keep on being great advocates of our hobby and mentoring new hams. Being a good mentor is the most rewarding side of this hobby to me and many others!

*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](http://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](http://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)

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

[www.k5rwk.org](http://www.k5rwk.org)

Congrats to these new members!

**Keith – KE5NUB**

**Rollie – AG5MG**

**John – W5VOV**

**Logan - KG5TAK**

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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](http://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>

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rwkhamtest@gmail.com)**

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

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### 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](mailto:rwkhamtest@gmail.com).

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### 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!*

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### 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>.

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Hey you! Yeah that's right, you, do you like the newsletter? **Sound off and let us know [president@k5rwk.org](mailto:president@k5rwk.org)**

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## Member Spotlight, our featured member is John DiFilippo / AF5MN



John is pictured above, right, at member tower work party this summer. A man of action.

- Who got you into ham: Hal / N5BT, RWK member emeritus
- What got you interested: Boyhood interest in electronics. Earned electricity merit badge in scouts. Neighbor in San Antonio was a radioman in the navy – but not a ham.
- When did you get licensed: August 2013
- Why did you join RWK: I saw Hal in his front yard and his giant beam antenna and tower, he sold me
- Where were you born: San Antonio, Texas - attended Robert E. Lee public high school.

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## 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](http://www.k2bsa.net) – national site

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

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## 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](mailto:secretary@k5rwk.org)

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## 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](mailto:vp@k5rwk.org)

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