



# ENID AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## Storm Spotter Training!

The National Weather Service in Norman will be presenting a spotter training class on March 8. All Garfield County ARES members are encouraged to attend. This is required training if you are interested in participating with the Garfield County Emergency Management weather team.

The training is open to all persons whether you want to be active in storm spotting or not, and has invaluable information for anyone living in "Tornado Alley".

Follow this link for more details. [www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/skywarn/spottertalk.php](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/skywarn/spottertalk.php)

The Enid ARC meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm. The meeting is held at the American Red Cross located at 1023 W. Elm, Enid Ok.

Weekly net is every Monday at 8pm on the 145.290 - repeater.



## Too Many Radios?

Do you have surplus Amateur or electronic equipment that you would like to sell? Send an e-mail and it can be posted here. Include all information that you think is needed including contact information.

Are you looking for some equipment? Send that request to the *EARC Newsletter* too.

Send all information to [EARCNews](mailto:EARCNews).

## EARC 2005 Officers

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Dave Locke  
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Richard Herndon  
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## President's Corner



I remember when I first got my license a coworker asking about my radio. He asked, "Is it like CB?" Of course my response was all but indignant. "No", I answered, "It's more like police radio." My intention was to impress upon him that it was a professional radio service not a platform for ignorant hateful people to use and a soapbox for whatever argument they may choose to participate.

I know we've all been guilty of transgressions and many, me included, have pet peeves. Some practices, while not against part 97, tend to detract from the professional demeanor most of us want reflected in amateur radio. Here are a few things you might think about.

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When using the radio stop and think before saying something questionable. What would your mother think if she was listening? By the way an apology doesn't fix it! Like my card buddy says, "it's laid it's played!"

How about this scenario? You've just approached an organization for a large donation. While they are considering the donation you are monitoring the local repeater. Someone signs on and uses a few 10-4's, throws in a couple of "H-E-double hockey sticks" and a racial slur for good measure. Would you be embarrassed? You certainly would. Further, I doubt a potential supporter would consider the EARC to be a worthy recipient after hearing all that.

Remember, we don't use 10 codes, they are not considered plain conversation. It's a hard habit to break but satisfying to know we don't sound like a cop "wan'a be's". I don't know what the difference between that and using the Q codes is but that's part of the deal. To my understanding the Q codes are supposed to be relegated to HF for clarity and brevity.

Everyone has a different opinion of what words or phrases are acceptable. I'm reminded of George Carlin's 7 dirty words you can't say on TV. Unfortunately, a lot has changed with the FCC since the 70's. I think I've heard most of those words and even mention of a few body parts come across commercial broadcast. We can't drop our standards because "Professional" broadcast has. We're better than that! When you key up, please remember you are not only representing yourself. You are representing all of us. Keep in mind everyone is listening. We are in every sense of the word, professionals. We need the respect and trust of those around us if we are to be successful in supporting our served agencies. It takes many years of hard work, volunteerism, community relations, multiple tornadoes, a couple of hurricanes, a tsunami as well as incalculable monetary investment to gain the trust of the community. And only one slip of the tongue to blow it.

Dave

*Is there another word  
for synonym?*

If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

VE testing is conducted on the first Saturday of each odd month during the year. Contact Tom Worth-N5LWT at 580-233-8473 for reservations.

## Birthdays

March-



26-Dale Dabrymple WD5GUD

28-Bill Wehling KC5OKG

Be sure to wish these folks a Happy Birthday!!



### Membership Dues!

Just a reminder that the first of the year signals time to help support the club. Since we have had some expenditures this past year to repair the repeater it will be helpful to take care of this now so we can meet annual club expenses. Cost is still only \$25 for an individual membership and \$30 for the whole family.

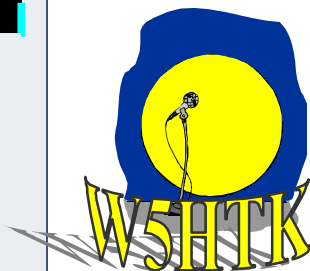


### Speaking of Dues....

Did you know that the EARC could make money when you renew your membership to the ARRL?

When your membership is due contact **Mike Cofer-KD5OFF** for the paperwork.

Not a member of the ARRL?? We can help you with that too.



### Member Spotlight!

**Name:** Greg Veit **FCC Call Sign:** KD5MFY

**I received my first license in:** Enid, OK.

**I have been in Amateur Radio Since:** 2000

**Birth Place:** KC, Kansas **Family:** Mary Etta-Wife

**Occupation:** Aircraft Elect. Specialist

**Community Activities:** EARC

**If I had a different job, I'd be:** Like current job



Sign up for the ARRL's "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications" Course online.

**EMCOMM level 1**

First Monday of each month.

**EMCOMM level 2**

Second Monday of each month.

**EMCOMM level 3**

Third Monday of each month.

Go to <http://www.arrl.org/cce/> for more information.



**Club positions I have held:** Board of Directors-member & chairman, Repeater Working Group

**My favorite Amateur Radio activity is:** ARES

**My favorite mode is:** HF **My favorite radio is:** Icom

**I wish I knew how to:** Do some computer programming

**My favorite junk food is:** Cookies

**My favorite restaurant is:** Reymis

**My ideal vacation is:** Field Day

**My favorite magazine is:** QST

**I regret:** Didn't become an amateur sooner

**If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is:** Build the ultimate shack & house

**If I had three wishes, they would be:** World peace, war over, IC-746Pro

*EARC News* note: My thanks to Greg for being the first member spotlight. Remember to return your questionnaire to Mike-KD5OFF.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Feb. 14** Valentine's Day

**Mar. 3** GARFCO ARES training

**Mar. 5** Elk City Ham Fest. Contact Dave KC5SII for more info.

**Mar. 8** NWS Spotter Training-Enid. Contact Mike-KD5OFF

**Mar. 11** Kay Co. MIPS exercise.

**Mar. 20** First Day of Spring

**Mar. 27** Easter

## QST, QST...

We would like to congratulate the following for their achievements.

Chad Cunningham-KE5ZYD  
Johsua Davis-KE5DKG  
Shawn Landsberger-KE5DKD  
Wade Hutchins-KE5DKA

Brian Killman-KE5DKE  
Jay Kinsey-KE5DKF  
Dustin Harold-KE5DKB  
Shaun Zellers-KE5DKC

# Editor's Note

This is issue number two and it has been a very interesting ride so far. Some recipients of the EARC News said that they couldn't open the attachment. I have searched the web over and with some help from friends, (thanks Tim-KD5KTB), I found a little freebie driver that will save word documents to a PDF file. The colors look good so for now I will use this as the standard to send the newsletter out. For those of you who are still having problems, Adobe offers a free reader. You can go to <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> for the latest version. If you are still having problems I'm afraid you have passed my understanding of the mysteries of the computer. I would like for everyone to be able to read the newsletter but you may have to ask your "computer nerd" friends for help.



## ***Proof read-proof read- proof read!***

I have never written professionally or for a hobby but those two words are simple rules to live by when putting your work out for all to see. I have worked some of the logistics out with the newsletter and I hope that misspellings and other little "mistakes, mishaps, and goofs" will be brought to a minimum. But don't expect too much out of a lefty from Oklahoma.

Also for the time being I am going to put a deadline for items to be placed in the newsletter. This will be the **second Thursday of each month.**

Mike-KD5OFF  
EARC News Editor

## GARFCO ARES



The Garfield County ARES will resume training starting March 3. The training sessions will be held at the Red Cross located at 1023 W. Maple in Enid.

Contact Mike-KD5OFF if you need more information.

## ***Minutes of Last Meeting***

Enid Amateur Radio Club (E.A.R.C.) Minutes- 1-20-05

**President:** Dave Locke-KC5SII

**Vice President:** Richard Herndon-KD5ZOY

**Treasurer:** Ken Romine-K5VCH

**Secretary:** Dave Chael-KC5GUD

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. by President Dave Locke.

Secretary was AWOL. Ralph Gandy made a motion to approve the December minutes as recorded on EARC Web Site. Second by Greg Veit. Motion Passed.

*I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.*

Treasurer Report: Ken Romine gave the report. Motion to approve by Richard Herndon and Second by Ralph Gandy. Motion passed.

Ways and Means Report: Ken Romine discussed several items that he was pursuing.

Membership: Mike Cofer brought up several items to increase our membership.

ARES Report: Mike Cofer informed the club that the Storm Watchers Training would be held on March 08, 2005 at Autry Vo-Tech at 1900 hrs.

Activities: Field day report on sites.

Old Business: Discussed noise on repeater. Greg said when he got time that he had another radio to install.

New Business: Motion was made by Ralph Gandy and seconded by Greg Veit to reimburse Ken Romine for the permits that he purchased from the Parks Dept. for Crosslin Park (2005) and Meadowlake Park (2006). Bill Wheling said that he could use some more people to conduct the Monday Night net. He has done an excellent job. No decisions were made. Walter Baker made a motion to donate \$25.00 to the Red Cross. Second by Greg Veit. Motion Passed. Mike Cofer made a motion to sell the tower that is still on Dean Feken's trailer. Motion was seconded by Ralph Gandy. Motion Passed. Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Cofer and seconded by Walter Baker. Motion Passed 2025 hrs.

Respectfully

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Vice President

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