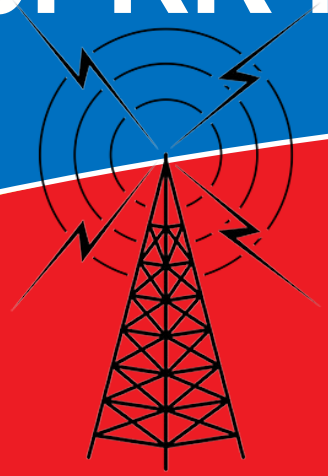


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PARK Repeaters

The Plano Amateur Radio Klub operates five repeaters, which are located in Allen, Texas about 180 feet above ground level. All licensed amateur operators are welcome to join us on the air. All repeaters are open.

147.180 MHz + (PL 107.2)
K5PRK VHF Voice Repeater

444.250 MHz + (PL 79.7)
K5PRK UHF Voice Repeater

441.575 MHz +
DStar UHF Digital Voice Port B

1295.000 MHz – 20.000
DStar 23cm Digital Voice Port B

1255.000 MHz
DStar 23cm Digital Data

The annual Christmas Party meeting was a great success even though Golden Corral surprised us with closing early for their own party. Thanks to **Brian Trent** for finding the place and working the details, **Kip** for getting the raffle prizes, and to everyone who came! Let any officers know if you have any suggestions or comments to make it better next year.

PARK on Broadcastify


Wednesday January 8, we got the **K5PRK 444.250** UHF Repeater on the air with Broadcastify. On Thursday January 9, we got **K5PRK 147.18** VHF Repeater on the air with Broadcastify.

Broadcastify announced both channels the day after they were on the air. The UHF repeater had 21 users listening the day after, even though I did not hear anyone using that repeater.

After the weather net, Friday, January 10, I checked the status of the VHF repeater, and there were 24 Broadcastify users listening. Give it a try!

Kip

The worlds largest source of Public Safety, Aircraft, Rail, and Marine Radio Live Audio Streams.



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ARRL News

On the Air Magazine

On the Air is a suite of ARRL benefits for new ham radio licensees, anchored by the ARRL bimonthly magazine,

On the Air. The magazine covers a range of ham radio interests and topics, delivering introductory techniques and stories to help anyone with a beginner-to-intermediate-level of experience. From making your first radio contact to selecting the right equipment to project building and getting involved with public service or your local clubs, *On the Air* magazine and its suite of companion benefits will help you make the most of your amateur radio license. Get active, get involved, get On the Air! If you are not an ARRL member, join!

[Read](#) On the Air magazine (Members-only)

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 Be ready for winter storms before they happen. Take a moment on a fair winter day to make sure you can hit the local repeater with your handheld radio.

On this Page
 As hams, we love antennas. You can't play radio without them! These towers rising into a wintry mist are commercial antennas, but fundamentally, they're no different from the antennas we use in our amateur pursuits.

Join ARRL
 or Renew your Membership

January 2020

ARRL is inviting nominations for awards that recognize educational and technological pursuits in amateur radio. Nominations are also open for the League's premier award to honor a young licensee.

•**The Hiram Percy Maxim Award** recognizes a radio amateur and ARRL member younger than age 21, whose accomplishments and contributions are of the most exemplary nature within the framework of amateur radio activities. Nominations for this award are made through ARRL Section Managers, who will forward nominations to ARRL Headquarters. The deadline is March 31, 2020.

•**The ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award** honors an ARRL volunteer amateur radio instructor or ARRL professional classroom teacher who uses creative instructional approaches and reflects the highest values of the amateur radio community. The award highlights quality of and commitment to licensing instruction. Nominations are due by March 16, 2020.

•**The ARRL Microwave Development Award** pays tribute to a radio amateur or group of radio amateurs who contribute to the development of the amateur radio microwave bands. The nomination deadline is March 31, 2020.

•**The ARRL Technical Service Award** recognizes an individual radio amateur or group of radio amateurs who provide amateur radio technical assistance or training. The nomination deadline is March 31, 2020.

•**The ARRL Technical Innovation Award** is conferred on an individual radio amateur or group of radio amateurs who develop and apply new technical ideas or techniques in amateur radio. The nomination deadline is March 31, 2020.

•**The Knight Distinguished Service Award** recognizes exceptional contributions by a Section Manager to the health and vitality of ARRL. The nomination deadline is April 30, 2020.

The ARRL Board of Directors selects award recipients, and winners are typically announced following the Board's July meeting. [More information](#) about these awards on the ARRL website, or contact [Steve Ewald, WV1X](#), telephone (860) 594-0265.

January 2020

PARK Winter Field Day

[Winter Field Day rules](#)

Purpose: To foster Ham camaraderie, field operation, emergency operating preparedness, and just plain on the air, outdoor fun in the midst of winter for American, Canadian, and DX Hams. Don't let those winter doldrums keep you locked up in the house... get out and play some radio!! **When:** Winter Field Day runs for 24 hours during the last full weekend in January each year from 1900 UTC (1pm CST) Saturday to 1900 UTC (2pm EST) Sunday. For 2020 the dates are January 25th and 26th. Station set-up may commence no earlier than 1900 UTC (2pm EST) on the Friday before. Station setup may consume no more than 12 hours total. How & when you schedule/spend those 12 hours is up to you.

PARK will have a small, minimalist, Winter Field Day on Saturday, January 25 at [Plano Super Bowl](#) starting at 12pm until 6pm.

We will have a room inside on the north side. A couple of radios connected to portable and/or mobile antennas will be used.

This will be for fun and education operating as the category:

"Indoor: Operation from inside a remote, insulated, heated (or cooled, depending on your local weather), and weather-protected structure where an Amateur station is normally not available. (Park buildings/cabins, community center, EOC, senior center, club shack, etc)."

Plans are still being finalized. If you have any equipment, want to help, or want to learn more, contact Tony, Kip, or Neil.

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What is SKYWARN®?



Ft. Worth SKYWARN Spotter Training Schedule 2020!

Updated: Thu Jan 16 09:30:01 2020

TBD = To Be Determined

DATE	COUNTY	CITY	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday Jan 9	Leon	Centerville	Annex 2 3rd Floor Great Room	6:30-8:30 PM
Monday Jan 13	Freestone	Fairfield	Freestone Fair Grounds	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday Jan 15	Anderson	Palestine	Courthouse Annex	5:30-7:30 PM
Saturday Jan 18	Collin	McKinney	McKinney Central Park Campus - Conference Center	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday Jan 21	Limestone	Groesbeck	Limestone County Courthouse	6:00-8:00 PM
Monday Jan 27	Milam	Cameron	Cameron FD	6:00-8:00 PM
Tuesday Jan 28	Lamar	Paris	Paris High School	6:00-8:00 PM
Thursday Jan 30	Montague	Montague	Montague County Annex Community Room	6:00-8:00 PM
Saturday Feb 1	Navarro	Corsicana	The Palace Theater	1:00-3:00 PM
Monday Feb 3	Comanche	Comanche	City of Comanche Community Center	6:00-8:00 PM
Tuesday Feb 4	Wise	Decatur	Wise County Fair Grounds (Womens Building)	7:00-9:00 PM
Thursday Feb 6	Hopkins	Sulphur Springs	Sulphur Springs City Hall	6:00-8:00 PM
Saturday Feb 8	Bell	Killeen	Killeen Fire Academy (Central Fire Station)	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday Feb 10	Coryell	Copperas Cove	Copperas Cove Police Department	6:00-8:00 PM
Tuesday Feb 11	Cooke	Gainesville	Gainesville Civic Center	6:30-8:30 PM
Wednesday Feb 12	Falls	Marlin	Marlin VFD	6:00-8:00 PM
Thursday Feb 13	Hunt	Greenville	F. Warren Civic Center	6:00-8:00 PM
Saturday Feb 15	Dallas	Garland	Granville Arts Center	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Tuesday Feb 18	Johnson	Keene	Perecho Hall-Southwestern Adventist University	6:00-8:00 PM
Thursday Feb 20	Grayson	Denison	Grayson College Center for Workplace Learning Auditorium	6:00-8:00 PM
Saturday Feb 22	Denton	Denton	Texas Womans University-MCL 101	8:00 AM - 12 Noon
Monday Feb 24	Hood	Granbury	ShowBiz Cinema	7:00-9:00 PM

Preparedness and Storm Spotter Information

A NWS page with a huge amount of information!

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Don't forget about Saturday morning

Late Riser's Breakfast – 6:30 am at
Poor Richards Café – Plano, Texas

No Name Riser Breakfast – 9:00 am at
Two Rows – Allen, Texas

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<http://www.maintradingcompany.com/>
2246 Bonham St., Paris TX., 75460

Poor Richard's Café

<http://www.poorrichardscafe.com/>
2442 K Avenue Plano, TX., 75074

Cavanaugh Flight Museum

<http://www.cavanaughflightmuseum.com/>
4572 Claire Chennault, Addison TX., 75001

Bullet Trap. INC.

<http://www.bullettrapinc.com/>
2608 K Avenue, Plano TX., 75074

Country Burger

<http://www.countryburgertx.com/>
3115 W. Parker Rd. #500, Plano TX., 75023

Plano Super Bowl

<http://www.planosuperbowl.com/>
2521 K Avenue, Plano TX., 75074

Two Rows Classic Grill

<http://www.tworows.com/>
711 Central Expressway,
Allen TX., 75013

Greek Isles Grille and Tavern

<http://greekislesgrille.com/>
3309 N. Central Expressway #370,
Plano TX., 75023

Chartered Financial Strategies LLC (Sean Monohan)

Tax Services – Business and Individual
<http://www.cfscorp.net/>
4686 McDermott Rd. #206, Plano TX., 75024

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MckinneyAmateurRadioClub 2M FM Simplex Contest

Welcome to the Winter MARC 2M FM contest. The contest helps us all be prepared in a number of ways, get to know one another, allow for friendly competition and try out our emergency preparedness skills. Since this contest is limited to the 2 M FM band it does not require any fancy equipment and all can participate. The contest is just a short to time frame.

This is a great time for all local area hams to participate and join in the activity!

When: January 26, 2020 19:00 UTC to 22:00 UTC

Objectives: To make as many contacts as possible, encouraging the use of 2M simplex mode, and have fun!

The Hunter vs Hunted: Consider operating from a remote location, high point, or perhaps a roving mobile; Mobile stations are able to re-work stations from a different location.

Frequencies: The contest will take place solely on 2 meters bands using simplex mode; (e.g. no repeater contacts). According to the ARRL band plan, these frequencies **(between 146.40-146.58 & 147.42-147.57)** are for simplex use. For this contest we will use only these frequencies with a convenient 20 kHz separation.

146.4xx: 146.420, 146.440, 146.460, 146.480

146.5xx: 146.500, **not .520**, 146.540, 146.560

147.4xx: 147.420, 147.240, 147.460, 147.480

147.5xx: 147.500, 147.520, 147.540, 147.560

Exchange: Call sign, contact number, city or unincorporated county (UC). Rover stations should use the city or UC of their location at the time.

Example of Stationary Exchange:

“W5KZJ from K5CRX, please copy my #3 from Allen”

“K5CRX from W5KZJ, please copy my #4 from Wylie”

Example of Mobile/Rover Exchange:

“K5CRX from K5AMZ/M, please copy my #2 from Weston”

“K5AMZ/M from K5CRX, please copy my #4 from Allen”

You might want to consider verifying your time. Contact exchange must be within 15 minutes.

Contacts: Work as many different calls and locations as possible, giving the exchange as noted above. Work each station once per city or UC – i.e. Mobiles can be reworked whenever they change locations.

Scoring: Use the handy log and scoring sheet. Each Contact is worth 1 point

Multipliers: Number of unique cities or UC

Mckinney Amateur Radio Club 2M FM Simplex Contest

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Power: Stations running ≤ 10 watts output: 3X score, $11 \leq 50$ output:

2X score, > 50 watts output: 1X score

Final Score: Total Points=# QSO's X location mult. X Power mult.

Logging: Contest sheets can be downloaded from the MARC web site.

www.McKinneyarc.org.

Log Submission: Send completed electronic logs to: w5kzjham@gmail.com with

Subject of MARC 2M

Or send paper logs to:

MARC 2 Meter Simplex Contest

P. O. Box 276

McKinney, TX 75070-8135

Log Entry Submission Deadline: February 9, 2020

Denton County Cities:

Argyle	Denton	Highland Village	Pilot Point
Aubrey	DISH	Justin	Plano †
Bartonville	Double Oak	Krugerville	Ponder
Bolivar	Elizabethtown	Krum	Prosper †
Carrollton †	Flower Mound	Lake Dallas	Roanoke
Coppell †	Fort Worth †	Lakewood Village	Sanger
Copper Canyon	Frisco †	Lewisville	Shady Shores
Corinth	Hackberry	Lincoln Park	Southlake †
Corral City	Haslet †	Little Elm	The Colony
Cross Roads	Hebron	Northlake	Trophy Club
Dallas †	Hickory Creek	Oak Point	Westlake †

† only a small part of the city extends into Denton County

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Collin County Cities:

Allen	Farmersville	Melissa	Richardson†
Anna	Frisco†	Murphy	Royse City†
Blue Ridge	Garland†	Nevada	Sachse†
Carrollton†	Josephine†	New Hope	St. Paul
Celina†	Lavon	Parker	Van Alstyne†
Copeville Unincorporated	Lowry Crossing	Plano†	Westminster Unincorporated
Dallas††	Lucas	Princeton	Weston
Fairview	McKinney	Prosper†	Wylie††

† *City extends into one adjacent county.*

†† *City extends into two or more adjacent counties.*

Rockwall County Cities:

Dallas †	McLendon-Chisholm	Rowlett**
Fate	Mobile City	Royse City***
Heath*	Rockwall	Wylie****

† Dallas is a city primarily in Dallas County but a portion extends into Rockwall County due to the city's ownership of Lake Ray Hubbard.

*Heath is mainly a city of Rockwall County but a small portion extends into northern Kaufman County.

** Rowlett is mainly a city of Dallas County but a portion of it extends into Rockwall County.

*** Royse City is mainly a city of Rockwall County but a portion of it extends into Collin County and Hunt County.

**** Wylie is mainly a city of Collin County but a small part extends into Rockwall County and Dallas County.

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Apr. 18 Mentor Fest

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Hella Shrine Center, 2121 Rowlett Rd., Garland, TX 75043

The Garland Hella Hams and the ARRL North Texas Section would like to invite all current and prospective Hams to attend Mentorfest! This event is a great way for Hams, especially those recently licensed, to meet and learn about a variety of subjects. Amateur radio operators have a great tradition of helping each other learn about and gain experience in the many facets of the hobby. Mentorfest is designed to build on this tradition by providing a

place for Hams of all ages and experience levels to come together, exchange knowledge and make new friends while having fun and enjoying the

great hobby of Amateur Radio.

- Here are some of the things you can expect at Mentorfest...
- Formal presentations on a number of topics.
- Local clubs providing information on their activities.
- “Elmers” (ham-speak for mentors) available for informal discussions on just about any topic.
- Tours of emergency communications vehicles.
- Representatives from the ARRL, ARES/RACES, REACT, National Weather Service and others showing how you can get involved.

Amateur License Testing - 1:00p - 4:00p

If you wish to test for a new license, or upgrade your existing license, bring \$14 and a photo ID.

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Local and Some HF Area Nets

MARC Nets

Sunday 8:00 PM – General Information Net – we ask participants about their week in ham radio and their thoughts on a question of interest to the ham community. W5MRC

Repeater, (146,740 MHz, offset -0.600 MHz, tone 110.9)

Monday 8:30 PM – Simplex net – see how far your VHF radio can go without a repeater
Along with general discussion. 146.520 MHz Since this is simplex, no offset or tone are Required.

1st and 3rd Mondays 8:00 PM - The MARC Ladies Net – All radio amateurs are welcome.

W5MRC repeater (146.740 MHz, offset -0.600 MHz, tone 110.9)

Collin County ARES Nets

Collin County Amateur Radio Emergency Service conducts two training nets each month. You do not need to be an ARES member to participate, all radio amateurs are welcome.

1st Sunday 9:00 PM - Collin County ARES -

K5PRK repeater, (147.180 MHz, offset +0.600 MHz, tone 107.2 Hz)

3rd Sunday 9:00 PM – Collin County ARES -

W5MRC repeater, (146.740 MHz, offset -0.600 MHz, tone 110.9 Hz)

SARA Nets

Wednesdays 8:00 PM – Ham Radio in Sachse –

Weekly “On-The-Air” Information Net called “Ham Radio in Sachse”.

N5LOC Repeater (145.25MHz, PL Tone 141.3Hz, Offset -0.600 MHz)

2nd and 4th Sundays 9:00 PM - Sachse Public Service Net –

ARES, RACES & Other Public Service Emergency Responders (like local CERT groups) Training.

N5LOC Repeater (145.250 PL Tone 141.3 Offset -0.60MHz)

2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Simplex Net

146.40

GARC Nets

Thursday 8:00 PM – Info net – The Garland Amateur Radio Club holds an informal net open to all amateur radio operators. The net begins with check in and general announcements, followed by general discussion.

K5QHD Repeater (146.66 MHz, PL Tone 110.9 Hz, Offset -0.600 MHz)

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North Texas Hospital Net

North Texas Hospital radio club weekly nets check in with area hospitals. Friday mornings (time TBD 8:30 am or 9 am). Jimmy Dominguez is NCS. 442.400/146.700. Regular splits PL tones 110.9/110.9. All are welcome to check in from your QTH as individual.

Attention; The North Central Texas Healthcare ARC net begins at 0830 Friday and moves to 146.700, the past Fridays the 146.700 repeater has been down, with uncertainty when the 146.700 repeater will be back online, the North Texas Central Healthcare ARC will only have the 442.400 portion of the net.

HF Nets

Daily Net 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM – The Maritime Mobile Service Network – Any licensed ham (General Class or higher) can check in. This net is focused on assisting those who are maritime mobile and over the years, several distress calls have been handled by this net. 14.300

Sunday 2:00 PM – Amateur Radio Satellite Net - Open net for licensed amateur satellite discussion and updates 14.282

Daily Net – OMISS – Focused on awards, particularly Worked All State (1:30 PM frequency 14.290) (8:00 PM frequency 7.185)

Many more nets are listed here <http://ac6v.com.htm>

Overland Bound

Weekly Net Every Friday night at 7:30 PM Central Time – A net for people who like to explore and take part in overland camping – hosted on the USA Grits-N-Gravy Conference Server (USA-GNG) Echolink Node: 591550 <http://www.usagritsngravy.net>

If you want to list your favorite net. Please send as much information you can to newsletter@k5prk.net

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[What is Amateur Radio \(Ham Radio?\) from ARRL](#)

(Thanks Johnnie Young)

Amateur radio is a multifaceted hobby that includes people around the world. There are about 740,000 ham radio operators in the US. The FCC has allocated [30 different frequency bands](#) from 135 KHz to greater than 275 GHz to amateur radio operators. These frequency bands are used for many different aspects of the hobby.

Some videos describing Amateur Radio:

<https://youtu.be/ysOq6ywTSzU>

<https://youtu.be/rs0i0h4OyMo>

https://youtu.be/5Z9136_Nhh4 - Classic Walter Cronkite video

Licensing:

There are [3 levels of ham radio licensing](#) in the US, Technician, General and Extra. Each level requires passing a multiple choice exam. The questions used for these exams are all [published on the web](#).

Study Aids:

Students can study for their license exam(s) in several different ways.

- Take a class
- Study training books. These are two of the most popular
 - [ARRL Technician Study Guide](#)
 - [Gordon West 2018 to 2022 Technician Class](#)
- View video classes
 - https://youtu.be/RGluTpM7_K8
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6aFXH_SQUo&list=PL07A7D1C9D7BF7F48
- Take practice Exams
 - <https://www.eham.net/exams>

Taking the Exam:

Exams are offered by many clubs [around the metroplex](#). The Sachse club gives exams 9:00 [each 2nd Saturday at the Wylie Masonic Lodge](#).

Other Ham Radio Related Links:

Sachse Radio Club: <http://www.sachseradio.org/>

Largest/Oldest Ham Radio Org: <http://www.arrl.org/home>

Local Ham Radio Outlet Store <https://www.hamradio.com/locations.cfm?storeid=20>

Finding a nearby Club: <http://www.arrl.org/find-a-club>

Ham Radio Mesh Network: <https://www.arednmesh.org/aredn-advantage>

Amateur Radio Satellites: <https://www.amsat.org/>

Ham Radio Repeaters: <https://www.repeaterbook.com/>

Other videos:

HAM Radios: Quick and Easy Way to Get Into HAM Radio Hobby: <https://youtu.be/t0sMDRLGB3Q>

HAM Radio Basics- HAM 101: <https://youtu.be/Ow1hxClR5J8>

Numerous Dave Casler Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaBtYooQdmNzq63eID8RaLQ>

SPACE STATION CREW USES HAM RADIO TO CALL EARTH [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/H73EYCYSZF8](https://youtu.be/H73EYCYSZF8)

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Various Ham Radio Activities:

- Local/Regional communications
- World wide communications using Digital network linked repeaters
- World wide radio to radio communications
- [Contests](#) - Making as many contacts as possible
- Fox hunts - Finding a hidden transmitter
- Amateur Radio Satellite
- Supporting local events
 - Races (marathons, bike races, etc.)
 - Plano balloon festival
 - Parades
 - 4th of July events
- Extending RC aircraft video and telemetry
- Amateur Radio Emergency Data network (Network when the grid goes down.)
- Winlink - Email via ham radio
- Skywarn - Storm spotters (Most storm spotters report via ham radio.)
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)
- Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)
- Antenna design/building
- CW (Morse code) communications
- DXpeditions - Location in an remote area (usually islands) for a short period of time and making as many contacts as possible.
- Summit On the Air - Transmitting from mountain summits
- JOTA - Jamboree-on-the-Air - Boy Scouts
- RF experimentation. Many [Maker groups](#)
- [High altitude balloon experiment](#).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I need your help. please help with the next newsletter. This is the club newsletter, so we need your pictures letters and articles. Let me know what you want. If you feel strongly about an issue and want to let people know what you think, write a letter to the editor. It's simple and democratic. Please be sure to follow these criteria:

- Be courteous
- Stick to the facts
- Be concise (50 -150 words)

All letters must be signed and provided a call sign if possible. The editor reserves the right to select which letters are published. The editor may also require revisions or removal of parts that do not meet the above criteria or for content deemed inappropriate by the editor. This is the same rigor that the rest of the newsletter is subjected to.

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