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# K5PRK Newsletter

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## Special Zoom Meeting Notice

**Monday Dec 21, 2020 - 7:00 pm**

Contesting from an HOA Station – Eric Silverthorn NM5M

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93735735755?pwd=OVhubGR0b0k0MUUrSWQ5N051QkhZZz09>

## In this Issue

The deadline for the Christmas Raffle has been extended to 2359 HRS Friday, December 18, 2020.

[Pay your dues](#) - AND - maybe if you have been good the Christmas Elf on the Shelf will draw your name and you win a radio.

[Short Takes](#) – *several items you may have missed*

[Successful fox hunters in Plano Nov 21-22](#)

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## Future Club Meeting Programs:

Jan 18, 2021	Solar Weather	Stan Starks – NW5Q
Feb 15, 2021	Weather Radar Fundamentals	Samiee Espinoza WX5JMD

Meet informally on the PARK repeater,

**147.18, Thursdays starting around 8:00 p.m.** Think of things you want to talk about, tell us about your shack, questions about something you are having difficulties with and anything you want to talk about.

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'Twas the night before Christmas,  
And all through two-meters,  
Not a signal was keying up  
Any repeaters.

The antennas reached up  
From the tower, quite high,  
To catch the weak signals  
That bounced from the sky.

The children, Technicians,  
Took their HT's to bed,  
And dreamed of the day  
They'd be Extras, instead.

Mom put on her headphones,  
I plugged in the key,  
And we tuned 40 meters  
For that rare ZK3.

When the meter was pegged  
By a signal with power.  
It smoked a small diode,  
And, I swear, shook the tower.

Mom yanked off her phones,  
And with all she could muster  
Logged a spot of the signal  
On the DX PacketCluster,

While I ran to the window  
And peered up at the sky,  
To see what could generate  
RF that high.

It was way in the distance,  
But the moon made it gleam -  
A flying sleigh,  
With an eight element beam,

And a little old driver  
Who looked slightly mean,  
So I thought for a moment  
That it might be Wayne Green.

But no, it was Santa,  
The Santa of Hams,  
On a mission this Christmas  
To clean up the bands.

He circled the tower,  
Then stopped in his track,  
And he slid down the coax  
Right into the shack.

While Mom and I hid  
Behind stacks of *CQ*,  
This Santa of hamming  
Knew just what to do.

He cleared off the shack desk  
Of paper and parts,  
And filled out all my late  
QSLs, for a start.

He ran copper braid,  
Took a steel rod and pounded  
It into the earth  
Till the station was grounded.

He tightened loose fittings,  
Resoldered connections,  
Cranked down modulation,  
Installed lightning protection.

He neutralized tubes  
In my linear amp...  
(Never worked right before -  
Now it works like a champ).

A new low-pass filter  
Cleaned up the TV.  
He corrected the settings  
In my TNC

He repaired the computer  
That wouldn't compute,  
And he backed up the hard drive  
And got it to boot.

Then, he reached really deep  
In the bag that he brought,  
And he pulled out a big box.  
"A new rig?" I thought!

"A new Kenwood? An Icom?  
A Yaesu, for me?  
An Elecraft, TEN-TEC  
Or Flex, could it be!"  
(If he thought I'd been bad  
It might be QRP!)

Yes! The Ultimate station!  
How could I deserve this?  
Could it be all those weekends  
I worked Public Service?

He hooked it all up  
And in record time, quickly  
Worked 100 countries,  
All down on 160.

I should have been happy.  
It was *my* call he sent.  
But the cards and the postage  
Will cost a month's rent!

He made final adjustments,  
And left a card by the key:  
"To Gary, from Santa Claus.  
Seventy-Three."

Then he grabbed his HT,  
Looked me straight in the eye,  
Punched a code on the pad,  
And was gone - no good bye.

I ran back to the station,  
And the pile up was big.  
But a card from St. Nick  
Would be worth my new rig.

Oh, too late, for his final  
Came over the air.  
It was copied all over.  
It was heard everywhere.

The Ham's Santa exclaimed  
What an old ham expects:  
"Merry Christmas to all,  
And to all, good DX."

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Thanks to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Amateur.Radio.Funnies>

## UNDERSTANDING ENGINEERS

### PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE

I hit it and it started working

### CYCLE POWER TO THE PANEL

Turn it off and on again

### HIGH IMPEDANCE AIR - GAP

I forgot to plug it in

### ORGANIC GROUNDING

I got electrocuted

### THERMALLY RECONFIGURED

It melted

### KINETIC DISASSEMBLY

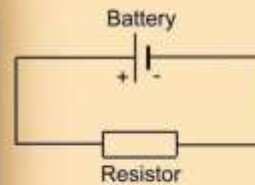
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### THERMAL SHOCK

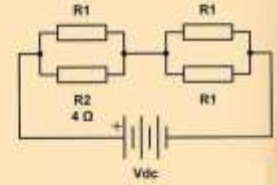
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## Student Life

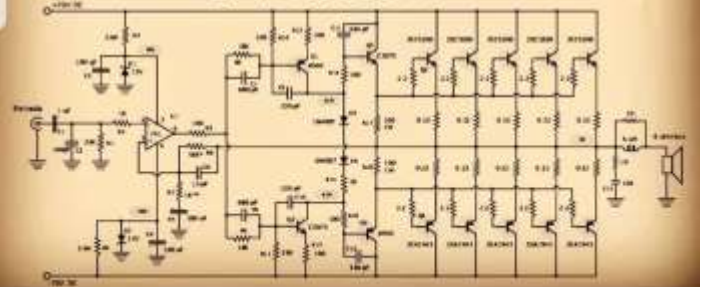
### In Class:



### Homework:



### In Exam:



"Let me get this straight:  
You have thousands of  
dollars of ham gear,  
but you still can't  
hear me calling you  
from the kitchen?"



## BEWARE OF AN EBAY SCAM

I ORDERED SOME  
PERFUME AND NICE SWEATERS  
FOR MY WIFE BUT  
I RECEIVED A BUNCH OF  
RADIO EQUIPMENT INSTEAD.



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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

**Broadcastify**  
[K5PRK 444.250](#)  
[K5PRK 147.18](#)

## Short Takes

Let's meet on the PARK repeater **Thursdays starting around 8:00 p.m.** Think of things you want to talk about, tell us about your shack, questions about something you are having difficulties with and anything you want to talk about. We'll start at 8:00, and go for however long people want to hang around. No set agenda, just talk. Someone may need to moderate if there are lots of people, but no net control unless needed. This is your time to talk about radio and related subjects.

Rules: Please no politics, religion or vulgarity.

73, Michael K5MFP

The **2021 SKYWARN training** will be held virtually and jointly with Denton County. As we get closer, a registration link will be provided. The number of seats is limited. The training is scheduled for January 16th.



**Chadwick Stelzl-KD5UMO**

## This Week in Amateur Radio

[Terrifying footage shows](#) collapse of Arecibo Observatory's massive radio telescope.



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### Successful fox hunters in Plano Nov 21-22 were:

Mark Hammons N5MSH  
 Tony and Mary Campbell W5ADC  
 Delynda Moravec KE5VTI  
 Kipton Moravec AE5IB  
 Jason Shipley KF5LJC  
 Buddy Shipley KF5LJD  
 Don Griffin WS5L  
 Bob Romans KI5GRN  
 Hash and Avery Salehi AG5OW  
 Chip Coker KD4C  
 Paul Vizard K5PAV

Congratulations to everyone who found Wheatley! He really enjoyed his field trip... from our garage to the front of our house! We were so tired after last week's football game and marching competition that Wheatley decided he didn't need to go very far.

Some comments:

"Wheatley is communicating by mail"

"How fun!! Wheatley was hiding at Katherine's house!! Avery was so excited when we figured it out, she saw your name on the sign in the yard before we looked up your call sign."

"I definitely got Swallowed up in this Branch. Plano is far more hilly than Richardson. Lots of peaks and valleys. Also nice Ed Fong in the shrubs! Gil Wolves!"

"Arrrrgh! &@^%##££¥€€>"

Also, hat tip to Chip: he was the only one who noticed the Ed Fong antenna sticking out of the bushes!

The winner of the \$25 gift certificate will be selected during the Dec 21 meeting.

73

**Katherine KT5KMF**  
**Driver K5WFR**



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## ***USING POWER TOOL BATTERIES FOR AMATEUR RADIO APPLICATIONS***

TONY CAMPBELL-W5ADC

As I was looking around the shop recently, it dawned on me that I have a bunch of 18 VDC battery packs used for my power tools that I might be able to adapt to power 12 V and USB equipment. To solve this problem, there are really two issues that must be resolved. The first problem is how to adapt to the battery pack. In my case, I have standardized on Hitachi 18v tools. The battery packs are 3 Ah Li-ion based. If you look at the battery, the terminals are clearly marked. I would assume that other batteries are marked in a similar fashion.



It would be simple just to hook a terminal lug up to the positive and negative terminals of the battery. That did not look to robust to me. A little searching on eBay turned up the following:



In my case the following was used:

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/battery-adapter-for-Hitachi-metabo-hpt-18v-dock-power-connector-12-gauge-wires/143827188983>

This vendor has many other similar adapters for other battery systems; Kobalt, Milwaukee, Dewalt, Ryobi, etc.

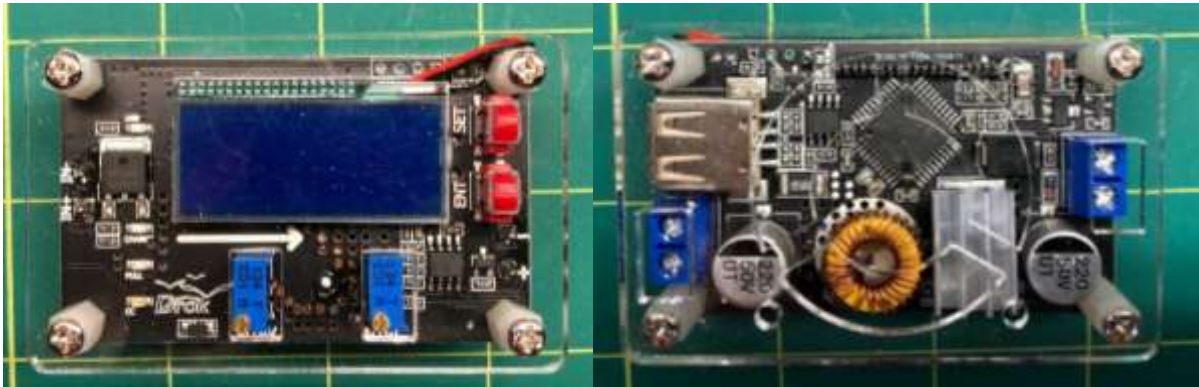
His store is here:

<https://www.ebay.com/str/terrafirmatechnology>

I was impressed with the quality and fit of the part. Delivery was only a few days.

The next issue is converting the 18v to 12 v for use with other equipment. It did not take long to find the following on Amazon.

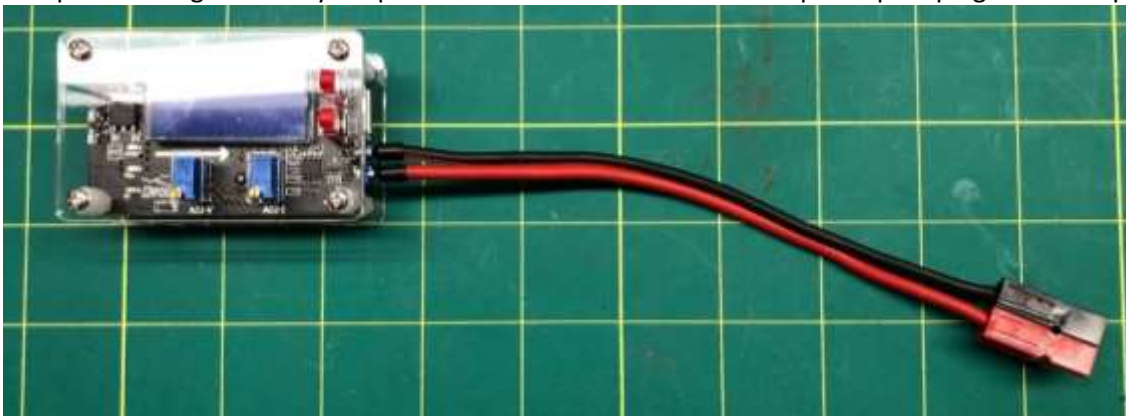
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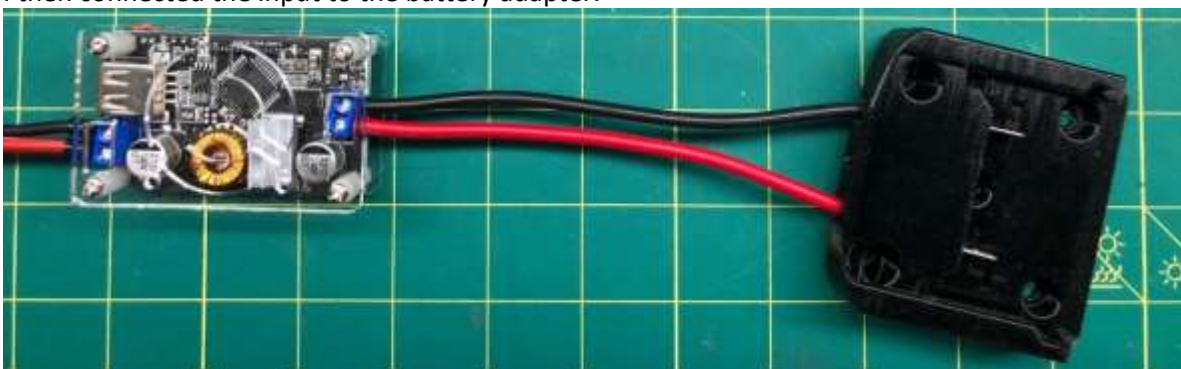
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This unit will accept 6 – 32 VDC as an input and output 1.5 – 32 VDC. The input voltage must be at least 1.5 VDC greater than the output. The maximum current is 5 amps, and it is also provided with a USB port that can be used if the voltage is adjusted to 5 VDC. It has a nice display and is provided with a protective cover.

Setup and wiring were very simple. I connected short cable with a powerpole plug to the output.



I then connected the input to the battery adapter.



I used some Velcro to attach the power adapter to the battery adapter and the project is completed.

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#### Testing

I did run some tests to validate the performance.

The unit did run at 12 VDC output at 4 A for an extended period of this without issues. I was not able to test it above this level due to test equipment limitations I have.

#### Summary

This is a reasonable way to utilize power tool batteries to power 12 VDC and USB powered equipment. It is a low cost alternative to having additional batteries.

**Tony Campbell-W5ADC**



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## ARRL News

### ARRL magazines

QST - ARRL's Monthly Membership Journal - [www.arrl.org/qst](http://www.arrl.org/qst)

On the Air - NEW! Beginner to intermediate level help and advice - [www.arrl.org/On-the-Air-Magazine](http://www.arrl.org/On-the-Air-Magazine)

QEX - The Forum for Communications Experimenters - [www.arrl.org/QEX](http://www.arrl.org/QEX)

NCJ - National Contest Journal - [www.arrl.org/NCJ](http://www.arrl.org/NCJ)

## ARRL Podcasts Schedule



The *On the Air* podcast is a monthly companion to *On the Air* magazine, ARRL's magazine for beginner-to-intermediate ham radio operators.

The latest episode of the *On the Air* podcast (Episode 12) will feature a discussion about storm spotting and SKYWARN, with Mike Corey, K11U, co-author of [Storm Spotting and Amateur Radio](#), now in its third edition.



The latest edition of *Eclectic Tech* (Episode 22) describes how some companies are experimenting with gravity as a means of generating electricity. Then, a discussion with ARRL Assistant Laboratory Manager Bob Allison, WB1GCM, about how modern transceivers compare to vintage models.

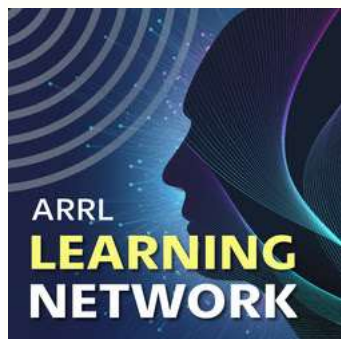
The *On the Air* and *Eclectic Tech* podcasts are sponsored by Icom. Both podcasts are available on iTunes (iOS) and Stitcher (Android), as well as on Blubrry -- [On the Air](#) | [Eclectic Tech](#).

The new ARRL North Texas Website is now Live <https://arrlntx.org>  
Get the latest Section News.

**ARRL Learning Network's new speaker forum/seminars** <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>

These are 30 minutes presentation with 15 minutes allotted for Question and Answer session following the presentation These presentations are online using GoToWebinar which is safe Industry standard software.

Check out the ever growing [list of presentations](#).



[2020-2021 ARRL Contest Dates PDF](#)

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## **The ARRL Foundation Has YOUR Money In Its Pocket**

### **ARRL Foundation Scholarships**

Since 1973, the ARRL Foundation, with the generosity of many donors and the hard work of a long line of dedicated Foundation Directors, has had a positive impact on the lives of many young amateur radio operator students. For the 2020 academic year the Foundation awarded almost \$300,000 in scholarships.

For the academic year 2021, there are two new \$25,000 scholarships, thirteen \$10,000 scholarships, nine \$5,000 scholarships, as well as dozens of \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships.

The 2021 Scholarship Application Deadline Is Around The Corner but, no one can have any of that money. Unless an application is filed before the deadline.

The deadline for submitting an application for a 2021 academic year scholarship is December 31, 2020. The Foundation has money that is looking for a good home — you or your club by promoting the availability of these scholarships could change someone's future for the good.

So, please beat the drums, shout the news from the roof tops (if you get arrested for disturbing the peace, don't call us), send emails to your friends and announce both the availability of the scholarships and the approaching deadline in your club newsletters.

A description of the many scholarships available is online. <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions>  
The scholarship applications are also online. <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-application>

John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, West Gulf Division Director

Lee H. Cooper, W5LHC, West Gulf Division Vice Director

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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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 9:00 PM - Collin County ARES -**

K5PRK repeater, 1(47.180 MHz, offset +0.600 MHz, tone 107.2 Hz)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9:00 PM – Collin County ARES -**

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

### SARA (Sachse Amateur Radio Association) 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)

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 pm**

Simplex Net 146.40 – Temporarily suspended

### 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)

### 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.

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### 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 as you can to [newsletter@k5prk.net](mailto: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](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://youtu.be/RGluTpM7_K8)
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6aFXH\\_SQUo&list=PL07A7D1C9D7BF7F48](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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

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Numerous Dave Casler Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaBtYooQdmNzq63eID8RaLQ>  
 SPACE STATION CREW USES HAM RADIO TO CALL EARTH <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
  - 4<sup>th</sup> 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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## Secretary Minutes from Nov 16

Start time: 7:08 pm  
 Location: Via Zoom  
 Facilitator: Tim Johnson K5TCJ Vice-President

Members 22  
 Guest 7

Pledge: Led by Tim Johnson -- K5TCJ

President Sean Kelly -- W5SPK  
 Not in attendance  
 Tim Johnson -- K5TCJ presented

### Agenda:

Officers Reports  
 President Sean -- Kelly W5SPK  
 Vice-President Tim Johnson -- K5TCJ  
 Secretary Daryl Morgeson -- AF5QJ  
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 Field Day Coordinator Mike Tharp -- KG5TJF

Officers Reports  
 Old Business – from the floor  
 New Business – from the floor  
 Tonight's Presentation  
 After Action Report on the S.E.T.  
 Greg Evans – K5GTX  
 North Texas SEC

President's Report Sean Kelly --W5SPK  
 Not in attendance  
 Presented by Tim Johnson -- K5TCJ

This month's newsletter contains a renewed appeal to the membership to pay their annual dues. Included in the correspondence are details regarding monthly and annual single event expenses. A reminder...many of you pay yours at the annual Christmas Party. I urge all of you to renew your membership now. Your dues fund our repeater upgrades and continuing operations.

Reminder of calendar change. Board Meetings now are on the First Monday of the month to allow new officers to participate and allow others to attend the Richardson Wireless Klub meetings which are at the same day and time.

Reminder...the Board has enacted a capital spending freeze cap.

When the bank account hits \$4000.00 dollars, all capital spending stops (except

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previously allocated expenditures). This level of funds will allow us to continue operations (without additional income) for a period of nearly two years.

#### Vice-President's Report Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

##### Programs

Tonight – November 16<sup>th</sup>

Fall 2020 Simulated Emergency Test – Review

Greg Evans – K5GTX

December 21<sup>st</sup>

Not a 'normal' Christmas Party

Program TBD

See President's message in the newsletter regarding raffle

January 18, 2021

Program TBD

February 15, 2021

Program TBD

#### PARK Recurring Activities Tony Campbell – W5ADC

Every Thursday Night – Informal Net – at 2000

Late Riser Breakfast – Saturdays @ 0530

Recommend following Social Distancing Protocol

'No Name' Riser Breakfast – Saturdays @ 0900

Recommend following Social Distancing Protocol

#### December Meeting Schedule

December 7, 2020 Board Meeting (new day)

December 21, 2020 Meeting and Christmas drawing

#### January Meeting Schedule

January 4, 2021 Board Meeting

January 18, 2021 General Meeting

#### February Meeting Schedule

February 1, 2021 Board Meeting

February 15, 2021 General Meeting

#### Secretary's Report Daryl Morgeson -- AF5QJ

Tim Johnson -- K5TCJ

Oops needs to be corrected

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

Daryl Morgeson – AF5QJ can go first, he did minutes for the last meeting

#### Secretary's Report Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

##### General Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the November 2020 meeting will be in the next newsletter before the December meeting so everyone can read and see if there are questions



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It will be uploaded to the web page (John has showed me how to do this)  
It will be uploaded to the PARK general section of IO groups

It will usually be completed within a week of the meeting  
If you have any questions please send an e-mail to [secretary@K5prk.net](mailto:secretary@K5prk.net)

Whenever we meet in person again, I will have a printed copy of meeting minutes for a quick review.  
Also, I will have a copy of the club's By-Laws.

Ham Club on line

Have been adding info as dues for 2021 are paid  
If you check your account and an update is not there, send me an e-mail or text me at 972-965-2000  
Sending a copy of your receipt would be helpful plus info on how paid

Treasurer's Report Ross Watson – AF5QK

Not in attendance

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO presented

Ross Watson – AF5QK was read to the members attending this meeting.

Communications Director Kip Moravc AE5IB

Report is in the newsletter

Have 6 digitals working

3 ethernetets coming down

There was an issue with the VHS Allstar—port forwarding number was wrong, fixed now

Newsletter Editor Neil Gould – NE5IL

Newsletter is good, due to the content members send in

Send items to [newsletter@k5prk.net](mailto:newsletter@k5prk.net)

If you see anything that needs to change, please send an e-mail

Webmaster John Hatch – KF5BSS

Web site is K5prk.net

If need a log-in send an e-mail to [webmaster@K5prk.net](mailto:webmaster@K5prk.net)

Any articles for the web site

Any help with io groups

Public Relations – Brian Trant – KF5VFM

Not in attendance

Nothing to report due to social distancing protocol

Activities Director Tony Campbell—W5ADC

Meals on Wheels

Need a few more people

Must wear a mask

Will have social distancing, Will be directing traffic

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Field Day Coordinator Michael Tharp – KG5TJF  
Nothing to report

Tonight's Presentation – After Action Report --- S.E.T.  
North Texas Fall 2020 Simulated Emergency Test

ARES from all around were invited to participate  
Concurrent with the American Red Cross

1<sup>st</sup> Safety Comment

Vehicle – Winter Travel Safety  
Equip vehicle – based on where traveling  
Also, take your needed medications with you

S.E.T. objective – communicate as necessary with sections, states op centers, regional  
Readiness to deploy resources based on guidelines

Local exercise 0900 – 1400  
American Red Cross  
County Action Report  
County to State  
Wealth of Observations  
County Deactivation

Traffic handling  
Voice and Winlink

Greg Evans – K5GTX planned on getting about 100 reports through Traffic  
Got over 300 from NTX

Winklink – peer to peer  
Problems with message as Winlink  
Will do more training and making of cheat sheets

Winmor has been deprecated  
Need – VHF/Uhf – Vara – Packet Nodes  
Vara by groups and try Vara chats  
Need to do check-in nets for practice

Always be prepared for something to go wrong

Will get  
ICS 213 to a radiogram  
Cheat sheets  
Peer to peer  
Winlink – VHF/UHF  
Regional S.E.T. – early spring

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Skywarn Communications Test

Question time followed

Thanks to Greg Evans – K5GTX for this report and planned follow-up

New business

Katherine Forson -- KT5KMF

Wheatly will be in Plano this weekend

Tom

Silent Key from Prosper

6 decades of equipment

Will do an inventory list

Will include family info

Tim Johnson –K5TCJ will put info on groups IO

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO will share with the Sachse and  
Richardson Clubs

Bob Bartels -- K5MVZ

Suggested they contact Jim Sergeants – WA5ZX

He does estate auctions

Motion to adjourn;

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Dan

Adjourned; 8:05 PM