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Monday May 17, 2021 - 7:00 pm

ARRL & NTX Section News,
Steven Smith, KG5VK, ARRL NTX Section Manager

Join the Zoom Meeting

NOTE: The Zoom meeting link is recurring. You can add it to your own calendar and set a monthly reminder for the 3rd Tuesday each month.

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Future Club Meeting Programs:

May 17, 2021	ARRL & NTX Section News	Steven Smith KG5VK – ARRL NTX Section Manager
June 21, 2021	TBD	

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Meeting and Field Day Survey

First United Methodist Church Plano, the venue that has hosted Plano Amateur Radio Klub general meetings in the past, is now available again for us to hold monthly meetings.

Per the church's COVID-19 guidelines posted on their website: "masks are still required the entire time you are in the building, and social distancing is recommended while on the church campus." Given these requirements and availability to once again meet in person, we'd like to open up a survey to those who plan to attend our regular meetings about what our future meeting format should be.

Please take a few minutes to answer this 3-4 question survey: <https://forms.gle/oxLCBWmA7fbCar56A>

The results from the survey will help us plan better for where and how meetings should take place in the future based on what the club thinks.

This month's meeting will still take place on Zoom as planned, using the same Zoom link as last week's meeting.

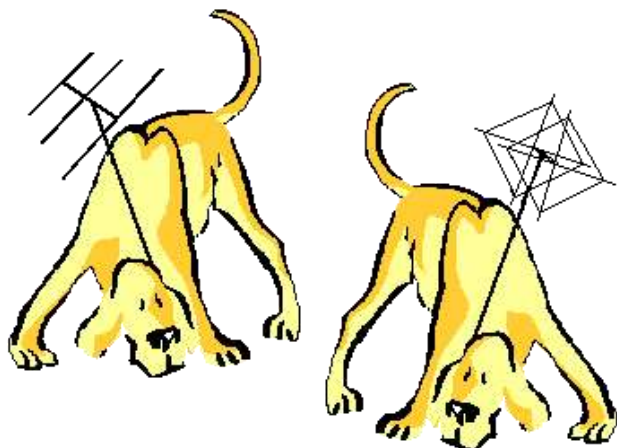
John Hatch - KF5BSS

On behalf of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub Board

Welcome New Members:

Leonard Havron – KG5BJH

Donevan Cawood – W5DWC
Plano



Plano Fox Hunt

The foxmasters are currently planning on putting Wheatley out in Plano [or could it be a neighboring city that hasn't had a fox?] **this weekend, May 15-16**. Tune in [usually 433.25 MHz] and find out. Then get out and go find him! A fantastic prize just might be awarded to a successful hunter! Watch for the email announcement.

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The Lewisville Amateur Radio Association (LARA) announces that the **Go Box Challenge** is back for 2021. It will be held on May 22, 0900 - 1300 at L.L. Woods Park, Pavilion #1, 1000 Arbour Way, Lewisville, TX 75077.

Surely you are proud of your Go Box and would like to show it off. This is the place to do it. If you would like to establish an antenna there is plenty of open area adjacent to the pavilion.

Last but certainly not least, there will be a People's Choice Award for the first three places.

Direct any questions to LARA at W5LVC.club@gmail.com.

73,
Ron KF50MH
Treasurer

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Contest University and Hamvention forums - now OPEN to register

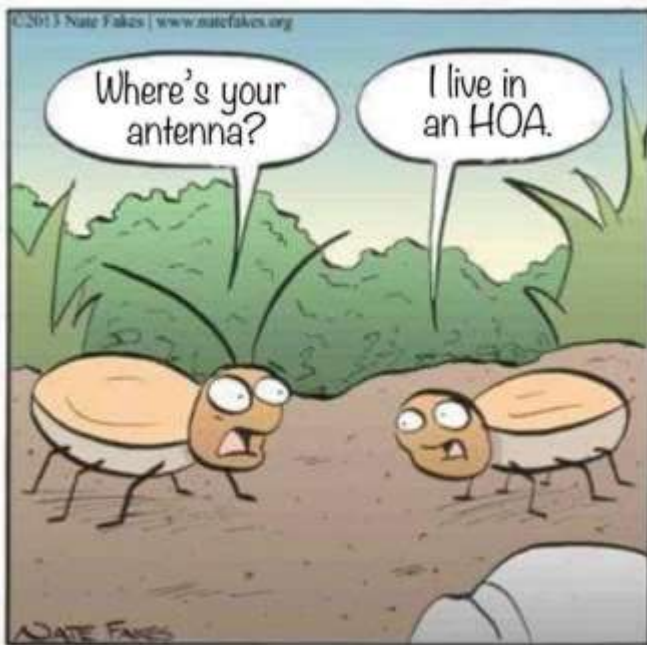
Registration is now OPEN for Virtual Contest University 2021 on May 20, 2021 and for 2021 Hamvention Forums on May 21, 2021. Both events are being held live through Zoom Webinar and are free. You must register to be included in the webinars. You need to register for each event separately. Four Icom radios will be given away at each virtual event. The drawing times are random and you must be registered and on Zoom at the time of the drawing to win. Both events will be recorded and available on YouTube at the conclusion of the events.

For more information please go to:

<https://www.contestuniversity.com/>
<https://hamvention.org/forums-2021/>

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



Across all countries, cultures and class we share one thing. This drawer.



Who has ONLY one of these?
I have many and they keep multiplying ;)

Please think carefully about using your callsign on a vanity plate. It may tip-off criminals that there is exotic and expensive equipment inside.



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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](#)

Note: If you notice problems with any of the club's repeaters, please contact communications@k5prk.net via email with a detailed description of what the issue is. If we don't know that a repeater is down, we can't fix it.

Short Takes

The VE testing session usually held before the PARK Meeting is temporally suspended because of following social distancing procedures. If you are interested in testing at another site, please contact Daryl Morgeson, AF5QJ at AF5QJ@arri.net

The Richardson Wireless Klub is currently offering remote [online] VE testing via Zoom and HamStudy.org. Both upgrades and testing for technicians are being offered. Sessions are generally Tuesday evenings, but can vary. In most cases licenses are posted in 1-2 days. Details and a link to sign up can be found on their website at www.k5rwl.org/ham-testing/.

The **Tyler Amateur Radio Club (Tyler ARC)** in **Tyler, TX** is reaching out to other clubs around the Lone Star State and other states to continue this long standing tradition shared by amateur radio operators.

The following link is to the newsletter in PDF format than can be downloaded. [The GroundWire Link](#)

NOTE: This excellent newsletter is filled with interesting articles. – NE5IL

[2024 total solar eclipse](#) is 3 years away and we are right on the total path!



I was on the ship "[Texas Clipper](#)" in 1973 off the coast of Africa to view a [total solar eclipse](#). It is an experience not to miss!

I also helped in the ship's radio room and operated from the Mediterranean as a teenager thanks to having my license...**NE5IL**

[Hamming It Up](#) / *Oklahoma Living Magazine*, April 2021

[An Important Line of Communication](#) / *Searcy Living* (Searcy, Arkansas)

Hella Hams Amateur Radio Unit Tail-Gate Hamfest

May 29, 6:00 am – 2:00 pm

2121 Rowlett Road, Garland, Texas 75043, Hella Temple Parking lot
Space Donation - \$25.00 (parking space) Outdoor TAILGATE SALES

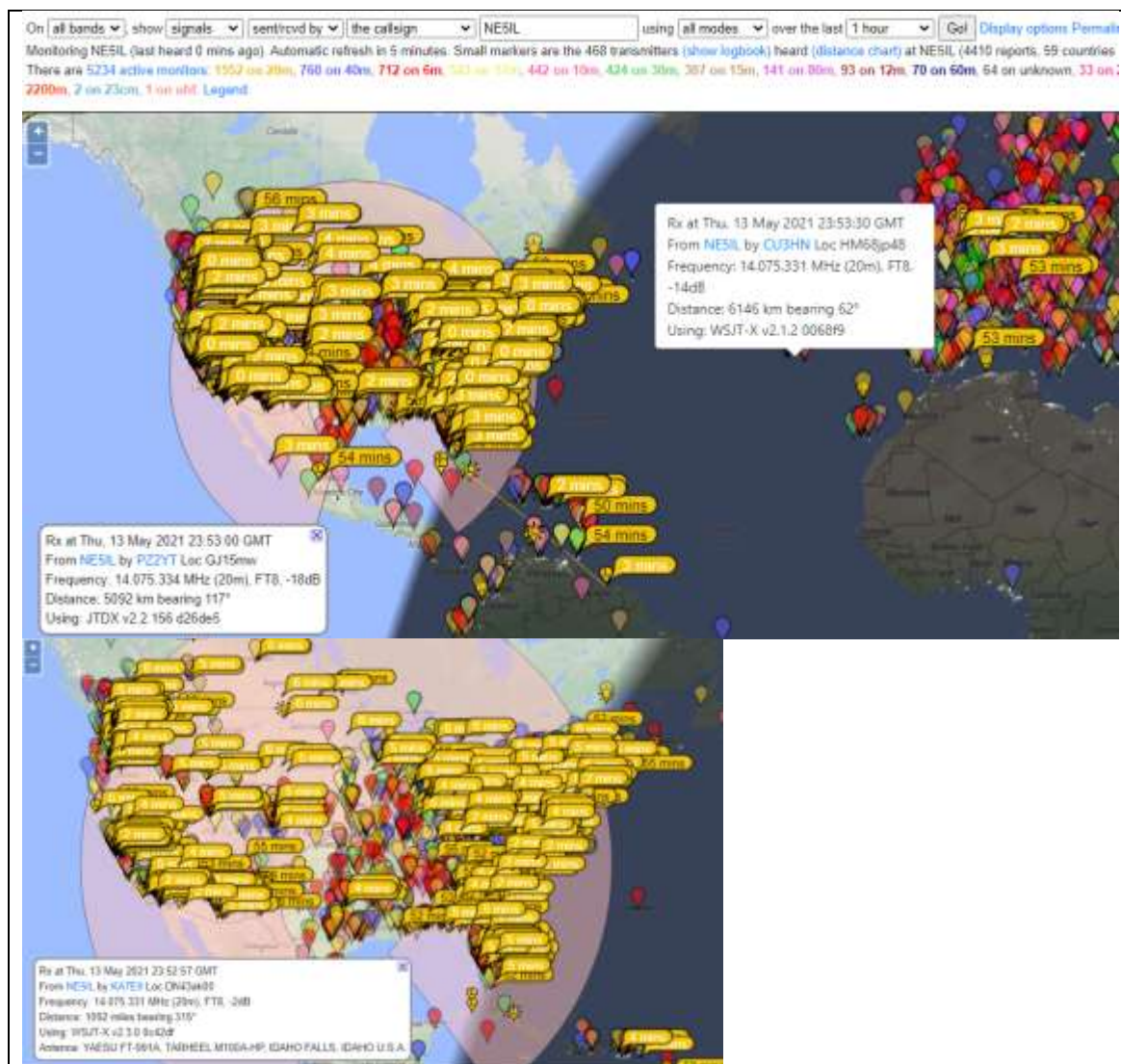
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DIGIMODE AUTOMATIC PROPAGATION REPORTER

Pskreporter

This started out as a project to automatically gather reception records of digimode activity and then make those records available in near realtime to interested parties — typically the amateur who initiated the communication. The way that it works is that many amateurs will run a client that will monitor received traffic for callsigns (the pattern 'de callsign callsign') and, when seen, will report this fact. This is of interest to the amateur who transmitted and they will be able to see where their signal was received. The pattern chosen is typically part of a standard CQ call. The duplicate check is to make sure that the callsign is not corrupted. The rules for protocols like FT8 are different as the callsigns are protected by error correction. You do still need to call CQ in order for your signal to be reported.

The way that this would be used is that an amateur would call CQ and could then (within a few minutes) see where his signal was received. This can be useful in determining propagation conditions or in adjusting antenna and/or radio parameters. It will also provide an archive of reception records that can be used for research purposes.



These maps show the results of my attempt to make contact with CU3HN on FT8. It is interesting that I did not make the contact but he did hear me. He was getting a lot of calls though. All of these stations (bubbles) did hear me. I have been licensed for more than 50 years and am continually surprised and excited about the technology changes. Let me know if you use something others could use. ...NE5IL

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Shack Tours

Hey all, would you like to see how others have set up their shack?

See what kind of gear they use to enjoy the hobby - what interests them - find out what they like, and what they might still have a couple issues with?

Well, this is what our PARK Radio Shack tours are all about.

Since we're all "homebound" for the foreseeable future, we're doing this via "technoooooIIllooogyyyyy" because we're hams and this is what we do. We're suing Zoom. It's also a way we can get to know each other a little better until we can hang out at meetings and service events again.

We are looking for more than an audience- we are looking for VOLUNTEERS willing to invite fellow club members into your Radio Shack. All you need is a cell phone (do you have one of those?) and some WiFi in the house, or even one of those fancy "unlimited" cellular plans will make it work without WiFi.

You connect to the zoom meeting with your cell phone.

Use the selfie camera to say hello.

Tap the screen to switch the camera around to the back camera and then point the camera at what you're talking about.

This is the one time waving the camera around pointing at all kinds of stuff is the correct thing to do.

Listen to people's questions. Provide some answers.

If you have questions of the audience, ask them- they may have a solution for you.

When you're done, tap the screen to swap the camera back around to you.

That's it.

We'll set up the Zoom, and after you tap a few numbers into your phone, you'll be connected.

No business stuff. No roll call. No cookies or donuts. Just sharing some time together.

Are you in?

- note, if you don't have an unlimited plan, and don't have wifi, we don't want to eat up all your data, so if you don't have WiFi or an unlimied cell plan then it's probably best you don't give a Radio Shack tour -

Anthony Burokas

General Class Ham (KB3DVS)

Moderator: DFW Radio Operators list — DFW-RO

Member: Plano Amateur Radio Klub – <http://k5prk.net>

20-year video producer — IEBA.com

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ARRL News

ARRL magazines

QST - ARRL's Monthly Membership Journal - www.arrl.org/qst

On the Air - NEW! Beginner to intermediate level help and advice - www.arrl.org/On-the-Air-Magazine

QEX - The Forum for Communications Experimenters - www.arrl.org/QEX

NCJ - National Contest Journal - www.arrl.org/NCJ

ARRL Podcasts Schedule



The latest episode of the *On the Air* podcast (Episode 16) focuses on Parks on the Air (POTA), one of the most popular activities taking place in amateur radio today. We chat with Audrey Hance, KN4TMU, a relatively new ham who recently operated from Panther Creek State Park in Tennessee.

The latest edition of *Eclectic Tech* (Episode 33) features a discussion of station troubleshooting with W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q.

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](#).



W1AW Antenna Farm -- W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q / Tuesday, May 18, at 1 PM EDT (1700 UTC)

Ask the Lab: How ARRL's Technical Information Service Can Help You -- ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI / Tuesday, June 8, at 1 PM EDT (1700 UTC)

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

[Wooden Satellite to Launch by Year's End](#) – no joke

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The first Virtual of ARRL North Texas Mentor Fest was a great success. For those that missed the live presentation held on the 24th of April, the presentations have now been sliced into different YouTube sessions and are viewable from the Mentor Fest area of the <http://ARRLNTX.org> website.

During the ARRL NTX YL's presentation, it was also announced we have introduced an expanded section of the ARRLNTX.org website highlighting YL's <https://arrlntx.org/WP/young-ladies/>

For all things ARES, please drop Greg Evans our SEC (Section Emergency Coordinator) an email SEC@ARRLNTX.ORG

73
Steve
KG5VK

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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. 146.540 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, 1(47.180 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 (Sachse Amateur Radio Association) Nets Wednesdays 8:00 PM – Ham Radio in Sachse – Weekly “On-The-Air” Information Net called “Ham Radio in Sachse”.

W5SRA Repeater (440.350MHz, PL Tone 110.9, Offset +5MHz)

You can see more about our club repeater here: <https://www.sachseradio.org/repeater>

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

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

W5SRA Repeater Repeater (440.350MHz, PL Tone 110.9, Offset +5MHz)

LARC Nets

Tuesday 8:00 PM – Open Net - The Lucas Amateur Radio Club holds an informal net open to all Amateur Radio operators.

K5LFD Repeater (442.2125 MHz, offset +5.0 MHz, tone 91.5)

Wednesday 8:00 PM – Simplex Net – An informal repeaterless net on 146.54 MHz to gauge the effectiveness of our VHF capabilities.

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.

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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

[Search for 100s of nets.](#)
[On-Air Net Scraper](#)

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>

Daily 60 Meter Net 12:30 PM –

Test your 60 Meter capability on Channel 1 5332.0 MHz (5330.5 MHz window freq).

If you want to list your favorite net please send as much information as 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>

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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>

Listen to episodes of ARRL Audio News on your iOS or Android podcast app, or online at <https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/>

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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PARK members who have not renewed for 2021.

We are asking you to renew as soon as possible.

We have 66 members who have renewed. We need at least 90 members to renew to help keep us able to meet our obligations. We would appreciate if you intend to renew to please do so as soon as possible.

You can mail a check to

Plano Amateur Radio Klug

PO BOX 860435

Plano, Tx 75086-0435

Or you can pay through PayPal located on the web site under 'Dues' located at the top of the home page.

Ham Club on line

To all members;

Especially to those who have renewed their PARK membership for 2021, please log on at

<https://www.hamclubonline.com/> and check your information as indicated below;

call sign

name

address

email

phone number

Most do not have a phone number, which is fine, but I do need your email address since this is the way I will be able to communicate with you. If you do not want your email visible to others, let me know and I will go in and hide it.

If you know of a new member, please give them my email address, secretary@k5prk.net because for some new members who paid through PayPal I do not have the call sign and I really need that info.

If you can not log in please make yourself an account and add PARK to your list of clubs. It will send me an email to approve you, which I will and thereby be able to get the above info.

If you have any problems, please contact me at secretary@k5prk.net or text me at 972-965-2000.

Thanks so much for your help

Johnnie – KG5CQO

Secretary

PARK Members,

I would appreciate if every member would fill in the following registration form. I am particularly in need of the information concerning ARRL. To continue to be considered an ARRL Affiliate Club we need to have 51% of our members to also be members of ARRL. If you were considering it, please join.

Thank you for considering this.

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PLANO AMATEUR RADIO KLUB

Application for Membership

Annual KLUB Membership (Individual).....	\$30.00/Year	_____
Family Membership (Immediate Family Members).....	\$40.00/Year	_____
Student Membership (18 and Under).....	\$ 5.00/Year	_____
D-STAR Gateway Registration	\$50.00	_____

For The Treasurer Only

Total Amount Paid (Circle One: Cash or Check # _____) \$ _____

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Birthday: _____

ARRL Member ? _____ ARES Member ? _____

Published Membership Information

The PARK Membership Information is available on the club web site <http://www.k6prk.org> to only paid members. It is the responsibility of the individual member to populate the member profile with the desired information. PARK information will be emailed to members via the web site mailing list.

The Plano Amateur Radio Klub (PARK) is an organization which thrives on the support and participation of ALL KLUB Members. Volunteers are needed regularly for the support of KLUB activities, manning technical projects, staffing organizational or social committees and providing communications for public service events.

Are you willing to stand for election to a PARK Office and/or Director Position? Yes _____ No _____

Will you agree to support PARK, to keep it strong and thriving? Yes _____ No _____

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Hammarlund HQ-180 and Matching Speaker Donated Receiver for Sale



More High-Resolution Pictures

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mjwLQs2mYnluviDoE6EGtBCpEU91V2P?usp=sharing>

General Condition

- Electrical
 - The unit was reported to be recapped in the 80's
 - When I received it, using a variac I slowly increased the voltage
 - The unit does receive, but I am sure it needs a good tune up
 - I have received, AM, USB and LSB signals
 - I have not tested some of the functions; Slot Frequency, Noise Limiter
 - The crystal calibrator works
 - The clock does not work
- Physical
 - Generally, in very good condition
 - I think the chassis was repainted at one time in its past
 - It is currently a bit dusty, but should clean up nice
 - All the controls operate smoothly

Sale Price \$250.00

- All funds will go to the Plano Amateur Radio Klub (PARK)
- Since PARK is a 501c3, we can provide a donation receipt
- This is an AS-IS sale, and the sale is final
- Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions you will need to make the purchase based on the photos supplied.
- If you have any questions about the unit, please send them to tony@w5adc.com .

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April meeting minutes

Start time: 7:10 pm
Location: Via Zoom
Facilitator: Sean Kelly – W5SPK -- President

Members 16

Guest 4

President Sean Kelly -- W5SPK

Agenda:

Officers Reports

- Old Business – from the floor
- New Business – from the floor
- Tonight's Presentation
 - Mobile HF Operations
 - Robert Evans, WW9W
- Q and A
- Close

Officers Reports

- President Sean Kelly -- W5SPK
- Vice-President Tim Johnson -- K5TCJ
- Secretary Johnnie Young – KG5CQO
- Treasurer Ross Watson -- AF5QK
- Communications Director Kip Moravc -- AE5IB
- Newsletter Editor Neil Gould -- NE5IL
- Webmaster John Hatch -- KF5BSS
- Public Relations Brian Trent -- KF5VFM
- Activities Director Tony Campbell -- W5ADC
- Field Day Coordinator Mike Tharp -- KG5TJF

President Sean Kelly – W5SPK

- Stepped away to locate the presenter for tonight
- Agenda presented by Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Vice-President's Report Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Programs

- Tonight April 19, 2021
 - HF Mobile Installation and operation
 - Robert Evans – WW9W

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- ARRL & NTX Section News
- Steven Smith, KG5VK
- ARRL NTX Section Manager

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June 21, 2021 TBD

FCC: RF exposure studies – blanket waiver is no longer in effect
need to check personal antenna RF exposure and keep a record

President's Report Sean Kelly –W5SPK
presented by Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

First and foremost, allow me to apologize for last month's abbreviated meeting. We suffered several technical difficulties outside of our control. The program schedule has been adjusted accordingly.

Last month the Board received several messages concerning meeting reminders and queue times waiting to be admitted into the zoom forum. Corrective actions have been adopted and will be employed this month.

Field Day remains in the forefront of everyone's mind. In the interest of life safety, please conduct Field Day in small groups. W5SPK will be in Lucas with a small group of veterans and first responders.

PARK Recurring Activities

Shack Highlights and Tours – sponsored by Anthony Bourkas, KB3DVS—
every Thursday Night @ 2000 – Volunteers welcome – please step-up
and be counted

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

May Meeting Schedule

May 3, 2021 Board Meeting

May 17, 2021 General Membership Meeting

June Meeting Schedule

June 7, 2021 – Board Meeting

June 21, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

July Meeting Schedule

July 5, 2021 – Board Meeting

July 19, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

Secretary's Report Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

secretary@K5prk.net

General Meeting Minutes for March are in the newsletter and have been
uploaded to PARK IO groups and are on the web site.

Any questions about the minutes?

We now have 85 members

Information and reminders about the meetings are going out through
HamClubonline and io groups. Everyone should have received the emails
for tonight. If you did, then your e-mails are correct. If you did not receive
these e-mails, or someone tells you they did not receive these e-mails,

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please ask them to either send me their e-mail address for HamClubonline so, I can update it, or they should log-in to HamClubonline and correct their e-mail address and to log-in to io groups and correct their e-mail address. If they are not part of io groups, they can join.

Treasurer's Report Ross Watson – AF5QK

Not in attendance

Report given by Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

Balance, expenditures, and deposits were given with new ending balance. Members were made aware of approved project amounts and the yearly recurring expenditures being included last to give a more accurate available.

Communications Director Kip Moravc -- AE5IB

D Star has been down for about a month.

It appears to be the antenna. The connection was moved to the other antenna and this worked. The board has approved the purchase of a new antenna. We should have the new antenna in time for the May 8th climb. Cost will be @ \$190. The installed 2nd receiver has been put on the good antenna.

We had a weather radio that was not needed any more. It was sold for \$175 less shipping of \$13.50. This will offset the cost of the new antenna.

We are talking with McKinney about making a link to the Melissa repeater. We meet on Thursday. This will help in areas we do not reach.

Newsletter Editor Neil Gould – NE5IL

Not in attendance

Need more contributions for the newsletter

Newsletter is good, due to the content members send in

Send items to 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

Any articles for the web site

Place to see all announcements

Any help with io groups

io groups is k5prk.groups.io/g/main/topics

io groups has a place for forum for radio type discussions

Any issues let me know at webmaster@K5prk.net

[People who join the web page can fill-out the profile and can share](#)

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[Shack Tours will be on the web site shortly.](#)

Public Relations – Brian Trant – KF5VFM

Not in attendance

Nothing to report due to social distancing protocol

Activities Director Tony Campbell—W5ADC

Mentor Fest – April 24th

Tower Climb – May 8th

MS Round up – May 8th

Paris Second Sidewalk Sale – May 15th

Shack Tours – Thursday, 8pm

Field Day Coordinator Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Not in attendance

Old Business

None

New Business

Katherine Forson, KT5KMF and Driver will be handing off Wheatly and wanted to know if the PARK group would like to continue with the field trips to Plano and to continue the PARK sponsored winner. The PARK group responded 'yes', especially since we committed to this sponsoring for a year.

She also wanted to know if anyone was interested in making a fox and becoming a Fox Master. No one responded. This information will be in the next newsletter.

Rob Forson, K5WFR announced if anyone wanted to test to upgrade the

Richardson club is conducting testing on-line on Tuesdays at 6pm. They test 3 to 4 testes at a time.

Rob Forson, K5WFR will send Sean Kelly, W5SPK the necessary information to put in the newsletter.

Denton is testing once a month on the 4th Sunday in person. They test at 3 pm at the EOC. This information will be sent to Sean Kelly, W5SPK for the newsletter.

Katherine Forson, KT5KMF, prepared the wheel and did the spinning for the winner for last weekends Fox Hunt sponsored by PARK.

The winner is Buddy Shilpey, KF5LJD.

Congrats to Buddy who will receive a gift certificate to HRO.

Tonight's Presentation –

Mobile HF Operations

Robert Evans WW9W

Not in attendance

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Sean Kelly, W5SPK

Sean shared his knowledge, and experiences of HF mobile operating. As he spoke, he shared his set-up on his vehicle. With such a large antenna, it needs to be bolted to the frame of your vehicle. You need to be sure to ground the antenna and radio. Plus, grounding to the frame has helped to prevent noise issues. He set his antenna to the center of the band frequencies he intended to use and then tuned by ear. He explained this process has helped him become a better ham operator.

When he has been able to push the antenna up as high as permitted, he has been able to work a lot of east European countries. He does need to keep the vehicle running when operating. He recommends that you park in the shade and open the hood. Learning all of these little tricks help you have an enjoyable and safe time.

He answered many questions from members who might like to try this. Thank you for the last-minute presentation. Many of us learned things we may not have known.

Thank you for attending
Stay healthy! Stay safe!

Motion to adjourn

Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

2nd Bob Bartels – K5MVZ

All agreed

Adjourned: 8:19 P