



K5PRK Newsletter



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Monday Sep 20, 2021 - 7:00 pm

[Katherine Forson, KT5KMF](#) will be presented the **Hiram Percy Maxim Award** at the 7:00 PM September 20th general. This month's meeting will be held at **Poor Richards Café 2442 K Ave., Plano, TX 75074 (SE corner of K and E. Park Blvd).**

Poor Richards will be open ONLY for this meeting. Refreshments will be served. **Masks and social distancing is highly encouraged.**

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Future Club Meeting Programs:

Oct 20, 2021 Zoom & TBD	Mobile Antenna Installations	Robert Evans – WW9W
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The **PARK Breakfast Group** is meeting at **Poor Richards Cafe** on Park & Ave. K in Plano, Texas. We will meet at 7:00 A.M. each Saturday.

From the Board...

PHAB-18

Our next balloon launch is scheduled for October 8th so please make your calendars and sign up to fly your payloads. More details will follow soon. The best place for information is the PARKBallon Groups.io. You can sign up at PARKBalloon+subscribe@K5PRK.groups.io

Elections

Election of the **President, Treasurer, Activities Director and Newsletter Editor** shall be held in **October** at the regular meeting on **odd numbered years**.

Section 1 – The **president** shall preside at all meeting of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign as an official of the club only those documents that are adopted by the club, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of president.

Section 4 – The **treasurer** shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to this club; he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, and shall maintain a double entry bookkeeping system according to accepted accounting practices. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its Board of Directors). At the end of each quarter, he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club to his successor. A petty cash fund may be established in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 5 – The **activities director** shall organize club member activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefit, and advance club interest and activity approved by the club. He shall encourage members in reporting activities to the club bulletin. He shall endeavor to make the reputation of the club and amateur radio activities in the community as outstanding as possible. Term limits do not apply to this office.

Section 6 – The **newsletter** editor shall be responsible for publishing and distributing the official club organ –“The Parking Ticket.” He is required to abide by any by-laws governing publication of the Newsletter. Term limits do not apply to this office.

President, treasurer, and activities director are NOT seeking re-election or are term limited. If you are interested in supporting PARK by becoming an officer contact [Sean](#) or [Johnnie](#).

Official ARRL release:

Katherine Forson, KT5KMF, Receives the 2021 ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award

Increasing the interest and participation in amateur radio of those younger than 21 remains a primary effort of ARRL. Underscoring that focus is ARRL's annual bestowing of its premier award, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award, on a young member whose contributions to both amateur radio and her local community embody the ideals of the Amateur Radio Service.

The recipient of the 2021 Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award is Katherine M. Forson, KT5KMF, of Plano, Texas. A Technician in 2013 at the age of 9, a General in 2017, and an Amateur Extra in 2018, Katherine's enthusiasm resulted in her appointment as the North Texas Section Youth Coordinator in 2019.

She is an active member of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub and Collin County RACES, and a trained National Weather Service SKYWARN Storm Spotter; she has been profiled as a QST "Member Spotlight," participates as an amateur radio operator in public service events, such as the Plano Balloon Festival, and is currently working with several other female members of the ARRL North Texas Section to help build a female-friendly area of the ARRL NTX Section website.

When not on the radio, Katherine is active in her school and community. A senior at Plano West Senior High School, she carries a 4.46 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and her high school band. She won second place in the Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair, and placed second in the physics and astronomy category at the Texas State Science and Engineering Fair. She serves as a children's lector at her church, and is a Dallas Meals on Wheels volunteer.

The Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award consists of a \$1,500 cash award and an engraved plaque. West Gulf Division Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, and North Texas Section Manager Steven Smith, KG5VK, will present Katherine with her award at the September 20, 2021 meeting of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub.



[ARRL North Texas August 2021 Newsletter](#)

Greetings fellow North Texas Amateur Radio OPS!

We are now soliciting nominations for the 2021 ARRL North Texas Amateur of The Year Award.

Simply email me your nominees to KG5VK@ARRL.ORG

Title the Email "ARRLNTX 2021 HOY"

Nominees must be an ARRL Member and reside in North Texas

Deadline for nominations is 1 October 2021

Nomination packages must include the full name of the nominee and their call sign.

Who is nominating them Name and Callsign

As well as Bullet statements of accomplishments and a few sentences of justification under each bullet statement. Again, the deadline is October 1, 2021

73,

Steve

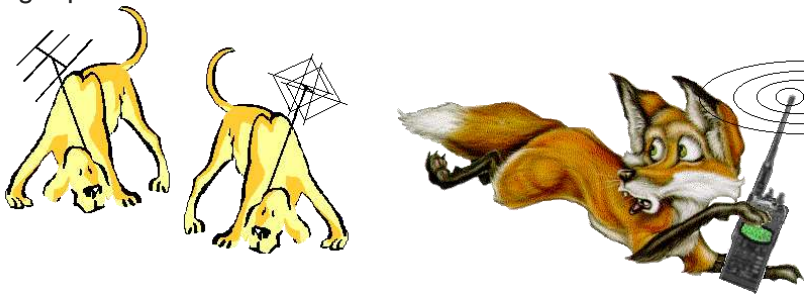
KG5VKS

ARRL North Texas Section

Section Manager: Steven Lott Smith, KG5VK

kg5vk@arrl.org

Flight path:



Plano area Fox Hunts

Wheatley has a website! -

<https://sites.google.com/view/wheatley-website/home>. Be sure to check

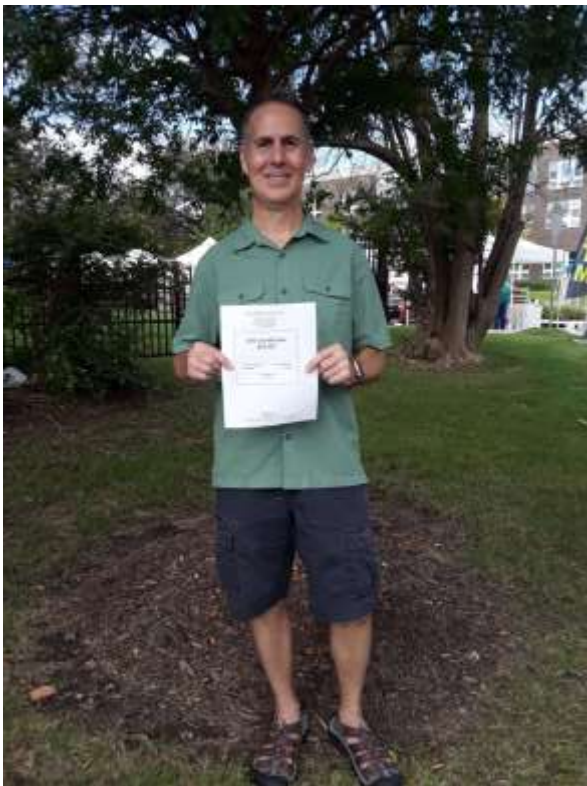
out Wheatley's new website for up to the minute successful hunter reports, as well as more information on the Fox.

PARK sponsors Wheatley about once a month to be 'lost' in the Plano City limits.

Winners of the \$25 HRO gift certificate:

July:

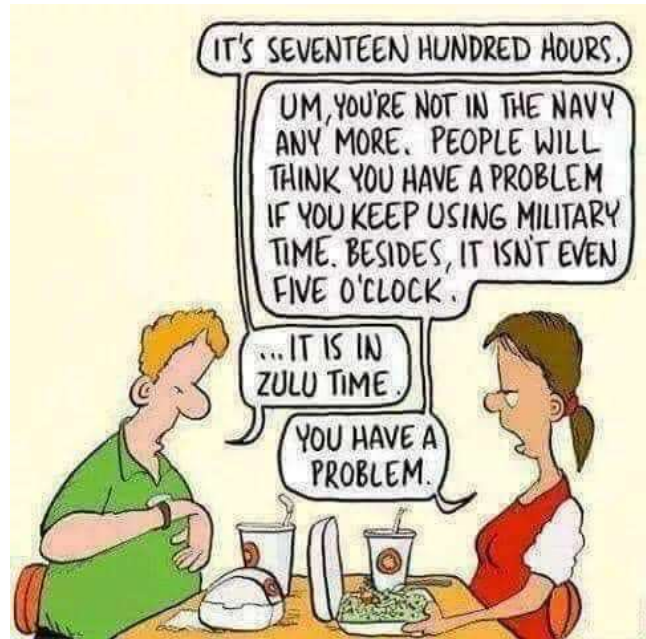
N5MCB – Marvin (Chris) Baumgartner



WHEN YOUR CLUB
THINKS YOU LOOK
LIKE A CLIMBER,



BUT YOU SUFFER FROM
DEBILITATING ACROPHOBIA.



DOES ANYBODY REALLY
KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?



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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 temporarily suspended because of following social distancing procedures. If you are interested in testing at another site, please contact Daryl Morgeson, AF5QJ at AF5QJ@arrl.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.k5rwx.org/ham-testing/

The K7RA Solar Update

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: **Sunspot activity increased dramatically this week. Sunspot numbers peaked at 87 on September 8, and on September 7, solar flux was 101.2.**

Average daily sunspot numbers rose by 14, to 64.6, while average daily solar flux increased from 88 to 92.9. New sunspots appeared on September 2 and 3, and three new sunspot groups arrived on September 4. Another new one appeared on September 8, and on that day the total sunspot area was 1,000 micro-hemispheres.

Both the daily planetary and middle latitude A index reached a high of 14 on September 8. The averages were 7 and 7.7, down from 9.6 and 10.7 last week.

Predicted solar flux looks quite promising, at 100 on September 9 - 11; 98 on September 12; 95 on September 13 - 16; 85 on September 17 - 18; 88 on September 19 - 23; 90 on September 24 - 28; 88 on September 29 - October 1; 86 on October 2; 90 on October 3 - 6; 92 and 90 on October 7 - 8, and 85 on October 9 - 15. Flux values may rise to 90 again after October 20.

McKinney Fire Department Classrooms Reopen for MARC Classes

MARC has enjoyed the use of the McKinney Fire Department's Classrooms for several years for all kinds of classes – Basic Electronics Series, Radio Intros, Antenna Building, Project Building, Use of Test Equipment and a host of other subjects. Unfortunately, this came to a screeching halt with the advent of COVID.

Let's have a big cheer for classroom reopening! The club has the Fire Station # 7 classroom reserved for Saturday, September 18, from 9 AM to Noon for the first club-sponsored class in a long time! On that date we will present "Intro to VHF/UHF Radio – Operating Tips and Techniques" for both new hams and experienced ones alike. The class will cover use of the radio on the VHF and UHF bands, setting up a radio for repeater use, conducting and participating in a radio net, newest digital modes along with pros and cons, radio terms and jargon, and general guidelines for successful and enjoyable radio communications. Handouts will be provided to enhance the take away and provide a reference for future radio operations

Each person who has a VHF or UHF capable handheld radio should bring it for use in class. If you do not have a handheld, we will have extras there for you. If you have someone who is interested in ham radio but not yet licensed, encourage him or her to attend; we will have plenty of control operators to facilitate their using a radio and getting on the air – legally!

Following the class, those who want can join together for a light lunch at Subway not far from the Fire Station. This class is a fun class! No experience is required! But you will walk away with confidence in your ability to use a radio – both for sheer pleasure and in an emergency. Hoping to see many of you there!

McKinney Fire Station #7, 861 Independence Parkway, McKinney, TX 75070

73,

Bob, K5CRX

Many of us knew **Les Bannon, WF5E** who became a silent key at the first of this year. So I thought some folks might be interested to find that in the August issue of CQ Magazine, there was a reprint of an April, 1954 article and here was Les who had written a letter to the columnist as a new Novice operator. Looking at the wall in the picture, it's no wonder that he would ultimately become the DX champion of North Texas for many years. He was already on his way to having QSL cards from pretty much everywhere, even North Korea.

73,
Stan NW5Q



Leslie Bannon, WN9ZTD, located in Indianapolis, Indiana. He runs 35 watts on the three low-frequency Novice bands, and has worked 42 states in a few months of operation.

From Leslie A. Bannon, WN9TZD, 6260 North Chester, Indianapolis 20, Ind. "Dear Herb, I have had my ticket about 4 1/2 months. In that time, I have worked 42 states, with 37 confirmed, plus Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. My aim is to work all states as a Novice. I still need W. Va., Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Maine and Del.... My transmitter is a Heathkit AT-1 and an AC-1 antenna coupler. My antenna is 125 feet long, end-fed, seventy feet high on one end and thirty-five feet high at the other. Receiver is an NC-125, and I have a DB-22A preselector. I shall be glad to make a schedule on 3.7, 7.2, or 21.1 Mc. with anyone who needs an Indiana contact or QSL card."

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 21) features a chat with Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, about the new edition of *The ARRL Handbook* and how it can be useful to new hams.

The latest edition of Eclectic Tech (Episode 42) features a conversation with ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, about the changes to the FCC RF exposure rules

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](#).

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



Working the Pileup, presented by Ron Delpiere-Smith, KD9IPO / Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @ 1:00 pm EDT (1700 UTC)

Ron Delpiere-Smith, KD9IPO, Vice President of the Chicago Suburban Radio Association and an ARRL Assistant Section Manager in Illinois, will offer an enlightening discussion on working a pileup from both sides of the contact. Whether your interest lies in ARRL Field Day, contesting, special events, or rare DX, this is a must-see presentation. Ron will discuss search-and-pounce and running techniques, when to use them, and some tips on working them to your advantage

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

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.

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

[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>

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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 a 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.](#)

PLANO AMATEUR RADIO KLUB Application for Membership

Annual KLUB Membership (Individual)..... \$30.00/Year _____
Annual KLUB Family Membership..... \$40.00/Year _____
Student Membership (18 and Under)..... \$ 5.00/Year _____

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: _____

The PARK Roster is given to KLUB Members Only. Please circle any information that you do not want published.

License Class: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Previous Call(s): _____ First Licensed: _____

Call Sign(s) of Other Family Members: _____

ARRL Member ? _____ ARES Member ? _____

Other Hobbies and Interests: _____

Reason(s) You wish to join PARK: _____

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 ____

Signature _____

Date _____

PARK Secretary Only:

Date of Application: _____

Date Voted In: _____

P.A.R.K., P.O. Box 860435, Plano, TX 75086-0435 or email
secretary@k5prk.net



Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes August 16, 2021

Start time: 7:05 pm
Location: Via Zoom
Facilitator: Sean Kelly – W5SPK -- President

Members 26
Guest 7

Pledge led by Sean Kelly – W5SPK

President Sean Kelly -- W5SPK

Changed from in-person meeting to virtual meeting after Church restrictions changed, as per letter sent by Sean Kelly – W5SPK, president to the membership.

Agenda:

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 Trant -- KF5VFM
Activities Director Tony Campbell -- W5ADC
Field Day Coordinator Mike Tharp -- KG5TJF

Officer Reports

Old Business

From the floor

New Business

Resumption of in person meetings

Tonight's Presentation

Mobile Maintenance Matters
Sean Kelly – W5SPK

Q & A Session

Close

President's Report Sean Kelly – W5SPK

September's meeting will be truly special as we honor one of our own. There will be an awards presentation, local dignitaries present and some media presence. PARK will be providing appropriate deserts and refreshments.

A gentle reminder ... October is right around the corner which means elections are rapidly approaching. To paraphrase President Kennedy. "Ask not what PARK can do for you. Ask what you can do for PARK"

Open Positions;



Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes August 16, 2021

President – Tim Johnson, K5TCJ is running
Treasurer – Michael Tharp, KG5TJC is running
Activities Director – Need a volunteer
Public Relations Director – Need a volunteer
due to health reasons Brian Trant, KF5VFM needs to step down

Vice-President's Report Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Programs

Aug 16, 2021

Maintenance Matters

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

September 20, 2021

Special Award Ceremony and Reception

Guests of Honor include John Robert Stratton, N4AUS
and Steve Lott Smith, KG6VK

Media will be present

October 18, 2021

Mobile Antenna Installations

Robert Evans, WW9W

Secretary's Report Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

secretary@K5prk.net

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

Any questions about the minutes?

None

Treasurer's Report Ross Watson – AF5QK

Not in attendance

Report given by Johnnie Young, KG5CQO

No changes, nothing to report

PARK Recurring Activities

PARK Breakfast Group – Saturdays @ 0700

Poor Richard's Café – Plano, Texas

September 2021 Meeting Schedule

September 7, 2021 – Board Meeting

Labor Day September 6, 2021 – one day delay



Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes August 16, 2021

September 20, 2021 – General Membership Meeting
October 2021 Meeting Schedule
October 4, 2021 – Board Meeting
October 18, 2021 – General Membership Meeting
November 2021 Meeting Schedule
November 1, 2021 – Board Meeting
November 15, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

Communications Director Kip Moravc -- AE5IB
Presby has not responded to a number of contacts
Plano Hospital is full
Working on Pi boxes on the repeater site
Repeater is not being used

Newsletter Editor Neil Gould – NE5IL
Hope everyone got the newsletter
The newsletter is available through the web page. Be sure to register for an account
The announcement about Katherine Forson, KT5KMF, arrived in time to include in the news letter
Thanks for the pictures about the balloon flight
There is a good SWR article
Need more contributions for the newsletter
Newsletter is good, due to the content members send in
Send items to newsletter@K5prk.net
Anything you have to share, please send

Webmaster John Hatch – KF5BSS
Web site is K5prk.net
If need a log-in send an e-mail to webmaster@K5prk.net
Sign up for the website, newsletter and groups io which has forums and discussions about the high-altitude balloon launch
Any problems send an e-mail through K5prk.groups.io/g/main

Activities Director Tony Campbell—W5ADC
Blackland Tri is coming up and will need some volunteers



Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes August 16, 2021

PARK will be represented at the St Jude Carnival

Public Relations – Brian Trant – KF5VFM

Not in attendance

Nothing to report

Field Day Coordinator Mike Tharp, KG5TJF

Field Day info has been submitted

Old Business

none

New Business

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

The club will meet virtually until the end of the year.

We need to meet in September in person to recognize one of our own.

Need suggestions where to meet for this event.

Kip Moravec – AE5IB suggested an outdoor pavilion

Tony Campbell – W5ADC suggested Haggard Park in Plano

This will be discussed at the next board meeting

Tonight's Presentation

Sean Kelly, W5SPK, is the son of Patrick W. Kelly (WQ6N-SK). Sean currently serves as the Director of Supply Chain for Amphenol Fiber Systems International in Allen, Texas. Sean is a three-time graduate of the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. He holds two Bachelor of Arts Degrees and a Masters of Business Administration. He holds a Certificate of Languages in Russian from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. He also holds licenses as a Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials – Operations, Driver-Pump Operator and Emergency Medical Technician. He is the husband of Shannon E Kelly (W5SEK) and the father of Conor (KG5UPJ), and Grace (KG5APE). Sean started his love of the amateur radio when he earned his Technician Class (callsign KD5HGS) in May of 1999. He has since earned his General and Extra class Licenses. Sean's interests in amateur radio include the following; HF mobile and portable operations, antenna homebrew, and emergency communications. He will be sharing lessons learned as the result of declining mobile HF performance attributable to lack of maintenance.

Sean's HF mobile rig started having issues. His presentation went through step by step the issue, what he did to fix it, how he did it, including grunts and groans a male will do when nothing works and the issue is still there. As he went through his procedures, he learned many lessons that he shared with the group. Especially about wearing your oldest most bummed up clothes, covering your eyes and nose and mouth, and that his HF rig really needed to be cleaned and cleaned again.



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However, none of this work fixed the issue. In fact, he still had RF feed back with nothing else powered up. Sean learned various ways to test different parts of his rig and probably fixed things that would have had issues later. He talked out the issue with various knowledgeable friends. Finally, he spoke with Fred Varian – WD5ERD, who told him to check the ground screw, that it was probably loose. Well, it was loose all right, so loose it wasn't there anymore. Such an easy fix and so simple. So, first thing to try from now on, check all and I do me all connections.

Thanks, Sean for a good presentation in a story format which gave us a great visual as you attempted to resolve the issue.

New Members:

July new members;

Welcome to... Richard Jennings, N5PMU
not in attendance

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO recommended Richard Jennings, N5PMU for membership in PARK

Tim Johnson – K5TCJ 2nd the recommendation

Members agreed

Welcome to Richard Jennings, N5PMU

Monthly Fox Hunt – Katherine Forson, KT5KMF

Names given to Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

And the winner is N5MCB – Marvin Baumgartner

Congratulations to Marvin Baumgartner – N5MCB for winning the Monthly Fox Hunt

Certificate to be delivered.

Motion to adjourn;

Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

2nd of the motion

Kip Moravec – AE5IB

Adjourned – 8:13 PM

Thank you for attending
Stay healthy! Stay safe!