



## Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes September 20, 2021

Start time: 7:1 pm

Location: Poor Richard's Café in Plano Texas & via Zoom

Facilitator: Sean Kelly – W5SPK -- President

Members Attending – 12

Guest Attending – 11

Joining via zoom – 13

### Opening

Sean Kelly – W5SPK

Stated how happy he was to have many attendees to Honor Katherine Forson – KT5KMF. Katherine is the first North Texas amateur to receive the Hiram Percy Maxim Award. This award is given by the American Radio Relay League to an amateur under the age of 21 who has served as a model to her peers by contributing her time, skills and energies to the Amateur Radio Community.

John Stratton – N5AUS, the ARRL West Gulf Division Director and Steven Lott Smith – KG5VK, the ARRL West Gulf North Texas Section Manager were both attending and presented the award, a Plaque and a check for \$1500.



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John Stratton – N5AUS explained 107 years ago the ARRL was formed to protect radio leagues and this honor is to recognize those under 21 years of age. He also added that there has never been a young lady in the West Gulf Division to win this award.

Steven Lott Smith – KG5VK then read a short list (filled up a page) of Katherine's many accomplishments, which included her earning her Tech class license at the age of 9.

Maria Tu, the Plano Deputy Mayor Pro Tem presented a proclamation which also listed Katherine's accomplishments.

Katherine received recognition from Jeff Leach, the State Representative for Collin County, District 67. She also received a gift certificate to Ham Radio Outlet presented by Dee Miller, N5UIG and one from Main Training Co.

Sean Kelly – W5SPK – President of PARK, Plano Amateur Radio Klub, presented Katherine with a life membership to the Klub, the Klub she has been a member with since she was 9.

Katherine's Mother and Father, better know as Mrs. and Mr. Driver were present as well as one of her teachers from the last school year and some family and friends.



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A short reception with coke and cookies followed with lots of congratulations and best wished for the future. We can not wait to see what she will do next.