



# K5PRK Newsletter

*The PARKing Ticket*

Social Media

[K5PRK.Net](http://K5PRK.Net) [Facebook](#) [IO Group](#)



## Officers

President:

**Sean Kelly, W5SPK**

Vice President:

**Tim Johnson, K5TCJ**

Secretary:

**Johnnie Young, KG5CQO**

Treasurer:

**Ross Watson AF5QK**

Activities Director:

**Tony Campbell, W5ADC**

Communications Director:

**Kipton Moravec, AE5IB**

Webmaster

**John Hatch, KF5BSS**

Public Relations:

**Brian Trant, KF5VFM**

Newsletter Editor:

**Neil Gould, NE5IL**

**Monday Oct 18, 2021 - 7:00 pm**

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Mobile Antenna Installations - Robert Evans – WW9W

## In this Issue

[From the Board ...](#) Elections, Christmas Party Survey

[Katherine Forson, KT5KMF](#) presented the **Hiram Percy Maxim Award**

[Plano Fox Hunt Update](#)

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

[NA SSB Sprint Contest](#)

[ARK Remote Base - Kipton Moravec AE5IB](#)

[ARRL News and Info](#)

[Area Nets](#)

[Ham Radio References](#)

[Secretary Minutes and Notes](#)

[An Incomplete History of PARK - By Michael Payne K5MFP](#)

## Future Club Meeting Programs:

Nov 15, 2021	TBD	
--------------	-----	--

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...

### Elections

The following ballot has the names of members who are willing to handle these positions. On Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> other names may be added by nomination and acceptance of the nominee. If you intend to nominate someone, please verify that they are interested before doing so. Anyone who would like me to add their name to any of these positions needs to notify me via e-mail to [secretary@k5prk.net](mailto:secretary@k5prk.net).

The Ballot thus far;

President --- Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Treasurer --- Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Activities Director --- Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

Newsletter Editor --- Neil Gould – NE5IL

Public Relation Director --- Anthony Burokas --- KB3DVS

These are the positions opened either because the current officer has met their term limits or because the officer has decided to step down. Positions are for 2 years, and some are limited to 2 consecutive terms.

If an officer decides to step down before the 2-year limit has been reached, then that position is for only the portion of the 2--year term that remains. The position would then be opened to anyone in the next election.

If Tim Johnson --- K5TCJ is elected President then during the November meeting we will have a ballot for a new Vice-President. Tim must be elected as the President first, and then we hold a special election at the next meeting to fill his spot. This would then be for 1 year and the Vice-President position would be open to anyone in the next election.



The board is considering an in-person Christmas Party like we used to have. To gauge the PARK interest, please complete the short [online survey](#).

[Official](#) ARRL release:

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



Award presented by NTX  
Section  
Steven Smith, KG5VK  
with  
President: Sean Kelly, W5SPK  
and  
Plano Deputy Mayor Pro Tem  
who presented a city  
proclamation.



\$1500 check presented by  
ARRL West Gulf Director John  
Stratton, N5AUS, and NTX  
Section  
Steven Smith, KG5VK.

[HRO](#) and [Main Trading Company](#) presented gift certificates!



Kathrine surrounded  
by her proud parents,  
Robert and Trish  
Forson.

## ARRL North Texas August 2021 Newsletter

We received three nominations for the ARRL North Texas Amateur of the Year and the voting committee will have their votes to me by the first of next month.

I continue to encourage ARRL North Texas members and their clubs to be prepared to nominate members for the many awards available from the ARRL as well as to not overlook the many college scholarships that are available to Amateur radio ops that will be attending college next year.

There was a great turnout at the Belton Hamfest, even with the threat of Rain Saturday  
There was in fact no rain Saturday

Hard to believe but winter is around the corner  
take the cooler mornings to check your outside pipes etc.  
and prepare for winter.

73  
Steve  
KG5VK

### Tech Class

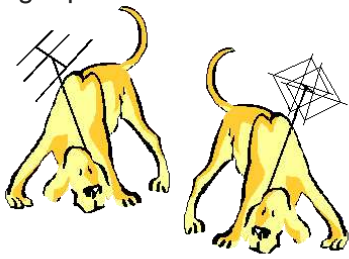
Congratulations to this list of new hams. They all received their Tech Class License and one received his General Class License.

These all received their Tech Class License

Mark Atkinson  
Jim Campbell  
Clint Cook  
Max Downing  
Ben Grisby  
Danielle Kelly  
Victor Morton  
Avis Novak  
Beverly Perrin  
Samantha Pilch  
Michelle Pique  
Allyson Shirar-Freeman  
Kitri Stephens  
Mariaka Torok  
Bryce Truitt – a young, young man

Scott Donovan – received his Tech and then his General Class License.

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:

The next winner will be selected during the October meeting.

[Sept 25-26 Hunt](#) hunters

N5MSH

KG5WRY

W5PKK

W5PRW

N5KLW

K5kdw

K5WCL

WA0RPT

KA5JAO





## HAM QUIPS

DICK SYLVAN W9CBT



NEXT YEAR LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND A PLACE WITH COOLER CONDITIONS FOR FIELD DAY!

Fresh out of the shower, looking at myself in the mirror, I realized that the most attractive thing about me is my radios.



## SPURIOUS SIGNALS

BY JASON TOGYER W3MCK

SPURIOUS SIGNALS

By Jason Togyer W3MCK  
[spuriouscomic.blogspot.com](http://spuriouscomic.blogspot.com)



© 2021 Jason Togyer • [jtogyer@gmail.com](mailto:jtogyer@gmail.com) • CQ Amateur Radio Magazine



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.k5rwwk.org/ham-testing/](http://www.k5rwwk.org/ham-testing/)

=====

Hello Fellow Radio Amateur,

We wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the **next NA SSB Sprint** Contest.

That is **October 24, 2021 0000 - 0359 UTC**. Which is **Saturday evening October 23rd** starting at 8 PM EDT here in **North America**.

As you may remember, this is the contest that includes a chance at **Door Prizes to the participants!** <https://ssbsprint.com/awards-prizes>

All of the previous results have been published on the website <https://ssbsprint.com> **All-time Records** for each state/province/country and class have been updated on the website.

As you also may remember, we work to ensure there is adequate participation from every state and every part of Canada. While all states have been worked in the past three events, some states have been very difficult. So, we have started the Planned Activity page for this event. If you would, please sign up on the Planned Activity page. <https://ssbsprint.com/planned-activity/> This really helps us be sure that we have all of the states and provinces covered.

And if you want some additional fun, you may also get a team together and register them on the website. <https://ssbsprint.com/team-registration> Perhaps you can set your sights on setting a new record in your area, or winning a Worked All States T-Shirt or obtaining a score to qualify for a certificate, or simply having a great time on the air!

73 Bob KW8N & NA SSB Sprint Contest Committee

**PARK: Let us know if you participate in this event.**

=====

The Grayson County (Texas) Amateur Radio Club, K5GCC, will be commemorating the birthday of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower with a special event activity, October 9 - 17, using 10 1 x 1 call signs W5E, W5I, W5S, K5E, W5N, W5H, W5O, W5W, N5E, and W5R. Activity will be on 80 - 2 meters, CW, SSB, digital, and FM.



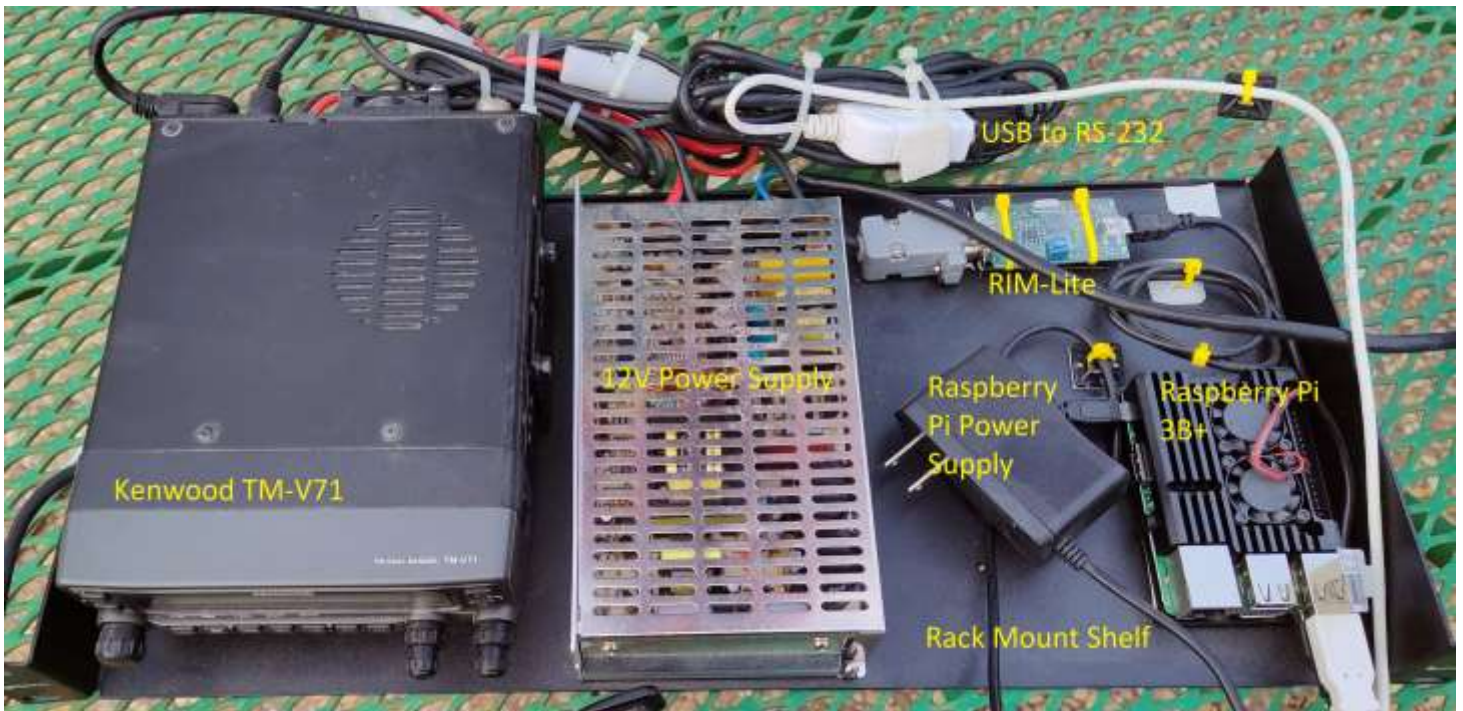


Figure 1: Complete Remote Base

## ARK Remote Base

Kipton Moravec AE5IB

PARK Communications Director

The Plano Amateur Radio Klub (PARK) received a Micro-Grant from the Irving Amateur Radio Club for a Remote Base. A Remote Base is a VHF/UHF radio that can be remote controlled. You can remotely set the frequency, the PL tone, and link it to another Allstar Node or Repeater. This has a lot of potential applications like for linking repeaters, having a remote presence, and as a half-duplex repeater.

- Linking repeaters. For example, using this we could link either or both PARK Repeaters to any other repeater within range over the air. The other repeater does not have to have any other linking capability. The Remote Base would act like a user on the repeater and transmit to the other repeater when the PARK repeater transmits, and receives from the other repeater when the PARK repeater is not transmitting.
- Remote presence. If you are unable to hit a repeater, you could link to the Remote Base with your Allstar node, and it would appear you were a user broadcasting at the site of the Remote Base. This could be useful for organizations like the National Weather Service (NWS) which is able to reach Collin County from their location, but not any farther east. As a result, the NWS could connect to our Remote Base, and it would be like they were local to Collin County, 40 miles east.
- Half-Duplex Repeater. By linking the Remote Base to a repeater, the Remote Base could be a simplex repeater, transmitting when the repeater is transmitting, and receiving and relaying to the repeater when the repeater is not transmitting. This makes the repeater traffic appear on an empty simplex frequency. This may be useful for the NWS. Collin County Skywarn and Bosque County Skywarn are on the same repeater frequencies. When there is a large scale weather event and both Collin County and Bosque County Skywarn are active, neither one is strong enough into the NWS to completely capture the receiver. So even with tones, they hear both transmissions. If we put this on a VHF simplex channel during Skywarn Nets, the NWS could listen to Collin County on a completely empty channel and it would not matter what Bosque County was doing.

Figure 1 shows the hardware for the Remote Base. It has a Kenwood TM-V71 which is a radio where the programming protocol is known. We are able to program the radio from the Raspberry Pi with a Python program over RS-232. In addition the Raspberry Pi has a RIM-Lite USB AllStar interface, and the HamVOIP version of the AllStar software. To round out the hardware there is a 12V power supply and a Raspberry Pi power supply. All of it is mounted on a rack mount shelf.



We are currently waiting for our cables to be installed at THC Presbyterian Hospital to install this Remote Base there. It is about 70 feet AGL and just west of the Preston Rd ridge. We are installing 3 Coax and 4 Ethernet cables to the roof. COVID has delayed this install for over 18 months. But they assured us last week it will be finished soon.

For the PARK site at THC Presbyterian we have:

- a UHF repeater owned by Metrocrest ARC, but can be used by Collin County ARES for nets,
- this Remote Base,
- a 5 GHz Ubiquity link to PARK's Prestige repeater site,
- a 5 GHz Ubiquity Link to Richardson Wireless Klub's Palisades repeater site,
- a 5 GHz Ubiquity Link to either the Lake Area Amateur Radio Club (LAARK) or Denton County Amateur Radio Association (DCARA),
- and an AREDN node or nodes.

The link to LAARK or DCARA finally ties Denton County Data Networks together with the Dallas and Collin County Network via RF, they are currently linked over the Internet.

## 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)

Listen to [ARRL Audio News](#), available every Friday.

## 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 44) features Steve Allen, KC1SA, and a discussion about the current electronics parts shortage and what it may mean for amateurs.

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>



**Using the Raspberry Pi with Ham Radio / Presented by Jason Oleham, KM4ACK, Tuesday, October 19, 2021 @ 1:00 PM EDT (1700 UTC)**

Computers have become an important part of amateur radio. The Raspberry Pi is a low-cost yet powerful computer that can be used for many amateur radio tasks. Jason Oleham, KM4ACK, an avid YouTube content creator, discusses how to use the Pi, why he started using it, and why he developed Build-a-Pi, a script that gets hams up and running quickly.

## [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.

**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”.

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

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

**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.

**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](mailto: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](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>

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
  - 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](#).



**PLANO AMATEUR RADIO KLUB****cation for Membership****Appli-**Klub year is from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

Annual

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

Half year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

Klub Membership (Individual ..... \$15.00/half Year .....  
 Klub Family Membership ..... \$20.00/half Year .....  
 Student Membership (18 and Under) ..... \$ 2.50/half Year .....

**For The Treasurer Only****Total****Amount Paid (Circle One: Cash or Check # \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad-

dress: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Ad-

dress: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Rea-

son(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: \_\_\_\_\_

P.A.R.K.

P.O. Box 860435

Plano, TX 75086-0435

or send via email to [secretary@k5prk.net](mailto:secretary@k5prk.net)

Start time: 7:1 pm

Location: Poor Richard's Café in Plano Texas &amp; 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.

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 known as Mrs. and Mr. Driver were present as well as one of her teachers from the last school year and some family and friends.

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

# An Incomplete PARK History

As told by Bill Swann K5MWC

By Michael Payne K5MFP

In October of 1972, ten or so people gathered together to see about planning and organizing a radio club in Plano, Texas. A lot of time and effort went into planning for the club. They assembled at the Community Room in the 1st National Bank in Plano to work on the organizing the club and did a lot of future planning. The first thing that the original members wanted to promote was public service in the community and county.

The first meeting of the club was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1973. Twenty-two people showed up for that meeting at the 1st National Bank on 14<sup>th</sup> and Avenue K in Plano. These men and women were already planning to have Field Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> of June! Very ambitious! The membership dues were \$1 a month or \$5 for the year. What a deal. John Gammon - W5VYY was the first person to sign up and pay his dues.

That 1<sup>st</sup> Field Day was on June and was held at Schell Park at East Park Boulevard and Jupiter Road in Plano. They had to dig a hole in the ground to erect a pole to hold the antenna, but they were given permission from the city on the condition that they fill the hole back in! When it was all said and done, the PARK field day group placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the nation! Way to go!

Bill started the Collin County Amateur Radio Emergency Services or CCARES in 1975 with the help of others and PARK club support. It has really grown over time with ham spotters from Collin County sending critical information to net control and the National Weather Service in Fort Worth listens in and records the information that was given to them.

At one point in time the Plano City Police force had a total of five patrol cars. Three were used on a daily basis, and the two remaining cars were designated for spare parts! One night the Police Department's communications equipment went down and the policemen had no communications at all, so they all came back to dispatch. At three o'clock in the morning, Bill was called and was asked if the club could help with communications. He called three other club members, waking them up and asked for their help. All four of them arrived at the station with 2 meter go-boxes and they provided the 3 patrol cars with radios and one in the dispatch office. That call to action created a great relationship between the City of Plano from then on. As a result of this cooperation, a city official, knowing that the club was looking for a place to set up a repeater and antenna, asked the club if they wanted to place the antenna on the water tower! Now the club is setting up repeaters and links to different locations within Collin County to have coverage of the county for SkyWarn and emergency communications.

Now Bill couldn't remember who the previous club President's names or call signs were, but he did remember that he was the third club president.

If anyone has any more information regarding the history of PARK or list of past presidents, please write it up and send me your information. Thanks

Michael K5MFP

Below is the first PARK newsletter. Next month will have the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary newsletter from 1998.



THE PARK-ING TICKET  
Official publication of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub

VOLUME I - ISSUE I

JUNE 1973

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - JUNE 13 - 7:30 p.m.  
COMMUNITY ROOM OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PLANO

Don't miss this very important meeting! Field Day plans will be discussed plus a pro-and-con report on affiliation with ARRL. There'll be coffee and refreshments, too, and a chance to pay your dues if you forgot! Come on down and meet the gang!

-----  
Is Wednesday night a bad meeting night for you?.....When you sign in at the June meeting, there will be a column where you can indicate your meeting night preference.....Do keep in mind that Wednesday nights are the only nights when we will be able to use the bank Community Room which is a top-notch place to meet and FREE!

CD anyone?.....Public service communication has been a traditional responsibility of hams since 1913 when the first known emergency communication was conducted by an amateur.....It seems that Plano or Collin County has no organized emergency corps to report severe weather conditions or serve in times of need. An executive meeting was held May 17 with the EC of Dallas County regarding future plans for Plano. There will be a report at the June 13 meeting. Don't miss it!

FIELD DAY FUN!.....Mark down June 23 and 24 on your calendar. The PARK will observe its first Field Day operation at Schell Park (just across from Memorial Elementary). Various committees are hard at work to make the first FD alot of fun. If you want to operate or log (no matter what class license you have), contact Bill Niles, K5MVB, at 423-2917 and he will put you on the list. Ed Lawrence, WA5SWD, is in charge of Site and Antennae; K5QNY, Dick Sander, in control of Equipment with able assistance from Bill Swan, K5MWC and Collins Radio; Bill Newland doing the Public Relations work (who else) and Pat Runkel and Carole Allen making signs and various plans. Bill Allen, W5NQR, is chairman until he leaves on vacation June 9.....

LADIES: Plan a picnic for Saturday evening, June 23, for the whole family at Schell Park, at 6 p.m. Bring what your family wants to eat plus eating utensils and maybe folding chairs and card table. Let's all get acquainted and watch the Field Day operation with a big picnic Saturday evening!

-----  
AND BE SURE TO WORK W5SID/5 from your own QTH on Field Day. The call belongs to Gerald Williamson but he has cheerfully offered it to the club for one weekend!

NEWS AND VIEWS OF NQes.....Do you know why my OM, W5NQR, calls me "Watergate?".....He says I'm always bugging him.....Plano is going to have several XYL hams before long. Sandra, XYL of K5QNY, and Pat Runkel, XYL of W5PRJ, are awaiting their novice calls, and Cleo Belles, WA5UDI, is an active worker with the Dallas Club. There may be others, too!.....One of the future plans of the club is to sponsor a novice class especially for family members. Let us know if you're interested or know someone who is.....We'll be needing cookies or snacks for each club meeting so if your XYL wants to bake something for a specific month, just give me a call at 423-6396 so we'll know who is in charge of the sweet tooth for a particular month. That's about all the news from here. Happy Birthday on June 23 to WA5SWD, Ed Lawrence, and ME, TOO!

73, Carole, W5NQQ.

\*\*\*\*\*

**MEET THE OFFICERS!** (Although we planned to begin this series with the president, this writer couldn't contact him over the Memorial Day weekend, so we proceeded to lasso the treasurer when he appeared on 10 meters one afternoon and was willing to talk about himself.)

Bill Swan, K5MWC, is a native Texan and has held his call letters since September 1957. Born in San Antonio on August 20, 1943, he was first a member of the Brazoria County ARC and then held posts as Treasurer and member of the Board of the Houston ARC for five years. A graduate of Texas A. & M., he is a Systems and Project Engineer with Collins Radio and has traveled all over the place in the Far East for them. His current rig is an NCX-3, 75S-3, and a 30L1 with a vertical. "But I'm in the process of putting up a tri-band beam," says Bill. In addition, he is installing a 2 meter rig (GE Progress) in his car and building a transverter for his receiver so he can meet the club net on 28.6.

He and his XYL, Pam, were married in 1965 and are the parents of two tiny daughters - Donna, almost 6 and Deborah, almost 1. They live at 1400 Sherrye where he likes to rag-chew and work traffic nets. "I like almost everything about ham radio except a "Hello-Goodbye" contact," says Bill, "or someone using high power when they don't need it." K5MWC has also volunteered to be EC of Collin County!

Nice to meet you, Bill!.....Tune in next month for another chapter of the MEET YOUR OFFICERS STORY!

If you want to appear in the PARK-ing TICKET, get your material to W5NQQ at 3120 Rockbrook about 2 weeks before the second Wednesday of any month (that's club meeting night, y'all)....We'll be glad to print your article or any news you might have!...

-----  
DON'T FORGET THE MEETING - WEDNESDAY NIGHT - JUNE 13 at 7:30 p.m.  
COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

QRV de K5MVB.....I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the 22 hams and prospective hams who showed up for the first official meeting of the PARK. We had a very fast paced meeting despite the task of approving a constitution and electing officers. The atmosphere was very relaxed and friendly and enough dues were collected to meet our current expenses with a little left over. The big topic of the evening was Field Day 1973. The PARK decided to field a portable station in Schell Park this summer. Committees were established for antennas, gear, operations, and publicity with Bill Allen, W5NQR, taking overall coordination responsibility. We're off to a great start! Collins has loaned us a KWM-2 to use; we have a couple of four-band verticals, but we're still in need of assistance in a bunch of places - particularly in the area of warm bodies to come out and help us celebrate this pagan ritual by hollering CQFD and logging QSOs. We're going to work out alot of the fine points at the meeting on June 13 and we would greatly appreciate your help. 73es, K5MVB.

## NOTE!!

We are very pleased to announce an outstanding and timely program ~~XXXX~~ for our June 13 meeting - one you will not want to miss. The Richardson Wireless Klub will share some of their members with us to present a program called "Organizing and Carrying Out Successful Field Day Operations." The following RWK hams will present many interesting facts: Stu Bonney, W5PAQ; Terry Burkholder W5LJ; and Lynn Schriner, W5EQT. They made this presentation to a large crowd at the West Gulf ARRL Convention in April.

The fellows will hang around after the meeting to answer questions and assist the PARK with its first Field Day. Let's have a big turn-out!

FLASH!!!! Also at the next meeting will be the new Collins digital receiver closely guarded by Bill Swan who will bring it!

*See you*

*June 13*

*7:30 P.M.*