



K5PRK Newsletter

The PARKing Ticket

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Newsletter Editor:

Neil Gould, NE5IL

Monday Dec 20, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Christmas Party at Spring Creek BBQ, Richardson

Join the Zoom Meeting

if a volunteer comes forward. See From the President below.

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Future Club Meeting Programs:

Jan 17, 2022	Hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting Program TBD	1 st United Methodist Church – Parker Rd / Spring Creek Pkwy
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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 President:

As 2021 comes to a close, we have a lot to reflect on. Despite Covid-19 restrictions and mandates, and Ham-Com being lost, PARK has carried on, I think pretty well.

- General meetings continued as an on-line event.
- Modified winter and summer Field Days were held, turning in respectable scores (W 6411, S 3854).
- Weekly Fox Hunts are being held in Plano, Richardson and McKinney.
- Weekly breakfast meetings continued.
- A High Altitude Balloon launch was held.
- And I'm sure there was a lot on on-the-air activity during periods of quarantine.

Capping off 2021, PARK's very own Katherine Forson KT5KMF was presented the ARRL's 2021 Hiram Percy Maxim Award for her exemplary accomplishments and contributions to Amateur Radio.

It's that time of year again, when PARK membership renewal comes due. I encourage all members to renew their membership now. Your dues allow the continued operation and upgrades to PARKS repeaters, and other sponsored events, such as the December meeting Christmas party.

On the subject of the Christmas party, members who renew before or at the Christmas party will receive a free raffle ticket for the raffle held at the Christmas party. Be sure to bring a white elephant gift should you choose to participate in that.

We are also asking for a volunteer or two who will be attending the Christmas party, to use a cell phone or cell capable tablet to join our General Meeting Zoom call, to share the festivities with those who won't be there. The Zoom attending members will appreciate it.

With the coming of 2022, we have a lot to look forward to. At the top of my list is putting Covid behind us and returning to normal. Moving in that direction, **PARK will be resuming in-person meetings beginning with the January 17, 2022 General meeting.** We're still at the 1st United Methodist Church – Parker Rd / Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. We will make every attempt to share the meeting slide deck and audio via a Zoom meeting, but in this hybrid environment, Zoom participants may be in watch / listen only mode. Members are encouraged to attend, and take whatever personal measures (wearing a mask, social distancing) they feel necessary.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Tim
K5TCJ

December 2022 Treasury Report

Beginning Balance as of 12/2/22

Bank, Cash & Paypal	- \$ 8760.97
Debits	- (\$ 53.76)
Pre-approved and annual expenses	- (\$ 5100.00)
Available funds	- \$ 3,607.21

Treasurer:

Mike Tharp – KG5TJF

**COME ONE COME ALL
PARK CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Monday, December 20, 2021 7:00 PM

Spring Creek BBQ Richardson Banquet Room

(US 75 North Bound Access Rd. North of Beltline Rd)

Dues are due by January

**Pay your dues by Monday December 20
to get a free ticket for a chance on a door prize**

Extra tickets available: \$5 each or 3 for \$10

**Prizes are 3 different gift certificates to
HRO \$150 -- \$100 -- \$50**

**Also, if interested bring a wrapped White Elephant Gift
limit of \$10 or something you have and have never used
limit of \$10 value**

Will have a very short meeting after eating and before the prizes

Hope to see you there!

Please let [Johnnie](#) know one of the following please.

Plan to attend and how many

Might attend and how many

Will not be able to attend

YOU ARE NOT HELD TO YOUR REPLY, JUST TRYING TO GIVE HIM A GOOD ESTIMATE

PLEASE RESPOND BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH SO I CAN CALL HIM ON THE 17TH

I appreciate your help with this.

[Email](#) is fine

text is fine 972-965-2000

Winter Field Day 2022

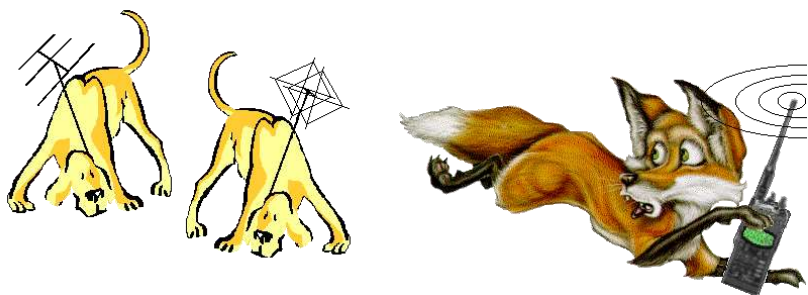
A few people have asked if the club will be participating in the 2022 Winter Field Day (WFD). WFD is similar to the ARRL Field Day. It does allow for more methods of communication. For example, participants can use DMR, DStar, UHF etc.

The event is the last weekend in January (the 29th and 30th this year). The WFD organizers are still using the Covid rules they did last year. Like the ARRL Field Day, the Covid site rule allows participants to allocate home operator scores to the club's.

WFD allows operators to operate indoors or outdoors. So far PARK hasn't decided if we will host an indoor or outdoor event. The Lucas club is planning to hold an indoor event. While Plano and Lucas can't co-participate, it might be a good indoor option.

I will restart the Groups IO chat thread after the club Christmas party to gauge interest and location preferences.

[Mike Tharp](#)



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.

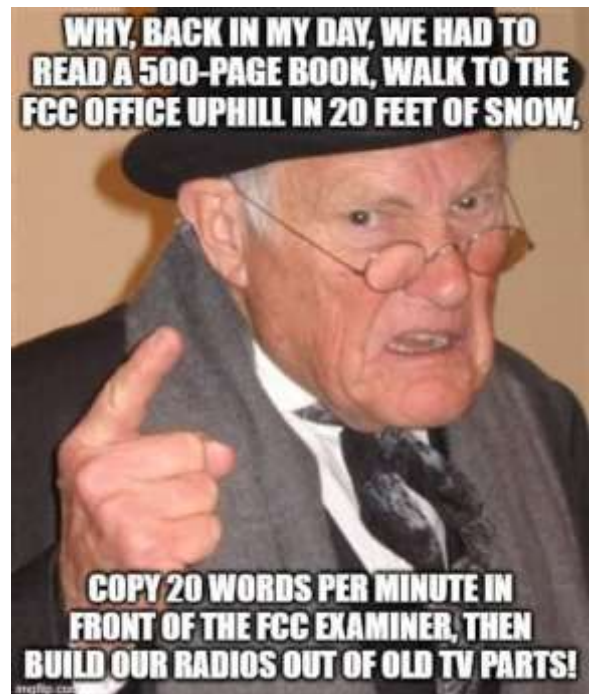
Winners of the \$25 HRO gift certificate:
TBD

[11/27 hunters](#)

W5PKK
N5KLW
W5PRW
K5KDW
KT5KMF
K5WFR



<p>FACTORY DIRECT TO YOU!</p> <p>We stock everything from low-grade Shop Equipment, Hand Tools, Compressors and Welders to, inexplicably, Wheel Chairs and Cat Toys. If it can be manufactured cheaply in safety regulation-free China and shipped to the USA without having to adhere to any import requirements, we carry it! Remember, it's always good to have some spare bungee cords around!</p>	<p>HAZARD FRAUGHT TOOLS</p> <p>6" WHALE-GUTTING KNIFE Also ideal for most walrus carcasses ITEM WH6450 \$9.99 REG. PRICE \$2.99</p> <p>6" MOHEL KNIFE Also ideal for most walrus brisket ITEM 117114 \$3.99 REG. PRICE \$1.99</p>	<p>8-FUNCTION ELECTRONIC MULTI-TOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC/DC voltage tester • Meat thermometer • Gaydar • Searchable Bible • Paternity tester • Corn-on-the-cob holder <p>ITEM KC091710 \$9.99 REG. PRICE \$5.99</p>
<p>HEAVY-DUTY PNEUMATIC SLIDE WHISTLE ITEM 070033</p>	<p>18-VOLT CORDLESS HAMMER ITEM 100199</p>	<p>LIFETIME WARRANTY ON ALL HAND TOOLS made by Craftsman and sold at Sears, we've heard!</p>
<p>SOME KIND OF GAUGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered dial w/ block needle • Higher numbered area in "danger" red <p>ITEM 100010 \$9.99 REG. PRICE \$2.99</p>	<p>16" MANUAL CHAINSAW ITEM 100014 \$79.99 REG. PRICE \$49.99</p>	<p>50-FT GARDEN HOSE/ EXTENSION CORD COMBO Do not get cord wet. ITEM 100022 \$29.99 REG. PRICE \$13.99</p>
<p>8-OUNCE SOLID BRASS CARPENTER'S DREIDEL ITEM 8000 \$14.99 REG. PRICE \$9.99</p>	<p>USELESS COUPON!</p>	



I actually did have my dad drive me to Dallas from Midland to the FCC office to take my Advanced test (and his General) when I was a teenager.

Neil – NE5IL

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.k5rwx.org/ham-testing/

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[World's Smallest Moon Lander from Japan will Put Ham Radio Transmitter on the Moon](#)

[THE K7RA SOLAR UPDATE](#)

Meals on Wheels

Greeting All,

The Visiting Nurses has once again asked for our help this coming Holiday season.

Friday Dec 24th

The lay out is the same from last year so I would like to have 7 or so radio volunteers again this yr.

The arrival time will be around 730am at

1414 W Mockingbird Ln Dallas Tx

Just a couple blocks East of I-35E on Mockingbird Ln

Start time is around 8am and we usually finish up around 10:15am or so.

You will need:

safety vest (any color)
HT simplex (146.58)
comfortable shoes
and of course, dress for the weather.

Thanks

Question, contact me at w7dav@verizon.net

Thanks

Dave Patrick W7DAV

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

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

ARRL Podcasts Schedule

The latest episode of the On the Air podcast (Episode 24): Learn how you can extend the "reach" of your handheld transceiver.



The latest edition of Eclectic Tech (Episode 45): Let's take a deeper dive into the 1921 Transatlantic Tests with Clark Burgard, N1BCG, and also discuss the on-air activities that will be taking place this month to celebrate the historic anniversary.

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](#).



Visit the [ARRL Learning Network](#) (a members-only benefit) to register, check on upcoming webinars, and to view previously recorded sessions.

Getting Started with Allstar

Presented by Jason Johnston, KC5HWB of Ham Radio 2.0

Allstar is an internet-based connection network for linking repeaters and nodes. It can be used by home operators or with large-area repeaters. Today, you will learn the basics of Allstar, how to get started with it, and how you can begin using it yourself.

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

ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program to Accept Applications Starting on November 1

The ARRL Foundation Scholarship application period for the academic year 2022-2023 opens on November 1st and ends on December 31, 2021. I am asking you as a Section Manager to notify your Section membership of this opportunity. The Foundation issued \$550,000 in scholarships for 2021-2022 and for the academic year 2022-2023 there has been a significant increase in the number of large dollar scholarships available thanks to a generous contribution from Amateur Radio Digital Communications, Inc. (ARDC).

For the academic year 2022-2023, 130 scholarships will be offered totaling \$900,000! There are twenty \$25,000 scholarships, four \$15,000, seventeen \$10,000 scholarships, nine \$5,000 scholarships as well as dozens of \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships. The descriptions of the many scholarships available are on line. <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions>

It is also very easy to apply as the scholarship application is on line. <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-application>

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>

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](#).

**PLANO AMATEUR RADIO KLUB
Application for Membership**

Klub year is from January 1st to December 31st

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 1st to December 31st

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: _____
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: _____

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

Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes Nov 15, 2021

Start time: 7:01 pm
Location: Via Zoom
Facilitator: Tim Johnson – K5TCJ -- President

Members 23
Guest 4

President Tim Johnson, K5TCJ
Not in Attendance

Agenda:

- Officers Reports
 - Call to Order/Welcome**
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Officer Reports
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Break
 - Raffle
 - Program Presentation
 - Adjournment

Pledge led by Kip Moravec, AE5IB

President's Message

Thank you for the confidence you the membership has shown in selecting me as the next President of PARK. together we can make the most of the many opportunities for community service, many opportunities for getting on the air, and getting those elusive DX QSO's in our logs. 73, Tim K5TCJ

My apologies for being absent for tonight's meeting. While this meeting is in session (3:00 PM Hawaii time) I will be on a previously scheduled pilgrimage to Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona and the USS Missouri.

Congratulations to our newly elected:

- Treasurer – Michael Tharp KG5TJF
- Public Relations Director – Anthony Bourkas KB5DVS
- Activities director – Richard Seitz KG5HCJ

And a hearty round of applause for our outgoing:

- President – Sean Kelly W5SPK
- Treasurer – Ross Watson AF5QK
- Public Relations director – Brian Trent KF5VFM
- Activities Director – Tony Campbell W5ADC

Thank you all for the countless hours (actually years) of service you gave to our club. Your contributions to PARK are immeasurable and greatly appreciated.

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Field Day coordinator –
VE Testing Result –

Vice-President's Report

Report given by Kip Moravec, AE5IB

Programs

Tonight – November 15

DX-peditions – Bill Engel K5DHY

December 20

Christmas Party – Spring Creek BBQ Richardson

January 17

AllStarLink Networking – Kip Moravec AE5IB

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VE Testing Result –

Secretary's Report

October 2021 General Meeting Minutes

Posted in Groups.io

Posted on the PARK website

Included in the newsletter

The recent Fox Hunting winner received her certificate from PARK and her picture was in this months' newsletter

During the September meeting, Katherine Forson KT5KMF was presented the ARRL 2021 Hiram Percy Maxim Award. The Klub received the following note from Katherine.

Thank you so much of all your hard work planning the Hiram Percy Maxim Award presentation, including inviting so many people that were there to support me. It was such an honor to receive that award and I'm so grateful for the effort you put into making the night of the presentation special. Again, thank you so much for everything you have done for me. Katherine – KT5KMF

Congratulations Katherine

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VE Testing Result –

Treasurer's Report

Balance with expenditures and deposits reviewed and explained the bank account with outstanding debits and reminder the membership of monies needed to complete a previous approved project and monies needed to run the club annually. Also reminded the membership that when the available monies are under \$4000.00 we, as a club, do not approve any large projects.

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Field Day coordinator –

VE Testing Result –

Communications Director's Report

Still waiting to get lines pulled at Presby

Work order is completed, but nothing has been done as yet

Winlink station – Vara has been having issues

Testing to discover the problem

Presby Repeater has been received and is getting AllStar loaded

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VE Testing Result –
Newsletter Editor's Report
Hope everyone got to see the newsletter and found something
interesting to read
Attended a Saturday event and included that in the newsletter
Be sure to send articles you enjoyed to be placed in the newsletter

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VE Testing Result –

Webmaster's Report

Web site has had some technical changes

Changed from GoDaddy to Google

Google has no cost

K5PRK.com is now K5PRK.net

The link for K5prk goes to the web site

All should sign up for an account on the web page and

for groups io at www.K5prk.groups.io/g/main/topics

Any issues or questions email John at webmaster@K5prk.net

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Public Relations Director's Report

Not in attendance

Nothing to report

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Recurring Events

PARK Breakfast Group – Saturdays @ 0700

Poor Richard's Café – Plano, Texas

Weekly Fox Hunt

Every weekend in Richardson, Plano or McKinney

Monthly PARK Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting – 1st Monday 7:00 PM

General Meeting – 3rd Monday 7:00 PM

Upcoming Activities

2021 Christmas Party

When: December 20th

Dinner starts at 1900

Raffle and Gift Exchange starts at 1945

Where: Spring Creek BBQ Richardson, Tx

US 75 North Bound Access Rd. North of Beltline Rd

Raffle for club provided prizes

1 free ticket for early club membership renewal

Tickets -- \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

White elephant Gift Exchange

If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift to exchange

Under \$10.00 value please

Or a treasure from your junkie box!

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Field Day Coordinator's Report

Winter Field Day – will speak with Tony Burokas and check for a site

Summer Field Day scores are in

Were low in the 1000's, but good for only 6 hours

Dave Koch got at least half the points with CW contacts

For next summer, will start looking for a site in January

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VE Testing Results

None at this time

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New Business

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Raffles

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New Business

The Vice-President position is vacant with one year remaining on the current term.

PARK's constitution calls for an election as soon as possible to fill that vacancy.
The vice-President's primary task is to fill in, in the absence of the President
PARK's VP is also tasked with arranging interesting and informative programs /
presentations for our general meetings
This is much easier than it sounds and takes very little time
If you are willing to serve, please let any member of the Board of Directors
know.

PARK NEEDS YOU

Resuming In-Person Meetings

PARK will resume in-person meetings beginning with the January 17, 2022 general
meeting

1st United Methodist Church – Parker Rd / Spring Creek Pkwy

The meeting slide deck and audio will be simulcasted via Zoom, but if this
hybrid environment Zoom participants will be in watch / listen only mode

We are informed that the Church has signs posted saying that masks are
required, but that they are not going to police that

Members are encouraged to attend, and take whatever personal measure
(wearing a mask, social distancing) they feel necessary

North Texas Section – Club Officers Forum Report

This is a bi-monthly Zoom call hosted by the NTX Section Manager
Steve Smith KG5VK

Mentor Fest moving from Garland to Denton?

Section Manager will generate a poll for additional input

More to follow

2022 State Fair of Texas Promo/Demo/SES

The idea has been floated to have a Ham Radio presence at the 2022
State Fair of Texas

The NTX Section is taking a leadership role in EXPLORING this idea.
This EXPLORATION effort includes polling NTX Hams as to gauge willingness
to participate, followed by possibly forming a committee to discuss the idea with
State Fair leadership

The scope of this State Fair presence, and NTX's ability to do this is very
much TBD and entirely dependent on NTX Hams participation

More to follow

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Tonight's Program

DX-peditions – presented by: Bill Engel – K5DHY

Bill lives in Murphy, Tx and is a member of the Garland ARC, the DFW Contest Group, the Lone Star DX Association, and the International DX Association. He has twice been on Dx-peditions to St. Paul Island – CY9C (on the leadership team for the 2nd trip) and is on the leadership team for a planned 2022 DX-pedition to Sable Island CY0C.

Bill went over many of the aspects of a DX-pedition. There are many places a team can go, but you want to choose one where not many other groups have gone. An Dx-pedition of this kind requires lots of planning. You want to pick a site that is rare for ham radios. There are 100 or more entities 9places0 and different band and different modes to choose from. Some of these places you are not allowed to enter. You will need a license to work in these places and you need approval of ARRL. Besides the necessary equipment, tents, antenna, power source, food, water, back up equipment, you will need insurance, medical personal, and a PayPal account for unexpected needed funds. You will need to advertise and have a donate button on a web site. Sometimes you will need the services of a helicopter. Thus, you need finances and a budget. As you can tell from just this small amount of information, a DX-pedition sounds like a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.

Thank you to Bill for the insight on what a DX-pedition is all about.

If you want a copy of this presentation, send a note to Bill Engel at K5DHY@arrl.net

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn;

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

2nd of the motion

Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

From Anthony Burokas

For those who haven't already heard, my father KL1HB passed away Thanksgiving week.

He's the big "Alaska" guy who'd pretend to be grumpy, but was actually the complete opposite. We'd go to the PAK Christmas parties together the past few years, at least till gatherings stopped in 2020. He lived in Alaska for over 20 years, but after spending several Christmases staying at my house, moved down to Little Elm so he could be more a regular part of his grandkids' everyday life. We'd get together for dinner almost every single week.

He had acute pancreatitis, which affected his liver, and which cause inflammation, and affected other organs, causing them to cease to function. I took him to the hospital the Sunday before Thanksgiving. After several days with no improvement and lots of pain, he selected palliative / comfort care. He passed Saturday night after Thanksgiving.

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Peter Burokas passed away with his son and daughter by his bed on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

Peter was an interesting spirit. He grew up in Philadelphia with a Catholic education. He married Teresa when he was just 18. He also enlisted in the Army that same year. Peter served in Okinawa in security detail, was a dog handler, and became an expert marksman. After two enlistments, he returned home and started a family while entering the same trade as his father- becoming a "pressman" a printing press operator.

Seeing opportunity elsewhere, he struck out and became a journeyman oil rig worker for several years in Texas and Oklahoma. He then returned back to Philadelphia and returned to operating printing presses, specializing on offset printing. After becoming proficient with the Heidelberg brand of presses, he also spent some time in Minneapolis working at a large print shop that specialized in using Heidelberg presses. Clearly Peter had a bit of wanderlust.

Across the 80's and 90's, Peter stayed in Philadelphia with his family. He and his wife raised a son and daughter and put them through Catholic school. Peter became active in their activities- specifically marching band and color guard. He became one of the parents that goes to the shows and helps with the setup and packing of all the gear- a "Band Parent" and an enthusiastic one at that.

As his son graduated college, Peter's wife Teresa unexpectedly passed away due to complications after surgery. Within that same year, Peter also lost his Mother and Father. They passed away in their home, with Peter living with, and attending to them every day.

A couple years later, Peter fulfilled an adventure he and Teresa had spoken of many times- to go to Alaska. He used this opportunity to also work with his son in his chosen field- video production, by producing an Alaska outdoor adventure series called Wilderness Adventures, Off The Beaten Path. This was filmed in 1995.

During filming, Peter clearly fell in love with the state of Alaska and became resolute in his desire to live there. After the release of the special interest videos available on tape in several stores in Alaska, Peter was done living in the big city. Peter made arrangements with one of the adventure guides he met during the filming of the series and bought land in Alaska.

Peter apprenticed with Less Cobb for a couple years but when the relationship soured, he went back to something he enjoyed more- Fishing. Peter bought a custom fishing boat in Utah, and brought it

back up to Alaska to be the basis of a fishing guide/charter business. But his boat was stolen several times, and eventually was burned to the frame, making it clear that there were some that did not want another outsider on their rivers. You might think it'd be time to retire at this point, but he didn't.

Peter shifted gears again, and started working with Rosalyn Stowell, a Taxidermist / Homesteader in Alaska, as she developed her land and build a home on it. They started with one small cabin, and then started building larger cabins and outbuildings on the property some 50 miles north of Fairbanks. The daily physical work, outdoors, far from the city, benefitted Peter's health and some ailments that were predicted to be debilitating, fell by the wayside for many years. You might think this would be a good time to quit smoking, but he didn't.

As the land was developed, Rosalyn offered Peter the opportunity to live in the first guest cabin he helped build, so he wouldn't have to drive to and from Fairbanks every day. He accepted, moved to not quite the middle of nowhere, and this began his 16-years of living in bush Alaska - a quiet, dry cabin, with no electricity, no running water, no bathroom, no phone service, no internet. He loved it and made many friends in the area. Despite his attempts to be the "grumpy old man" he'd chat up any visitors he met at Joe Carlson's humble Arctic Circle Trading Post- one of Pete's regular coffee stops.

Peter saw that his son got a ham radio license and, despite his difficulty in hearing, Pete passed the Technician written and morse code tests. He continued to advance, getting his General license as well. The FCC issued him the call sign KL1HB, even though Alaska is a KL7. You'd think he'd request a KL7 "vanity" call sign so everyone would know where he was when he put his call on the air - but he didn't - no matter how much his son pestered him to do it.

Through ham radio, Peter set up a way to connect with the phone service in Fairbanks if needed, to make an appointment. But, like many remote Alaskans, he regularly listened to a radio program called Trapline on KJNP for messages from family and friends. This was his daily connection to family for several years.

Soon, Peter was helped by other Fairbanks hams, like Jerry Kerry, in setting up a Winlink station to send and receive very small e-mails over ham radio to a tower some 70 miles away. He also set up several wire antennas and eventually a tower with a beam antenna to enable him to have daily conversations and "check-ins" with other hams around the state and internationally. This was part of his daily routine for many years. He also added solar panels, and a generator he could use during the evening, to charge up the batteries and watch a few DVD's.

Pete's daughter moved to Fairbanks as well and worked a few places before settling in as the manager of the Blue Loon for many years till it burned down in a fire, soon after changing ownership. She lives in town and was able to provide support and camaraderie to Peter when he was in town.

But life in a bush cabin is tough. At about 70 years old, -40° temps in the winter make it hard to move the generator from inside the cabin to outside. Heavy snows make it harder and harder to shovel the long driveway so he could get to town for supplies, and Christmas time visits to family in Texas made it so he wanted to live closer to family as his grandkids grew older. You'd think these factors would make him think about moving close to his son and family in Texas- and he did.

Pete made the decision to leave his bush cabin and drive down to a senior living apartment they had found not far from his Son. There he enjoyed such luxuries like- constant electricity, a refrigerator that keeps vegetables cold, a flush toilet, a shower whenever he wanted. Living there, he even quit smoking after some 50+ years. Pete and his grandkids would get together most every single week for dinner together at his son's house. But the apartment was not friendly to setting up antennas so his radio activity was shut down for a time.

Peter enjoyed the convenience of streaming videos over the internet, and being able to write his blog any time he desired. He was just starting to look into "loop" antennas that are very small and could enable him to get back on the air again. He was also in the process of digitizing his camcorder footage from his times in Alaska and organizing it so he could begin to put some videos together about cabin building, fishing, and hunting. When not dealing with gout, he, like many of his neighbors, would walk through the apartment complex. He'd send text messages of his distances to his son and daughter- "I made 2 laps today!"

Thanksgiving week, Pete entered the hospital with severe stomach pain, which was later found to be severe pancreatitis, which had apparently had been going on for some time. Several other organs were affected and began to shut down. With no improvement after treatment for several days, and in constant pain, Peter chose to enter Palliative Care and received Last Rights. Peter peacefully passed that Saturday night, holding his daughter's hand, and with his son by his side.

In taking care of his apartment, Pete's son and daughter found that everyone they told the news to was surprised, and saddened by his passing. Peter may have pretended to be grumpy, but anyone who knew him knows well that Peter a warm and caring person to everyone he knew, and will be missed.

We will be holding a service for him at the Frisco Veterans Memorial , this Sunday at 1pm.

Anthony Burokas
General Class Ham (KB3DVS)
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20-year video producer — IEBA.com