



Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes February 21, 2022

Start time: 7:04 pm
Location: Via Zoom
Facilitator: Tim Johnson – K5TCJ
President

Members 25

Guest 6

General Meeting

Pledge: Led by Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order/Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Officers Reports

Old Business

New Business

Break

Raffle

Program Presentation

Adjournment



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Vice-President's Report – Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS

Programs

Tonight – February 21st

Plano Fire-Rescue – Communications Procedures

March 21st

Parks on the Air

April 18th TBD

Secretary's Report – Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

January 2022 General Meeting Minutes

Available in groups.io in the file section under files,

2022s secretary minutes, general meeting minutes, and

then by date

Available on the PARK website

Included in the newsletter

Any questions?

The recent Fox Hunt Winner, Keltie Williamson, N5KLW received her

certificate from PARK and her picture was in this month's newsletter

Congratulations to Keltie Williamson, N5KLW



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Fox Hunt Finders for November (Wheatly in Plano)

Bob Hill – KG5WRY

Kevin Williamson – W5PKK

Payton Williamson – W5PRW

Kayden Williamson – K5KDW

Keltie Williamson – N5KLW

Lisa Williamson – K5WCL

Mark Hammons – N5MSH

Brandley Lee – NI5EE

Katherine Forson – KT5KMF spun the prize wheel and the winner of the HRO

\$25 certificate for a second time goes to

Keltie Williamson N5KLW

Certificate to be delivered by Johnnie Young – KG5CQO and will take a
picture for the newsletter

Welcome to new members

January

Gary Sawyer – W0GDS

Rodney Snitker – KI5BHO

Peter XU – K1GER

Also, a new Ham



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Updating the verbiage on two pages of the web site.

Meetings Page

Becoming a member

Anyone is welcome to become a member of the Plano
Amateur Radio Klub, PARK

Please attend the PARK meetings and learn about the Klub

You do not have to be a member to attend the monthly
general meetings

You do not have to be a member to join the Klub's groups.io

You do not have to be a member to visit our public activities
like Field Day

You do not have to be a member to use our Klub repeater, but
if you routinely use the Klub repeater, we would appreciate
your support, by joining the Klub

Dues Page

Dues

Pay membership dues via PayPal

Note: If you are a new member, please fill out the

New member form FIRST and email it to

secretary@k5prk.net

Annual Membership is from January 1st to December 31st

Half-year Membership is from July 1st to December 31st



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New reminders

If a member's dues is not renewed by February 1st, a reminder will be sent by direct email

If a member's dues is not renewed by March 1st, a final reminder will be sent by direct email

If a member's dues is not renewed by March 31st, that member will be placed on the inactive list

Membership dues is used to maintain the web page, rent the meeting location, rent the spot for Field Days, maintain the repeater, pay the insurance, provide prizes for some meetings, etc

Awards for local Hams through ARRL

A great way to honor fellow Hams

There are 10 ARRL awards available, each and every year

Last year only 8 were presented!

One may ask, why.....

Because no one was nominated for those other 2 awards

There are many other awards available from ARRL Headquarters

and even some certificates for clubs

like the one mentioned in this link

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-board-of-directors-confers-awards>



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Treasurer's Report – Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Balance with expenditures and deposits reviewed and explained the bank account with outstanding debits and reminded 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.

Communications Director's Report – Kip Moravec – AE5IB

Trying to put together a Repeater committee to help people learn about the repeater system (it is a lot more than just the 2 repeaters)

I told PARK Board that in 2-3 years I will be spending half-time in Dallas and half-time in Michigan, so someone else will need to take over the job of Communications Director. There is only so much I can do remotely

Kip then listed the equipment /repeaters that PARK maintains

If you are interested send me an email to:

communications@k5prk.net

D-Star is still down

Still waiting on access at other sites

Newsletter Editor's Report – Neil Gould – NE5IL

Hope everyone got to see the newsletter and found something interesting to read

Be sure to send articles you enjoyed to be placed in the newsletter



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WebMaster's Report – John Hatch – KF5BSS

All should sign up for an account on the web page

<https://K5prk.net> and

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

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

PARK is also on Facebook

Public Relations Director's Report – Dan Daniels – W5KKQ

Have not received any mail for the Klub

Nothing else to report

Activities Director's Report – Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

Recurring Events

PARK Breakfast Group – Saturdays @ 0700

Poor Richard's Café – Plano, Texas

Weekly Fox Hunts in McKinney, Sachse and Richardson or Plano

Freddy the Fox (McKinney ARC)

Found in McKinney from 9 am Sat thru 7 pm Sun

Tx on 434.500 MHz with a 3-minute cycle.

Scan QR Code once found and fill out form

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Freddy-The-Fox-109578464255677>



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SARA (Sachse ARA)

Found in Sachse each weekend

TX on 146.565 MHz

SARA information: www.sachseradio.org

Wheatly (Richardson WK)

found in Richardson approx. 3 weekends per month;

in Plano one weekend per month

TX on 433.250 MHz with a 3-minute cycle.

Scan QR Code once found and fill out form

Wheatley's Website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/Wheatley-website/home>

Monthly PARK Meetings

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

General Meeting – 3rd Monday 7:00 PM

Upcoming Activities

Contests

International DX – Phone

5th – 6th March 2022

0000 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday

Work W/VE and DXCC entities on 160,80,40,20,15 & 10 meters

More information at: www.arrl.org/contest-calendar



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Rookie Roundup – Phone (SSB)

10th April 2022

1800 UTC through 2359 UTC Sunday

to encourage newly-licensed operators in N America to
operate on the HF bands and experience competitive radio
operating

More information at: www.arrl.org/contest-calendar

Field Day 2022

June 25th and 26th 2022

Site location TBD

More information and rules at: www.arrl.org/contest-calendar

2022 Mentorfest

Date and Time April 2nd, 2022 – 9 am to 4 pm

Location: Denton County EOC/Denton Country Club House

Address: 9060 Teasley Lane; Denton, Tx 76210



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Field Day Coordinator's Report – Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

2022 Winter Field Day

Hopefully everyone had success

There was zero activity on 6m FM and 10m FM – not unexpected

Same with DMR UHF – also not unexpected

When submitting your logs please make sure you not Plano TX ARC
in the “Club” line

2022 ARRL Field Day

2022 Field Day is June 25th

2022 rules have not been published yet

All pavilions except Bob Woodruff, Willow Creek and Russell Creek
are open the 25th

Mike T(KG5TJF) will ask on Groups.io for pavilion preferences and
then present the top 2 parks for the February club meeting

Mike will begin coordinating in March once the 2022 rules have been
released by the ARRL

VE Testing Results

None at this time



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Old Business

Constitution and By-Laws

The Board of Directors is reviewing the Klub's Constitution and By-Laws (2011), and will be proposing changes that for the most part:

- Updates verbiage used
- Corrects spelling and grammar errors
- Reorganizes clause portions that go together

Following prescribed procedures, a marked-up copy of the proposed changes will be made available to the membership for review and comment, prior to the changes being brought to a vote before the membership

PARK 50th Anniversary

PARK was organized in 1973

We are working on a special event for this anniversary

If you have archival information, documentation, knowledge, or stories about PARKs founding and early years ... Please let us know



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Hams Helping Hams

We all know what it means to have an Elmer and to be an Elmer

We've all been Mentored and have been a Mentor

Hams Helping Hams is another way for us to provide that helping hand when one's own hands aren't enough

Antenna Parties come to mind

If you need help, please ask

If you can help, please volunteer

DFW Expo

Marty Reeves AB5L of North Richland Hills, is working with the

Denton County ARA to start a DFW Ham Radio Expo

After a small startup event in 2021 they have secured a venue for 2022

When: June 11th (8am until 4pm)

Where: Music City Mall (formerly Vista Ridge Mall)

2401 S Stemmons Freeway; Lewisville, Tx 75067

The 8000 sq ft "Grand Stage" room

Admission: \$10 at the door

Selling Table: \$30 for a standard-sized table

Keep checking DFWHAM.COM for updated info



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Recognition

The Board of Directors would like to revive the practice of recognizing PARK members for their leadership, service, stewardship, volunteerism and other actions that have benefitted the Klub and Amateur Radio

Any member can nominate someone for recognition

Just tell us who you're nominating, what they did, and why they deserve recognition

KT5KMF – February 2022 QST page 68

In an article seeking nominations for various 2022 award

Education Awards

Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award

Named for the Founding President of ARRL, this award goes to a licensed radio amateur under age 21 who has made exemplary contributions to Amateur Radio and the local community. Nominees must be current ARRL members.

**Nomination deadline:
March 31, 2022.**

ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award

Honoring Herb S. Brier,
W9AD (SK), ARRL sponsors



2021 Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award winner, Katherine Forson, KT5KMF, was recognized for her community service as a ham and for promoting Amateur Radio participation among young people. [Michael Brown, W5MDB, photo]



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New Business

Board will discuss the issue to go back to in person meetings starting in March. There will be zoom available though limited

Break

None

Raffles

None

Tonight's Program

Plano Fire-Rescue

Communications Procedures for Structure Fires

Presented by: Battalion chief Jaime Reyes

Chief Reyes is a 24-year veteran of the fire service and currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Emergency Services overseeing Operations, EMS and Training. He was awarded fire Officer of the Year in 2018

He has a passion for fireground communications and has written several articles that have been published in fire Engineering and firehouse magazines. He also presents a fireground communications class at FDIV (Fire Dept. Instructors Conference) each year in Indianapolis, IN



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Jaime discussed how radio communication is important for the safety of the fire fighters as they handle the various situations. He especially spoke about the need for the fire team to know where each and every member of that team is located during an event. He also commented on how well some Fire Departments are supported locally and thereby able to have all the needed radio equipment for the various types of communications that occur during an event. The Plano Fire-Rescue teams have specific communications procedures and methods of communicating that helps to ensure each member the safety they deserve.

This was an excellent presentation with Jamie sharing a slide presentation that is used for training. As a trained radio operator, members of PARK could make comparisons to the training operators receive through the manuals we study for the various levels of a radio operator. I hope other Fire Departments will become aware of this training so their members can have better communication.

Thank you, Battalion Chief Jaime Reyes for a very informative insight into the needs of the Fire Departments. We hope to see you on Field Day.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn;

Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

2nd of the motion

Kip Moraves – AE5IB



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Thank you for attending
See you on the air.

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K5PRK/R 444.250 + (PL 79.7)

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