



K5PRK Newsletter

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Monday March 21, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Parks on the Air - Matt Heere N3NWV

[Texas State POTA](#) – April 9, 10

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 840 2749 8707 Passcode: 536942

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Future Club Meeting Programs:

Apr 18, 2022	1st United Methodist Church – Parker Rd / Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano	TBD
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From the President:

We had planned to resume in-person meetings this month, but the program presenter is remote, so for the sake of convenience we are meeting via ZOOM.

PARK will resume in-person meetings beginning with the April 18, 2022 General meeting. We're still at the 1st United Methodist Church – Parker Rd / Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. 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.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. In addition to the regular meeting and program, there will be our usual 50/50 drawing. We may also have an extra raffle prize or two as an added incentive to attending in-person!

The previously mentioned revisions and updates to PARKS Constitution are ready for review by the membership (more information will be presented at the March general meeting) and the plan is for a membership vote at the April 18th general meeting.

Field Day is almost here and we need to make necessary arrangements if we are to lock down a location. The initial response to a membership survey as to planned participation was lacking. Bottom line is that before the Board spends money on securing a public venue, we need to know if enough members plan on participating to make the expenditure worthwhile. PLEASE let us know if you are planning to participate in this year's Field Day.

Please read and respond to the polls on Groups.io regarding 2022 Field Day. We need to vote on the cost of renting a pavilion. As of now, we do not have enough people signed up for Sunday the 26th to justify renting the pavilion for 2 days.

73 and see you on the air,

Tim Johnson K5TCJ
President PARK

Treasurer's Report – Mike Tharp

Beginning Balance - 3/1/22

PNC (Prior Month)	\$	9,989.58
PayPal		56.92
Petty Cash	\$	35.00
Beginning Balance Subtotal	\$	10,081.50
Planned Debits		
AT&T	\$	(53.76)
Checks in transit		
Debits Subtotal	\$	(53.76)
Credits		
Credits Subtotal	\$	-
Ending Balance	\$	10,027.74
Pre-approved Expenses		
Funded Projects	\$	2,400.00
Annual Recurring Costs	\$	2,700.00
Pre-approved Expenses Subtotal	\$	5,100.00
Available Funds	\$	4,927.74

The Plano Amateur Radio Klub would like to welcome new members.

Bob Nine – KD5QDQ
Larry Randall – WA5BEN
Elijah Stahr – new Tech, 13 years old!

We are very happy to have you as a member of this Klub.

Upcoming Activities

- PARK Breakfast Group – Saturdays @ 0700
 - Poor Richard's Café – Plano, Texas
- Monthly PARK Meetings
 - Board of Directors Meeting – 1st Monday 7:00 PM
 - General Meeting - 3rd Monday 7:00 PM
- Weekly Fox Hunts
 - Every weekend in McKinney, Sachse and Richardson or Plano
 - Freddy the Fox (McKinneyARC)
 - Found in McKinney from 9am Sat. thru 7pm 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>
 - SARA (SachseARA)
 - Found in Sachse each weekend
 - TX on 146.565 MHz
 - SARA Information: www.sachseradio.org
 - Wheatley (RichardsonWK)
 - Found in Richardson approx. 3 weekends per month; in Plano one weekend every other 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>

Contests

- Texas State Parks On The Air
 - 9th – 10th April 2022
 - 1400 UTC the 9th to 0200 UTC the 10th AND 1400 UTC to 2000 UTC the 10th.
 - Work ALL Modes and ALL Bands, except WARC.
 - More information at: www.tspota.org
- Rookie Roundup – Phone (SSB)
 - 10th April 2022
 - 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC Sunday
 - To encourage newly-licensed operators in N. Amer. to operate on the HF bands and experience competitive radio operating.
 - More information at: www.arrl.org/contest-calendar
- Field Day 2022
 - 25th and 26th June 2022
 - Site location TBD
 - More information and rules at: www.arrl.org/contest-calendar
- 2022 Mentorfest
 - 2nd April 2022 – 10am to 4pm
 - Location: Denton County EOC/Denton Country Club House
 - Address: 9060 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76210

Some of you may have known **Russ Amlee KE5QAX (sk)**. PARK worked with Russ in activities at Presbyterian Hospital Plano, including installing a repeater at that hospital. Russ recently passed away and his family has asked us to help sell his gear. Below is a list of available equipment and suggested prices. All proceeds will be given to his family.

Contact: Tim Johnson K5TCJ - K5TCJ@hotmail.com or 972-408-5499.

Yaesu FT101E 260-Watt HF Transceiver 160-10 with 2 Yaesu Microphones

Yaesu YC-601B Digital Display / Frequency Counter w/ cable to connect to the FT101E. **(\$500.00 for Both)** (What can I say? This is 35 pounds of Amateur Radio Goodness)

ICOM IC-707 100-Watt HF Transceiver 160-10 (and general coverage receiver) w/ Microphone and power cable.

ICOM AT-160 Antenna Tuner w/ connecting cables. **(\$300.00 for both)** (I had this rig on the air last week and got 59 signal reports)

Heathkit DX-40 CW/AM Transmitter **(\$100.00)** (Recently re-capped. Reconstructing a Novice station? This one's for you)

Yaesu FT-2900 2 Meter Mobile Rig w/ MH-80 DTMF Microphone and mounting bracket. **(\$125.00)**

ICOM IC-T90A Tri-Band (50/144/440) Handheld Radio w/ MFJ 1717s Antenna, ICOM HM-46 microphone, ICOM HS-85 Headset, ICOM BP-216 Rechargeable Battery Pack, ICOM CP19R Cigarette Lighter Cord/Filter, Belt clip. **(\$150.00)**

Wouxon KGUUV2D Dual Band (144/440) Handheld Radio w/ Charger Base, and a **Nagoya NA-771** Dual Band (144/440) High Gain Handheld Antenna with an SMA-F connector. **(\$50.00)** (still has the plastic screen cover on it)

SAMLEX RPS-1204 13.8V 4-6A Power Supply. **(\$50.00)** (This is a Real Power Supply with a Real Transformer! Not a switching power supply)

MFJ-784B Tunable DSP Audio Filter. **(\$100.00)** (Check the price on-line. This is a bargain)

Turner Desk Microphone. (\$25.00)

MFJ-260C 300-Watt Dry Dummy Load. **(\$50.00)**

Nippon America 24DB FM/VHF/UHF Distribution Amplifier **(\$15.00)** (If you're cutting the cable TV cord, you'll need one of there)

Butternut HF6V 6 Band (80,40, 30, 30, 15, 10) Vertical Antenna **(\$25.00)** (Used, will need some work).

Battalion Chief Jaime Reyes of Plano Fire Rescue presented at the Feb meeting an excellent presentation on their new communications equipment. He mentioned the app PulsePoint that is below.

[PulsePoint Respond](#) is a 911-connected app that can immediately inform you of emergencies occurring in your community and can request your help when CPR is needed nearby. [Plano Fire Rescue](#) is registered.



I saw flashing lights outside my window and then opened up the app. It immediately showed info on the response.

I live on Jomar, as can be seen in the screen shots below, which shows the type of response.

By clicking on the speaker icon the PFR audio can be heard.

The app includes How-to on CPR and AED.

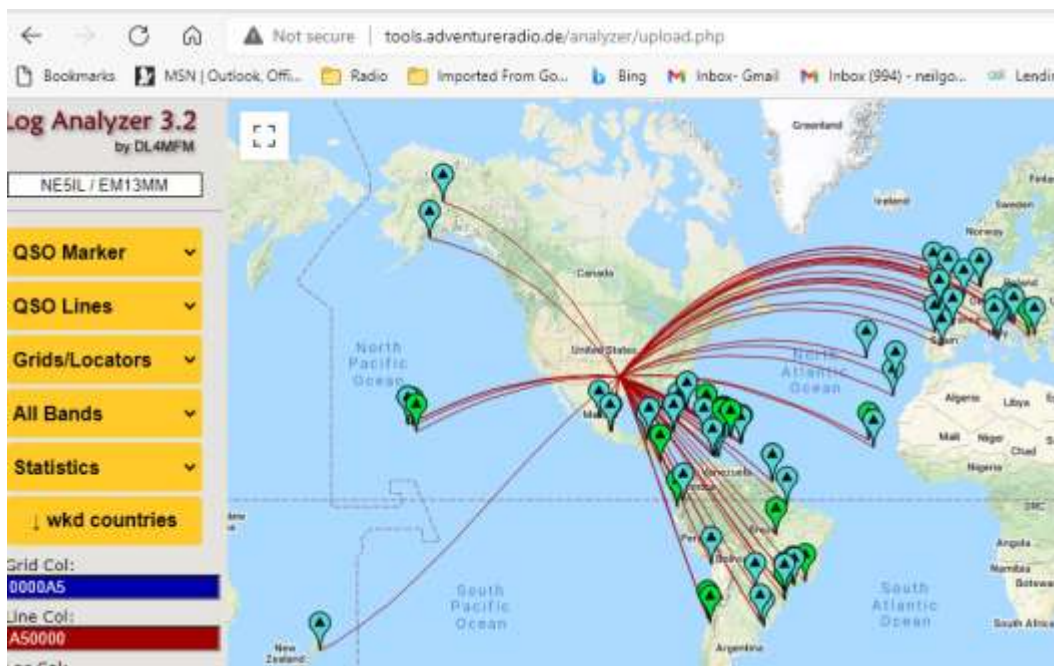
[Download](#) to check it out.

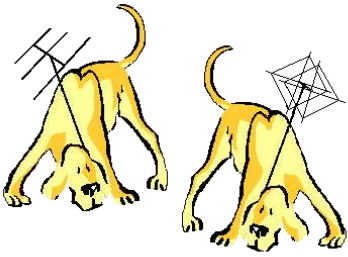
NE5IL

ARRL DX SSB International Contest

[phpQW Tool Log Analysis \(adventureradio.de\)](#)

I worked this contest March 5 & 6. I used this tool to plot all of my contacts from my log. I made 80 SSB contacts across 50 multipliers (different countries on different bands), all on 10 and 15 meters. These bands have not been this open in years. Everyone can work 10 meters. The antenna options are many. If you haven't tried HF sun spot cycle 25 is ramping up nicely. – Neil, NE5IL





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 every other month to be 'lost' in the Plano City limits.



Keltie Williamson N5KLM
Wheatley Fox Hunt Winner
\$25 HRO Gift Certificate
For
January 2022

Fox Hunt Finders for January 2022

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|--------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| KG5WRY | Bob Hill | W5PKK | Kevin Williamson |
| W5PRW | Payton Williamson | K5KDW | Kayden Williamson |
| N5KLW | Keltie Williamson | K5WCL | Lisa Williamson |
| N5MSH | Mark Hammons | NI5EE | Brandley Lee |



**When every
dB
counts.**

I transmit, then I receive
then I transmit, then I receive
then I transmit, then I receive
I think I might be dipolar!



Anybody else trying for the
Worked All Asteroids award?

What are some
things that
your dad says?

I love you

You make
me proud

Good job

CQ DX
CQ CQ



PARK Repeaters

The Plano Amateur Radio Klub operates five repeaters, which are located in Allen, Texas about 180 feet above ground level. All licensed amateur operators are welcome to join us on the air. All repeaters are open.

**147.180 MHz +
(PL 107.2)**
K5PRK VHF
Voice Repeater

**444.250 MHz +
(PL 79.7)**
K5PRK UHF
Voice Repeater

441.575 MHz +
DStar UHF
Digital Voice Port B

1295.000 MHz – 20.000
DStar 23cm
Digital Voice Port B

1255.000 MHz
DStar 23cm Digital Data

Broadcastify
[K5PRK 444.250](#)
[K5PRK 147.18](#)

Note: If you notice problems with any of the club's repeaters, please contact communications@k5prk.net via email with a detailed description of what the issue is. If we don't know that a repeater is down, we can't fix it.

Short Takes

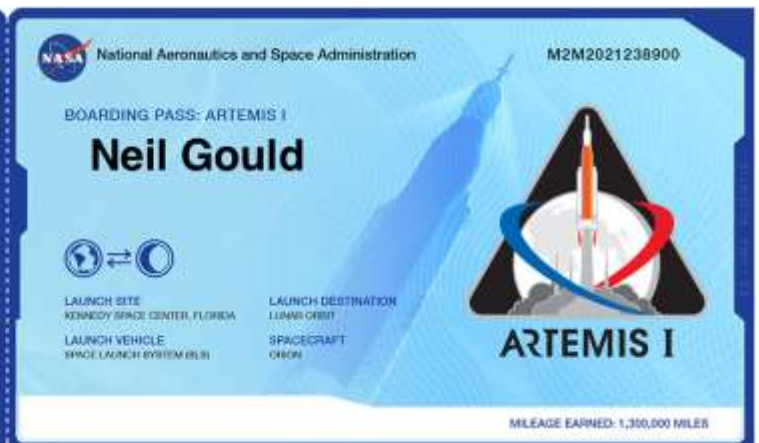
The VE testing session usually held before the PARK Meeting is temporarily suspended because of following social distancing procedures. If you are interested in testing at another site, please contact Daryl Morgeson, AF5QJ at AF5QJ@arri.net

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.k5rwk.org/ham-testing/

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Hams Helping Hams (HHH) was created so younger hams could help our older hams, who are just physically not able to repair or replace things themselves any more. These are our Elmers who were there before us, teaching us how to do things. They helped out their elder hams before we came along. This is an excellent way to pay it back, and to pay it forward to those coming behind Please consider volunteering for HHH or re-volunteer! We have helped older hams get their shack back up and working again. We need 4 or more people that can get up on ladders and on top of the rooftop. Others can be working on the ground, repairing and assembling things. We mostly would work on someone's shack on the weekends. We are looking for volunteers. This isn't an every weekend thing, just as needed. We usually have 5 or so volunteer when we are needed. Please consider giving back, and help pass along things to those who are beginning in this most excellent adventure!
73's, Michael Payne K5MFP

[Fly Your Name Around the Moon](#)



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 \(Episode 27\)](#):

Relax and take an audio tour of the 10 meter band!



The latest edition of Eclectic Tech (Episode 53): ARRL Radiosport Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, discusses the increasing weak-signal activity on the 222-MHz band..

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.

ARRL ANNOUNCES NEW WORLD WIDE DIGITAL CONTEST

02/09/2022

The [ARRL World Wide Digital Contest](#) will debut at 1800 UTC on June 4, ending at 2359 on June 5, 2022. All non-RTTY modes are permitted. Going forward, RTTY will be the sole mode for the ARRL RTTY Roundup, which will continue to take place in January. [Full details](#) on this new operating event are on the ARRL website.

[2022-2023 ARRL Contest Dates PDF](#)



Local and Some HF Area Nets

MARC Nets

Sunday 8:00 PM – General Information Net – we ask participants about their week in ham radio and their thoughts on a question of interest to the ham community.

W5MRC Repeater, (146,740 MHz, offset -0.600 MHz, tone 110.9)

Monday 8:30 PM – Simplex net – see how far your VHF radio can go without a repeater

Along with general discussion. 146.540 MHz Since this is simplex, no offset or tone are required.

1st and 3rd Mondays 8:00 PM - The MARC Ladies Net – All radio amateurs are welcome.

W5MRC repeater (146.740 MHz, offset -0.600 MHz, tone 110.9)

Collin County ARES Nets

Collin County Amateur Radio Emergency Service conducts two training nets each month. You do not need to be an ARES member to participate, all radio amateurs are welcome.

1st Sunday 9:00 PM - Collin County ARES -

K5PRK repeater, (147.180 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 a remote area (usually islands) for a short period of time and making as many contacts as possible.
- Summit On the Air – Transmitting from mountain summits
- JOTA - Jamboree-on-the-Air – Boy Scouts
- RF experimentation. Many [Maker groups](#)
- [High altitude balloon experiment.](#)

**PLANO AMATEUR RADIO KLUB
Application for Membership**

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 _____

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

Feb 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

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

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

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

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>

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

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.

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>

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

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

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 use 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

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

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

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

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]

New Business

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

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

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

Thank you for attending
See you on the air.

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