



# K5PRK Newsletter

*The PARKing Ticket*

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**Monday April 18, 2022 - 7:00 pm**

Steven Lott Smith KG5VK - ARRL North Texas Section Manager

This month's **General Klub Meeting will be in-person** at the [First United Methodist Church Plano](#) on the corner of Parker Rd and Spring Creek. Zoom will be available for members not ready to meet in-person. Be aware those members joining by Zoom will have limited access.

**[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)**

Meeting ID: 840 2749 8707 Passcode: 536942

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## Future Club Meeting Programs:

May 16, 2022	<a href="#">1st United Methodist Church</a>	TBD
June 20, 2022	<a href="#">1st United Methodist Church</a>	TBD

## From the President: In-Person Meetings are Back!!

I am pleased to announce that PARK is resuming in-person meetings with this month's meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. It's been over **2 years** since we've held a regular meeting and I for one have been looking forward to getting back to normal for a long time. We're still at the 1st United Methodist Church – Parker Rd / Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. We are also resuming license testing sessions at 6:00 PM. If you know anyone looking to take the test, send them our way.

The previously announced revisions and updates to [PARK's Constitution](#) will be voted on. You'll want to be there to cast your vote. For those unable to attend, [proxy votes](#) will be accepted as previously announced.

We will once again be holding our ever popular **50/50 drawing**. And we will have an **extra raffle prize or two** as an added incentive to attending in-person!

Our **special guest speaker** to help kick off regular meetings again, will be **Steven Lott Smith KG5VK**. Steve is the ARRL North Texas Section Manager and he'll be welcoming us back with news of the ARRL and the North Texas Section.

We will make every attempt to stream the meeting slide deck and audio via a Zoom meeting, but our emphasis is on the in-person meeting and Zoom participants may be in watch / listen only mode. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The meeting room is very large, and those still feeling the need to socially distance, will have plenty of room to do so.

**Come on out and let's set an attendance record.**

**Get there early so you can sign-in, buy some raffle tickets and visit with old and new friends!**

73 and see you on the air ... at the meeting.

Tim Johnson K5TCJ  
President PARK

### **Treasurer's Report – Mike Tharp**

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

**Mark Felty**  
*KF5JMF*

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

## Testing Info

Testing begins on April 18, 2022 also.

Testing starts at 6:00 PM at the Church on the third Monday and ends in time for the Klub Meeting for 7:00 PM.

The new FCC rules go into effect on April 19, 2022. Therefore, all testing beginning on April 18, 2022 require the following;

Those taking the Tech Exam for the first time must go to the FCC web site and apply for a FRN number. No one may take a test without first getting a FRN number.

You will be required to pay to the FCC \$35 before you can be granted a license and a call sign.

The actual testing fee remains at \$14, payable in cash only, when you come to take the test.

You will also need a picture ID for verification and a copy of your FRN number.

Please go to [ARRL](http://www.arrrl.org) and read the notice. Hope to see many new hams.

## PARK Proxy Voting April 2022

### Proxy Voting

PARK members who choose not to attend the General Meeting on April 18, 2022, may vote by Proxy.

There are two ways to accomplish this;

- 1- You may send your vote in a sealed envelope. You must use the form that says Proxy "PARK Proxy Voting April 2022" which is attached at the bottom. You must fill-in the blanks with your name and call sign, your email or the member bringing your Proxy vote to the meeting, the date you signed this form, and you must sign your name. (Any member may only bring 2(two) Proxies to the meeting.
- 2- You may email your filled-out Proxy vote to me at [secretary@K5prk.net](mailto:secretary@K5prk.net) Please note emails must be received (received time not sent time) by me by 5:00 PM on Monday, (so send it by 4:30 pm) April 18, 2022. I will leave my house a few minutes after I check for late emails at 5:00pm in order to prepare for the meeting. Once you receive this notice you may send me your Proxy vote early as long as you are sure you will not be attending the meeting. If you are not sure about attending, please wait until the morning of the meeting.

Each member is entitled to 1(one) vote.

Members attending the meeting will be given one ballot when they sign-in to the meeting.

Ballots must be turned into me during the break.

Questions can be sent to [secretary@K5prk.net](mailto:secretary@K5prk.net)

PARK CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS	
YES	I vote to update the Klub's Constitution and By-Laws as indicated in the copy shared since the last general meeting.
NO	I do not agree with the update to the Klub's Constitution and By-Laws as indicated in the shared copy since the last general meeting.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, submit my Proxy Vote  
name & call sign

via \_\_\_\_\_  
email, or person's name delivering your ballot

on \_\_\_\_\_  
date

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

Please print your name and call sign

Please fill-in how you are submitting your vote

Please date your ballot

Please sign your ballot

You must be a member in good standing in order to vote.

## Upcoming Activities

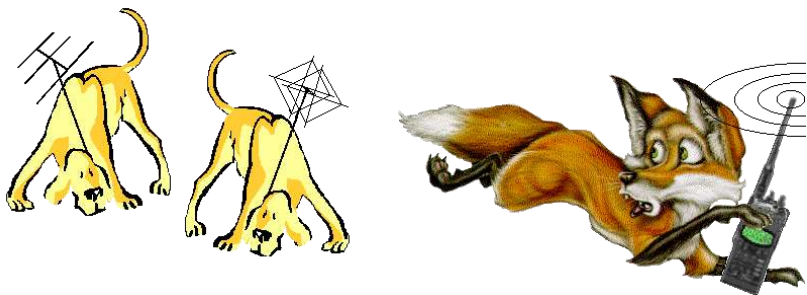
- PARK Breakfast Group – Saturdays @ 0700
  - Poor Richard's Café – Plano, Texas
- Monthly PARK Meetings
  - Board of Directors Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 7:00 PM
  - General Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00 PM
- Weekly Fox Hunts
  - Every weekend in McKinney, Sachse and Richardson or Plano
  - 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](http://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

- ARRL International Digital Contest
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022
  - 1800 UTC Saturday the 4th to 2359 UTC Sunday the 5th
  - More information at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-digital-contest>
- ARRL June VHF Contest
  - 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022
  - Work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degree x 1 degree Maiden-head grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50MHz. All legal modes are permitted.
  - 1800 UTC Saturday the 11th to 0259 UTC Monday the 13th
  - More information at: <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>
- Field Day 2022
  - 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022
  - Site location: Hoblitzelle Park (7500 Red River Drive 75025)
  - More information and rules at: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

## Hamfests

- Emory Texas Hamfest
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 – Emory, TX
  - Rains County Fairgrounds
  - More Information at: [www.w5ent.org](http://www.w5ent.org)
- SARC – Radio Fiesta (San Antonio Radio Club)
  - 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022
  - Schertz Civic Center (Schertz, TX)
  - ENE of SA – just outside the 1604 loop
  - More Information at: <https://www.w5sc.org/>



### **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.

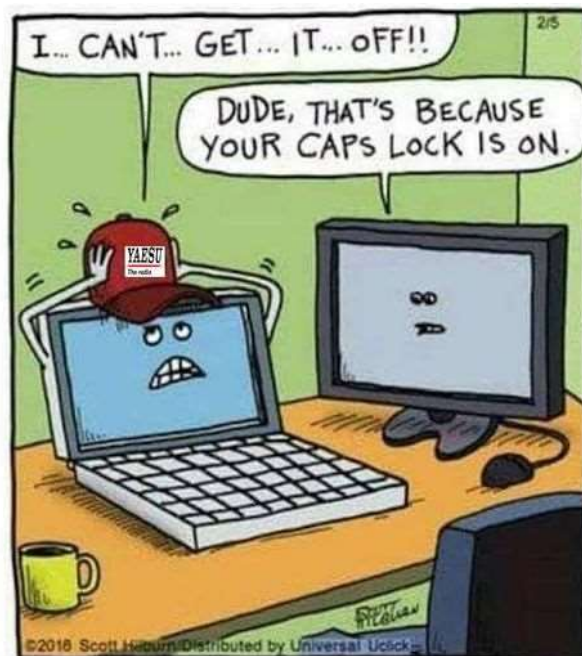
### **Fox Hunt Finders for March 2022**

Bob Hill KG5WRY  
Nick McCarthy K5NJM  
Katherine Forson KT5KMF  
Mark Hammons N5MSH  
Jeff Waite KI5SDS  
Rob Forson K5WFR





Max Radler, 1930, The Radio Listener, 63 x 49 cm, oil on canvas



**OK, I GOT MY  
HAM BASE  
STATION.**



MY SWR IS ABOUT 25 OR 6 TO 4. DOES ANYBODY REALLY KNOW WHAT CHANNEL DX IS? SOMEONE SAID I SHOULD CALL CQ ON 8.675309, BUT SOMEONE ELSE SAID I AM 5150. WILL I BE S9 PLUS SIXTEEN TONS ON THE EDGE OF 17?

**Who gets where these come from?**



Lemuel Lyes  
@LemuelLyes

Last month I did the unthinkable and finally threw out that box of unloved cables that I've dragged with me through adulthood.

Today I realised that I needed one of them and have no idea how to find a replacement.

CONSIDER THIS A WARNING TO YOU ALL

## 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

Things Are Really Looking Up” for the **H-E-B | Central Market Plano Balloon Festival & Run** that is celebrating its 43rd year on September 23-25. The City of Plano is the Official Hot Air Balloon Capital of Texas and this annual ballooning tradition will be held at the Red Tail Pavilion / Oak Point Park & Nature Preserve. The three-day weekend features more than 30 colorful hot air balloons, a RE/MAX parachute team exhibition, live entertainment on the FOX4 Main Stage, a spectacular fireworks show, marketing sponsors, food concessions, arts and crafts vendors, a kids fun zone, and more! Read the full press release: <https://lnkd.in/gn4c7nnN>

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The DX Code of Conduct was mentioned during the last meeting about [Parks On the Air](#). While it is specifically mentions DX, it is an excellent list for all ham activities.

**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



## Mentor Fest 2022

This was the first Mentor Fest held in Denton. Denton's facility is very nice with separate rooms for the individual speakers. Attendance was small but was nice for their first Fest. Next year will be even better.

A big 'THANK YOU' to Richard Seitz, KG5HCJ, for organizing the set-up and display of PARK. Also, a big 'THANK YOU' to Daryl Morgeson, AF5QJ, for helping with hauling Klub material and set-up. Finally, a big 'THANK YOU' to Michael Payne, K5MFP, and Bryan Trant, KF5VFM, for spending their day representing the club.

The Fest set-up was managed with club areas in one of the presentation rooms, so these club members also got to list to some of the presentations. Plus, with four members in attendance, two could go to other rooms of their interest.

The PARK group received a special 'Thank You' from Steve Smith, KG5VK, the ARRL NTX Section Manager for supporting this event.



Daryl, Richard, and Michael enjoying a presentation



Steve Lott starting his presentation about what you need to consider for your first Radio Station.

## 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 \(Episode 27\)](#):

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.

**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>

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### **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**  
**Application for Membership**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

***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](mailto:secretary@k5prk.net)

## Plano Amateur Radio Klub General Meeting Minutes

Start time: 7:07 pm  
Location: Via Zoom  
Facilitator: Tim Johnson – K5TCJ  
President

Members 21  
Guest 3

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 – March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Parks On the Air – Matt Heere – N3NWV  
April 18<sup>th</sup>  
TBD  
May 16<sup>th</sup>  
TBD

Secretary's Report – Johnnie Young – KG5CQO  
February 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> certificate from PARK and her picture was in this month's newsletter  
Congratulations to Keltie Williamson, N5KLW

Welcome to new members  
February -- March  
Bob Nine – KD5QDQ  
Larry Randal – WA5BEN  
Elijah Stahr – KI5UBV  
Also, a new Ham – 13 years old

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.

The Klub's 2022 tax exemption form has been filed for 2021

Communications Director's Report – Kip Moravec – AE5IB  
Need to do a back-up  
Hard to back-up a back-up  
Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ is working on the documentation  
Scott Croft – N5FKU is helping also  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> a climb is schedule – please notify Kip if you can help

#### 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  
If you see any issues, please send an email to the newsletter Editor

#### 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](http://www.K5prk.groups.io/g/main/topics)

Any issues or questions email John at [webmaster@K5prk.net](mailto:webmaster@K5prk.net)

PARK is also on Facebook

The newsletter is sent through the web page registration

#### Public Relations Director's Report – Dan Daniels – W5KKQ

Not in attendance

Nothing to report

#### Activities Director's Report – Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

##### Recurring Events

PARK Breakfast Group – Saturdays @ 0700

Poor Richard's Café – Plano, Texas

Monthly PARK Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 7:00 PM

General Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00 PM

##### Weekly Fox Hunts

Every weekend in McKinney, Sachse and Richardson and/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](http://www.sachseradio.org)

Wheatly (Richardson WK)

found in Richardson every weekend

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>

Fox #1 (Richardson WK)

Found in Richardson every weekend

Tx on 144.500 MHz with a 3-minute cycle

More information on the RWK website:

<http://www.k5rwk.org/foxhunt/>

##### Upcoming Activities

##### Contests

Texas Parks On the Air

April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

1400 UTC the 9<sup>th</sup> to 0200 UTC the 10<sup>th</sup> and

1400 UTC to 2000 UTC the 10<sup>th</sup>

Work All Modes and All Bands, except WARC

More information at: [www.tspota.org](http://www.tspota.org)

## Field Day 2022

June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2022

Site location TBD

More information and rules at

[www.arrl.org/contest-calendar](http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar)

## Hamfests

Green County Hamfest – Claremore, OK

April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

Claremore Expo Center

More information at: [www.greencountyhamfest.org](http://www.greencountyhamfest.org)

## Emory Texas Hamfest

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 – Emory, Texas

Rains county Fairgrounds

More information at: [www.w5ent.org](http://www.w5ent.org)

## 2022 Mentorfest

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – 10 am to 4 pm

Location: Denton County EOC/Denton Country Club House

Address: 9060 Teasley Lane; Denton, Tx 76210

Johnnie Young, KG5CQO will request a table

Richard Seitz, KG5HVJ will so a sign-up to man  
the club table

## Field Day Coordinator's Report – Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

### 2022 ARRL Field Day

2022 Field Day is June 25<sup>th</sup>

The Covid rules have been made permanent

People who want to operate remotely can count their point  
toward the Klub total

All pavilions except Bob Woodruff, Willow Creek and Russell Creek  
are open the 25<sup>th</sup>

Michael Tharp, KG5TJF recommends that the club stick with  
operating in the field on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and then  
remotely on the 26<sup>th</sup>

There weren't enough respondents to merit a 20day  
field day operations – in particular overnight didn't have  
enough people for safety requirements

Operating a single day event will be less expensive

Hoblitzelle looks like a nice facility and has close-in parking

The pavilion will cost \$225 for 1 day

Shawnee is a nice facility too

The cost is \$175 for 1 day

## A short discussion followed;

Tim Johnson, K5TCJ, made a motion to rent the Hoblitzelle  
pavilion for the one day at the park Field Day

Johnnie Young, KG5CQO, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Members attending voted 'yes' by raising their hands which were counted

Members who were against the motion were asked to voice a 'nay'

No 'nays' were heard and 15 hands went up voting 'yes'

Motion passed

Michael Tharp, KG5TJF, will secure the pavilion

## VE Testing Results

Elijah Stahr, KI5UBV, the new 13 yrs. old Ham was the only one who was tested

## Old Business

### Constitution and By-Laws

The Board of Directors has reviewed the Klub's Constitution and  
By-Laws (2011), and is proposing changes that for the most part;

Updates verbiage used

Corrects spelling and grammar errors  
Reorganizes clause portions that go together

Following prescribed procedures this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice of Intent to amend the Constitution; and notification that a vote on amending the constitution is scheduled for the April 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

A marked-up copy of the proposed changes is available  
to the membership for review on the Klub's website:

[www.k5prk.net/](http://www.k5prk.net/)

Voting – In-Person at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting

Voting – Proxy – if you are absent from the meeting

Another member can bring your written, signed and dated proxy to the meeting for you.

A member carrying another member's proxy may carry no more than 2 proxies

You may email your proxy to the Klub secretary at

[secretary@K5prk.net](mailto:secretary@K5prk.net)

Emailed proxies must be date/time stamped no later than April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

#### In-Person Meeting

PARK will resume with the April 18, 2022, General meeting

1<sup>st</sup> 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 auto  
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!

Russ Amlee, KE5QAX, SK

The list of radio gear has been sold

There are only 2 pieces left

#### New Business

none

#### Tonight's Program

**Parks on the Air (POTA)**

**Matt Heere -- N3NWV**

POTA is an international group with 20,000 members. Most hams have worked a POTA member and didn't know it unless that member told them. POTA members called 'Activators' will set up in a park and work as many hams as possible. If you work many 'Activators' you are called 'Hunters'. This group has over 100 volunteers who help keep this program running. The idea is to promote portable operations in support of emergency awareness and communications from all park levels. This is a fun experience even if you are the 'Hunter' working from your home.

It is not a contest. There is no special exchange. It is a valid QSO once you exchange your call sign and RST. Always remember you are an ambassador when you are on the net. If you log your contacts with them, your achievements are recognized automatically. Thanks to Matt for his presentation. We now have a better understanding of POTA and will see it in a new light.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn;

Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

2<sup>nd</sup> of the motion

Kip Moraves – AE5IB

Thank you for attending

See you on the air.