

K5PRK Newsletter

The *PARKing Ticket*

Golden Jubilee - our 50th Anniversary

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Monday February 20, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Program TBD – come be surprised!

The **General Klub Meeting will be in-person** at the [First United Methodist Church Plano](#) on the corner of Parker Rd and Spring Creek.

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In **March** the **PARK Club Auction** returns!

And you **WILL** want to be here for this one!

This was a big hit last year, and we look forward to it being even bigger this year. We already have a few headline items, including a complete Drake TR7, RV7, PS7 station, and an ICOM HR71 HF receiver, several power supplies and more. You need to be here to bid. Also, If YOU have HAM gear you'd like to bring to the auction, a quick reminder - you can A - donate it to the club, and the club auctions it with the proceeds going to the club. B - keep ownership and let the club auction it with 10% of the final price being donated to the club for facilitating it. Or C- put it on a free table to be available to any interested ham to put it back into use. Let Anthony know if you have a noteworthy item you are bringing to the auction so we can publicize it. Because we had SO much gear come in last year, we will be prioritizing what we auction - which means picking and choosing. Only ham-related gear please. But anything not auctioned is open to a person-to-person sale. If the item you bring does not sell or taken then you must remove it. But remember, you gotta be here to get the deals.

From the President

As you may have heard, 😊 this year marks PARKS's 50th year of public service and we are going to do it up BIG! Plans are already underway for our Jubilee dinner in July, and a yearlong member activation of the clubs callsign – K5PRK/50, and more. Check out this newsletter and attend our monthly meetings for more information. Spring is right around the corner and it's time for antenna maintenance and if you're like me ... that additional antenna project (the Hygain AVQ-14 vertical that's been living in my barn IS going in the back yard this year). Remember to be careful with heights and power lines. If a project is more than a one-person endeavor, remember to ask for help. An email on our groups.io mailing list will go a long way in planning an Antenna Party. Lots of opportunities this month to get on the air ... ARRL's Volunteers On The Air, DXpeditions, QSO Parties and Special Event Stations.

Tim Johnson K5TCJ
President PARK



Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance - 2/1/23			
	Prosperity		\$ 10,915.37
	PayPal		\$ 151.95
	Petty Cash &Checks		\$ 100.00
Beginning Balance Subtotal			\$ 11,167.32
Planned Debits			
	AT&T		\$ (53.76)
Checks			
	FUMC - Plano		\$ (150.00)
Debits Subtotal			\$ (203.76)
Credits			
Deposits			
Credits Subtotal			\$ -
Ending Balance			\$ 10,963.56
Pre-approved Expenses			
	Funded Projects		\$ 2,400.00
	Annual Recurring Costs		\$ 2,300.00
Pre-approved Expenses Subtotal			\$ 4,700.00
Available Funds			\$ 6,263.56

PARK will be celebrating our Golden Jubilee in several ways this year:

1 - PARK will be holding a Golden Jubilee dinner event on July 17th for everyone- celebrating the club's accomplishments through the years, honoring past presidents, and more. Again, all are welcome. Tickets will be available for this special dinner event later this year.

2 - The club has a special logo for just this year. We felt it important to really make it evident that PARK has been active for 50 straight years and that is quite an accomplishment. So the logo has a gold 50 added to the middle for this year. You will find this new logo in more and more places this year - including some special memorabilia that will be available on...

3 - The Club Web Site will be updated with a special section just for our Golden Jubilee. It will have pages for our Jubilee Dinner, a page recounting special events in PARK club history, a page to order club memorabilia with the 50th anniversary logo on it, and a page for...

4 - the PARK Golden Jubilee activation contest. This contest will reward members who activate a special call sign - K5PRK/50 throughout the year. Maybe an hour here, or an afternoon there. Collect these electronic logs separately and (we're still working out the specific details) submit them so we can keep an active leaderboard of all those club members who have activated the club's special anniversary call through the year - with prizes to be awarded at the annual holiday party in December.

All the fun little details on all of these special activities for PARK's Golden Jubilee will soon be available in a dedicated section of the PARK website. It's an opportunity to be proud of being a PARK member, Proud of all the club has achieved through 5 decades of activity. Come to the meetings and celebrate your fellow members this year. Get back on the repeater and say hello, and get on the air and have some fun. Oh, and there will be stickers, too. Holographic stickers. Come to the January meeting to see.

PARK 50th Activation contest update

Help the Plano Amateur Radio Klub celebrate 50 Years - its golden jubilee - with the PARK 50th Activation contest. This year, we are encouraging Active PARK Members to sign up and activate K5PRK/50 on the air - all year long. Any band, Any Mode, Any day, Any Night. Making contacts is the key! Anyone from Extras, all the way to Techs - the 10m band has been hot! SSB, AM, FM, RTTY, FT8, PSK, CW, and even Hellschreiber if you want. We'll have a special way to log these contest calls and we'll provide a leaderboard every month! In December, we'll even have prizes for the category winners. It is a fun way for PARK to celebrate its 50th anniversary as a ham radio klub because the klub IS its members. The members are the klub. Ham radio is about making contacts over the air. So flick on that power switch and warm up those transistors or tubes. Because it's GAME ON for K5PRK/50. Details at the February club meeting! See you there!

Anthony Burokas

Testing Info

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 went into effect on **April 19, 2022**. Therefore, all testing beginning on April 18, 2022 requires 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 and read the notice. Hope to see many new hams.

I would like to invite anyone who would like to help with testing. I would encourage any extra class operator to participate. If interested please let me know. It is a nice way to help new hams get licenses. My email is DM.AF5QJ@gmail.com

73 Daryl Morgeson





ANNOUNCING THE QRZ NEW HAM JUMPSTART PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce the QRZ New Ham Jumpstart, a program that will help new hams get on the air faster than ever. The program, which is jointly sponsored by QRZ and GigaParts, will provide a FREE, New Ham Welcome Package to eligible applicants. Among the goodies in the first edition of the Welcome Package, we are including a brand-new dual-band handheld transceiver, the Explorer QRZ-1, along with a host of other sponsor-supplied goodies.

NOTE: A [QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com) account is required to see the details.

Upcoming Activities

- 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>
- 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>



Winter Field Day January 28 & 29

I worked this contest. Here is my log summary and sections worked.

I concentrated on working as many different sections as possible instead of number of contacts. Conditions were pretty good.

Who else worked this contest? Send me your results.

– [NE5IL](https://www.qrz.com/db/NE5IL)

Score - 462 Points

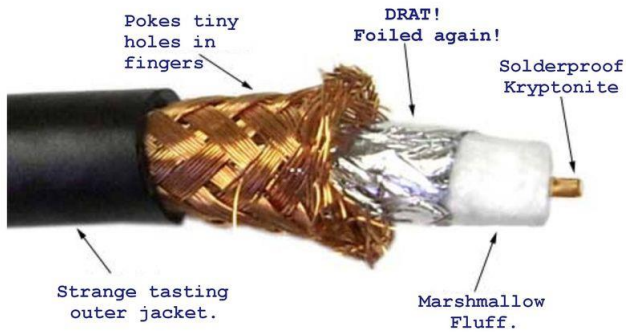
Contest: WFD				
Band	QSOs	Pts	Mlt	Pt/Q
14	30	30	1	1.0
21	42	42	1	1.0
28	5	5	1	1.0
Total	77	77	3	1.0

Score: 462
1 Mult = 25.7 Q's

States/Sections/HQ - 61 mults worked of 255 possible

Modes: PH	Worked	Expected	Spotted	Spotted (Dbl Mult)
0	1	2	3	4
CO	CT	ENY	DE	AL
IA	EMA	NLI	EPA	GA
KS	ME	NNJ	MDC	KY
MN	NIH	NNY	WPA	NC
MO	RI	SNJ		NFL
ND	VT	VI		PR
NE	WMA	WNY		SC
SD				SFL
				TN
				VA
				WCF
6	7	8	9	VE
EB	AK	MI	IL	AB
LAX	AZ	OH	IN	BC
ORG	EWA	WV	WI	GH
PAC	ID			MB
SB	IT			NB
SCV	NV			NL
SDG	OR			NS
SF	UT			ONE
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Two antennae met on a roof, fell in love and got married. Their wedding ceremony wasn't fancy. The reception, however, was excellent.

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](https://www.broadcastify.com/join/K5PRK444250)
[K5PRK 147.18](https://www.broadcastify.com/join/K5PRK14718)

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

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New General Question Pool Released for Ham Radio Licensing Effective July 1, 2023
The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators' ([NCVEC](#)) Question Pool Committee ([QPC](#)) has released the [2023 - 2027 General Class FCC Element 3 Syllabus and Question Pool](#) to the public. The new General Question Pool is effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

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.
Michael needs to pass the coordination of this excellent resource to someone else. If you are interested, please contact Michael or a board member.

73's, Michael Payne K5MFP



Registration Open for the 2023 QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo

The 2023 QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo will be held on March 25 - 26, and registration is now open.

The event is a fully interactive virtual ham radio convention offering new content, networking opportunities, and more than 50 amateur radio presentations on a wide variety of subjects.

There is still time to participate in the event as a presenter. You can submit an application to present a video on a topic of your choice. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2023. Tickets are \$15, and registration information can be found at the [QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo](#) website.

ARRL Volunteers On the Air Event is Underway

ARRL's yearlong operating event, [Volunteers On the Air](#), or VOTA, began January 1, 2023. The event is organized as part of ARRL's 2023 theme, "Year of the Volunteers," which recognizes the contributions of ARRL member volunteers, and offers opportunities to become more active and involved in amateur radio and ARRL.

VOTA encourages participants to make contacts with ARRL members and volunteers, earning points for each contact. Point values have been assigned (see the Points Table at [vota.arrl.org](https://www.arrl.org/vota)). All scoring is automatically calculated through ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW, <http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world>). If you are already an LoTW user, continue to upload your QSOs there to participate. If you're a new LoTW user, visit [Getting Started with LoTW](#)

4th Annual Go-Kit Challenge

Saturday, March 18, 2023

9 AM to 1 PM

Doubletree Ranch Park

310 Highland Village Road

Highland Village, TX 75077



MULTIPLE CATEGORIES

- BEST MOBILE SET UP
- BEST PORTABLE GO-KIT

MULTIPLE PRIZES

- 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE
- THE HAMBURG CUP

Bring you own snacks, drinks, chairs and tables.
Restroom available. Under a canopy. Rain or shine.



Section Manager: Steven Lott Smith, KG5VK, January Newsletter:

Happy New Year!

My Goals in Serving you

Recognizing those within your Club & Community

What is VOTA

My Calendar

My Goals in Serving You

As I continue to serve you, I see the following goals for the balance of my current term, and the beginning of my third term (1 April 2023) of service to all fellow North Texas amateur radio ops:

- Strive for greater recognition of our peers in every Club
- More Virtual Round Table Meetings with Members and Section Management Staff
- Visits to Clubs that I have not yet attended (I challenge Club officers to look at my published Calendar, find a whole and invite me to your meetings)
- Find outside-the-box methods of getting more members on the air, whether
- VHF/UHF, Microwave, or HF – The Bands are Open and Active; use them or lose them!

Recognition of our Peers

Recognition of our peers is the single most important thing on my mind. It is heartbreaking to see National awards go to people outside our area just because none of us, including myself, took the time and energy to write some facts down about one of our own – we all must do better here. I am willing and ready to help make nomination packages that no one can deny when they read them at ARRL Board of Director meetings.

Other awards and an even easier one (well, kind of) that I need your help with are listed on the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-award-nominations>

I would love to see someone from our Section receive the Herb Brier Instructor of the Year award and any other awards. I have met many VEC and Elmers that deserve this award. However, please give me facts and figures on who you feel is worthy of these awards.

I will be thrilled to offer a Certificate of Merit from The ARRL NTX Section Manager for any ARRL member within our section. Just provide me with at least six bullet statements, with a short sentence or two justifying each statement. Every club in our Section should have a candidate in mind for the Certificate of Merit.

Volunteers On the Air (VOTA)

If you have glanced at a QST within the last three months, you should be aware that there is a yearlong on the air celebration of our ARRL Volunteers. Not only do you get and give points if you and the other station you work on the air are both Volunteers, but the use of W1AW/5 from our great state of Texas is also available.

My Calendar

Feb 28: Collins ARC Meeting

March:

4: Irving Hamfest

18: Midland Hamfest (Penciled in my Calendar)

April:

7-8: Greene County Hamfest, Oklahoma

14-15: Belton Hamfest

22: Emory Hamfest

ARRL North Texas Section

Section Manager: Steven Lott Smith, KG5VK

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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

	<p>Visit the ARRL Learning Network (a members-only benefit) to register, check on upcoming webinars, and to view previously recorded sessions.</p>
	<p>The latest edition of Eclectic Tech (Episode 67): Synchronizing clocks with cosmic rays; generating power with graphene; "vascular" antennas; listening to VLF signals with the NASA Inspire project (https://theinspireproject.org) receiver kit.</p>
	<h3>About ARRL Audio News</h3> <p>ARRL Audio News is a summary of the week's top news stories in the world of Amateur Radio, along with interviews and other features. Enjoy ARRL Audio News anywhere: on your smart phone or tablet, your local repeater, or stream it on the go!</p> <h3>How to Listen to Audio News</h3> <p>ARRL Audio News is distributed through the podcast host Blubrry.com. You can subscribe to the podcast via your IOS or Android mobile device using your favorite podcast app, or listen and download episodes direct from the Audio News page at Blubrry.</p>
	<h3>Running an Amateur Radio Net</h3> <p>In this episode, Ginger Wilder, KI5TJE, discusses her first time running the McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC) net and how she prepared to take on the challenge. She talks about her preparation and some of the unexpected things she learned from running the net. As a bonus, you can read a copy of MARC's Net Control script on the On the Air blog at www.arrl.org/ota-blog.</p>

[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, 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>

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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
- 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.](#)

Electronic/Mechanical/Computer Resources in DFW Compiled by the North Texas Microwave Society

Send updates to W5LUA at sbcglobal.net

April 17, 2022

<p>Altex Electronics www.altex.com 3215 Belmeade Dr Carrollton, TX 75006 972-267-8882</p>	<p>CDC Products Surplus Store 940 E. Beltline Rd #172 Richardson, TX 75081 972-918-9886 Tues/Fri 10-6, Sat 10-3</p>
<p>Centric RF https://www.centricrf.com/ 1130 Junction Dr. Suite 121 Allen, TX 75013 800-399-6891 (mainly web based, store pickup only)</p>	<p>Community Recycling http://communityrecyclingplano.com/ 917 K Ave Plano, TX 75074 972-423-3824</p>
<p>Coremark Metals https://www.coremarkmetals.com/ 10353 Hicks Field Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76179 682-286-9922 Online and retail space with new "odd-bits" (cut-offs, etc.)</p>	<p>Fairview Microwave Inc www.fairviewmicrowave.com 301 Leona Ln Suite 100 Lewisville, TX 75056 866 983 2095 972 649 6678 (mainly web based, store pickup only)</p>
<p>FastServ Supply https://www.fastservsupply.com/ 4060 E Plano Pky Plano, TX 75074 800-292-5890</p>	<p>Ham Radio Outlet www.hamradio.com 701 E. Plano Pkwy #406 Plano, TX 75074 972 424 6219</p>
<p>Mc Murray Metals Co https://www.mcmurraymetals.com/ 3000 Elm St Dallas, TX 75226 214-742-5654 800-658-5655 (Brass, Copper & other metals, Brass rectangular tubing)</p>	<p>Metal Supermarkets https://www.metalsupermarkets.com/ 1401 Summit Ave # 7 Plano, TX 75074 972-422-5167</p>
<p>Micro Center www.microcenter.com 13929 N. Central Expy, Dallas, TX 75243 972 664 8500</p>	<p>OnlineMetals www.onlinemetals.com 3001 Alouette Dr Suite 100 Grand Prairie, TX 75052 888 527 3331 (Order online and have it shipped or pickup at Grand Prairie location)</p>
<p>Professional Plastics www.professionalplastics.com 2060 Luna Rd Suite 120 Carrollton, TX 75006 214 575 5400 (Order online and have it shipped or some items can be picked up at the Carrollton location)</p>	<p>RECover https://www.recovercpu.com/ 1281 N Plano Rd Richardson, TX 75081 214 893 9687 or 214 683 6793</p>
<p>Short Iron Store https://shortiron.store 1128 Blue Mound Rd West #301 Haslet, TX 76052 817-367-9533 5057 Martin Luther King Freeway Fort Worth, TX 76119 817-395-1144 Mostly steel and some aluminum – cuts are free, handy if you don't have a truck, online and small retail space.</p>	<p>Texas Towers www.texastowers.com 1108 Summit Ave #4 Plano, TX 75074 972-422-7306</p>

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

Start time: January 2023 7:02 pm
Location: First United Methodist Church Plano
Facilitator: Tim Johnson – K5TCJ
President

Board 8 (for quorum)
Members 16
Guest 5

Tim Johnson – K5TCJ
Presented the Logo the club will use for this year for the 50th Anniversary

Meeting Agenda
Call to Order/Welcome
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Officers Reports
Old Business
New Business
Break
Raffle
Program Presentation
Adjournment

Pledge – led by Tim Johnson – K5TCJ
Roll Call –
Each person present gave their name and call-sign

Vice-President's Report – Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS
Programs

January

North Central Texas connection – NCTC.info
A wide area linked repeater system that includes PARK
repeater access
Thomas Ketchum – WA5TXI@arrl.org

February

Tentative: Plano Police Incident command
Checklist:
How to establish a process and checklist for events to
ensure the highest level of success

March

Club Auction
Come one come all to the annual club auction
Already have several headline items including:
a complete Drake station including a TR7, RV7, PS7
and an ICOM HR71 HF receiver, power supplies, and more

Auction Rules

If you have HAM gear for the auction – you can:
A- Donate it to the club to auction and keep the proceeds

B- Keep ownership, the club auctions it with 10% going to the club

C- Put it on a free table to be available to anyone

Let Anthony know if you have a noteworthy item so we can publicize it
Because we had SO much gear come in last year, we will be prioritizing
what we auction – which means picking and choosing

Ham-related gear ONLY

If it doesn't sell, you take it back home with you

Anything not auctioned at the end is open to a person-to-person sale

Remember, you have to be here to get the deals

April

Representatives from Ham Radio Deluxe

Advancements in radios, and tech mean apps can't stand still

Having an integrated app can make ham radio operating and
activating K5PRK/50 easier and more fun than ever before

So, join us for some insight into what Ham Radio Deluxe can do for
you, and so you can ask questions

June

PARK's 50th Anniversary Field Day

Let's get back together like before covid and have some fun
together

BBQ Dinner?

Overnight?

Have fun!

July

PARK's Golden Jubilee Dinner event

This once in a lifetime dress-up event will
celebrate the club's accomplishments through the years

Honor our Founders and past Presidents

Special Prize giveaways, and more

It's time to celebrate being part of PARK

All are welcome to the dinner event

Tickets will be available later this year

Ideas for future Programs are welcomed

Anthony Burokas

VP@K5PRK.net

Secretary's Report – Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

November & December 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

Folder on the sign-in table has a paper copy you may view.

Any questions?

Welcome to new members since November

Matthew Tatro – N5NGU – 10/17

Bill Fogg – N5SDW – 11/21

Donna Wurster – KI5GPI – 11/23

Rachel Snicker – KI5YYE – 12/1

Eric Fuller – KE5VBO – 12/6
Bruce Cameron – N5BC – 12/19
Danny Bryant – KF5TG – 12/19 – returning
Kevin Stevens – KI5YYO – 12/24
Jim Harris – KI5ZFP – 12/29

Happy to have you join us

PARK now has 76 members plus 3 renewals tonight = 79 members
41 members have not renewed
66 members are members of ARRL = 86%

December Holiday Celebration

59 members prepaid 2023 dues before dinner
18 prepaid members attended the dinner
11 additional members paid at the dinner
gave 29 free tickets

Sold lots of extra tickets

Attendance was 46

31 members plus 4 new members = 35
6 wives
5 guests

Multiple prize winners and exchanges

- Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS – direct burial cable – Greg Livesay – KF5TU
 - Dick Thoit – N5FCB – rig blaster
 - Bruce Cameron – MFJ Tuner –
 - Mike Dooley – N5BGZ – EFHW wire antenna – Rod Snitker – AI5GU
 - Bob Voss – N4CD – MFJ Portable Antenna
 - Dan Daniels – W5KKQ – 35-amp DC Power Supply – Mary Livesay
 - Richard Seitz – KG5HCT – Grid Square Map – Greg Livesay – KF5TU – Daryl Morgeson – AF5GJ
 - Tim Johnson – K5TCJ – inverter – Katherine Forson – KT5KMF
 - Robert Blew – KD5TZA – power strip
 - Bob Nine – KD5QDQ – gun range card
 - Tim Johnson – K5TCJ – HRO \$25 – Dianne Fereday
 - Tim Johnson – K5TCJ – HRO \$50
 - Ken Hansen – N2VIP – HT – Mike Dooley – N5BGZ
 - Peggy Dooley – gun range card
 - Richard Seitz – KG5HCT – HRO \$50
 - Michael Tharp – KG5TJF – HT
 - Michael Payne – K5MFT – Super Bowling Card
 - Kip Moravec – AE5IB – gun range card
 - Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS – HRO \$100
 - Greg Livesay – KF5TU – burial cable
 - Dan Daniels – W5QQK – HRO \$150
 - Rob Forson – K5WFR – HRO \$25
 - Ken Hanson – N2VIP – Icom
 - Mike Dooley – N5BGZ – HT
 - Rod Snitker – AI5GU – EFHW wire antenna

- As you can see by the list, there was lots of fun when second and third tickets were pulled, and winners exchanged their prize and then someone else won the first prize.

Treasurer's Report – Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Not in Attendance

Report given by Tim Johnson K5TCJ

Balance with expenditures and deposits reviewed and explained the bank account and the monthly debits/credits and reminded the membership of monies needed to complete previous approved projects and monies needed to run the club annually.

Communications Director's Report – Dick Thiot – N5FCB

Repeater Status

Modifying repeater message to include announcement of 50th anniversary

Working to improve backup of systems and remote support access via improved internet connection

Repeater site at Plano Presbyterian Hospital

Any questions?

Newsletter Editor's Report – Neil Gould – NE5IL

Newsletter was posted to groups.io

You should get notified if

You are registered on the web

You are a member of groups.io

WebMaster's Report – John McCormick – KG5KBP

Still working on the issue when new members register for an account on the web site

Public Relations Director's Report – Dan Daniels – W5KKQ

Postcard mailer – will have a proof for the February Board Meeting

Will work on a design for the 50th Anniversary QSL card

Activities Director's Report – Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

Recurring Events

Monthly PARK Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting – 1st Monday 7:00 PM (1900)

General Meeting – 3rd Monday 7:00 PM (1900)

Collin ARES Training Nets

Two on-the-air training nets twice per month.

You need not be a member to check-in.

1st Sunday of each month at 2100

PARK Repeater (K5PRK) 147.180 (+) 107.2

3rd Sunday of each month at 2100

MARC Repeater (W5MRC) 146.740 (-) 110.9

Go to www.collinares.net for detailed information

WinLink Wednesdays

Go to www.collinaries.net for link and details

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) (Suspended until further notice)

Found in Sachse each weekend

TX on 146.565 MHz

SARA information: www.sachseradio.org

Wheatly (Richardson WK)

found in Richardson every weekend

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>

Fox #1 (Richardson WK)

Found in Richardson every weekend

Tx on 144.500 MHz with a 3-minute cycle

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

The following event information did not make it in time to be placed in the slide deck

Upcoming Events

Contests

Winter Field Day 2023

Worldwide Any Band All Modes

January 28th 1900 UTC to January 29th 1900 UTC

Logs Due February 28th

Info: <https://wfd.contesting.com/wfdsubmitlog.php>

See rules for any exceptions

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest

January 19th – 20th, aka PigWalk20

Suggest calling "CQFP" or "CQ OINK"

Info: <http://qrpcontest.com/pigwalk20/>

North American QSO Party – SSB

January 21st – 22nd, 1800 UTC – 0559 UTC

160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 M

Info: <http://ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdg>

Winter Field Day 2023

January 28th – 29th, 1900 UTC – 1900UTC

Any Mode, All Bands, work stations once per mode/band

Info: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

ARRL School Club Roundup

February 13th, 1300 UTC to February 17th, 2359 UTC
CW, Phone, RTTY/Digital, All except 60, 30, 17, 12 M
Info: <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

Special Event Stations

Quartz Fest Distance challenge, W7Q

January 22nd – 28th, 1500 UTC – 2159 UTC

North Arizona /DX Association

Who can make the longest distance contact from QF? 4 different

Categories can be entered

www.NADXA.com

California Discovery of Gold, AG6AU

January 28th – 30th, 1700 UTC – 0100 UTZ

El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club

www.edcarc.net

Commemorating first US Navy Carrier air strike in WW@

February 11th, 1700 UTC – 2359 UTC, NI6IW

San Diego, CA, USS Midway Museum Ship COMEDTRA

www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

Ice Station W0JH – Frozen Minnesota Lake Portable

February 11th, 1700 UTC – 2300 UTC, W0JH

Stillwater (MN) Amateur Radio Association

SARA will be generating as much RF as possible over the

President's Day long weekend from a frozen lake in

Washington County (GS-EN34) in a meager attempt to drive away

the remainder of NN winter

www.radioham.org or www.QRZ.com

Cowtown Hamfest (ARRL Convention)

January 20th – 21st, Forest Hill, Tx

Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center

Cowtown Amateur Radio club, K5COW

Info: <http://www.cowtownhamfest.com>

Greater Houston HamFest – ARRL Texas State Convention

March 3rd – 4th, 2023, Rosenberg, Tx

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds

Brazos valley Amateur Radio Club

Info: <https://houstonhamfest.org>

VE Testing Results – Daryl Morgeson – AF5QJ

Bryan Rogers passed his Tech exam

Congratulations

Old Business

None

New Business:

Hams Helping Hams

Contemplating a project but need some advice?

Facing a challenge but need an additional perspective?
Stuck with a project and need some insight or helping hands

Hams Helping Hams is a group of PARK members each offering a unique set of skills and expertise for assisting other Hams

We have about a dozen PARK members willing to be an Elmer/Mentor. Categories of expertise range from hands-on practical applications to Advisory and counseling. This service to our ham community as a give-back and thank you to the Elmers who helped give us our start in this multi-faceted and fascinating radio communications hobby and service.

How Can You Help?

Michael Payne K5MFP is currently coordinating this effort but is unable to continue in that role.

We are looking for someone to take on this role that requires very little time and effort to:

- Maintain the list of volunteers and their areas of expertise, and
- Act as a Point of contact for requests for help

You can also have your name added to the list of Elmers/Mentors

Many of us no longer climb towers or walk roofs. That's OK but you still have knowledge and expertise to share.

All volunteers are welcome, no matter your knowledge, experience or ability.

Please contact Michael Payne K5MFP for more information to volunteer, today.

PARK's Golden Jubilee – 50 years

PARK will be celebrating our Golden Jubilee this year

Golden Jubilee Dinner on July 17th

- Celebrate the club's accomplishments
- Honor our Founders and past Presidents
- Special Give-aways and Prizes
- All are welcome and encouraged to attend
- Ticket available later this year.

Special Klub Logo for this year

To highlight this important milestone

Golden Jubilee Section on the Clubs Web site

- Information on various Jubilee Activities
- Club History and Historical Documents
- Information on ordering special 50th anniversary club memorabilia

Club Call Sign Activation Special Event Station

Members are asked to activate K5PRK/50 as a Golden Jubilee Special Event Station
Operate when and how often and for how long you can
Keep and submit your electronic logs
We're working on a system to coordinate activity and log submissions.
Special QSL cards are being designed
More information to follow

Club Call Sign Activation Contest

As electronic logs are submitted, a Leaderboard will be Maintained
Prizes (TBD) based on your submitted logs will be awarded at our annual Holiday Party in December!

K5PRK Repeater Announcements

Modified to help get the word out about our Golden Jubilee

Here is your opportunity to be proud of and celebrate the club to which each one of you has contributed to its success

We've come a long way since 1973 and here's hoping that in 2073 the club is still going strong and be proud of what we've passed on to them

What can you do?

- Attend our Jubilee Dinner
- Spread the word!
 - Talk to Friends
 - Other Email list and forums
 - Your own Social Media
- Add the 50th Logo to your QRX page
- Add the 50th Logo to your e-mail signature
- Your own Social Media
- Activate as K5PRK/50
- And attend our Monthly Meetings

Break: 7:53 pm to 8:08 pm

Raffle—Tim Johnson K5TCJ

Ron Forson – K5WFR -- \$20
Congratulations to Ron

Tonight's Program

- North Central Texas connection
- Linked Repeater System
- Thomas Ketchum WA5TXI

Each member received a map showing where the linked repeaters are Located. The members of this group are looking for other repeaters to add to this link. Most repeaters in this link network or privately owned with only a few being Club Repeaters. This is considered an open system. All must follow the FCC Rules and

Guidelines. Some areas use these linked repeaters for Skywarn which makes limits the use of all the repeaters in this linked network. There can be no cross band or APRS. There is a slight delay when joining this system. This is an interesting way to access repeaters.

We thank Thomas for explaining this concept

Adjournment: 8:45 pm

Motion – The Bartels – Bob – K5MVZ

2nd – Larry Pollis -- KI5UXC

Thank you for attending

See you on the air.

K5PRK/R 147.180 + (PL 107.2)

K5PRK/R 444.250 + (PL 79.7)

And on

WWW.K5PRK.NET

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