



**Plano Amateur Radio Klub  
General Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2023**



Start time: 7:03 pm

Location: First United Methodist Church Plano

Facilitator: Tim Johnson – K5TCJ  
President

Board 9 (for quorum)

Members 18

Guest 2

President Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

**Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order/Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Officers Reports

Old Business

New Business

Break

Raffle

Program Presentation

Adjournment



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Pledge – led by Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Roll Call –

Each person present gave their name and call-sign

Vice-President's Report – Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS

April – Ham Radio Deluxe

Lindy Southwell & Dr. Mike Carper tell us about the software and what it can do today

May – ARRL Update

Steve Smith updates us on what's going on with the ARRL and with other clubs in North Texas

June – PARK field Day Program

Our own Richard Seitz briefs us on PARK's plan for our 2023 Field Day activities

July – Golden Jubilee Dinner

A sit-down dinner event celebrating PARK's 50 years of activity & service, honoring the founders & past presidents, plus some special announcements

August – Plano Balloon Festival

(tentative)



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September – HRO New Product Talk

(tentative)

Meeting Topic Ideas – VP@K5PRK.net

Secretary's Report – Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

March 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Available in groups.io in the file section under 2023's secretary minutes

Available on the PARK website

Included in the newsletter

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

Any questions?

Auction Results

45 attendees

25 were members

20 were guests

52 items sold

17 different people bought these items

10 club members bought 28 items

6 guests bought 24 items

2 items sold for \$200



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Welcome to new members

February

Barry Rynk – KI5WUB

March

Kevin Grantham – N5KRG

Dennis Scully – KT5P

Mark Johnson – AE5MJ

Chris VanAllen – KJ5AHP

John Foreman – N5JSE

Happy to have you join us

PARK Membership

Now have 98 members

57 members are members of ARRL = 58%



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Wheatly the Fox

Fox was hidden in Plano in February

Postponed wheel spin until April because of the Auction

Congratulation to these Wheatly Fox Hunters for February 2023

Bob Hill	KG5WRY
Al Alexander	KN5EEE
Brian Murphy	WB8QZM
Chris Tuit	KV2T
Wilson Little	NT5AT
David Whitmore	KE5GLZ
Mark Hammons	N5MSH
Rob Forson	K5WFR
Samiee	WX5JMD
Andrew Koenig	KE5GDB
David Fedorko	KF5PFC
Dwaine Hurta	N5HD
Buddy Shipley	KF5LJD
Paul Ferris	W3PWF
Adam Butt	KE5MMK
Guy	KC5GOI

The winner is David Fedorko – KF5PFC. He will receive a \$25 gift certificate to HRO



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Treasurer's Report – Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

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.

Also gave the quarterly expense report as indicated in the club's By-Laws.

Communications Director's Report – Dick Thiot – N5FCB

Primary Repeater Status

UPS

Failed twice, replaced the batteries and now back in service

Broken Antenna Mast

Climb scheduled for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – We need volunteers!!

Please email [communications@k5prk.org](mailto:communications@k5prk.org) and

[dickthiot@gmail.com](mailto:dickthiot@gmail.com)

Still working on improving the internet connection

Presbyterian Hospital

It is up and running



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Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Lucas ARC .70cm Repeater is UP

The Lucas ARC thanks PARK for the use of the PARK repeater for their  
Tuesday night 8:00 PM Net during the outage

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

Any items for the newsletter please send to the newsletter editor

Also discussed issues with the logging program for the Club's contest when  
using K5PRK/50

WebMaster's Report – John McCormick – KG5KBP

Facebook Group

Working on that issue

Website Updates

Still working on the issues with new registrants

If you have an announcement, you need added to the website, email

[k5prk.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:k5prk.webmaster@gmail.com) to publish that update



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Public Relations Director's Report – Dan Daniels – W5KKQ

Postcard mailer – mailers have gone out

Boon Printing donated his time and printing to the club

QSL card has been edited and given to the printed for revisions

Activities Director's Report – Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

Recurring Events

Monthly PARK Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 7:00 PM (1900)

General Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00 PM (1900)

WinLink

Every Other Wednesday

Go to [www.collinares.net](http://www.collinares.net) for link and details

Collin ARES Training Nets

Typically holds training nets twice per month

You need not be a member to check-in.

Nets begin at 2100 local and last 20 minutes to an hour

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday PARK Repeater (K5PRK) 147.180 (+) 107.2

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday MARC Repeater (W5MRC) 146.740 (-) 110.9

Go to [www.collinares.net](http://www.collinares.net) for detailed information





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### Weekly Fox Hunts

#### Freddy the Fox (McKinney ARC)

Found in McKinney from 0900 Sat thru 1900 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>

#### Wheatly (Richardson WK)

Found in Richardson every weekend

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>

Will be hidden in Plano about once every other month

When hidden in Plano, will be sponsored by PARK

Finders will be in a drawing for a \$25 HRO Certificate

Be sure to check out where Wheatley will be hiding by visiting

the website link above



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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>

Field Day Coordinator – Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Field Day is on June 24<sup>th</sup>

The club has rented Russell Creek Pavilion

One person has expressed an interest in staying overnight

If we can have 5 more people interested in doing an overnight stay at the pavilion, I will look into renting on the 25<sup>th</sup> too.

VE Testing Results – Daryl Morgeson – AF5QJ  
Tim Peters earned his Tech License tonight



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### Old Business

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee – Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS

#### Web Site Updated

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tab

K5PRK History

K5PRK/50 Member Activation contest

Golden Jubilee Dinner

Merchandise

K5PRK Activation Contest is Active – 317 total QSO's

167 – SSB, 130 – CW

157 – 20m, 107 – 40m, 22 – 80m, 17 – 15m, 6 – 10m, 5 – 30m

N5BWC – 186, W8OV – 91, Nt5TT – 29

Golden Jubilee Dinner – July 17

See website for Survey and additional information

50<sup>th</sup> Merchandise

See the website for info and purchase links!

Badges, Shirts, and More!



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New Business

Larry Pollis – KI5UXC and Bruce Cameron – N5BWC made a K5PRK/50 contact

Larry also relayed his experience of helping a teacher show students code. He showed them how to code their names and they had a great time.

Break: 7:50 pm – 8:00 pm

Raffle -- Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Johnnie Young – KG5CQO won \$20

Congratulations to me



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Tonight's Program

Ham Radio Deluxe – A complete suite of software for the amateur radio operator

Presented by;

Dr. Michael Carper KA9PIE Co-Founder and CEO

Lindy Southwell KB9PIE COO

This program is a suite of apps for rig control. He shows stations worked, worked but not confirmed and not worked. Users can set-up their favorite frequencies. It has a log book. It has filters to screen out un-needed stations. It shows where the contact is in real time (cool feature). When the operator makes a contact, it will upload automatically. It has lots of apps available that we did not have time to explore. This program seems ideal for the real contester.

Thanks, Mike, for showing the group some of the aspects of this program.

Members of the club may use coupon code PARK30 for a 30% discount

Adjournment

Motion Robert Blew – KD5TZJ

2<sup>nd</sup> Kip Moravec – AE5IB



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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](http://WWW.K5PRK.NET)

K5PRK on Groups. io

K5PRK on Facebook

PARK on HamClubOnline.com

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