

K5PRK Newsletter

The *PARKing Ticket*

Golden Jubilee - our 50th Anniversary

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Monday May 15, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Update on the ARRL – [Section Mgr Steve Smith](#)

The **General Klub Meeting will be** at the

[First United Methodist Church Plano](#) on the corner of Parker Rd and Spring Creek.

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Future Club Meeting Programs:

June 19, 2023	Field Day Preparations	
July 17, 2023	50 th Anniversary Celebration	Everyone

2023 DFW Ham Expo June 3

Registration & Pre-Sale:
WWW.DFWHAMEXPO.COM

June 3, 2023
DFW HAM EXPO

ENTRY WRISTBANDS
\$5.00 PER PERSON

TICKET

RAFFLE TICKETS
3 for \$5.00
15 for \$20.00

TAILGATE-TABLES
\$10 Tailgate Spaces
\$20 Indoor Tables

FCC Ham and Commercial Testing Available

Vista Mall - Entrance 6 North
2401 S. Stemmons Freeway Lewisville TX

GRAND PRIZE
YAESU FT-710

1ST PRIZE
YAESU FTM-400

NO NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR GRAND OR 1ST PRIZE

All other prizes must be present to win.

The 2023 DFW Ham Expo is now accepting pre-registration.

Please visit www.dfwhamexpo.com for more information.

Come for great raffle prizes, indoor tables, and outdoor tailgates!

We have reserved the Grand Stage inside the Vista Mall located at 2401 S. Stemmons Freeway, Lewisville TX (formerly Vista Ridge Mall).

We look forward to seeing you there!
73 de KE5GDB

John Robert Stratton and Steve Smith have approved this event to one that is **ARRL Sponsored.**

From the President

Getting on the air couldn't be easier. Volunteers On The Air (VOTA) is going strong, just about every weekend has a contest, special event, or a QSO party. And our very own K5PRK/50 activation is underway (almost 1500 QSO's logged). Here's your chance to get your klub on the air, get you on the air, and get yourself in the running for a special award at this year's holiday party in December. Working our activation isn't just calling CQ CQ CQ (ad sore throateum) and waiting for someone to find you. This weekend had several QSO parties, so I let others call CQ while I scanned the bands and worked QSO partiers. A win-win as everyone gets a log entry and others learn about our 50th anniversary.

Planning for our Golden Jubilee dinner in July is progressing. Watch this newsletter and our groups.io mailing list for details.

73, and see you on the air,

Check out [PARK 50th Anniversary – Plano Amateur Radio Klub \(k5prk.net\)](http://k5prk.net) for the latest information and merchandise.

73, and see you on the air,

Tim Johnson K5TCJ

President PARK

May Treasury Report

Beginning Balance - 5/1/23

Prosperity	\$	10,130.53
PayPal	\$	926.12
Petty Cash &Checks	\$	380.00
Beginning Balance Subtotal	\$	11,486.65

Planned Debits

AT&T	\$	(53.76)
Debits Subtotal	\$	(53.76)
Checks	\$	(75.00)
Debits	\$	(128.76)
Credits	\$	-
Credits Subtotal		

Ending Balance \$ 11,357.89

Pre-approved Expenses

Funded Projects	\$	1,729.51
Annual Recurring Costs	\$	2,707.40
Pre-approved Expenses Subtotal	\$	4,436.91

Available Funds \$ 6,920.98

50th Anniversary Name and Callsign Badges Now Available

As part of our 50th anniversary Jubilee and as a way for all of us to show our pride in being members of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub, “The SignMan of Baton Rouge” has incorporated PARK’s 50th Anniversary logo into his repertoire of club specific name and callsign badges. We’ve chosen two color combinations to choose from.



Plano ARK Badge Style 1



Plano ARK Badge Style 2

This link will take you directly to his website page from which you can select and order yours: <https://thesignman.com/clubs/planoark.html>

PARK would like to welcome new members to the Klub.

Timothy Peters – KJ5AUL

A new Tech and now a member of PARK



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Presented by National Videogame Museum
June 23rd - 25th 2023

[Vintage Computer Festival](#)

Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center at
University of Texas at Dallas
800 W Campbell Rd
Richardson, TX 75080

I'm one of the organizers of the Vintage Computing Festival Southwest that is returning to the Dallas area after a 12+ year absence. Amateur radio has an association with vintage computing through the electronics and vintage equipment trade aspects. - Jay Crutti K5JCJ

**Wheatley in Plano April 14th and 15th
Congratulations to these Successful Hunters**

Ken Hansen	N2VIP
Shawn Prestridge	KI5PXG
Bob Hill	KG5WRY
Adam Butt	KE5MMK
Greg Dussor	KJ5ADT
Al Alexander	KN5EEE
Brian Murphy	WB8QZM
Jennifer Dussor	KI5ZNU
Scott Ohman	WA0RPT
Julia Ohman	KA5JAO
Mark Hammons	N5MSH
Buddy Shipley	KF5LJD
Josh Barfield	N4NZ
Paul Ferris	W3PWF
Rob Forson	K5WFR
Joe Wigner	K5MGY
Dwaine Hurta	N5HD



Wheel spin during the May General Meeting.
Who will win the \$25 HRO Certificate?

Congratulations to a successful Fox Hunter

David Fedorko – KF5PFC

Winner of the \$25 HRO Certificate



K5PRK Member Activation Contest Update

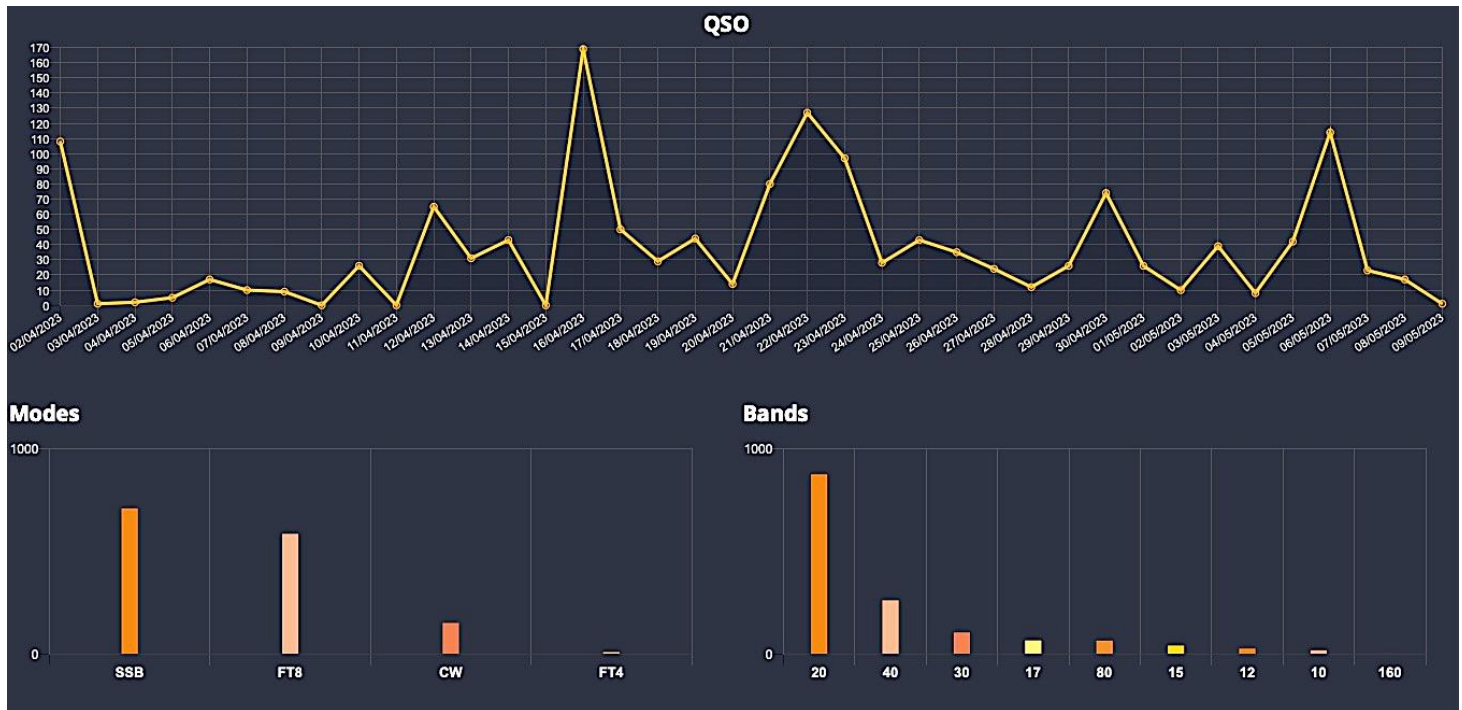
If you haven't already signed up for the K5PRK Member Activation Contest you are missing out. There have been over 1450 contacts that have been made in the last few weeks alone. Right now single side band voice is in the lead with over 700 contacts. Most of those on 20 m. FT8 is a close second with over 500 contacts. Our Morse code brethren are slowly bringing up the back end of the competition. But they are definitely doing better than PSK 31 which currently has... nobody.

20 meters is the hottest band with over 800 contacts. Then the bands fall quickly behind with 40 m only having 260 contacts 30 m, 17 m, 80 m and on down the line. You can see much of this reflected in the chart that accompanies this month's tally.

We actually only have seven participants so far. There is still a lot of opportunity for any club member to join the contest, get on the bands, and make some contacts. It is a lot of fun, and you do get to talk about the club and the fact that we are celebrating our 50th anniversary, which is the point.

Remember, we have some real prizes that will be given away, lithium ion battery packs and chargers, portable power kits for those who like to operate in the field, and some cool gear from MFJ. These are all going to be prizes that will be awarded, but only to people who participate in the contest, both category leaders and more. So don't worry if you don't make the most contacts, you may be the person who makes the most foreign contacts, or you may be the person who makes the most 10 m contacts, give it a try and have lots of fun.

For more information about the K5PRK member activation contest, you can go to our website which is www.K5PRK.net and all of the 50th anniversary information is there. Including information about our upcoming Golden Jubilee Dinner event coming up this July 17th, the ongoing Member Activation Contest, various 50th anniversary merchandise you can order, and a new page that documents the club's humble beginnings - including a poem - is available for you to enjoy.



THE K5PRK/50 MEMBER ACTIVATION CONTEST



As part of our 50th Anniversary, The Plano Amateur Radio Klub is having a Member Activation Contest and it is already underway with several members already racking up the contacts, I mean, points, I mean - FUN!

What is the Member Activation Contest? Well, I'm glad you asked. It's were club Members will activate / use the callsign K5PRK/50 on the air. We're sure this will get a few questions so this is where we get to share the news that our club is celebrating it's 50th anniversary, etc.

We have set up a special place / process to log these Member Activations at HamAward.cloud. All it takes is a web browser to do it and it's super easy. Everyone's logs are compiled into one big list so that every Activator can see the statistics - most CW calls, most SSB, etc.

The logging page looks like this:

The screenshot shows the HamAward website interface for the K5PRK/50 Member Activation Contest. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Award list, Award Log, HamConnect, and My account. The main content area displays the contest title, a search bar for activators, and a table of recent QSOs.

Search filters: Activator: K5PRK/50, Callsign: [Search], Band: [Dropdown], Mode: [Dropdown], RST/T: 59, RST/R: 59, Date: 04/04/2023, UTC: 16:52:40, ADD QSO

Go OnAir: OffAir, 0 Activators, Hide others

KB3DVS

Live QSO, LogBook, Statistics

No QSO in the last 30 minutes

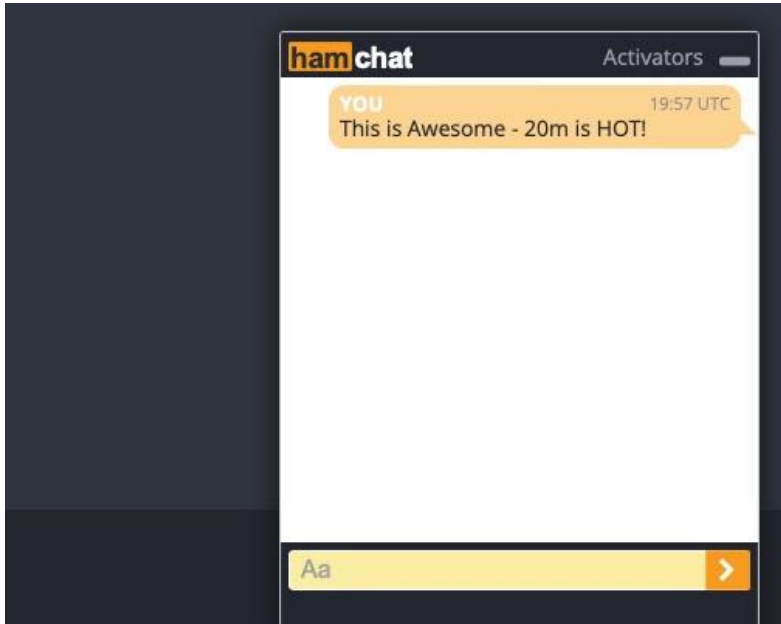
Callsign	Band	Mode	RST/T	RST/R	Date	Info
NR6JD	20 m	CW	599	599	04/04/2023 02:09:06 UTC	Operated by NT5TT
K8LGY	20 m	CW	559	559	04/04/2023 00:01:22 UTC	Operated by NT5TT
KV4XY	20 m	SSB	59	59	03/04/2023 00:28:40 UTC	Operated by KB3DVS
AA5JF	20 m	SSB	59	59	02/04/2023 18:37:57 UTC	Operated by N5BWC
N0E	20 m	SSB	59	59	02/04/2023 18:36:39 UTC	Operated by N5BWC
KD20GB	10 m	SSB	59	59	02/04/2023 16:18:24 UTC	Operated by N5BWC
W2RAP	10 m	SSB	59	59	02/04/2023 16:16:12 UTC	Operated by N5BWC
WA1TBV	10 m	SSB	59	59	02/04/2023 16:13:04 UTC	Operated by N5BWC
KB3KLT	10 m	SSB	59	59	02/04/2023 16:07:16 UTC	Operated by N5BWC
KB3CMT	10 m	SSB	59	59	02/04/2023 16:06:48 UTC	Operated by N5BWC
ON7HJA	10 m	SSB	59	59	02/04/2023 15:38:40 UTC	Operated by N5BWC
WD5HUU	80 m	SSB	59	59	02/04/2023 05:42:04 UTC	Operated by N5BWC

If you are a member of K5PRK (and there are over 100 of us) and you want to to Activate K5PRK/50 as part of the Member Activation Contest, you need to sign up [here](https://bit.ly/3n5hX4r).

We will then check the sign-ups to **verify club member status** before approved Activator information will be added to HamAward. If you are not a verified, active club member, you will not be added to the participant list for the contest, and you will not see our contest in HamAward.

Then Activators will go and **create a HamAward login for themselves**.

The Activators **we** provide to HamAward will see our contest in HamAward. Activators can go on the air any day, any time, and Activate K5PRK/50. Activators can log contacts using any web browser directly into HamAward. Multiple club Activators can be on at the same time, and HamAward even has a built-in chat between Activators.




When starting an Activation - use the list of recent contacts right under the log form (above) to see who might already be on the air, and on what frequency, so you can allow each other the space to operate. Choose a different band, or mode, and have fun.

It is up to each activator to accurately record each of their contacts. Every participant in this contest can see live statistics to see who is leading the way- Top Voice contacts, Top CW contacts, Top Digital contacts, Top Overall contacts, etc. We already have prizes in-hand for those club members who help PARK spread the word about our 50th anniversary with this fun “get on the air” contest. We’ll also have some small prizes for those who may not get the most contacts, but are active in the contest.

This will be a lot of fun – to get back on the air, with purpose!

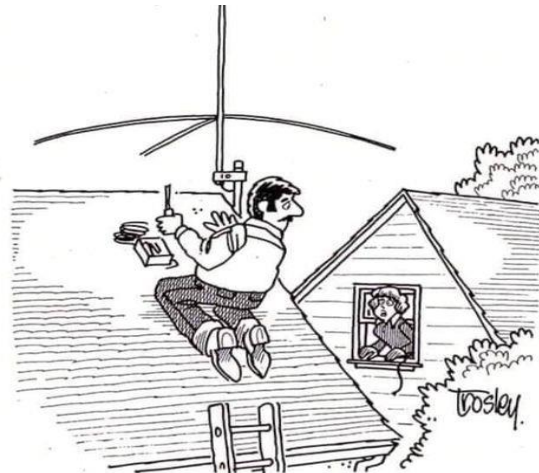
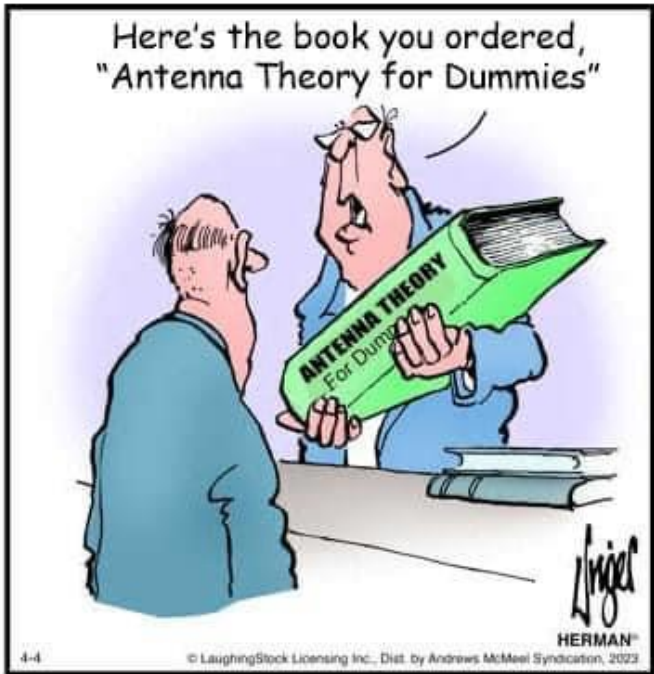
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Anthony Burokas
General Class Ham (KB3DVS)
VP: Plano Amateur Radio Klub – <http://k5prk.net>
25-year video producer — IEBA.com

 **HAM RADIO**
Christopher Owen · 3m · 🌐

Who knows the difference between SWR and VSWR 😂

I FOUND IT!



"YEA.. THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT INSTALLATION JOB, FRED.. EXCEPT FOR ONE THING.. IT'S ON THE WRONG ROOF.."

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

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.

An excellent video by N7QT (Spokane DX Association) on DXing with FT8 Covers FH, timing issues, upcoming enhancements to WSJTX <https://youtu.be/IFqFOXTefiA>

HAM RADIO OPERATORS, [WE NEED YOUR HELP DURING SOLAR ECLIPSES!](#)

Members of the Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation ([HamSCI](#)) will be making radio contacts during the 2023 and 2024 North American eclipses, probing the Earth's ionosphere. It will be a fun, friendly event with a competitive element—and you're invited to participate.

ARRL Helps Radio Amateurs Comply with New RF Exposure Evaluation Rules

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® provides free, comprehensive resources to help radio amateurs ensure they are compliant with the new RF exposure rules.

On May 3, 2021, [new FCC rules governing RF exposure](#) evaluations went into effect. While the exposure limits were not changed, the requirement to conduct an evaluation was made more broadly applicable to amateur licensees. A 2-year transition period was implemented to allow existing amateur licensees to conduct evaluations and make any changes necessary to ensure that their station complies with the exposure rules. On May 3, 2023, the transition period ended. All licensees must now conduct evaluations of their current station and reassess compliance when making changes to their stations that would affect exposure going forward.

As detailed in a [May 2023 QST article by Greg Lapin, N9GL](#), the rules now require amateur radio operators to perform station evaluations. The Amateur Radio Service is no longer categorically excluded from certain aspects of the RF exposure rules, and licensees can no longer avoid performing an exposure assessment simply because they are transmitting below a given power level.

The ARRL website features an [RF Exposure landing page](#) with resources, such as an RF exposure calculator, the entire RF Safety section from the 100th Edition of the *ARRL The Handbook*, a video explaining the topic, FAQs about the subject, and more. These tools and resources are available to the public without an ARRL membership or website account.

For further assistance with technical matters, ARRL members enjoy the additional resources of the [ARRL Technical Information Service](#), and access to the experts within the ARRL Lab.

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>
	<p>About ARRL Audio News</p> <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> <p>How to Listen to Audio News</p> <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>
	<p>Where Do Hams Fit Into the Incident Command System?</p> <p>The March/April 2023 issue of <i>On the Air</i> featured an article on "The Incident Command System and Amateur Radio," which introduced the Incident Command System (ICS), an emergency management system that public safety agencies use to respond to everything from small incidents to large-scale emergencies. ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, joins this episode of the podcast to share more about the system's origins and uses, where and how amateur radio operators fit into the system, and where to get ICS training.</p>

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 7:30 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

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<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: 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

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)
- 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

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%

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

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 13th – We need volunteers!!

Please email communications@k5prk.org and

dickthiot@gmail.com

Still working on improving the internet connection

Presbyterian Hospital

It is up and running

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 to publish that update

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 printer for revisions

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)

WinLink

Every Other Wednesday

Go to 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

1st Sunday PARK Repeater (K5PRK) 147.180 (+) 107.2

3rd Sunday MARC Repeater (W5MRC) 146.740 (-) 110.9

Go to www.collinares.net for detailed information

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

Fox #1 (Richardson WK)

Found in Richardson every weekend

Tx on 144.500 MHz with a 3-minute cycle

RWKL website: <http://www.k5rwl.org/foxhunt>

Field Day Coordinator – Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Field Day is on June 24th

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 25th too.

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

Old Business

50th Anniversary Jubilee – Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS

Web Site Updated

50th Anniversary Logo

50th 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

50th Merchandise

See the website for info and purchase links!

Badges, Shirts, and More!

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

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

2nd Kip Moravec – AE5IB

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

K5PRK on Groups. io

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