



**Plano Amateur Radio Klub
General Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023**



Start time: 7:05 pm

Location: First United Methodist Church Plano

Facilitator: Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS
Vice-President

Board 8 of 9 (for quorum)

Members 16

Guest 11 (2 became members)

President Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Not in Attendance

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 Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS

Roll Call –

Each person present gave their name and call-sign

Vice-President's Report – Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS

August – How to use a NanoVNA – Shawn Prestridge KI5PXG

Plano Balloon Festival –

September – Show and tell by PARK members

Send Anthony your intensions – VP@KrPRK.net

October – PARK repeater overview

November – DMR – need someone for this – VP@K5PRK.net

December – Holiday Dinner, White Elephant prizes and

Winners of the K5PRK/50 Member Activation Contest

Secretary's Report – Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

July 2023 General Meeting Minutes

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



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Welcome to new Hams for June 2023

John Donovan – KC5JMD – Happy to have you join the Klub.

Timothy Schuk – passed his Tech exam with us tonight

Welcome to new members

June 2023

Kirk Wilson – KW5AT

July 2023

Vicki Portch – KI5VKP

August 2023

Ronald Vaughn – KJ5CEM

Lynn Hudson – KG5QVE

David Williamson – KJ5AOA

PARK now has 105 members

58 are members of ARRL = 55%



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Congratulation to the Wheatly Fox Hunters for June 2023

Shawn Prestridge	KI5PXG
Brian Murphy	WB8QCM
Chris Tuti	KV2T
Wilson Little	NT5AT
Jim Carter	K7IOL
Buddy Shipley	KF5LJD
Bob Hill	KG5WRY
Dwaine Hurta	N5HD
Mark Hammons	N5MSH
Adam Butt	KE5MMK
Joe Wigner	K5MGY
Rob Forson	K5WFR
Katherine Forson	KT5KMF
David Fedorko	KF5PFC

Wheel spin for the HRO \$25 Gift Certificate goes to
Shawn Prestridge – KI5PXG

Congratulations to Shawn

Elections are in October

In odd numbered years 2023 the following positions are open

President – limit is two terms consecutively
current president will run for another term

Treasurer – limit is two terms consecutively
current treasurer will run for another term

Activities Director – no term limits
current activities director will run for another term

Newsletter Editor – no term limits
current newsletter editor will run for another term

Any member in good standing may run for one of these positions



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Secretary – limit is two terms consecutively –
one year left in 2nd term

This position is an open position

Public Relations Director – no term limits –
one year left in this term

This position is an open position

Any member in good standing may run to fill the unexpired terms of these positions.

This election will occur in October along with the General Election for odd years.

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.

Field Day report for Summer of 2023

Total score – 1162

Communications Director's Report – Dick Thiot – N5FCB

Repeater

We worked on the repeater on Saturday, mainly to resolve issue with tones especially for the Skywarn net. This is working as of our visit to the Tower.



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Issue with the UPS (again) and we have removed it for offsite diagnostics and repair.

Waiting on cooler weather to repair antenna on the water tower.

Would you be interested in a PARK meeting to discuss the repeater, pictures of the equipment and site and capabilities?

Still looking for people that can become certified climbers –

Let Dick Thiot know!

Repeater Network News

Medical City Plano

Ronald Vaughn, Disaster Program Manager – KJ5CEM

He is looking for volunteers to operate the radio at the Hospital during disasters

He is also working with us to get a repeater at MCP!

Newsletter Editor's Report – Neil Gould – NE5IL

Newsletter was posted to groups.io

You should get notified if

You are registered on the web



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You are a member of groups.io

Any items for the newsletter please send to the newsletter editor

WebMaster's Report – James McCormick – KG5KBP

Working on updating the web site

Watch for new and wonderful things

Public Relations Director's Report – Dan Daniels – W5KKQ

QSL card design has been approved and are ready to print was the Board
decides how many are needed

Activities Director's Report – Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

Recurring Events

Monthly PARK Meetings

Board of Directors Zoom Meeting – 1st Monday 7:00 PM

General Meeting – 3rd Monday 7:00 PM

WinLink

Every Other Wednesday

Go to www.collinares.net for link and details



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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>

Fox #1 (Richardson WK)

Found in Richardson every weekend

TX on 144.500 MHz on a 3-minute cycle

RWL Website: www.K5RWK.org/foxhunt/



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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

Weekly Informal Net

We're trying something new with a weekly INFORMAL NET

No script, no assigned net controls, no formal check-ins

Just folks getting on the air and Rag-Chewing

When: Wednesdays at 8:00 PM

Where: PARK Repeater – 147.18 pl 107.2

The last few weeks have been successful

Come on out and join the fun



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Blackland Triathlon

September 4th (Labor Day Monday) 5:30 AM to 12 noon

Location: Oak Point Recreation Center

Communications Support for Event

Several Volunteer Positions Available

Please see Richard Seitz, or Sign up on Signup Genius

Plano Balloon Festival

September 21st to 24th

Location: Oak Point Park/Red Tail Pavilion

Communications Support for Balloon Launches and Chase

More information coming soon!

VE Testing Results – Daryl Morgeson – AF5QJ

Not in attendance

Thanks to Don Klick – KG5CK

For running the testing sessions while Daryl cannot attend

Report given by Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

Congratulations to;

Daniel Hemmi – KJ5BMY earned his General

Larry Pollis – KI5UXC earned his Extra



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Old Business

50th Anniversary Jubilee – Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS

Shared some photos taken during the Celebration

The entire was lived streamed to the PARK Facebook Page.

We now have portraits of the club founder, past and current presidents.

There are additional copies of the event program available.

We awarded over \$1000 in prizes at the dinner

There are nearly \$1000 more prizes to be awarded for the
Member Activation Contest

There are stickers, pens, etc. free for the taking

There are additional 50th Anniversary Pins for \$10 each

There are recorded videos being edited

Thank You's

Johnnie Young and Tim Johnson for guidance throughout the process

Dick Thoit and Skyler Thoit – Logo

Tim Johnson – 50th badges

Dan Daniels – 50th Anniversary QSL Card

Johnnie Young – All Past President Research and Coordination
Certificates, and Mailings to Past Presidents



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David Koch – Member Activation contest – Logging Testing, Research

Larry Randall – Portraits

Bob Nine – Event Audio and Video

Dick Thoit – Event photos

Michael Tharp – Location co-conspirator, Dinner Master

Aam Parson – Dinner Server and all-around helper

Everyone who helped clean up after the event

50th Merchandise

See the website for info and purchase links!

Badges, Shirts, and More!

Member Activation Member Contest shows who is on and what frequency,
number of contacts per mode, and who is leading per mode

It also shows how members can sign up and participate

A newly added page shows locations of visitors via K5PRK QRZ page

Badges, Shirts, and More!



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New Business;

Allen Stryker – K5MBL

Will be moving to a Senior Living Center

He brought some items for sale

Break:

Raffle – Rob Forson – K5WFR won \$13

Tonight's Program

Plano Balloon Festival – Robert Davis

Robert discussed the need for volunteers to help with various positions. He described some of the positions and what was needed to help. Sign-up scans were provided for those who were interested. Questions were answered as needed. Contact information was provided and will be posted to groups.io.

Thank you, Robert for your continued support for this Event

This is an event that PARK has supported for many years.



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How to use a NanoVNA – Shawn Prestridge – KI5PXG

A NanoVNA is primarily a network analyzer and one of a ham Radio's most useful tools. It is used to test your antenna standing wave ratio per frequency. It does have saver software available. You only need to calibrate it the first time under your specific conditions and if those conditions do not change you are good to go each time.

Shawn went through the general process sharing visuals you would actually see as you went through this process. He even demonstrated one of these processes in real time so the members could see the program work. Everyone was glued to this presentation and some were ready to get one for themselves.

Thank you, Shawn for such a well thought out presentation and thank you for sharing your slide presentation with the club. This presentation will be posted to the Website for reference.

Motion to adjourn – Michael Tharp – KG5TJC

2nd – Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

Adjournment – 9:14 pm

Thank you for attending

See you on the air.



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