

K5PRK Newsletter

The PARKing Ticket

Golden Jubilee - our 50th Anniversary

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Monday Oct 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm

PARK Repeater Overview – Kip AE5IB

What is in place?

What can it do?

How can we get involved?

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:

Nov 20, 2023	DMR – Intro, What can you do, What is needed.	TBD
Dec 18, 2023	Annual Christmas Party	Rudy's in Allen

PARK is pleased to recognize PARK member **Katherine Forson KT5KMF** currently a student at Texas A&M University majoring in Meteorology.

Katherine was recently awarded the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Freshman Dean's Excellence Award in Arts & Sciences.

This and other awards were created in collaboration with LAUNCH: Academic Excellence to recognize and celebrate outstanding first and second year students whose exceptional promise make them good candidates for future awards. Students selected for recognition are invited to visit with Phi Kappa Phi officers as well as their college dean at a special breakfast each fall.

Congratulations Katherine!

From the President ELECTION TIME!

Every Odd numbered year we elect our President, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Activities Director. Additionally, this year we will be holding a Special Election to fill the unexpired terms for our Secretary and Public Relations Director. Important positions all. Elsewhere in this newsletter you find information on voting in-person, by mail and by proxy. Please make your voice heard and make a point to exercise your right to vote for the leadership of your club.

73, and see you on the air,
Tim Johnson K5TCJ
President PARK

Our Repeaters

Our October club meeting is all about the repeaters. We will discuss the equipment as well as what modes are available. Check out the slide deck if you weren't able to attend the meeting. We have a lot going on right now with the PARK repeaters...

Main Repeater - Allen Prestige Water Tower

The UPS is reinstalled and operational. We are in the planning mode again to climb the water tower. We need to replace two masts and repoint the Ubiquiti antennas, And check the status of the rest of the antennas, Make sure everything is still grounded and the coax looks OK.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano

The repeater is operational but we will be realigning the Ubiquiti antenna to point at Medical City Plano once that site is operational.

Medical City Plano

We are in the process of planning the installation of the repeaters at MCP. This will hopefully take place in the very near future. Like Presby Plano, this is not on a tower but the roof of their building so it does not require special skills to work on the antennas. Once MCP is up and running and Presby Plano is reconfigured our repeaters will be networked, allowing wider coverage during emergency nets.

Dick Thiot – N5FCB

PARK now has 105 members.



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance - 10/1/23	
Prosperity	\$10,492.70
PayPal	\$-
Petty Cash &Checks	\$548.00
Beginning Balance Subtotal	\$11,040.70
Planned Debits	
AT&T	\$(53.76)
Debits Subtotal	\$(53.76)
Checks	\$(36.00)
	\$(75.00)
Debits	\$(164.76)
Credits	\$-
Credits Subtotal	
Ending Balance	\$10,875.94
Pre-approved Expenses	
Funded Projects	\$1,729.51
Annual Recurring Costs	\$2,707.40
Pre-approved Expenses Subtotal	\$4,436.91
Available Funds	\$6,439.03
Minimum Reserves	\$4,000.00
Funds Available for 50th Anniversary	\$2,439.03
Expected 50th Anniversary Costs	\$(600.00)
Remaining funds	\$1,839.03

Election Proxy Voting

PARK members who choose not to attend the General Meeting on Monday, October 16th, may vote by Proxy.

There are two ways to accomplish this;

- 1- You may send your vote in a sealed envelope. You must use the form that says Proxy "PARK Proxy Voting October 16th 2023, which is attached at the bottom. You must fill-in the blanks with your name and call sign, your email or the member bringing your Proxy vote to the meeting, the date you signed this form, and you must sign your name. (Any member may only bring 2(two) Proxies to the meeting.
- 2- You may email your filled-out Proxy vote to me at secretary@K5prk.net Please note emails must be received (received time not sent time) by me by 4:00 PM on Monday, (so send it by 3:30 pm) October 16th, 2023. I will leave my house a few minutes after I check for late emails at 5:30pm in order to prepare for the meeting. Once you receive this notice you may send me your Proxy vote early as long as you are sure you will not be attending the meeting. If you are not sure about attending, please wait until the morning of the meeting.

Each member is entitled to 1(one) ballot.

Please vote for each position

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

Ballots must be turned into me during the break.

Questions can be sent to secretary@K5prk.net

PARK Proxy Voting October 2023

*Please circle one name for each position
or
Write in another name*

Print your name and call sign
Fill in how you are submitting your vote
Date and sign your ballot

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

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Public Relations Director – Sam Parson W9VPU

I, _____, submit my Proxy Vote
name & call-sign

Via _____
email, or person's name delivering your ballot

On _____
date

Signature

K5PRK/50 Member Activation Contest

Just 2 months left to participate in the K5PRK/50 Member Activation Contest
There are over \$900 in prizes available in:

The Categories:

Most Total Contacts Worked as K5PRK/50 - 25 tickets

Most VHF Contacts as K5PRK/50 - 20 tickets (Tech Bonus!)

Most Bands Worked as K5PRK/50 - 20 tickets

Most Modes Worked as K5PRK/50 - 20 Tickets

Most Digital Contacts as K5PRK/50 - 10 Tickets

Most Voice Contacts as K5PRK/50 - 10 tickets

Most CW Contacts as K5PRK/50 - 10 tickets

The prizes:

Bioenno BCLF-1220A 20AH LiFePO Battery & Charger \$220 ea

Bioenno BLF-1215 15Ah LiFePO Battery & Charger \$175 ea

Bioenno BLF-1212 12Ah LiFePO Battery & Charger \$150 ea

Dakota Lithium: PowerBox 10 (\$229)

Ham Radio Outlet \$100 Gift Certificate

Ham Radio Outlet \$50 Gift Certificate

All participants also receive the PARK 50th Anniversary pin.

Prizes awarded at the Holiday Party:

We will use the ticket system again as it helps ensure the participant gets the item they are most interested in. Each item will be drawn and awarded to one person. If that same person is also picked for another item, they get to pick which item they want more. The returned item is redrawn till all the items are awarded.

Those who have dominated the contest have more chance of winning, but those who win specific categories also win tickets and an opportunity to win prizes - even with just 60 days to go. **ANYONE CAN WIN.** Can you do PSK or RTTY? There are currently ZERO contacts using those modes.

Also, if you are a Tech license holder, you can still work 10m, 6, 2, 70cm, and up, you can win the VHF category, you could also win most modes, etc. **Now** is your chance to plan tactically to win one, or several categories. Did you know there are currently only THREE contacts on 2m? and nine on

6m? Can you do better? Can you make 10 contacts? Then you could win! That's how easy this is.

Special VHF Notes:

- 6m, 2m, and 70cm are available. For anything higher, use 70cm.
- FM Simplex is available as a mode well as SSB.
- If you use Olivia or other multi-tone mode, register it as PSK.
- Repeater contacts not allowed.
- Echolink / Wires / "net" contacts, not allowed.

FINAL TALLY - DECEMBER 10, 2023 (UTC)

That's the last date to make contacts and get you some tickets, however, getting tickets does not guarantee you a prize. There are more category winners than there are prizes. That said, everyone does have the satisfaction of being part of letting the world know about K5PRK's 50th anniversary, and you get a 50th Anniversary participation pin for making the Member Activation Contest a success.

Contest and prizes open to PARK members only.

To register and find out more, go to: <https://k5prk.net/contest>

The BEST Robotics Technology Competition

For many years, PARK has supported the (CoCo) BEST (Collin County - Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) program competition with communications support—from the staging area to the competition arena. Dave Koch, W8OV, has been the responsible party dedicated to the coordination of these communication operations. Due to health reasons, Dave is having to step down from this roll, and needs someone willing to take it over moving forward. While the competition itself only requires 3 communicators, it is an exciting way to spend a Saturday. How do we know it's an exciting event? If you have ever experienced listening to Dave talk about this event, then you are aware of how exciting it can be. "How these kids come up with these ideas--it's simply AMAZING!"

We need three radio operators to volunteer for this upcoming event. One person is needed to coordinate with the event director and then be available to participate with two other operators during the Saturday competition. **Although there is a check-in on Friday, the hams are usually only needed on Saturday (Game Day). That is October 28th, this year.** The event usually runs from about 8 am to approximately 3 pm. Lunch for volunteers is provided. There are usually some light breakfast items provided, as well.

The CoCo BEST (Collin County) Hub was originally located in Collin County, as the name implies. However, a few years ago, another Hub located in another county closed its operations. So that the schools in that county would have a place to compete, the CoCo Best Hub took them in. To make travel a bit more equitable, and because finding a facility to use for the event is getting more difficult, the venue has moved, at times, to other counties.

This year's Game Day will be held in Denton, TX at Guyer High School at 7501 Teasley Lane, 76210. Just for refence, this is across, and North of the Denton County EOC.

Please consider this as another great opportunity to not only serve our community with communication operations, but also a special way to support the youth of our local towns and cities. Contact me with your interest, and I will get you the contact information you will need.

Richard Seitz

Activities Director, PARK

activities@k5prk.net

American Diabetes Association will be hosting the Tour de Cure bike rally

On Saturday, October 21st, the American Diabetes Association will be hosting the Tour de Cure bike rally. This event is based out of the Prosper/McKinney/Celina/Gunter area. The event will consist of a start/finish area and 3 rest stops along the course. There are 4 courses, the longest being 62 miles. Volunteers are needed for all positions: SAG/rovers/tail, rest stops, and net control. Reporting times will be as early as 6:30AM, and the event should be wrapping up just after noon. This event is open to any licensed radio operator. Volunteers do not need to have any club affiliation to sign up for this event.

Tour de Cure radio volunteer sign up link: <https://forms.gle/Fhb4yDRMQVeYpWJHA>

Tour de Cure event details page:

https://donations.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr_id=13675&type=fr_informational&sid=26840

Please contact me if you have any questions!

73 de KE5GDB -- Andrew Koenig

K5PRK Member Activation Contest Update

The September issue of QST has our K5PRK/50 activation listed again, in the Special Event Stations section. Should be a lot of folks looking to get K5PRK/50 in their log.

The club's 50th anniversary ain't over yet!

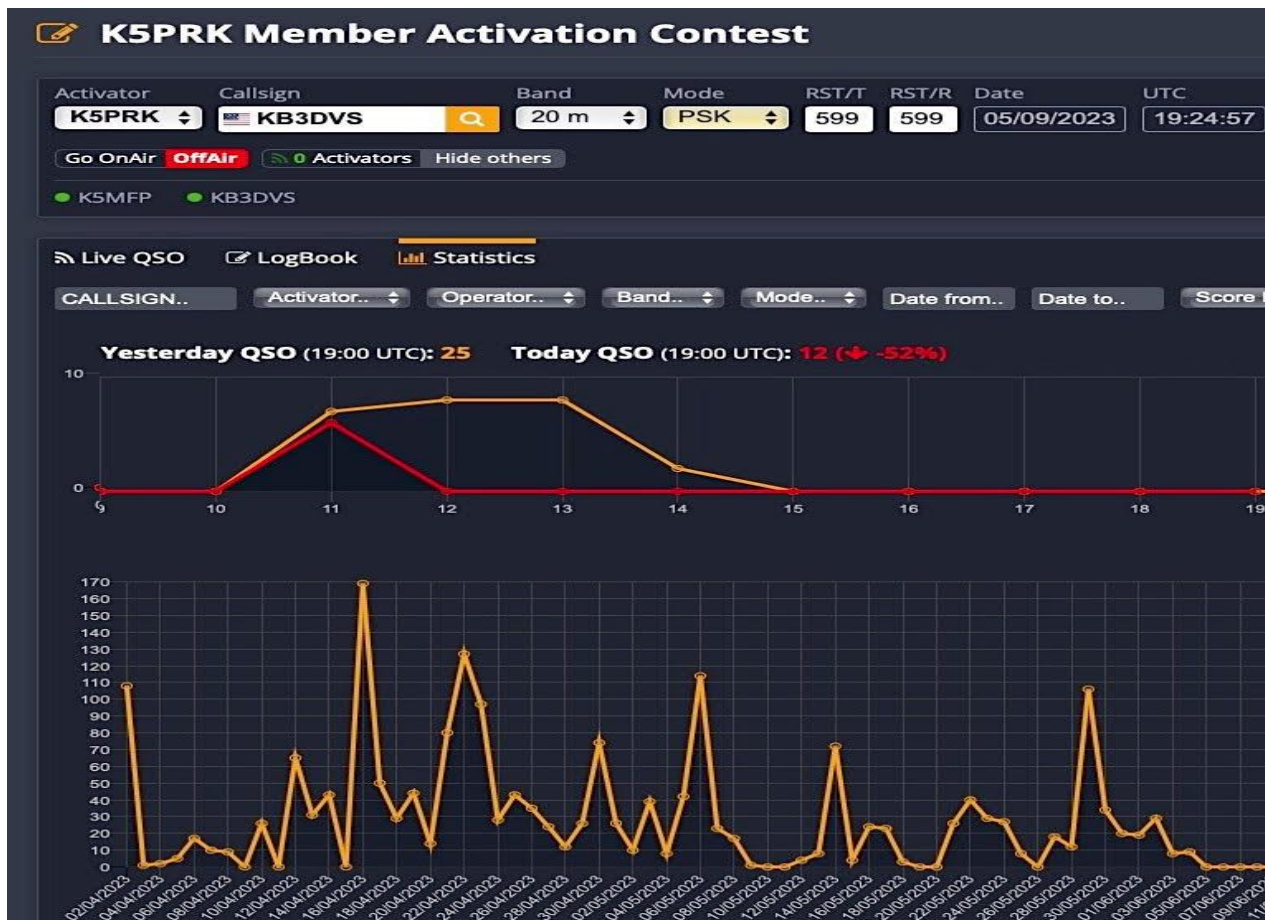
As they say, "it ain't over till it's over" and every single one of you have till the holiday party in December to participate in the K5PRK/50 Member activation contest and win some prizes!

This is where you get a chance to activate the club call with a "stroke-50" at the end. K5PRK/50 on the air, and log your contacts to a special contest site we set up just for this special activation. You get to put the club call out there around the world, and spread the news that PARK is 50 years old this year. Tell them about the awesome Golden Jubilee Dinner we had, the prizes that were given away, and more.

Right now, there have been over 3,098 contacts around the world. There have been 2006 contacts on FT8, but only 830 on SSB, and 172 on CW meaning that there are still over three months of opportunity for YOU to take the lead and win a prize. No PSK contacts yet, No RTTY contacts yet. Nineteen 10m contacts. Three 2m contacts. Five 6m contacts. Only 2 voice contacts to Mexico. Think you can do better? Then join the contest!

In the end, it's not just about prizes, it's about getting on the air and having fun. To find out how to participate, visit the club website Member Activation Contest Page for more info.

<https://k5prk.net/contest>



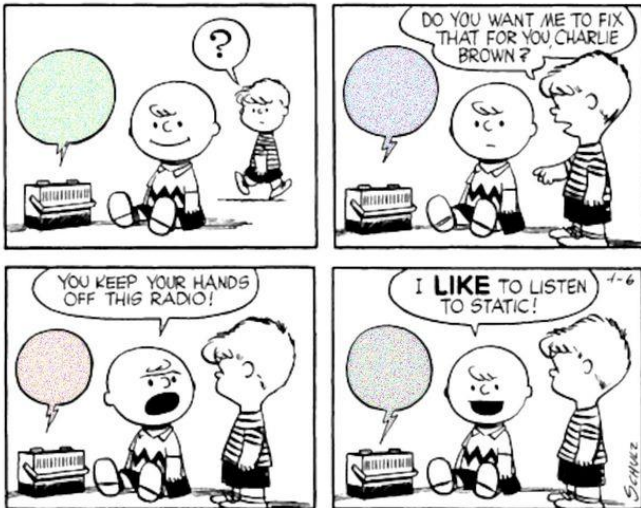
Thanks to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Amateur.Radio.Funnies>



'On the second floor, there's a card on the wall that says Seychelle Islands — please, get it!'



You see feather banners, I see antenna masts. We are not the same.



Ham Radio Operator
Noun
An introvert who shells out big bucks on expensive electronics for the purpose of sitting in a room attempting to connect with total strangers.

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.

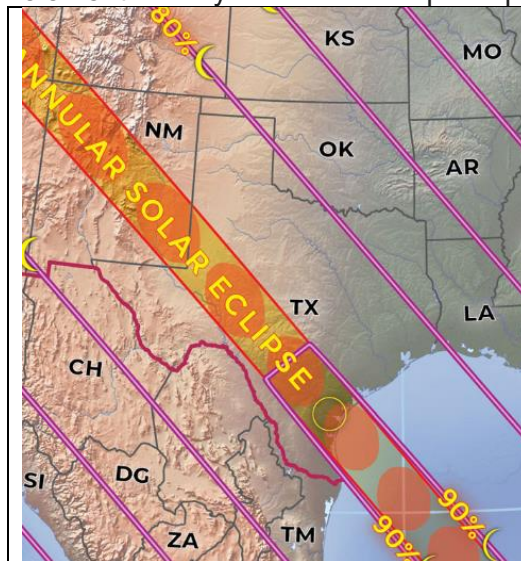
Short Takes

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.

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

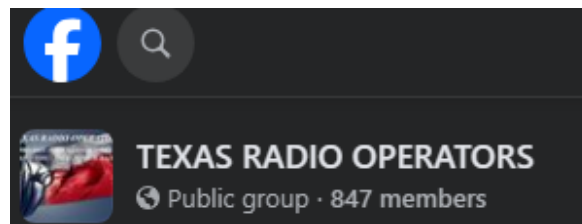
Members of the Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation ([HamSCI](#)) will be making radio contacts during the 2023 and 2024 North American eclipses, probing the Earth's ionosphere. It will be a fun, friendly event with a competitive element—and you're invited to participate.



[SOLAR ECLIPSE QSO](#)

[PARTY](#) (SEQP) (NEXT EVENT: OCTOBER 14, 2023)

[Another Eclipse Info Site](#)



A dedicated [Facebook](#) Group

ARRL News

ARRL magazines

QST - ARRL's Monthly Membership Journal - www.arrl.org/qst

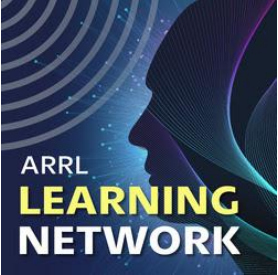


On the Air - NEW! Beginner to intermediate level help and advice - www.arrl.org/On-the-Air-Magazine

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>
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	<p><u>Foxhunting Basics: Tracking a Transmitter</u></p> <p>The cover story of <i>On the Air's</i> September/October 2023 issue, "Foxhunting Basics," doesn't have anything to do with chasing down a woodland creature. Foxhunting is a radio direction-finding activity that you can enjoy with a radio club or group, or even with just one other friend — and they don't even have to be a ham! Rob Zielfelder, N1NUG, explains how to get started with a couple of handheld radios and a directional antenna that you can make from inexpensive hardware store materials.</p>

[2022-2023 ARRL Contest Dates PDF](#)

[Amateur radio hobbyists share historic Texas lighthouse restoration story with world"](#)

Beaumont Enterprise (Texas) September 6, 2023 -- Sabine Pass Lighthouse restoration.

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

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

Board 6 of 9 (for quorum)
Members 13
Guest 6

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 – Anthony Burokas – KB3DVS

Not in Attendance

Report given by Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

September – member show and tell

- 1 gadget you love
- 1 tool that made a difference
- 1 process makes things easier
- 1 activity you want to tell others about

October – PARK Repeater Overview

- What is in place
- What can it do
- How can we get involved

November – DMR

- What is DMR
- Where can I use DMR
- What makes it different than D-Star/ Wires/ etc.
- How do I get started

Email – vp@k5prk.net

December – dinner

- White elephant
- Winners of the k5prk/50-member activation contest

Secretary's Report – Johnnie Young – KG5CQO

August 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?

Welcome to new members for August 2023

New ham and new member

Ronald Vaughn – KJ5CEM

New members

Lynn Hudson – KG5QVE

David Williamson – KJ5AOA

PARK now has 105 members

58 are members of ARRL = 55%

August Certificate Winner

Shawn Prestridge – KI5PXG

Congratulations to Shawn

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.

Communications Director's Report – Dick Thiot – N5FCB

Not in attendance

Working on issues

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

Solar eclipse on October 14th – 80%

WebMaster's Report – James McCormick – KG5KBP

Not in attendance

Working on new website

Public Relations Director's Report – Dan Daniels – W5KKQ

Not in attendance

Nothing to report

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

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
[RWB Website: www.K5RWB.org/foxbunt/](http://www.K5RWB.org/foxbunt/)

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

Plano Balloon Festival

September 21st to 24th
Location: Oak Point Park/Red Tail Pavilion
Communications Support for Balloon Launches and Chase

VNA Dallas Meals on Wheels 2023

Thanksgiving Day – November 23rd
Christmas Day – December 25th
Location – 1440 W Mockingbird Lane; Dallas 75247
Arrive by 7:30 am and leave by 10:30 am

Partial Solar Eclipse – Saturday, October 14th
75 – 80 % obscuration
Begins at 10:23 am
Max at 11:52 2m
Ends 1:29 am
There will be a total eclipse on April 8th, 2024
Observation glasses are available

PARK sponsored Technician License Class and test
When – November 11th and 12th
Location – Lucas Fire Station Training room
Time – 0800 – 1700
The PARK VE team will conduct testing Sunday afternoon

For more information contact
William Ingram N5WOI
Stargazer111@tx.rr.com

VE Testing Results – Daryl Morgeson – AF5QJ
Not in attendance
No testing this week

Old Business

50th Anniversary Jubilee – Anthony Burokas – KB5DVS
Not in attendance
Report given by Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

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!

New Business;

Elections are next month

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

Special Election next month

Secretary – stepping down mid-term

one year left in 2nd term

limit is two consecutive terms

Public Relations Director – stepping down mid-term

no term limits –

one year left in this term

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.

Nominations will now be taken for each position on the ballot for next month

These positions are for two years

President – Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Treasurer – Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Activities director – Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

Newsletter Editor – Neil Gould – NE5IL

Nominations not received tonight may be sent via email no later than 4pm on Monday October 2nd

Nominations may be sent to president@k5prk.net or secretary@k5prk

Voting will take place during the October meeting on October 16th

As per the PARK By-Laws

Only members present, or those who have submitted a valid written proxy prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken, shall be permitted to vote

Proxy voting

A proxy ballot will be printed in the October newsletter and will be sent via main groups.io and via HamClubonLine no sooner than Tuesday, October 3rd and no later than Friday, October 6th.

All proxies must be dated and signed and must be a copy of the proxy provided because it will contain important information for this specific meeting

Emailed proxies must be sent to the secretary and received no later than 4pm on Monday, October 16th or

Proxies may be delivered by a member attending the meeting following the same guidelines as above

No attending member may cast more than two proxies

All proxy votes must be in the hands of the secretary before the meeting is called to order

Break: 7:35 pm to 7:47 pm

50/50 drawing

Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ won \$8

Tonight's Program – Member Show and Tell

Larry Pollis – KI5UXC

Demonstrated his label maker for cables

Mike Blew – KD5TZA

Demonstrated the use of flags for the Plano Balloon Fest

Sam Parson – W9VPU

Explain the constructing of his 'Go-Kit'

Thanks to all three for taking their time and energy to share their ideas

Motion to adjourn – Nell Bartels – KA5PHN

2nd – Larry Pollis – KI5UXC

Adjournment – 8:15 pm

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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