

K5PRK Newsletter

The PARKing Ticket

Golden Jubilee - our 50th Anniversary

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Monday Nov 20, 2023 – 7:00 pm

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What is this mode? What can you do with it? What is needed?

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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Dec 18, 2023	Annual Christmas Party	Rudy's in Allen
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FCC ADOPTS RULES TO MODERNIZE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE AND FOSTER INNOVATION - WASHINGTON, November 13, 2023—

The Federal Communications Commission today adopted new rules to incentivize innovation and experimentation in the amateur radio bands by removing outdated restrictions and providing licensees with the flexibility to use modern digital emissions.

The Report and Order adopted today eliminates the baud rate limitation—the rate at which the carrier waveform amplitude, frequency, and/or phase is varied to transmit information—in certain amateur radio bands. Instead, the Commission establishes a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limitation in the applicable amateur radio bands. The changes will enable the amateur radio community to operate more efficiently, including in support of emergency situations when appropriate, and foster experimentation, which is a core principle of the amateur radio service.

The FCC also adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which proposes and seeks comment on the removal of the baud rate – sometimes called the symbol rate—limitation in the VHF and UHF bands and in the 2200 meter and 630 meter bands, which the Commission allocated for amateur radio use after it released the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in 2016. It also seeks comment on the appropriate bandwidth limitation for the 2200 meter band, the 630 meter band, and the VHF/UHF bands. ##

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.

From the President

PARK membership dues are due January 1, 2024. Anyone who renews their membership by the December 18th dinner meeting, will receive one free ticket for the drawing for the prizes. We will also be awarding prizes for the K5PRK/50 activation that has been going on most of this year to help celebrate PARKS 50th anniversary. Stay tuned for more information on our annual end-of-year holiday Party.

If you haven't seen this report [Scientists finally acknowledge that they got their solar cycle predictions wrong, and that we are fast approaching the sun's explosive peak](#), the bands should be getting hotter and staying hotter longer. Some of that rare elusive DX may be easier to work as this solar cycle plays out. Good luck and Good DX!

In other **late breaking news**, the FCC Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Amateur Radio Service rules to replace the baud rate limit on the Amateur HF bands with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit to permit greater flexibility in data communications. The announcement can be found online at, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-398409A1.pdf>

73, and see you on the air,

**Tim Johnson K5TCJ
President PARK**

Communications Update

The Communications "group" has been busy lately. First, let me thank all of those that have come out to help. Kip (AE5IB) and Dick (N5FCB) met with Ronald (KJ5CEM) at Medical City Plano and did a site survey in preparation for moving a repeater there. We are in the process of creating a list of required inventory and an installation plan.

On November 4th, a group met at the water tower to repair the broken antenna mast. This is where the volunteers really showed up! With the help of Chip Coker (KD4C), President of RWK (Richardson Wireless Klub), Kip, Dick, Joe Reed (K5JCR), Boyce Fullmer (KE5HAB), Sam (W9VPU), Mark Matheney (KG5KMR), Anthony (KB3DVS) worked hard to do some clean up and get the mast replaced. We faced problems almost immediately. First, the City of Allen showed up without the key to the hatch on the roof and had to go retrieve it. Then we got up to level 5 (4 floors on the elevator) and one floor on a wall ladder only to find that the lights weren't working. Trust me, inside the water tower in the heart of the column, it is VERY DARK. Mark retrieved some lights from his house that gave us some lighting. From there it was up approximately 3 levels on another ladder attached to the wall to the catwalk. From there it is over to the ladder up through the water storage part of the tower to the roof. This is approximately another 3 levels up a medal ladder. Trust me, it is a hard climb! Before getting on the roof, the lock must be opened. We had two keys and it was dark. Kip tried his best to open the lock in the dark confines. Joe took over for Kip and was able to get the lock open. Finally, we had access to the roof!!

Sam remained on the catwalk in the somewhat dark confines of the inside of the water tower in order to raise equipment to his level the tie it on to the next rope to be raised to the roof. That was a very lonely job that he performed admirably. Boyce was at the 5th level to get the gear up or down from Sam. Dick took Kip's place on the roof and we began the long and tedious task of replacing the antenna mast and realigning the dish antenna used for internet to the Palisades (RWK) location. Once the radio antenna and internet antenna were back in place we gathered back on the ground and all decided that we were worn out but I think everyone enjoyed working together for the benefit of our amateur radio community and supporting our emergency communications/services!

We will need to get back up on the water tower soon to install and/or realign a couple other antennas but for now, most of the provided services are back on the air. Most of what is not yet working relates to linking the repeaters using an internet backhaul connection using VOIP technology.

We are still trying to local a way to increase the internet bandwidth at that location. We will also send out an announcement when the next opportunity is scheduled. Immense gratitude to those that helped out this month!! I hope that I didn't miss anyone.

Dick Thiot
N5FCB
PARK Communications Director





K5PRK/50 Member Activation Contest

As we approach the conclusion of this operating event, here's the finish lines that everyone can work toward- if they want. If you just want to have fun, then have fun and don't worry about the points.

The Contest Categories:

Most Total Contacts Worked as K5PRK/50

Then, in order of # of contacts made in each category, the following categories will be awarded:

- Most Digital Contacts as K5PRK/50
- Most Voice Contacts as K5PRK/50
- Most CW Contacts as K5PRK/50
- Most VHF Contacts as K5PRK/50 (Tech Bonus!)
- Most Bands Worked as K5PRK/50
- Most Modes Worked as K5PRK/50

The winners, in order, will then get to select from the following prizes.

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 \$75 Gift Certificate
- Ham Radio Outlet \$50 Gift Certificate

All participants also receive the PARK 50th Anniversary pin and a raffle ticket for the Christmas Party.

Any tie will be decided by which operator had the most total contacts.

Prizes awarded at the Holiday Party:

Each category winner will get to pick the one prize they want most.

If that same person is also the winner of another category – they will be recognized as the winner, but they have already received the one prize they wanted most.

The second place finisher in that category then gets to pick a prize.

ANYONE CAN WIN. Can you do PSK or RTTY? There are currently very few 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, etc. **Now** is your chance to plan tactically to win or “place” in 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:

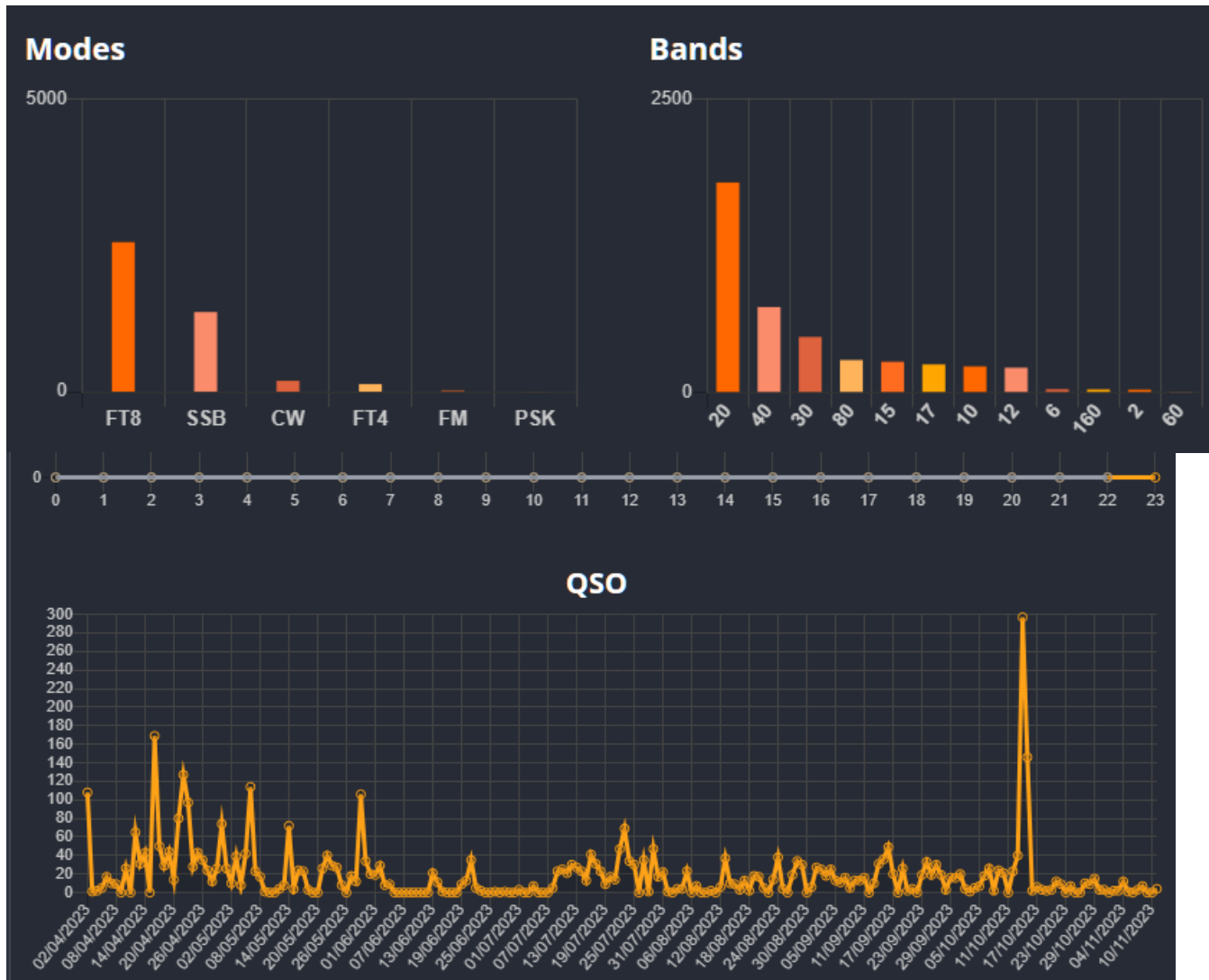
- 6m, 2m, and 70cm are available. For anything higher, use 70cm.
- FM Simplex is available as a mode well as SSB.
- If you use Olivia or other multi-tone mode, register it as PSK.
- Repeater contacts not allowed.
- Echolink / Wires / "net" contacts, not allowed.

FINAL TALLY – DECEMBER 10, 2023 (UTC)

That's the last date to make contacts to be counted for the contest. In addition to the prizes, 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.
Winners will be determined by board members not participating in the contest.
Statistics are visible to all participants for verification.

So, let's see those SIGN UPS!!! In order to Activate K5PRK/50, interested club members need to sign up here. <https://bit.ly/3n5hX4r>

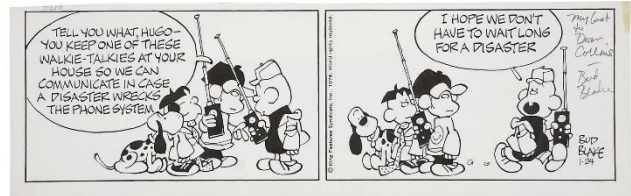


Thanks to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Amateur.Radio.Funnies>

Give a man a radio and he will talk until the battery quits.



Teach a man to radio and he will be hopelessly addicted for the rest of his life.



Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com

Finally components matching my soldering skills



ME, AFTER MAKING MY FIRST CONTACT ON MY NEWEST HOMEBREW ANTENNA!



EXCELLENT
ADVICE FOR

If at first you don't succeed, try
two more times so that your failure
is statistically significant.

ANTENNA
PROJECTS!

The First Worked All States Certificate Awarded for the 33-Centimeter Band

On November 4, 2023, Al Ward's, [W5LUA](#) from Allen, 38-year quest to contact all 50 states on the 33-centimeter band ended when he received the first-ever Worked All States (WAS) certificate for (902 - 928 MHz). Ward started collecting states on the band shortly after it was opened in 1985.

"I am extremely grateful to Peter Van Horne, KA6U, for his EME [Earth-moon-Earth] efforts. I was able to work Wisconsin for my last state [on] the 33-centimeter band on October 21. At the end of September, I was sitting at 32 states confirmed with cards and/or the Logbook of The World (LoTW), when Van Horne went on a 25-state expedition providing my last 18 states," said Ward. In recent expeditions, Brian McCarthy, NX9O, and Jason Baack, N1AV, also provided several states that were needed.

Ward's station consists of a 5-meter dish with 400 W of power obtained from two 300 W Motorola amplifiers in parallel. His feed is a dual polarity patch feed.

ARRL Radiosport and Regulatory Information Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, was one of the first people to congratulate Ward on his accomplishment.

Jahnke stated, "Hearty congratulations! It's my privilege to confirm the ARRL Awards Department has received your WAS application, plus Card Checker document, and we have issued the 33-centimeter (902 - 928 MHz) Worked All States Award number 1 to you in culmination of your 38-year quest to contact all 50 states on the 33-centimeter band."

Other stations on the hunt for the 33-centimeter WAS certificate that are nearing completion include AC0RA, K0DAS, and N1AV.

In 1985, the Federal Communications Commission allocated the frequency band between 902 and 928 MHz to Part 18 industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) equipment. In that proceeding, the band was also allocated to the Amateur Radio Service on a secondary basis, meaning amateurs could use the band if they accepted interference from and did not cause interference to primary users.



Al Ward, W5LUA, holds his WAS certificate in front of his 5-meter dish. [Photo courtesy of W5LUA]

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>The Value of Contest Clubs</u></p> <p><i>November 09, 2023</i></p> <p>As current member and former president of the Society of Midwest Contesters, Craig knows the ins and outs of running a contest club and ensuring that the value proposition makes sense to the average member.</p>

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

A complete list of special event stations, including Veterans Day stations, is available at www.arrl.org/special-event-stations.

[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: Anthony Burokas – KB3DVS
Vice-President

Board 5 of 9 (for quorum)
Members 11
Guest 5

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 Anthony Burokas – KB3DVS

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

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

September 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 October 2023

Returning member

B J Watkins – K5BJW

PARK now has 106 members

58 are members of ARRL = 55%

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

Report given by Kim Moravec – AE5IB

Working with the Medical City of Plano

October 28th will have a tower climb for 9 AM

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

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

RWL Website: www.K5RWB.org/foxhunt/

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

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

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

CoCoBest

No one has volunteered

If no one volunteers will let them know PARK will not be able to help

Jamboree for the Boy Scout is coming soon

Dec 10th will be the 52nd Annual Dallas Marathon

VE Testing Results – Daryl Morgeson – AF5QJ

No one took a test tonight

Old Business;

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;

Proposed by-Laws Change

PARK has routinely granted a complimentary membership to Unlicensed individuals taking and passing a license exam administered by the club.

This was codified last year in an updating of the PARK Constitution and By-Laws.

Current By-Laws Section 2. Membership

2. Membership – Applications for membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting in writing or via email to the club secretary. Each applicant must express a willingness to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, and other rules promulgated by the club. An applicant's Amateur Radio license status shall be verified by the club Secretary. The applicant shall become a member once their membership dues has been received. Unlicensed individuals taking and passing a license exam administered by the club, are eligible for a complimentary membership for the remainder of that calendar year.

The Board of Directors is proposing to add "other newly licensed Ham" as being eligible for a complimentary membership.

Suggested Laws Section 2. Membership

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Discussion followed with clarification made.

Larry Pollis – K15UXC proposed the membership to pass this change

Kip Moravec – AE5IB 2nd the motion

Membership voted and all agreed – motion passed

Elections

These positions are for two years

President – Tim Johnson – K5TCJ

Activities director – Richard Seitz – KG5HCJ

Secretary – Sean Kelly – W5SPK

Treasurer – Michael Tharp – KG5TJF

Newsletter Editor – Neil Gould – NE5IL

PR Director – Sam Parsons – W9VPU

Barry Rynk – KI5WUB

Ballots should be turned in during the break

Break: 7:31 pm to 7:40 pm

Election results

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Congratulations to the returning officers and to 2 new officers

Thanks for Volunteering

Tonight's Program – PARK Repeater Overview

Kip Moravec – AE5IB

Kip presented a through explanation concerning all PARK repeaters and repeater sites

A map was included to show the amount of coverage these linked repeaters provide for the surrounding areas. He also discussed the repeaters that are working and those that need repairs as well as what repairs might be needed. He then explained the links with their purpose and why different types of communications are provided.

Kip ended with the fact that when working on repeaters help is always needed especially for members who can climb.

Thank you, Kip for this presentation, since the club needs all these links and repeaters

To support communications during weather events.

Adjournment – 8:35 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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