

K5PRK Newsletter

The PARKing Ticket

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Monday Oct 21, 2024 – 7:00 pm

CW Academy. This online CW training course run by our own **Dave Koch** enables anyone interested in learning code with the training, guidance, and practice to do so. Why do CW in 2024?

Because if you like field operations, or low power, or POTA, CW is one of the easiest and best ways to make and confirm contacts with lightweight gear and small batteries. This is a great opportunity to tune in, ask questions, and find out if this could be a good course for you.

The **General Klub Meeting will be** at [First United Methodist Church Plano.](#)

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Informal PARK net

Every **Wednesday night at 8:00pm** on the PARK repeater, 147.180 with a PL tone of 107.2 offset. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in the conversation and it's a good place to ask about computer or ham radio subjects, or anything else that's on your mind. We don't think that there are any dumb or stupid questions. We encourage questions and will help you find an answer.

– **Michael K5MFP**

See someone at a meeting you don't know?
Are they a new member or a visitor?
Step up and introduce yourself, make them feel welcome.



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](https://www.broadcastify.com/join/K5PRK444250)
[K5PRK 147.18](https://www.broadcastify.com/join/K5PRK14718)

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

This month the PARK membership is once again electing a portion of the Board of Directors that constitutes the leadership of your club. Being an even numbered year, the following positions and nominees are on the ballot for election at our October 21st general meeting:

Vice-President	Anthony Burokas	KB3DVS
Secretary	B. J. Watkins	K5BJW
Communications Director	Miranda Schwarck	KE5YZP
Web Master	James McCormick	KG5KBP
Public Relations	Rob Forson	K5WFR

PARK members are encouraged to attend this meeting to exercise their franchise in choosing their clubs leadership.

Members unable to attend may submit a [proxy ballot](#) as detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

On the subject of the Board of Directors, I encourage everyone to follow the link below to download the latest revision of PARKS Constitution and By-Laws from our Groups.io email listserv.

When in the *K5PRK | Main* group, go to *Files*, then *Klub Constitution and By-Laws*, then click on *PARK Constitution 2023-12-18 Rev. 6.pdf*

<https://k5prk.groups.io/g/main/files/Klub%20Constitution%20and%20By-Laws/PARK%20Constitution%202023-12-18%20Rev.%206.pdf>

The Constitution and By-Laws lists the Board of Directors positions and their unique role and responsibility. Each Board member may form committees to help execute their responsibilities, so there are plenty of opportunity for you to become more involved in your club in areas that spark your interest. You may even want to join the Board of Directors to help steer your club.

Here's an excellent opportunity to use your talents and get more active in the club.

If perchance you are not already on our Groups.io listserv, please login to [Groups.io](https://groups.io) (it's free) **and search for K5PRK and join our group.**

Tim Johnson K5TCJ President PARK

Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance - 10/1/24	
Prosperity	\$ 11,108.98
PayPal	\$ 893.10
Petty Cash & Checks	
Beginning Balance Subtotal	\$ 12,002.08
Planned Debits	
AT&T	\$ (53.76)
Digital Ocean	\$ (7.60)
FUMC	\$ (75.00)
Debits Subtotal	\$ (136.36)
Credits	\$ -
Credits Subtotal	
Ending Balance	\$ 11,865.72
Pre-approved Expenses	
Funded Projects	\$ 1,729.51
Annual Recurring Costs	\$ 2,707.40
Pre-approved Exp Subtotal	\$ 4,436.91
Available Funds	\$ 7,428.81
Minimum Reserves	\$ 4,000.00
Remaining funds	\$ 3,428.81

Future Club Meeting Programs

November will be a representative from NOAA

While we have a regular set of programs around Field Day, the Holiday Party, the club auction, I'm always looking for people to present to the club and have tried to expand the topics, and try some untried things -

like having brought Plano Fire Rescue set up their Mobile Command Center at our Field Day activation in 2023. If you have ideas and contacts for what could be interesting programs for Plano club members, reach out to me at VP@K5PRK.net.

I look forward to seeing what we can bring to PARK, together.

Anthony Burokas

General Class Ham (KB3DVS)

VP: Plano Amateur Radio Klub – <http://k5prk.net>

If anyone is interested in helping with *The PARKing Ticket newsletter*, please contact me anytime at newsletter@k5prk.net. – Neil NE5IL

PARK Upcoming Activities

October 2024

There are a few upcoming activities/opportunities for our many club members to participate in. Between now and the end of the year, communications support for the Dallas Marathon and the Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day Meals-On-Wheels events will be needed. We will also, of course, have our annual Holiday gathering in December.

Dallas Marathon, December 13th-15th - Events for the Dallas Marathon occur all days of the event, but the major support event is the race(s) that happen on Sunday, the 15th. The Ultra, Full and Half Marathons will be needing as many communicators as possible to fill-in along the lengthy (sectioned) course. Watch out for group emails for more information.

Meals – On – Wheels, November 28th and December 25th – This annual volunteer comms opportunity is a truly worthwhile experience. The Visiting Nurses Association of Dallas coordinates the Meals-On-Wheels program. Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, each year, the VNA works with local volunteer organizations to provide the packing and delivery of the meals to the program recipients. The volunteers that arrive early in the morning, organize, and prepare to pack lined-up vehicles with food and supplies for delivery. These volunteers are typically local church organizations and youth groups. The lined-up vehicles are driven by additional volunteers, some of them nurses, but most of them unaffiliated individuals and families that are willing to give up a few hours on their holiday to make the meal deliveries, to allow the (all year long) delivery employees an opportunity to spend time with their families. *Our communications support* helps with directing the arriving vehicles into position for registration, meal and supply fulfillment and then directing the vehicles safely out of the area. Watch out for group emails for more information.

Annual PARK Holiday Party, December 16th – Our club's gathering, this year, will be back at the Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson (not McKinney) on the northbound access road of 75-Central, just north of Belt Line Rd. We will be bringing back the White Elephant gift exchange, this year!! The decision was made to increase the gift value amount from \$10, to \$20. This item can be something that you may choose to purchase for the exchange, or it could be any item from a former configuration of your ham shack, (ie, disconnected but working balun, any type of small electronic accessory that could be of use to someone building their own shack, assortment of usable connectors or adapters, or any electronic tool – crimpers, strippers, cutters, soldering iron, etc. that is still in safe, working order. Use your imagination, but please, out of respect to all other members, do not bring something that is just a jumble of junk – you know what I mean.) Small electronics kits, that must be assembled, are always great for those who are just learning to solder! Raffle tickets will be sold for an assortment of prizes at the party. As we have done in the past, any member that renews their annual membership prior to, or at the holiday party, will receive one free raffle ticket. Tickets will only be available at the door. You must be present to win.

I am also putting forth a request for donations of any items that could be used for the raffle. Any used (or new, or like new) working equipment, or quality accessories that you (or maybe your HAM friend down the street) may not have any current or future use of, would make our holiday gathering that much more special. I ask that you just give it some thought.

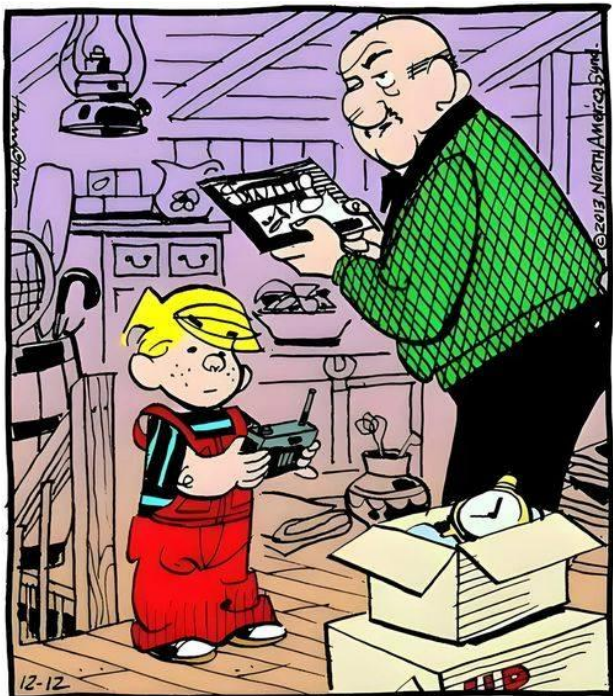
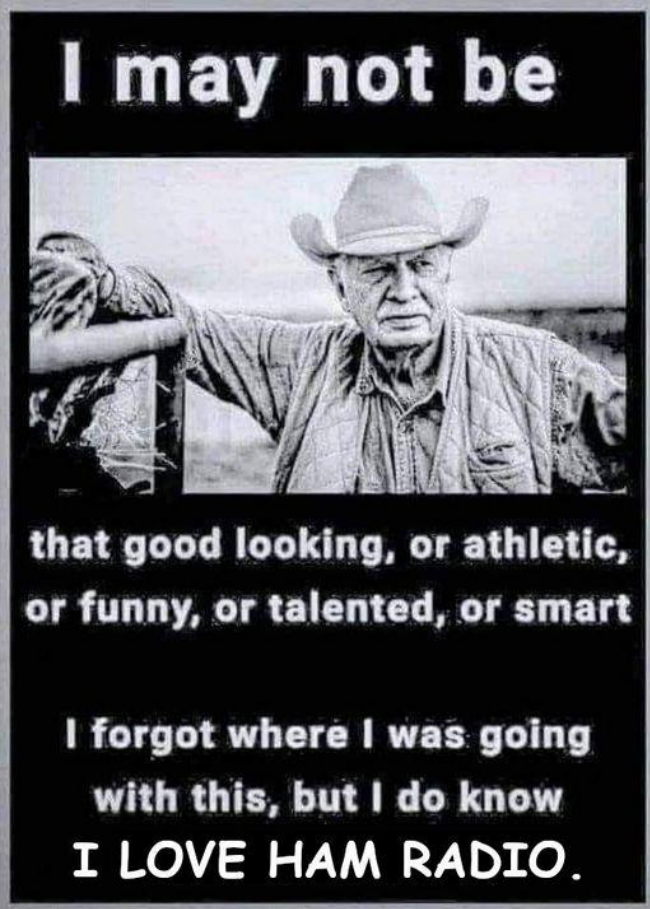
Thanks to all!

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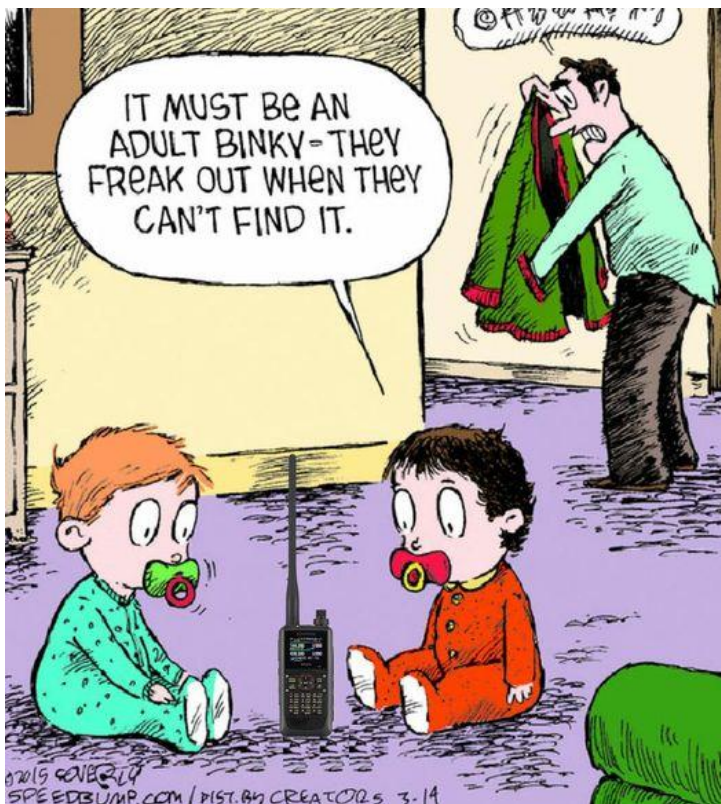
Richard Seitz

PARK Activities Director

activities@k5prk.net



"THAT'S NOT AN OLD IPOD. IT'S CALLED A TRANSISTOR RADIO."



ARRL News

ARRL magazines

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

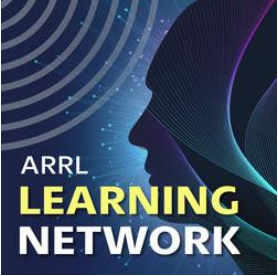



On the Air - NEW! Beginner to intermediate level help and advice - www.arrl.org/On-the-Air-Magazine

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>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.</p>
	<p>Practice Morse Code with W1AW</p> <p>August 08, 2024</p> <p>The podcast takes a field trip to W1AW, ARRL's Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station</p>
	<p>ARRL LEARNING CENTER FEATURES TWO NEW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TRAINING COURSES</p> <p>ARRL HAS RELEASED TWO NEW COURSES TO TRAIN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS (EMCOMM) OPERATORS FOR VOLUNTEERING WITHIN THE AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE® (ARES®). BOTH COURSES ARE WITHIN THE ARRL LEARNING CENTER.</p>

[2024-2025 ARRL Contest Dates PDF](#)

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

Short Takes



The primary mission of the [Hurricane Watch Net](#) is to disseminate tropical cyclone advisory information to island communities in the Caribbean, Central America, along the Atlantic seaboard of the U.S., and throughout the Gulf of Mexico coastal areas. We also collect observed or measured weather data from amateur radio operators in the storm-affected area as well as any post-storm damage and convey that information to the Hurricane Forecasters in the National Hurricane Center via the amateur radio station in the center (**WX4NHC**). In addition, we provide the same service for the Canadian Hurricane Centre whenever a hurricane threatens their country.

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RWK (Richardson Wireless Klub) did a [High-Altitude Balloon Launch on Sept 21st](#)

Several PARK members were involved with this launch.

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In light of the hurricanes in Florida and the likely increase in the number and severity of weather incidents, it seems reasonable to **add emergency preparedness to our Field Day in 2025**. Ham Radio is relevant and it does have a role to play in regional disaster assistance. The Hurricane Tracking Center in Miami broadcasts on 40 and 20 meters so HF is not just viable, it's relevant. If power is off, then HF may be the only way to send civilian messages outside the disaster area.

Take a look at these articles that Tim and Dick posted:

<https://www.wired.com/story/hurricane-helene-milton-north-carolina-florida-amateur-radio/>

<https://www.radioworld.com/news-and-business/headlines/ham-radio-operators-assemble-ahead-of-hurricane-milton>

So, perhaps PARK could make its Field Day mission more about the role we as Hams can fulfill in an emergency.

In preparation for this year, I'd like to propose that we begin reaching out the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the City of Plano to integrate and participate in our Field Day to prepare PARK to take on an emergency role if we are needed.- Mike KG5TJF

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)

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.](#)

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](#)
 - [ARRL General License](#)
- View video classes
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vG2S_xV3zJE&t=0s
- Take practice Exams
 - <https://www.eham.net/exams>

Taking the Exam:

Exams are offered by many clubs [around the metroplex](#).

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/>

**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

Proxy Voting

PARK members who choose not to attend the General Meeting on Monday, October 21st, may vote by Proxy.

There are two ways to accomplish this;

- 1- **You may send your vote in a sealed envelope via a PARK member** who will be attending the meeting. You must use the form that says "PARK Proxy Voting October 21st 2024, which is attached at the bottom. You must fill-in the blanks with:
 - a. Your name and call sign,
 - b. your email or the name of the member bringing your Proxy vote to the meeting,
 - c. the date you signed this form, and
 - d. your signature.(No member may bring more that 2 (two) Proxies to the meeting.

2- **You may email your filled-out Proxy vote** to the club secretary.

- a. Complete the Proxy form as above, scan it and email it to secretary@K5prk.net
- b. Please note emails must be received (received time, not sent time) by the secretary by 4:00 PM on Monday the 21st, (so send it by 3:30 pm) October 21st, 2024.
- c. Once you receive this notice you may send the club Secretary your Proxy vote early, if 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 21, 2024

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

Vice-President – Anthony Burokas KB3DVS

Secretary – B. J. Watkins K5BJW

Communications – Miranda Schwarck KE5YZP

Web Master – James McCormick KG5KBP

Public Relations – Rob Forson K5WFR

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

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

On _____
date

Signature

Please print your name and call sign

Please fill-in how you are submitting your vote

Please date your ballot

Please sign your ballot

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