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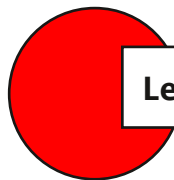
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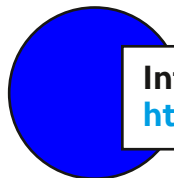
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EXPERIMENT AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR RADIO



Learn more about the club at <https://k5prk.net>



Interact with the club at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/k5prk>



Have a groups.io conversation with the club at
<https://k5prk.groups.io/g/main>

Are you ready to read the content in the newsletter? It's all technician accessible.

**YOU HAVE BEEN DEPUTIZED AS ROVING
JUNIOR NEWSLETTER REPORTER
EXTRAORDINAIRE!**

Go photograph, experiment, solder, attempt to antenna your lawn chairs. Just write it all down and send the information to
newsletter@k5prk.net

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.

Our 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

If you notice problems with any of the club's repeaters, contact
communications@k5prk.net
via email with a detailed description of the issue.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mike Tharp KG5TJF
president@k5prk.net

Hello All,
Happy Holidays everyone!
As we close out 2025 and greet 2026, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all the best. I also wanted to thank our outgoing board members for their service. Our club relies on the volunteering ethic, and your participation is appreciated.

This year, I am deeply honored and grateful to have been elected as your club president. Thank you for your trust and confidence in me. It is a privilege to serve such a dedicated and welcoming group, and I look forward to working alongside each of you to continue our tradition of community and volunteerism.

The club's holiday party is December 15th at the Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson. We have the meeting room from 6 to 9, so come early for dinner and then join us for the raffle and white elephant gift exchange. Our elves (Tim, Rob and Lonnie) have selected some great prizes this year. You don't want to miss out

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a wonderful New Year! 📺

SKYWARN TRAINING

Severe Weather Preparedness Training (SKYWARN)

Good evening.

Mark your calendars for January 24, 2026 (Saturday) from

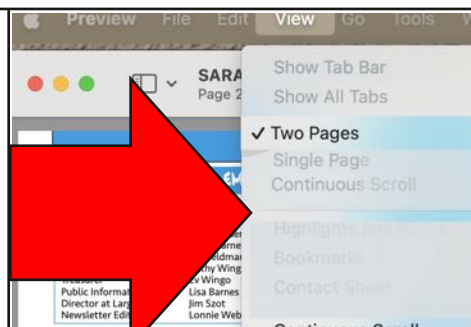
9am to 1pm for the Severe Weather and Preparedness training presented by the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

At this time, only the time and venue are known. The program schedule will be presented as we get closer to that date.

The same venue as the last couple years.

*The Sockwell Training Center
6301 Chapel Hill Blvd,
Plano, TX 75093*

Hope to see you there.
CollinARES 📺



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***Fourth Thursday Lunch:
is cancelled for
Christmas Day***

***Next Meeting:
December 15, 2025***

MEALS ON WHEELS ON THANKSGIVING DAY



By Rob Forson K5WFR
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Meals on Wheels on Thanksgiving Day. David W7DAV, Jimmy KE5PEQ, Tom K5LOL, Tony W5ADC, Ian AE5ID, Katherine KT5KMF and Rob K5WFR. 📶

PROGRAMS

By Bruce Cameron K6IL
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Upcoming Meeting Programs:

December – Christmas Party
January – Amateur radio from a young ham's perspective

I plan to bring in guest speakers to share their expertise, experiences, or fresh perspectives on topics that matter to our club and hobby.

From electronics/radio innovators, social media influencers, and local hobbyists, I hope that the presentations will bring valuable insights that spark new ideas and encourage curiosity.

If any of our members would like to present or know someone who would like to give a presentation, please let me know. 📶

COMMUNICATIONS

By Miranda Schwarck KE5YZP
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As we approach the new year, I am planning and taking feedback on significant upgrades to our repeater systems to enhance coverage and capabilities.

Plano Medical System Update

- Pending availability for time with the hospital (full-day commitment likely to be on a weekend day)
- Completing system integration including repeater install, power supplies, Allstar controller setup, microwave dish wiring, and Ethernet network completion, the rack is already there as is the antenna and the Heliac cable.
- Search for and plan additional sites that will extend coverage to under-served areas of Plano and the greater Collin County area, specifically for those with HTs or who are unable to use external antennas.

Additional Improvements in Progress

- Investigate power increase for the 147.18 repeater, currently running at about 20 watts at the antenna.
- Planning to install a Fusion repeater on the unused UHF port at the Prestige site that was used by the UHF Winlink system.
- Diagnosing and repairing the currently inoperable D-Star UHF repeater, it may need replaced and if so we can talk with the manager/owner and determine the next course of action.

Community Input Welcome

We encourage fellow radio enthusiasts to share feedback about current coverage gaps, suggestions for new coverage areas, and ideas for new technologies or system integra-



tions. Together, we can expand our community's communication capabilities and explore emerging radio technologies.

Let's work together to build a stronger, more connected amateur radio network! 📶

ACTIVITIES

By Asif Ahmed K5SIF
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Park 2-Meter Net

Informal PARK 2-Meter 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. It's a good place to ask about computers, or ham radio subjects, or anything else that's on your mind. We encourage questions and will help you find an answer.

PARK 2025 Christmas Holiday Party

As is tradition, the December Klub meeting will be our annual Christmas party. The evening of December 16th promises to be an entertaining evening with a casual atmosphere of fun and fellowship. We will have Raffle Prizes available for lucky ticketholders to win, and we are bringing back the White Elephant gift exchange, this year, which is always a member favorite.

This year's event will be held at the Spring Creek BBQ restaurant, in Richardson, located at 270 N. Central Expressway. It is on the East side of Central on the Northbound access road, just North of Beltline Rd/Main St. We are scheduled to have the meeting room available from 6 to 9pm. We are allowed access to the meeting room at no charge, if most of our members/visitors purchase food and drink. You are welcome to arrive earlier, if you wish, but you will need to dine in the main seating area. Please arrive hungry!

Raffle Prize Drawing

Raffle prizes are being supplied by the club and by club member donations. Raffle tickets will be sold at

SOLAR STORM SOFTWARE BUG PROMPTS URGENT AIRBUS A320

By Kimberly Hayek

Airlines must update jets after an investigation found a solar flare caused a swift drop in altitude that injured at least 15 passengers.

(11/29/2025) Airbus, the Netherlands-based aerospace giant headquartered in France, must conduct a mandatory software update for its A320 passenger jets after information has come to light that solar radiation can corrupt key flight control data, potentially causing pilots to lose control of their aircraft.

The FAA joined the European Union Aviation Safety Agency in requiring airlines to address the issue with a new software update.

The directive comes after a Jet-Blue Airways flight experienced a swift drop in altitude in October, injuring at least 15 passengers, some of whom were taken to the hospital.

The incident happened on Oct. 30 during a flight from Cancún, Mexico, to Newark, New Jersey, leading to a diversion to Tampa, Florida.

An investigation determined that intense solar radiation was a contributing factor, revealing a vulnerability in the A320's systems. The European Authority for Aviation Safety (EASA) issued a directive requiring operators to install the fix, noting that it could lead to "short-term disruption" in flights.

More than 500 U.S.-registered aircraft will be affected.

American Airlines, a main operator of A320 aircraft, confirmed it has identified about 209 of its 480 A320-family aircraft in need of the update, although the true number may be

lower. The carrier initiated the process on Friday, saying they expect most of the work to be completed no later than Saturday.

The fix should take about two hours for many aircraft, American Airlines said.

Delta Air Lines reported that the issue affects fewer than 50 of its A321neo models. United Airlines said six of its planes were affected and that it expected minor disruptions. Hawaiian Airlines said none of its fleet is affected.

Nippon Airways, in Japan, canceled 65 domestic flights for Saturday, with additional cancellations possible for Sunday. It operates more than 30 planes.

Mike Stengel, a partner at AeroDynamic Advisory, an aerospace consulting firm, described the situation as challenging but manageable.

"Definitely not ideal for this to be happening on a very ubiquitous aircraft on a busy holiday weekend," Stengel said. "Although again the silver lining being that it only should take a few hours to update the software."

He noted updates will likely occur between flights or during maintenance overnight.

The A320 family, Airbus's best-selling single-aisle aircraft, is a direct competitor with Boeing's 737 series.

Massive solar storms strike Earth periodically. These storms have the ability to interrupt navigation and communications, as shown by the 2023 solar flare that shortly interrupted aircraft signals.

The Associated Press contributed to this report. 📰

Source: Kimberly Hayek, The Epoch Times, 11/19/2025, [https://](https://www.theepochtimes.com/world/solar-storm-software-bug-prompts-urgent-airbus-a320-overhaul-5951326)

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("Activities..." continued from page 4)

the door. If you have renewed your membership (paid your annual dues) by Dec. 16th, or the night of the meeting, you will receive one (1) free raffle ticket.

Upcoming Nets and Contest

Raffle rule still in place – Raffle prize winners go home with only one (1) prize. Since people can purchase more than one (1) raffle ticket, a prize winner winning a subsequent prize must choose which prize to keep. The forfeited prize is then raffled off again.

White Elephant Gift Exchange

This year's rules for the white elephant gift exchange:

1. Bring a gift. Each player brings one wrapped gift (with value of \$20.)

2. Determine Order. Players draw numbers to determine the order in which they take turns.

3. Take turns. The first person selects and opens a gift and their turn ends. On subsequent turns, players can either steal another player's gift or open a new gift. The player whose gift is stolen can either steal another player's gift or open a new gift. The 2nd player whose gift is stolen, selects a new gift.

4. Limit steals. A gift can only be stolen twice, and the third person to have it keeps it.

5. Final round. In the final round, the first player can keep their gift or steal another guest's gift. The game ends when everyone has a gift.

Upcoming Nets and Contests

NTC QSO Party : Netherlands
Nov 20, Dec 18 CW
<https://pi4ntc.nl/ntcqp/>
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MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



November 17, 2025
General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

President **Mike Tharp KG5TJF**

Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

23 members and 2 guests present.

Vice President **Bruce Cameron K6IL**

Program tonight is Collin County Judge **Chris Hill, N5NV**.

December meeting is the club holiday party dinner at Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson on 75 service road. Raffle start 7:00 PM

January: Isaiah Lynn - How the hobby has already impacted a teen

February: Flex Aurora and Flex Radio product overview

March: Ed Fong - antenna designs
If you would like to present, please email me at VP@k5prk.net

Secretary **Damon Koch K5OCH**

November board minutes are posted.

Treasurer **B. J. Watkins K5BJW**

*****Check hamclubonline for treasurer's report*****

Communications Director **Miranda Schwark KE5YZP**

The D-STAR repeater has an issue, the D-STAR gear is not owned by the club. Resolution TBD.

The Winlink gear crashed due to a hardware compatibility problem. Miranda worked on the compatibility problem

and will also upgrade the Winlink radio to 65 watts.

The VHF radio was looping, it looks like the problem was with a connected Echolink node and not our hardware or a problem on the water tower.

Hospital update: this is still in progress.

Newsletter Editor Lonnie Webb KG5WHQ

Please submit your ideas and articles to the newsletter!

Public Relations Director Rob Forson K5WFR

We are shopping for the Christmas party raffle items and we will have some great items this year.

Webmaster James McCormick KG5KBP
Absent - no report.

Activities Director Asif Ahmed K5SIF

Local event list will be in the newsletter.

Meals on Wheels needs help.

VE Coordinator Daryl Morgeson AF5QJ

No testers tonight.

Old business: None

New Business: HRO gift certificates are not being redeemed. We are carrying a significant balance. HRO recommends that we notify via the club webpage and newsletter that people take their gift certificate to HRO and transfer the balance to their own account. The club will still honor old gift certificates, but we want to get the unspent club funds back into use.

50/50 drawing winner: **Mike Tharp KG5TJF**

Break

Announcement: The fourth Thursday lunch for November and December is cancelled. We will pick up in January.

Two new members welcomed to PARK tonight!

Peter Horn, KJ5ILH
Connor Farrell, WG1GEM

Program: Collin County State of the County by Chris Hill N5NV Collin County Judge.

Adjourn at 8:34 p.m. 📶

ADDITIONAL INFO ON HAMCLUBONLINE.COM

Wondering about the Treasur-er's report? Missing something from the minutes? Go log in at HamClubOnline.com using the email address you already gave the secretary and set a new password if you need to.



MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING



Plano Amateur Radio Klub
Board of Directors Meeting
December 1, 2025

Present:

Mike Tharp KG5TJF, President
Bruce Cameron K6IL, Vice President

Damon Koch K5OCH, Secretary
B. J. Watkins K5BJW, Treasurer
Rob Forson K5WFR, Public Relations Director

Asif Ahmed K5SIF, Activities Director

Lonnie Webb KG5WHQ, Newsletter Editor

Miranda Schwark KE5YZP, Communications Director

Tim Johnson K5TCJ, Immediate Past President

Absent:

James McCormick KG5KBP, Webmaster

Vice President

Plano is looking for volunteers for a Christmas event. Forwarding to Asif.

Upcoming Meeting Programs:

December – Christmas Party

January – Amateur radio from a young ham's perspective

February –

Secretary

Meeting minutes from last month posted to groups.io.

Treasurer

The treasurer needs checks. We need a new endorsement stamp too. Request a small fund of \$100 for discretionary spending. President moved to give \$100 discretionary fund to the treasurer for office supplies. Seconded by Newsletter Editor. Unanimous approval.

*****Check hamclubonline for treasurer's report*****

Communications Director

Winlink running a 65w radio and packet running the 25/50w radio into the same can. Looking at ways to change this.

Newsletter Editor

Christmas raffle kits are ready to go.

Webmaster - absent

Activities Director

Asif is reaching out to other area clubs for activities.

Public Relations

No Current Projects

Old Business

The outstanding balance at HRO for gift certificates is being addressed. President will talk with Anthony about posting a general

notice to the club website about the old HRO gift certificates expiring. The club bank account signature card has been updated.

Streaming the club meetings was discussed. We are working on a proof of concept but can't guarantee anything yet. We will try a PoC recording at the January club meeting.

We still have money left for the Christmas party. Tim has a list of items to purchase for gifts, including HRO gift certificates. Any gift cert will include a form for the club to fill out so any money is immediately transferred to the winner's account at HRO and not the club account.

New Business

ARRL equipment insurance policy has lapsed. This goes to a larger issue - managing the various club accounts and expenses. We have several accounts and bills that are assigned to individuals instead of the club. We need to contact our vendors and set up club-based user IDs. Mike will address this by updating the field day inventory and reach out to Johnnie to see what she has for the water tower. Once the inventory is updated, if there is any difference in the actual vs. budget it'll be addressed at the next board meeting.

The liability policy is still current and not affected by the equipment policy lapse.

We should also ask vendors if paying via ACH is an option. The 2-signature rule for signing checks can cause delays getting bills paid. We need to identify and update contact information and email addresses for club business. i.e. storage, insurance, etc. for example, **Daryl AF5QJ** is still getting the notices for the post office box payment. The ask: If you know of any accounts that can be updated, please document it so future transfers are easier.

Would moving to Zelle be a good move for the club? Zelle is supported by Prosperity bank and may be a better choice administratively than PayPal.

You can only use Zelle if the other person also has Zelle. And there's a charge against the club account as a business. There are also no guarantees with zelle. If money gets sent to the wrong address, there is no redress.

Sounds like zelle is not the way to go. It costs under \$2 to use paypal.

Damon to investigate using hamclubonline.

We are running into storage capacity limits in Groups.io. Each officer please review their folders and consolidate and remove unnecessary files and folders.

Everyone please use the office as the top level. We don't want years or random subjects at the top level. Web page - officer's CVs please send **James** your bios if you haven't done so **James**, would you like some assistance updating the officer's page? There are some board members who have access to the page who can take on that task to free up your time if needed.

Anthony has access, **Michael** will reach out to James. **Rob** and **Asif** are willing to help keep the website updated.

Club internet access: Cell providers are offering internet access for a good price. For roughly the same price we are paying for DSL we could have cellular internet with more reliable and faster connection. Miranda will investigate alternatives and report back to the board.

Adjourned at 8:22 P.M. 📶

PHOTOS





Do you ever reach a point in the hobby that you don't know what new thing to try? Well, here's a stack of interesting things for a technician level operator to try.

Pick one. YOU can do it!

—KG5WHQ

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TECHNICIAN LEVEL	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Used your call sign on your handy talkie(HT)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Logged in on QRZ.com and created a logbook
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Send a CW/Morse code CQ
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joined the ARRL
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Asked a question on a net or a club meeting
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Passed a license exam
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signed up for EchoLink
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bought a cheap Chinese radio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bought an expensive Japanese radio
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Built a j-pole/2m antenna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Made a balun
<input type="checkbox"/>	Made an RF choke
<input type="checkbox"/>	Made a go-bag/go-box
<input type="checkbox"/>	Went on a POTA expedition
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Asked a new contact what radio/antenna they were using
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Was asked what radio/antenna you are using
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Served as a net control operator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Join the ARRL

CHECK ALL THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED. HAVE YOU FULFILLED THIS MONTH'S QUEST?

DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MONTH'S RADIOQUEST? LET ME KNOW HOW YOU DID. POST SCREENCAPS ON FACEBOOK FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS!

newslettereditor@sachseradio.org

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Joined a traffic net
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sent a radiogram
<input type="checkbox"/>	Worked a Field Day contact
<input type="checkbox"/>	Participated in a contest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Used a digital mode
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sent an email over the radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Connected your radio to the computer/internet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Used a SWR meter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grounded your station
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grounded your antenna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applied a lightning arrestor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drove a ground rod
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computed RF emissions for your station
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ran your station on a battery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Powered your station from a car power supply
<input type="checkbox"/>	Created your first scratch paper log
<input type="checkbox"/>	Installed logging software(such as hamrs/n1mm)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Logged on to LOTW
<input type="checkbox"/>	Used a pi*star
<input type="checkbox"/>	Used a Watt meter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Made a counterpoise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Threw a wire up in a tree for an antenna
<input type="checkbox"/>	Know who Dave Cassler is
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have given a Roger Roger (RR)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stood on a ladder and wondered "Will it antenna?"
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joined RACES
<input type="checkbox"/>	Listened to a weather net

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I DARE YOU!

Take a stab!

I dare you to beat my score.

It isn't necessary to hit my score quickly. Just share your score on QRZ or facebook.

We'll enjoy growing along with you.

If my math is right I scored 27 points while I was a general.

The glove is thrown, my radio friends.

YOU can do it!

—KG5WHQ

**Email
your scores to
NEWSLETTER@K5PRK.NET
There will be a prize.**

DECEMBER

Sunday 30			Monday 1			Tuesday 2		
1p Military Veterans D-Star Net @ REF026A 7p Intl D-Star Net @ REF001C 8p K5TIT D-Star Net @ REF33B 7p K1USN SST			7p K5PRK Board Meeting @ Jits 7p GARC (Garland) Club Meeting 7:30p Texas ARES Net @ 3.873 MHz 7:30p RWK -- Meeting on the Air @ 147.12, PL 110.9 8:30p MARC (McKinney) Simplex Net @ 146.54			7p DARC (Dallas) General Meeting 7p HAM (Mesquite) InfoNet @ WJ5J (145.310 PL 110.9) 7:30p Ark-La-Tex D-Star Net @ REF048B 8p Texas D-Star Net @ REF004B ARS Spartan Sprint		
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DECEMBER

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6:50p NTx Readiness QST Net @ 7.27750 MHz LSB 8p N5SAC Weekly Info Net @ W5SRA				11a GARC (Garland) Crony Lunch @ Judy's Cafe 7p HAM (Mesquite) Monthly Meeting 8p GARC (Garland) InfoNet QRP ARCI Top Band Sprint Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest NRAU 10m Activity Contest SKCC Sprint Europe				3p K1USN SST ARRL 160m Contest NCCC FT4 Sprint NCCC Sprint Weekly RTTY Test				12p Garland "Hands-On" Gathering 7p DARC (Dallas) Tech Net 9p Saturday Night D-STAR Net@REF029A ARRL 160m Contest Kalbar Contest, Ph Wake-Up! QRP Sprint PRO CW Contest INORC Contest FT Challenge			
6:50p NTx Readiness QST Net @ 7.27750 MHz LSB 8p N5SAC Weekly Info Net @ W5SRA 8:30p NTx ARES Net @ 3860 NAQCC CW Sprint				11a GARC (Garland) Crony Lunch @ Judy's Cafe 8p GARC (Garland) InfoNet				3p K1USN SST NCCC FT4 Sprint Weekly RTTY Test NCCC Sprint				9a W5YI VE Test Session @ Wylie 7p DARC (Dallas) Tech Net 9p Saturday Night D-STAR Net@REF029A ARRL 10m Contest PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band TRC Digi Contest SKCC Weekend Sprintathon ARI 40/80 Contest, CW, Ph, D			
6:50p NTx Readiness QST Net @ 7.27750 MHz LSB 7p Murphy CERT Net @W5SRA 8p N5SAC Weekly Info Net @ W5SRA NAQCC CW Sprint				11a GARC (Garland) Crony Lunch @ Judy's Cafe 8p GARC (Garland) InfoNet Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest NTC QSO Party				3p K1USN SST NCCC FT4 Sprint Weekly RTTY Test NCCC Sprint AGB-Party Contest, CW, Ph, D				9a W5SRA Laurel VE Test Session 9a GARC (Garland) ECC Open House 7p DARC (Dallas) Tech Net 9p Saturday Night D-STAR Net@REF029A Feld Hell Sprint, D OK DX RTTY Contest, D RAC Winter Contest, Ph Croatian DX Contest, Ph			
6:50p NTx Readiness QST Net @ 7.27750 MHz LSB 8p N5SAC Weekly Info Net @ W5SRA SKCC Sprint				CHRISTMAS DAY 12p Fourth Thursday Ham Lunch 11a GARC (Garland) Crony Lunch @ Judy's Cafe 8p GARC (Garland) InfoNet				3p K1USN SST NCCC FT4 Sprint, D Weekly RTTY Test, D NCCC Sprint DARC Christmas Contest, CW, Ph				7p DARC (Dallas) Tech Net 9p Saturday Night D-STAR Net @REF029A Stew Perry Topband Challenge Original QRP Contest, CW, Ph			
6:50p NTx Readiness QST Net @ 7.27750 MHz LSB 8p N5SAC Weekly Info Net @ W5SRA Bogor Old and New Contest				NEW YEARS DAY 11a GARC (Garland) Crony Lunch @ Judy's Cafe 7p HAM (Mesquite) Monthly Meeting 8p GARC (Garland) InfoNet				3p K1USN SST Zombie Shuffle				12p Garland "Hands-On" Gathering 7p DARC (Dallas) Tech Net 9p Saturday Night D-STAR Net@REF029A			

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LZ DX Contest: Worldwide
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest
Dec 23

NRAU 10m Activity Contest CW SSB
Dig Dec 4

FT Challenge FT8/FT4
<http://www.rttycontesting.com/ft-challenge> Dec 1 to Dec 7

Fox Hunts

UTD MicroFox – The UTD Amateur Radio Club (K5UTD) places a micro-fox on campus most week-ends. It transmits CW on 433.1 MHz. Battery should last for 24 hours. The fox is outdoors, located somewhere in the main academic area of the UTD campus!

MCKINNEY – "Felicia" – built and managed by Robert Keister WZ5V, Felicia operates on 433.500Mhz FM and can be found generally in the McKinney city limits every weekend from Saturday morning through Sunday evening. You can check her status and log at <https://kc5jmd.net/fox-manager-log-felicia/>

FOX#1 – He was the first RWK Fox, built by KE5GDB and modified by KD4C. He is big and powerful and is always found on 144.500MHz and features the smooth, soothing ticks of WWV (and occasionally some SSTV – download an SSTV app to your phone and you can see what the fox says!). Fox#1 may be tracked here.

WHEATLEY – So named because he features Wheatley from Portal2 (the voice of Stephen Merchant), he was built by K5CG and has become a dependable and wily Fox. He can be found on 433.250MHz. Wheatley may be tracked here. 📶

FOURTH THURSDAY LUNCH

Poor Richard's Cafe at 11:30a on the Fourth Thursday of the month (resuming in January). We who are able to get away join up and dine on the fine local diner food.

It's a fun time and topics are random.
(It's also where I get a lot of ideas for ham radio cartoons!) 📺

***Fourth Thursday Lunch:
is cancelled for
Christmas Day***

***YOU KNOW HOW TO DO
WHAT?***

TELL US ALL HOW!

***SUBMIT ANY WRITE-UP
YOU LIKE FOR
THE PARKING TICKET
NEWSLETTER.***

***JUST EMAIL YOUR KNOWLEDGE
OVER TO
NEWSLETTER@K5PRK.NET***

***Fourth Thursday Lunch: Cancelled for Christmas Day
Normally at Poor Richards @ 11:30a***

***Next Meeting:
December 15, 2025***