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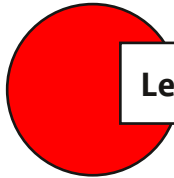
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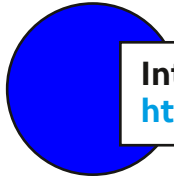
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Interact with the club at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/k5prk>



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

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.

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Plano Amateur Radio Klub and Field Day

By Mike Tharp KG5TJF
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Hey everybody! It's June so we are gearing up for the ARRL Field day.

We are not going to do an overnight operation this year. The city will only let us operate overnight at Hoblitzelle. But, we wanted better visibility this year so we're operating a Russell Creek. Russell Creek is not approved for overnight operations. So, we are going to operate on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday will be like a normal Field Day. Field Day ends at 1:00 on Sunday, so we'll only have a few hours to operate. We will be operating from portable antennas like the club Buddy Pole. We will have antenna analyzers. If you have an antenna you want to test, bring it for some testing and tuning. I have a home brew buddy pole I plan to test.

On a related note, our new Activity Director, Katherine Forson, and her Dad (Driver Rob), have been promoting this year's Field Day like nothing I've seen before. In addition to running the HF rigs and a GOTA station, we plan to have other radio-related activities. For example, Richardson plans to do a balloon launch on Field Day. The balloon should have a digital radio repeater. It would be great if we could have some club members onsite to assist with making digital radio contacts. We may also be running a mini-Fox Hunt and weather balloon tracking. Bottom line, please come out if you can.

On the cover: Photo provided by Michael Payne K5MFP, michaelpaynek5mfp at gmail dot com.

Finally, Katherine has set up a new Discord page for the club. Please create an account and join us at our newest social media site. 73,KG5TJF (Mike) 📧

ACTIVITIES

Activites in June

By Katherine Forson KT5KMF
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Howdy everyone!

Our most recent activity was a success! On May 30, a few PARK members set up in Hoblitzelle Park to receive and contact the payloads on the RWK high altitude balloon. We were able to make several contacts and track the balloon with our setup, and we had a lot of fun!

I'm hoping to get a few recurring events up and running soon, including PARK in the Park events and regular Plano foxhunts. Watch for announcements about those as they are scheduled, and please try to attend as many as you can! We're hoping to get potential new members interested at Field Day, so a good turnout for other events will help keep them engaged!

Finally, we are now on two new social media platforms! Last week I set up an Instagram account and a Discord server for PARK! You can follow the Instagram account, k5prk_plano, and join the discord server using this link: <https://discord.gg/U4SZ26QAHg>. If you have any questions about how to use either of these, or have any trouble with getting them set up, reach out to me via email at activies@k5prk.net.

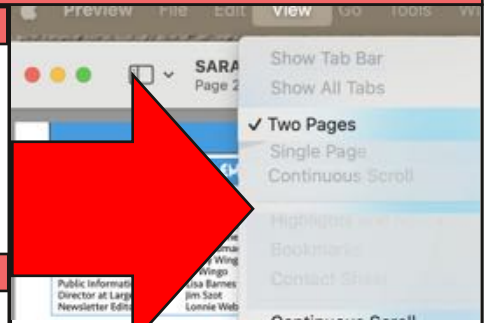
I'm excited to serve as your Activities Director and I'm looking forward to all of our upcoming events! 📧

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mass Mailing

By Rob Forson K5WFR

The Public Relations Committee



thus far has sent around 170 Field Day invitations to schools, teachers and Scout troops. The first reply was "Unsubscribe." Since then we have received several emails expressing interest and asking permission to cross post on their social media.

We will be sending invites to local officials and state and federal legislators. Who would pass up an opportunity to meet Ted Cruz?! OK, how about some local firefighters? Flyers have also been posted at HRO and the Boy Scout store in Fairview. We are hoping for a big turnout so WE CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET. Please come to Field Day and please wear your badges so visitors can identify us. You may be talking to future Klub members! 📧

**Next Meeting:
June 15, 2026**

LETTERS

Congressional Recognition Of Amateur Radio Grows



As most of you are aware, we have been engaged in a multi-year effort to obtain Congressional support to eliminate the ridiculous anti-Amateur Radio private land use restrictions used by property owners associations/HOAs to deny Amateur Radio the right—granted by Federal law since 1996—to all non-cable TV users, wireless internet subscribers, and satellite TV subscribers to erect antennas outside our residences.

While Congressional press conferences and fund raisers happen with great rapidity and frequency, the progress of even the most important legislation requires more time and dedicated, smart effort.

Our letter writing campaign, located at Send-A-Letter.org/HOA, has generated over 155,000 letters to Representatives and Senators asking for their support of H.R. 1094 and S. 459. The sheer size of that response has had a significant, positive impact. If you haven't sent your letter, please do so.

But that effort has also required long hours on the ground and an uncountable number of personal meetings with Senators, Representatives, and their staffs in order to obtain their support and to raise the awareness of the vital importance of Amateur Radio to America.

The most recent proof that those efforts have, and are, increasing Congressional support for Amateur Radio is evidenced by the decision of the

Chairman of the powerful Senate Committee On Commerce, Science, and Transportation—Senator Ted Cruz—to publicly share his personal views on the value and importance of Amateur Radio to the Nation and to state his conviction that our work strengthens the American community.

Chairman Cruz's video can be found at this link:

[<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h7Efh4n8BDJwZqU175DxpU1VABWNQF1U/view>]

Feel free to share the link with others, and if you have a moment, call or email his office and thank him for his support.

John Robert Stratton N5AUS
West Gulf Division Director
Chairman, ARRL Legislative Committee

Lee H. Cooper W5LHC
West Gulf Division Vice Director

To write Ted Cruz, open <https://www.cruz.senate.gov/contact/write-ted>

Canada's NRC shortwave station broadcasts CHU

As of June 22, 2026, the shortwave radio broadcast of the NRC's official time signal will no longer be available.

The NRC's official time can still be found in the following ways:

- The NRC's web clock
- The telephone talking clock
- The NRC's Network Time Protocol

For those looking for shortwave radio time signals, they are available from the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures.

<https://nrc.canada.ca/en/certifications-evaluations-standards/canadas-official-time/nrc-shortwave-station->

broadcasts-chu

Tim Johnson, K5TCJ

I am looking for 12 essays in the next year

Try writing me one this month.


TOPIC: Any question in the question pool (your choice--there ARE some easy ones).

WHAT: Write a few paragraphs exploring Why is the question there? Does it serve a purpose?

What are the ramifications of not having that guideline in the license?

Any current ham radio test question is fair game. Part 97 in the FCC rules is a good resource. This would help me in my quest to beef-up the newsletter without carte blanche theft of other clubs' material.

Are you up to it?

KG5WHQ 



Bruce Cameron K6IL shares his QRZ.com awards. Do you have a certificate or award you want to share?



**Plano Amateur Radio Klub
Board of Directors Meeting
June 1, 2026**

Present:

Mike Tharp KG5TJF, President
Damon Koch K5OCH, Secretary
B. J. Watkins K5BJW, Treasurer
Rob Forson K5WFR, Public Relations
Director
Miranda Schwarck KE5YZP,
Communications Director
James McCormick KG5KBP,
Webmaster
Lonnie Webb KG5WHQ, Newsletter
Editor
Katherine Forson KT5KMF Activities
Director
Ian Duncan AE5ID

Absent:

Bruce Cameron K6IL, Vice President
Tim Johnson K5TCJ, Immediate
Past President

President

Brought meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Vice President

Updated program schedule:

- June—Field Day
- July—Club auction
- August—Air Force MARS
- September—Ed Fong and a new tri-band antenna design
- October—*open (officer elections)*
- November—*open*
- December—club Christmas party
- Gathering interest for a presentation on D-Star.

Secretary

May club meeting minutes posted to the board and submitted to the newsletter.

The k5prk-board groups.io account is full again. Damon to download a full archive and provide to the board to upload to a Google archive and then purge email and attachments prior to 2025 to reclaim the space.

Treasurer

Treasurer report presented.
Code of conduct is published.

Public Relations

167 emails sent with the Field Day flyer. HRO, the Boy Scout store in Fairview. Two positive responses so far to the emails. Rob will send the invite to local officials and the fire department.

Communications

Allstar is still down. Miranda will swap the LTE back to the DSL modem tomorrow if she can get to the tower.

We can gain microwave connectivity with Richardson and use the link for internet link via their Palisade connection. We could use this and then use the current DSL link at the tower as a backup. Allstar inbound would still need a public IP so Miranda will have some network setup to do.

Intermod problem: Miranda needs higher quality drone footage to see the connections without a tower climb.

Laptop upgrade at the tower still needs to happen when Miranda can get site access.

Activities

The recent amateur balloon watch party had 4 club members attend. Richardson will launch another balloon on field day, so we will be able to engage guests while we track and make contacts via the balloon.

Katherine created Discord and Instagram accounts for PARK. She and Ian will schedule a how-to presentation

to the club soon. Be on the lookout for messages from Katherine for board introductions.

DFW Ham Expo June 12-13. We have volunteers for both days. Katherine will print brochures and pamphlets from Canva to hand out.

Katherine is coming up with more ideas for club events for the near future.

Website

James is ready to transition the club website to a new provider pending approval. BJ motioned to change. Lonnie second. Unanimous approval to transition ASAP.

Newsletter

Please submit your ideas, pictures, and articles to the newsletter.

Field Day

Katherine wants to create a presentation board for walk-up guests that includes things like youth scholarship information, upcoming events, etc.

We can have a digital station with a QDX transceiver available

If any other clubs are bringing 2.4/5.8GHz equipment, Ian can bring some. This would be a good Saturday activity.

Miranda will bring Starlink for Internet access.

Old Business

Items needed for the club auction.

New Business

Neil NE5IL is checking for space at the bowling alley for board meetings. Alternatively, the board is considering going back to an online meeting.

General meeting space ideas: exploring Plano rec center space and class rooms at the UMC. The Oak Point rec center may be cost effective.

Adjourn

Motioned by BJ, second by Rob.
Adjourned at 8:28 PM



PARK GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



May 18, 2026 General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.

President Mike Tharp KG5TJF
 Opened the business meeting with roll call.
 22 present, 19 members 3 guests.

Vice President Bruce Cameron K6IL - absent
 May—Tim Johnson Amateur Satellites
 June—Mike Tharp—Field Day
 July—PARK Auction
 August—Bruce Cameron—Air Force Mars
 September—Edison Fong—Triband Antenna Design
 If you would like to present, please email me at VP@k5prk.net

Secretary Damon Koch K5OCH
 May board minutes are posted.

Treasurer B. J. Watkins K5BJW
 Finance report presented.

Communications Director Miranda Schwarck KE5YZP—absent
 Drone video from the water tower isn't high enough resolution so she is going to redo it.
 Work at the hospital won't move for a while. Contact from

the hospital is refusing time.
 Winlink is down. Miranda will reset the laptop.

Newsletter Editor Lonnie Webb KG5WHQ
 Please submit your ideas, pictures, and articles to the newsletter.
 We have three USB winders left. \$5 each that goes to the club.

Public Relations Director Rob Forson K5WFR
 Field Day flyers are printed and ready to send to the schools, clubs, and scout troops that Rob gathered.

Webmaster James McCormick KG5KBP
 We are in the process of moving to a new web host.

Activities Director Katherine Forson KT5KMF
 Asif Ahmed K5SIF had to relocate so the position is vacated. Katherine Forson volunteered to be the interim Activities Director until an election next month.
 DFW Ham Expo is June 12-13 at the Vista Mall in Lewisville. The club will have a promotional table set up and volunteers will be there both days.
 Local activities list is printed in the newsletter.

VE Coordinator Daryl Morgeson AF5QJ
 One tested tonight, he passed his technician exam with a perfect score. Congratulations Atahulpa!

Field Day Mike Tharp KG5TJF
 Plano now says we cannot operate overnight at Russel

Creek Park. We will not change locations. Instead of operating all night, we will take down the antennas Saturday evening and put antennas up Sunday morning. Sunday will be a chance to bring your home-brew antennas and test them. We will have antenna analyzers available.

Old Business
 None

New Business:
 Field Day needs money for food, drinks, incidentals for this year's Field Day. Daryl AF5QJ motioned to allocate \$300 for food, drinks, sundries. Tim K5TCJ second. Passed by unanimous vote.

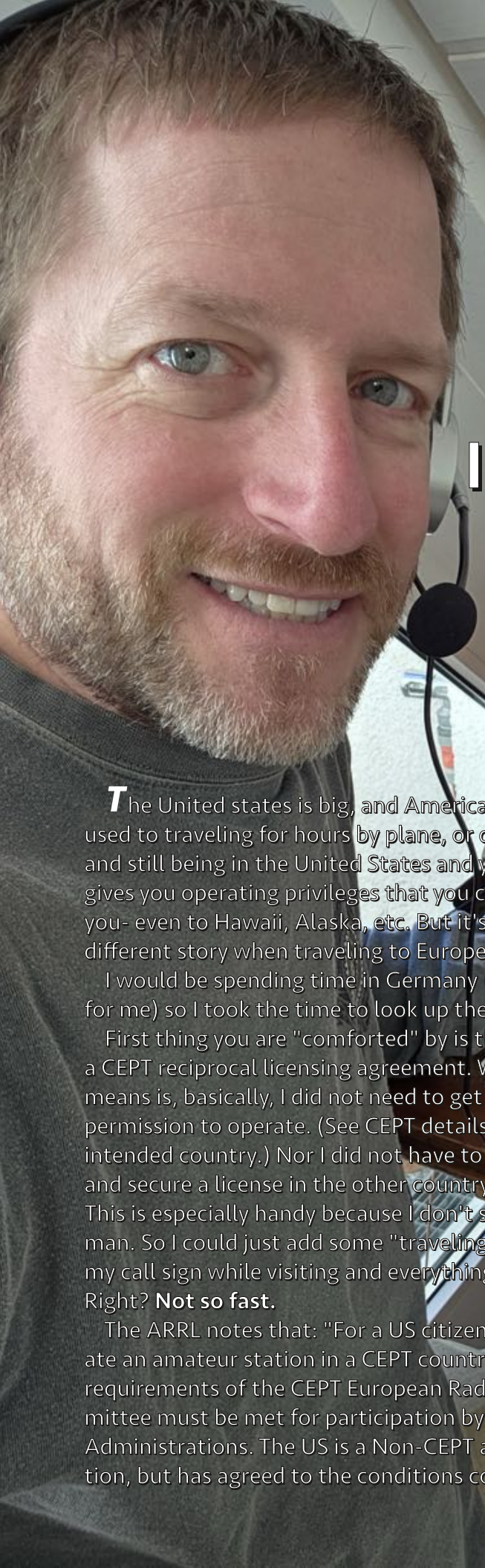
Break

50/50 Raffle
 \$15 Won by Mike Tharp.

Program
 A Beginner's Guide to Amateur Radio Satellites—Tim Johnson K5TCJ.

Adjourn
 Lonnie motion, B.J. second.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM





OPERATING INTERNATIONALLY

by Anthony Burokas KB3DVS
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The United States is big, and Americans are used to traveling for hours by plane, or days by car, and still being in the United States and your license gives you operating privileges that you carry with you- even to Hawaii, Alaska, etc. But it's a whole different story when traveling to Europe.

I would be spending time in Germany (DO - land for me) so I took the time to look up the details.

First thing you are "comforted" by is that there's a CEPT reciprocal licensing agreement. What this means is, basically, I did not need to get special permission to operate. (See CEPT details for your intended country.) Nor I did not have to take a test and secure a license in the other country, either. This is especially handy because I don't speak German. So I could just add some "traveling" letters to my call sign while visiting and everything's great! Right? **Not so fast.**

The ARRL notes that: "For a US citizens to operate an amateur station in a CEPT country, certain requirements of the CEPT European Radio Committee must be met for participation by non-CEPT Administrations. The US is a Non-CEPT administration, but has agreed to the conditions contained in

T/r 61-01, which allows US Amateur Extra and Advanced class licensees permission to operate under the agreement from CEPT countries."

[<https://www.ecodocdb.dk/download/2ae38a89-e58a/TR6101.pdf>]

"Under the CEPT Agreement, to activate this reciprocal operating authority, a traveler must carry "credentials" in English, French and German that the person, if a US citizen, and if a Commission-authorized amateur operator, is entitled to certain amateur station operating privileges in the specific countries that have implemented the CEPT Agreement. For US-licensees, that document is FCC Public Notice DA 16-1048." This provides a standard form document in three languages that the user can print out and carry with them.

[<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Reciprocal%20operating%20forms/DA-16-1048A1.doc>]

The other thing you need to bring is an "official" copy of your FCC license. I say "official" because

"official" is basically, well, you print it out at home and it has the word "official" in grey over it at an angle. No fancy paper, nothing. Kinda "meh" if you ask me. You should see my "official" college diploma. It says "Diploma" across the whole thing, at an angle. So you know it's official. Right?

But what if you do not hold an Advanced or Extra license, like me?

Throughout the US, the General license just excludes a little bit of a few bands, but otherwise offers nothing really "worth" the added effort of the higher license for many operators. Just my humble opinion that's worked fine for nearly 30 years. I've enjoyed operating wherever I've gone, in the band sections allotted to me. However, when it comes time to operate abroad - now this becomes more important.

If you have a **General** class license, the US has agreed to **Recommendation (05)06** and your operating privileges are **limited** in some, but not all CEPT countries. Germany is one of those countries. You can spend an hour or more searching the ARRL, FCC, CEPT, the IARC and several other web sites to find out just what your operating privileges are in various countries. I did. It's actually amazing how hard it is to find out what "limited" can mean in each country.

It wasn't until I came to the **DARC** website (the German version of the ARRL) did I find a single document that listed out what my General license gives me in Germany and SIXTY other areas. (Thank you DARC!) You can find that file here:

[<https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/ausland/funken-im-ausland/cept-laenderliste/>]

You scroll down to page 52 of this 150-page tome and you see that, **as a General in the US, I'm demoted to "Novice" in Germany**. And the key operating differences for me are that I will likely only operate on 80m, 15m, 10m and 2m. This is because 60m, 40m, 30m, 20m, 17m, 12m, 6m, are all off limits. **NO 20 METERS!** Ugh. For real? Yes.

I have created a little cheat sheet on my radio in Germany with my DO/KB3DVS call, and my 80 / 15 / 10 frequencies. During the day, 80 is dead, so it's just 10 and 15, if they're open, and many days recently, they are not. On 2m there's one repeater I

can hit, though, technically, all the locals are speaking German and I can actually also hit it with Echolink if I wanted to. But in Germany, essentially the center of the EU, I often hear all kinds of languages- situated in Germany in between France and Poland, above Italy, below Norway, Sweden, near Spain, Georgia, Ukraine, Russia and more. Thankfully enough English can be managed to complete a short QSO most of the time, and if they want to know more about the guy speaking English in Europe, the conversations can begin there. But you can easily hear a half dozen different languages on the dial when the band is busy.

Not being able to use the daytime "hot" band of 20-meters has, alone, given me incentive to go after the extra license, just to get 20m operation capability in Germany. I have made contacts on 15. Heard a couple stations on 10. And technically, making an antenna specifically for 15 meters would probably serve me better than the OCF multi-band wire antenna I have now. So it's probably worth changing my setup till I get the new license for more favorable operation on 10 and 15m.

If you plan to travel abroad, print out the documents, print out your license, and check the DARC's glorious tome of information to make sure you're staying where you need to be, and only doing what you're allowed to do.

My very setup includes the Xiegu G90 HF radio that will comfortably do 20w out. Powered by a 12A Lead Acid

battery connected to a charger. I have an adapter cable for the radio that lets me use a computer headset and footpedal which leaves both hands free to take notes, run the dial, etc. No computer. No digital. I just talk to people when the bands are good. 📻



MAYDAY-MAYDAY-MAYDAY

A Drama In and On The Air

By Larry Yates KA5ZWW
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The following true event took place during a 12-hour period back in the late 1980s. One will never know what you may hear on the HF radio amateur bands. After a busy week I decided to listen to the Maritime Mobile Service Network (MMSN) on the 20-meter band (14.300 MHz) one Friday evening. I turned on my Kenwood TS-440 HF radio and checked my Cushcraft R5 antenna SWR. My system was ready to assist with anyone who may require a phone patch or assist with any emergency traffic.

It was around 7 PM when a male voice entered the MMSN net by calling "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday" (no call sign was provided). Needless to say, this call received top priority by the net control operator. The call originated from a crew member on a Flying Tigers' Boeing 707 cargo airplane located on the northwest side of South America. I do not remember the exact location.

Yes, we are amateurs, however this event proved that the communication service we are able to provide validates we are more than just "amateurs"

The aircraft was based in Miami, Florida and was headed to Chile in South America.

The net control operator immediately responded to the individual who placed the emergency call. The crew member, with a calm voice, said his airplane had a failed engine, along with most of his radio equipment. The only working radio was one capable of using the HF bands. After a

few minutes passed, the MMSN net control operator asked the crew member if he could move to another 20-meter frequency. The change in radio frequency would allow the net to resume normal operations. I recall the emergency communications being moved to 14.290 MHz and several more amateur radio operators joined in during the emergency operation. Another amateur operator assumed the net control position. Due to propagation and the passing of time, many more amateur operators took part in relaying the transmissions from the aircraft in

“if possible, return to Miami”

distress.

The crew member requested a telephone patch call to his office dispatcher in Miami. Before cell phones, many amateur radio operators had telephone patch capability. Prior to completing the phone patch, the amateur operator called the dispatcher and informed him about the crew member's request to establish an emergency telephone call.

Within minutes the phone patch was established between an amateur radio operator, the airplane and a Flying Tigers' dispatcher. The airplane crew member asked the dispatcher to contact management and inform them about the airplane's condition. The request over the radio was “should we land in Chile and wait for an engine or make an attempt to return to Florida”.

After several minutes passed the dispatcher received management's decision. The phone patch

was re-established and the dispatcher said to the airplane crew, “if possible, return to Miami”. The telephone patch ended around 9 PM Friday.

After a short period of time a pilot made contact with another amateur radio operator. The pilot wanted someone to contact the American Embassy. In order to save fuel, the crew wanted to know if Cuba's government would allow the airplane to fly over Cuba on its way back to Florida. It was not hard to believe the reply from the Cuban government, by the way of the US Embassy, required about two hours before a reply was received. As one would expect the Cuban government reply was “NO!”. The answer was provided by amateur radio to the pilots.

Before closing down my station around 10:30 PM Friday I wrote down several call signs of those who participated in this incredible event.

Saturday morning, I woke up about 7 AM and headed to my hobby room. My hope was to contact one of the amateur radio operators for a Flying Tigers emergency update. The radio came alive with the following announcement from one of the Flying Tigers' pilots “I would like to thank all of the Ham radio operators who stayed up all night and assisted us with the telephone patches. We are on our final approach into Miami Airport and we only have a few hundred pounds of fuel onboard”. They returned safely to home base.

That was the last transmission I heard from the crew.

What a thrill it was to hear the final outcome of an amazing incident. I am sure all of the amateur radio operators who assisted have kept this story alive. Even though I only listened, I was ready and able to relay any missed transmissions. Yes, we are amateurs, however this event proved that the communication service we are able to provide validates we are more than just “amateurs”.

Visit Larry Yates KA5ZWY at our local HRO in Plano. He serves area clubs as a VE in W5SRA's Laurel VEC that operates in Sachse, TX.—ed



Join the Plano Amateur
Radio Klub for

ARRL Field Day!



What is Ham Radio?

Ham radio is both a hobby and a service. It allows licensed operators to communicate around the world, or even with the ISS, without relying on existing infrastructure like the internet or cell networks.

What can you do with it?

- Talk to people around the world
- Participate in contests
- Operate in ("activate") National Parks
- Build electronics - even your own radio!
- Hunt for hidden "fox" transmitters
- Talk to the International Space Station
- Help the National Weather Service by becoming a storm spotter
- Help with communications for public service events and emergency response
- Earn scholarships!

What to expect at PARK Field Day

- "Get on the air" station for anyone new to radio
- Digital modes - radio + computer
- Morse Code operation
- Aircraft tracking with ADSB
- High altitude balloon and radiosonde (weather balloon) tracking
- Hunt for a hidden "fox"

Event Details

- Russell Creek Park Pavilion
- June 27-28
- Best times to come are 2pm to 6pm on Saturday and 9am to 12pm on Sunday



Contact fieldday@k5prk.net for more information

MONDAY
JULY 20TH 2026
7PM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PLANO

You are invited to the

K5PRK
ANNUAL
HAM RADIO
EQUIPMENT
AUCTION

LICW FIELD DAY CW TRAINING AND PRACTICE

The Long Island CW Club (LICW) [<https://longislandcwclub.org>] is pleased to offer focused Field Day CW training during the month of June. These sessions are open to all amateur radio operators. You do not need to be a member of LICW to attend, and there is no charge for the training.

LICW was conceived by Howard WB2UZE and Rich K2UPS following Field Day in 2017. Their original goal was simple and meaningful: teach Morse code to local hams on Long Island so more CW operators would be ready for the following year's Field Day.

That spirit remains part of LICW's heritage. By offering Field Day training more broadly, we hope to preserve that legacy, give back to the amateur radio community, and help more operators experience the fun, challenge, and satisfaction of CW operation during Field Day.

What the Training Covers

These classes will focus on the practical CW skills needed for Field Day operation, including the Field Day exchange, operating rhythm, common abbreviations, listening, sending, recovery, and confidence-building in a real operating context.

The goal is not perfection. The goal is to help operators better understand how a Field Day CW contact works and to feel more prepared to participate, whether as an operator, assistant, observer, or future CW participant.

How the Classes Are Conducted

LICW conducts its training live over Zoom. During June, selected regular LICW classes will temporarily shift their focus to Field Day CW training so participants have multiple

opportunities to attend.

NOTE: If you are not an LICW member, or if you have not previously used Zoom for CW training, we encourage you to join up to 15 minutes before class to confirm that your Zoom audio is configured properly for sending and receiving CW. Instructors will help check sidetone, key input, microphone routing, and audio levels so your first class can begin smoothly and without unnecessary troubleshooting.

These are live, instructor-led sessions in a welcoming and supportive environment. All hams are invited, whether you are new to CW, returning after time away, preparing for your first Field Day CW contact, or simply interested in learning how Field Day works.

Schedule and Zoom Access

The June Field Day CW training schedule is shown on the website. Training starts on June 1st, 2026. All of the times shown in the Calendar are Eastern Time (ET). For a full description of each class, hover your mouse over the calendar entry.

All classes occur in the LICW Public Zoom Room—click on the join button on the calendar page to access the Public Zoom Room. We hope you will join us, learn with us, and enjoy CW on Field Day. 📻

**Next Meeting:
June 15, 2026**

JOIN THE ARRL

American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for radio enthusiasts across the United States. The ARRL invites you to join a vibrant community of innovators, communicators, and explorers who connect the world through the airwaves. Whether you're passionate about emergency communications, cutting-edge technology, or simply connecting with fellow hams across the globe, the ARRL offers unparalleled resources, training, and opportunities to fuel your curiosity.

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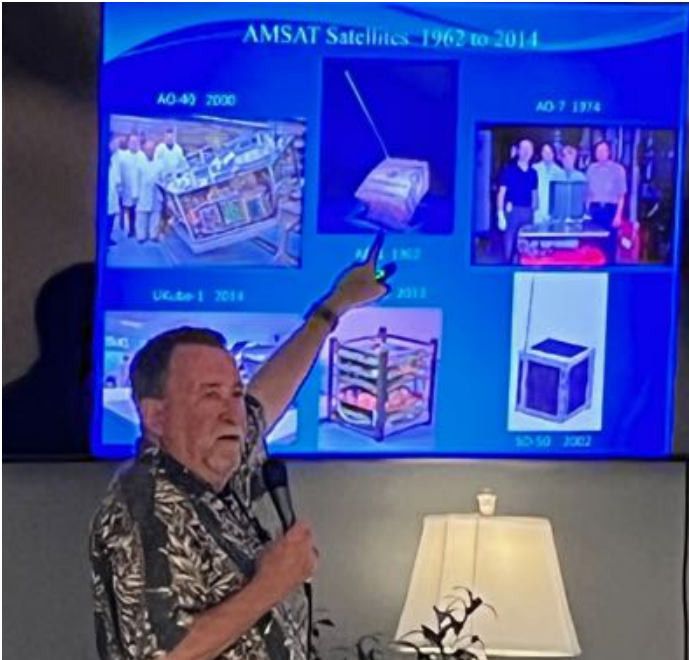


Ross Watson AF5QK, Daryl Morgesson AF5QJ, Johnnie Young KG5CQO, Gary Campbell KF5PLA, Dutch Uselton KJ5HDF, Kirk Schneider KE5RBB, and George Martindale N5VVL meet for breakfast every Saturday morning at Poor Richard's Cafe.



KG5WHQ, Connor, Larry Pollis KI5UXC, Ann Fiorda KJ5LWR, and Tony Fiorda WB9ZWI meet for lunch on Fourth Thursday at Poor Richard's Cafe.

LAST MEETING







DFW

HAM EXPO

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DFW Ham Expo Features For JUNE 12-13 2026

EVERYTHING IN ONE (HUGE) SPACE

WE'RE EXPANDING AGAIN TO THE NEW NTX ARENA AT VISTA MALL! WE HAVE THE ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR 25,000 SQ. FT. AREA, WITH PLENTY OF TABLES (AND AIR CONDITIONING!) AND A MORE CONVENIENT DIRECT ENTRANCE FROM THE PARKING AREA.

SATURDAY OUTDOOR TAILGATING

SHOW UP EARLY (7AM) AND STAKE OUT YOUR SPOT IN OUR LARGE OUTDOOR TAILGATING AREA. ONLY \$10 PER VEHICLE.

FOOD AND FRIENDS

DFW HAM EXPO IS **ADDING A CONVENIENT CONCESSIONS SHOP, COFFEE CART, AND OUTDOOR FOOD TRUCK** ADJACENT TO OUR NEW SOCIAL AREA. PLUS EASY ACCESS TO THE **VISTA MALL FOOD COURT** AND YOU CAN COME AND GO WITH YOUR ADMISSION PASS.

MORE INFO: <https://www.dfwhamexpo.com>

HAM RADIO VENDORS

HAM RADIO OUTLET AND OTHER COMMERCIAL VENDORS WILL BE AT DFW HAM EXPO BOTH DAYS! COME SHOP FOR THE LATEST IN NEW HAM GEAR. **UPDATE:** WE HAD JUST OVER 100 VENDOR TABLES IN LAST YEAR'S 2025 DFW HAM EXPO, AND WE'RE PAST THAT MILESTONE WITH OVER 5 WEEKS TO GO UNTIL 2026!

GREAT PRIZES

MANY GREAT PRIZES FOR 2026! (DOOR PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON) LOTS OF OTHER PRIZES!

RADIO AND ANTENNA TESTING

TEST THAT PROSPECTIVE ITEM BEFORE YOU BUY! MIKE AE5IV HAS THE EQUIPMENT AND WILL BE GLAD TO HELP.



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JUNE 27

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SUMMIT PARKS JAMBOREE WEATHER HELP

CLUB CALENDAR

JUNE

Sunday 31	Monday 1	Tuesday 2
<p>1p Military Veterans D-Star Net @ REF026A 7p Intl D-Star Net @ REF001C 8p KSTIT D-Star Net @ REF33B</p>	<p>7p K5PRK Board Meeting 7p DARC (Dallas) Geek Net 7p GARC (Garland) Club Meeting 7:30p Texas ARES Net @ 3.873 MHz 7:30p RWK -- Meeting on the Air @ 147.12, PL110.9 8:30p MARC Simplex net R5GB 80m Club Championship</p>	<p>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 8p Lucas Open Net ARS Spartan Sprint</p>
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<p>1p Military Veterans D-Star Net @ REF026A 2p Texas RACES Net (HF) @ 7.255MHz 7p Intl D-Star Net @ REF001C 8p KSTIT D-Star Net @ REF33B Portugal Day AGCW VHF/UHF REF DDFM 6m GACW WWSA CW DX ARRL June VHF Contest</p>	<p>6p VE Testing @ K5PRK 7p K5PRK (Plano) Club Meeting 7p GARC (Garland) Club Meeting 8p American Legion Post 315 Radio Club Net @ W5SRA 8:30p MARC Simplex net ARRL June VHF Contest 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint R5GB FT4</p>	<p>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 8p Lucas Open Net SARL Youth QSO Party</p>
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<p>ARRL Field Day 1p Military Veterans D-Star Net @ REF026A 2p Texas RACES Net (HF) @ 7.255 MHz 7p Intl D-Star Net @ REF001C 8p KSTIT D-Star Net @ REF33B His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB</p>	<p>7p DARC (Dallas) Geek Net 7p GARC (Garland) Club Meeting 7:30p Texas ARES Net @ 3.873 MHz 8:30p MARC Simplex net QCX Challenge</p>	<p>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 8p Lucas Open Net QCX Challenge</p>

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Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
<p>6:50p NTx Readiness QST Net @ 7.27750 MHz LSB</p> <p>8p N5SAC Weekly Info Net @ N5SAC</p> <p>8p PARK Informal Net @ 147.180+ MHz, (107.2)</p> <p>VHF-UHF FT8 Activity</p>	<p>11a GARC (Garland) Crony Lunch @ Judy's Cafe</p> <p>7p HAM (Mesquite) Monthly Meeting</p> <p>8p GARC (Garland) InfoNet</p> <p>8p Denton County ARES Training Net</p> <p>VHF-UHF FT8 Activity-NA</p> <p>Walk for the Bacon QRP</p> <p>NRAU 10m Activity</p> <p>SKCC Sprint Europe</p>	<p>8:30,9a North Texas Hospital Radio Club weekly check in</p> <p>Walk for the Bacon QRP</p> <p>NRAU 10m Activity</p> <p>HA3NS Sprint Memorial</p>	<p>7a K5PRK Breakfast @ Poor Richard's</p> <p>12p Garland "Hands-On" Gathering</p> <p>7p DARC (Dallas) Tech Net</p> <p>9p Saturday Night D-STAR Net@REF029A</p> <p>VK Shires</p> <p>PODXS 070 Club Three Day Weekend</p> <p>Tisza Cup CW</p> <p>Wake-Up! QRP</p> <p>UKSMG Summer</p> <p>Kentucky QSO Party</p>
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<p>6:50p NTx Readiness QST Net @ 7.27750 MHz LSB</p> <p>7p Murphy CERT Net @ W5SRA</p> <p>8p N5SAC Weekly Info Net @ N5SAC</p> <p>8p PARK Informal Net @ 147.180+ MHz, (107.2)</p> <p>8:30p NTx ARES Net</p> <p>NAQCC CW Sprint</p> <p>VHF-UHF FT8 Activity</p>	<p>11a GARC (Garland) Crony Lunch @ Judy's Cafe</p> <p>8p GARC (Garland) InfoNet</p> <p>8p Denton County ARES Training Net</p> <p>VHF-UHF FT8 Activity-NA</p> <p>Walk for the Bacon QRP</p> <p>NTC QSO Party</p>	<p>8:30,9a North Texas Hospital Radio Club weekly check in</p> <p>Walk for the Bacon QRP</p>	<p>7a K5PRK Breakfast @ Poor Richard's</p> <p>9a W5SRA Laurel VE Test Session</p> <p>9a GARC (Garland) ECC Open House</p> <p>7p DARC (Dallas) Tech Net</p> <p>9p Saturday Night D-STAR Net@REF029A</p> <p>ARRL KIDS DAY</p> <p>SMIRK</p> <p>Feld Hell Sprint</p> <p>Pajajaran Bogor DX</p> <p>SKCC QSO Party</p> <p>IARU Region 1 50 MHz</p> <p>LZ International 6-Meter</p>
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***Next Meeting:
June 15, 2026***

EXTRAS & GENERALS:

Do ALL of our liscense questions make sense?

This is your chance to air out your opinions! Pick a single question in the 3 active pools and explain:

- 1. Which test pool is it in***
- 2. Why it's required***
- 3. What it means***

Write me a paragraph or two column this month so I can show it off!