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TO BE APPOINTED

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JOHN ROBERT STRATTON, N5AUS, IS NEW ARRL WEST GULF DIVISION DIRECTOR



01/25/2019

John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, of Austin, Texas, is the new ARRL West Gulf Division Director. Stratton, the incumbent Vice Director, moved up to the Director's chair after Director Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, announced his immediate retirement during the ARRL Board of Directors meeting January 18 – 19.

An attorney, Stratton served as West Gulf Division Vice Director since 2009, when he was appointed to succeed Woolweaver, who became Director following the resignation of then-Director Coy Day, N5OK.

Woolweaver served as West Gulf Vice Director from 2000 until 2009, and as Director from 2009 until 2019. During his tenure, he served on several committees, including the ARRL Board Executive Committee. He is a member of the ARRL Foundation Board of Directors.

Stratton holds a bachelor of science in aerospace engineering from the University of Texas and is a graduate of the University of Texas Law School. ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, will fill the vacant West Gulf Division Vice Director's position by appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Ham Fests/Conventions

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
02/23/2019 | [Orange, Texas Hamfest](#)

Location: Orange, TX
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Orange ARC, Jefferson County ARC
Website: https://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index_files/HAMFEST%20INFO/hamfest%20info

03/02/2019 | [Irving Amateur Radio Hamfest](#)

Location: Irving, TX
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Website: <https://irvingarc.org/>

ARCPC VE TESTING

VE testing for all license classes and up-grades will be conducted on the third Monday of each month, except November and December.

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Douglas E. May WB5VQQ
(817) 613-7289
Email: dougmay@uwmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: What-a-Burger off of I20
Weatherford TX 76086

ARCPC HOSPITALITY



Cookies & Coffee, Other?

FEB 2019
Meeting

Judy Wolf



Jake Sez!

“A mistake should be your teacher, not your attacker. A mistake is a lesson, not a loss. It is a temporary, necessary detour, not a dead end.”

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
04/27/2019 | [ARRL North area class Texas Mentorfest 2019](#)

Location: Garland, TX
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: ARRL North Texas Section, Hella Hams Amateur Radio Unit
Website: <http://www.arrlntx.org/mentorfest>

LICENSING CLASS

02/19/2019 | [Garland TX 75040](#)

Start/End Dates: 02/19/2019 - 03/19/2019
Times: 7pm until 9pm, 5 Tuesday Nights in a Row
of Sessions: 5
Class level: Technician

03/23/2019 | [Mansfield TX 76063](#)

Start/End Dates: 03/23/2019 - 03/30/2019
Times: 8:30am to 4:00pm
of Sessions: 2
Class level: Technician

(See pg. 6 for a Ft. Worth class)

ARCPC MEETING MINUTES



Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Amateur Radio Club of Parker County
Tuesday, January 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by President Thad Weikal, KG5ATD, at the Parker County Emergency Management (EOC) Building, 215 Trinity Street, Weatherford.

The invocation was given by President Thad Weikal. President Weikal afterwards led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Introductions:

President Thad Weikal initiated introductions around the meeting tables. A total of 12 members were present for the meeting and 2 visitors.

Meeting minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes, as amended in the newsletter, from the November meeting as published in the January monthly newsletter was made by Will Teague, W5KD. The motion was seconded by James Chambers, KE5LFN. Motion passed.

We also briefly had a discussion about how we label our newsletters.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Jay Cox, KG5BZW, gave the secretary/treasurer's report. We have 26 members and 17 life members noted as of this meeting. Jay Cox noted the interest payment to the Savings account and the deposit to the checking account of dues and ham fest gross income and payments to Daryl for the purchase of the Hamfest rewards and payment of the club Post Office Box bill.

A motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Jerry Thompson, W7JT and seconded by John Engels, KF5ECS.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEW BUSINESS

We discussed the spring "Intro to ham radio" class and when to have it. This is our class which *introduces* ham radio; it does not teach for the Technician test. It will be at the Cornerstone Community Church (2233 Hwy 199, Springtown, TX 76082). We settled on a date of March 30th and there will be a morning class and an afternoon class. Vice President Daryl will provide a sign-in website for those interested in teaching a section of it.

We had discussion with our volunteer hospitality person (Judy Wolf, KE5JBY) of what foods to bring to the meetings. The idea of chili was received well.

ARCPC MEETING MINUTES

We discussed of hamfest, including the donation by the Tri-County club of their reward funds to the ARCPC (we do not need to refund them). They are also all-aboard for helping with the hamfest this year. We discussed that might want to do it a different weekend this year. We do need to make sure that for whenever we set the date, we need to make sure it is listed in the ARRL list of hamfests. We'll tentatively set a date for the first weekend of November (instead of the second to avoid Veteran's day issues) once Tri-County approves.

We made note that as of the meeting, Jack Nixon (the younger) is apparently in good health, according to Marianne Herboth, KG5BBX, and that some rumors relating to that were unfounded. (Jack Nixon has our trailer, so discussion of Jack is indeed important!)

We discussed the big, all-day (beginners session 8am-12pm & advanced session 1pm-4pm) SKYWARN class, Saturday January 26th, at TCU and the possibility that we might not have it due to the government shutdown.

We conducted a discussion of Winter Field Day, which would also start the same day as SkyWarn, which is a 24 hour event just like the ARRL Field Day event.

We discussed Cowtown Hamfest. Bob Ballard, KG5SQJ made mention that he was going to lecture about his homebrew multiple HF band antenna construction and that he'll have to do a shortened "Programming Baofeng Radios" class as that class is scheduled to occur just before the big end-of-hamfest drawings. We briefly also discussed a Portable Tower setup that Bob might do a future presentation upon.

We briefly discussed the Parker County Ragchew net. We still have some interference on 147.040 We also discussed Matt Sander's new 146.58 MHz "North Texas Simplex Net" at 8pm on Mondays.

Vice President Daryl Pate, KC5SLQ, made mention that if you were seeking rare grid squares, he and fellow hams were leaving on a ham radio cruise January 12th, and what is involved in working with a cruise line to allow ham radio operation on the ship. You can find out more about what frequencies they're on and when on the DXSUMMIT website. [Jay: I'm presuming Daryl was talking about <http://www.dxsummit.fi/> and not the conference website <https://www.dxsummit.com/>]

There was no report on Ham Radio License testing as there was no testing in November and December. Monday, January 21st would be the next testing session.

Will accept additional net control volunteers for the Parker County Ragchew net but we have two strong candidates. (Matt Sanders N5ECZ and Tom Keifer KG5PBP)

President Weikal made mention that we are open for presentations.

February 12th is the next meeting.

ARCPC Meeting Minutes

TRAINING & ADJOURNMENT:

Will Teague, W5KD, made a motion that we adjourn. James Chambers, KE5LFN, seconded that motion, and we adjourned.

Jon Engels did do show-and-tell with a hydraulic crimper, but we did not have a lecture.

Respectfully submitted,
By Jay Cox, KG5BZW
Secretary/Treasurer

Intro to Ham Radio

A class which *introduces* ham radio; it does not teach the Technician test.

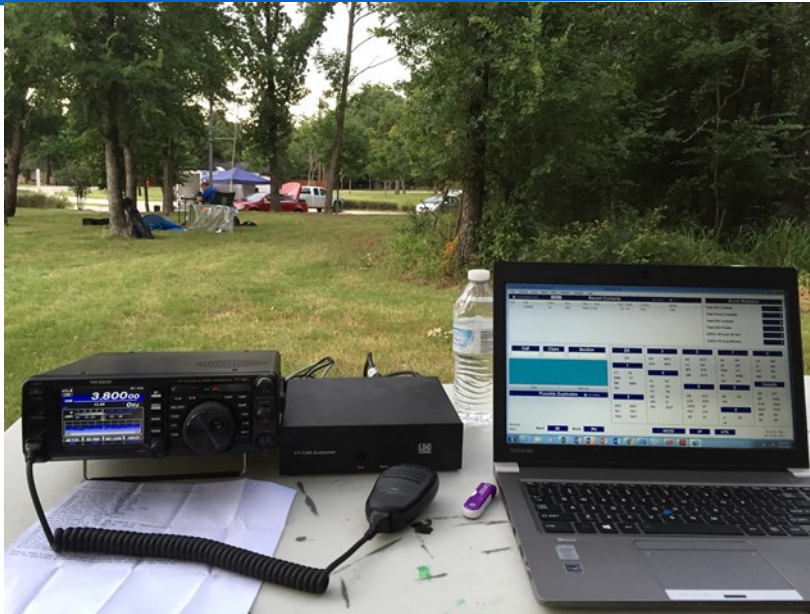
There will be a morning class(8:00 AM) and an afternoon class(12:00 Noon).

Cornerstone Community Church
2233 Hwy 199,
Springtown, TX 76082
March 30th, 2018

Club members: Tell your non-Ham friends about this class. Then, you can sign up to teach part of it.

Vice President Daryl Pate will provide a sign-in website for those interested in teaching a section of it.

Local License Class



Amateur Radio (HAM Radio) Technician Class

March 12th, 13th, & 14th
0830 - 1630 each day

Testing on the last day for
your FCC License
(\$14)

This is the entry level Amateur Radio License Class

With this license you will be able to participate as a Storm Spotter, help out with local community events, provide communication support to served agencies, and stay in touch with friends and family when other means of communication do not work. You will be able to use VHF, UHF, and Microwave frequencies for local communications as well as have limited HF worldwide privileges with the Technician License.

Books are available for purchase before the class from Amazon, just search for (Ham Radio School) by Stu Turner. Look for the Technician book, you may also choose the combination Technician/ General book. Test session after lunch on March 14th

Tarrant County Public Health
Department
1101 S. Main, Ft. Worth
More information/ and registration contact:

Jimmy at ae5yp@arrl.net

Provided by

The Kilocycle Club of Fort Worth and
Tarrant County Public Health



Tarrant County Public Health Department

Reshaping ARRL Objectives, Refocusing ARRL HQ Structure is New CEO's Goal

02/07/2019

A plan by ARRL CEO Howard Michel, WB2ITX, to reshape and reorganize the management structure at ARRL Headquarters will go into effect on Monday, February 11. The ARRL Board of Directors endorsed the plan during its Annual Meeting on January 18 – 19 in Windsor, Connecticut.

"I see ARRL as a membership association, a business, and a 501(c)(3) public charity. As CEO, I intend to strengthen all three aspects. And all three must remain in balance for ARRL to function effectively," Michel said.

"As a business, ARRL is not just *QST* magazine, *The Handbook*, DXCC or the VEC program. We can't allow ourselves to continue to think within those traditional parameters." He continued, "ARRL's businesses are not membership, publishing, and advertising. ARRL's businesses are value creation, value delivery, and advocacy. I plan to architect ARRL along those lines. To quote Steve Jobs, 'More important than building a product, we are in the process of architecting a company that will hopefully be much more incredible, the total will be much more incredible than the sum of its parts.'" Michel said.

The reorganization has three key components. The first major change is the creation of a management council (MC). The MC will be a deliberative and generative body to discuss ideas, operations, and long-term planning for ARRL. The group's goal is to foster horizontal lines of communication within the organization. Direct horizontal lines of communications are much more efficient than "up, over, and down," Michel offered.

The second key change, Michel said, is the addition of a Product Development Manager. This individual's responsibility will be to create new ideas for products and services, create pilot programs to quickly test those ideas, and then — if the pilot programs are successful — transition them to operations. "The motto in startups is to fail fast," Michel said. "Let's innovate like a startup."

Third, he said, is creating the position of a Marketing Communications Manager. "Our brand works with our traditional members. It is not working for newly licensed hams," Michel said. "If we are to create a demand for the value we bring to Amateur Radio, we need a coordinated and consistent message, across all forms of media that resonates with current and potential members."

In conjunction with its support of this reorganization plan, the ARRL Board of Directors also endorsed a proposal to create a new Lifelong Learning platform that will establish ARRL as an educational leader in Amateur Radio, and the purchase of a modern association management software system that should dramatically improve ARRL members' experiences.

"These are big investments the Board is making in ARRL, and a strong positive vote of confidence that we can deliver," Michel said. "They are giving us the tools to be successful."

From the ARRL Letter



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ARCPC INFORMATION NET
Mondays at 8:00 pm on 147.040 (Tone 110.9)

WC5C Net
Thursdays at 8:00 pm on 147.1600+ (Tone 110.9)

MEETINGS
The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County holds general membership meetings throughout the year on a monthly basis the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00pm at the Parker County EOC 215 Trinity Street, Weatherford, Texas 76086.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF PARKER COUNTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
LICENSE CLASS: (E)(A)(G)(T)(N) ARRL MEMBER: (YES) (NO) STATUS: (NEW) (RENEWAL)
(CIRCLE APPLICABLE ANSWERS ON ABOVE LINE)

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP (plus 4): _____
PHONE: HOME: _____ WORK: _____

INITIATION FEE: One time initiation fee per family - \$5.00

ANNUAL DUES: \$15.00. HAM FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$20.00 (+ 1 same household or full time college student)(Add an additional \$5.00 if you wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter).

HAM FAMILY MEMBER NAME: _____

CALL SIGN: _____

Cut out and mail this application to the ARCPC Secretary/Treasurer along with you check or money order for the amount due. Or, bring it to the next regular club meeting.