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More Street Sense for Emergency Communication

Duane Mariotti, WB9RER, is a biomedical engineer supporting hospitals, and has experience in communications during numerous disasters. He is currently coordinator of the Kaiser Permanente Amateur Radio Network (KPARN) in California.

We published ten operating tips from Mariotti in the January 2019 issue. Here are ten more.

1. Document your Communications Plan on ICS-204, 205, 205A forms, with command and tactical channels, etc., listed. Minimally, every event requires a command and tactical channel and secondary channels of same. Some incidents require additional information, resource, logistics, and other channels. Put them in the plan.
2. Select a primary repeater, a secondary repeater and a go-to simplex frequency, and document them on the ICS forms. More if needed.
3. Have a power contingency plan: battery, generator, solar. Know how many hours your generator and battery can run, based on current draws from the various loads.
4. Use tactical call signs. For things that do not move, use a specific, well-known location such as "high school," or "fire station #22" - they should be pre-planned and documented in the plan. For things that move, decide how you will identify them -- typically use street, eg, "Westwood Road." Do not assign different tactical names for every event - too confusing. (CONT. PG. 6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Hamfests/Conventions

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
07/13/2019 | [Swapmeet](#)

Location: Texas City, TX
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Tidelands Amateur Radio Society
Website: <https://www.tidelands.org/>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
07/26/2019 | [Ham Holiday 2019](#)

Location: Oklahoma City, OK
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs
Website: <https://hamholiday.com>

ARCPC VE TESTING

VE testing for all license classes and upgrades 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

09 JULY 2019
Meeting

Judy Wolf



Jake Sez!

“ Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. “

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
08/02/2019 | [South Texas Section Convention, Austin Summerfest 2019](#)

Location: Austin, TX
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Austin ARC & Texas VHF-FM Society
Website: <http://www.austinsummerfest.org>

SLICENSING CLASS
07/23/2019 | [Garland TX 75040](#)

LICENSING CLASS
07/23/2019 | [Garland TX 75040](#)

Start/End Dates: 07/23/2019 - 08/20/2019
Times: 7pm until 9pm for 5 Tuesdays Nights in a row
of Sessions: 5
Class level: Technician

ARCPC MEETING MINUTES



Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Amateur Radio Club of Parker County
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by President Daryl Pate, KC5SLQ, at the Parker County Emergency Management (EOC) Building, 215 Trinity Street, Weatherford.

The invocation was given by Cody Bailey, KI5EYA. President Pate led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Introductions:

President Pate initiated introductions around the meeting tables. A total of sixteen members were present for the meeting and two visitors.

Meeting minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting as published in the June monthly "Peanut Whistle" newsletter was requested. Bob Ballard, KG5SQJ, gave the first motion. Will Teague, W5KD, gave the second motion. The motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Jay Cox, KG5BZW, gave the secretary/treasurer's report, which included some other reports normally not given, such as the food budget and the petty cash fund, for the new year. We also briefly talked about the agreed upon budget for the year (from the budget meeting just prior to this meeting).

We have *unknown* members (because of business calendar turnover) and 16 life members noted as of this meeting.

A motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Eric Flores, KI5TEX, and seconded by Will Teague, W5KD. Motion carried.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEW BUSINESS

President Pate gave a Groups.IO reminder.

We briefly mentioned Silent Key Keith Pugh, W5IU, a well-known, long-time local that was involved with promoting amateur radio in space along with ARISS contacts (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station).

ARCPC MEETING MINUTES

We gave a review of our assistance with the American Bike Rally on June 8th. (We had 200 riders. A few SAG requests.) Eric Flores, KI5TEX noted that volunteers could use pamphlets in diagnosing heat exhaustion/stroke.

We had a conversation about HamCom, also on June 8th.

Bob Ballard discussed his classes and discussed a question brought up about some FCC Baofeng issue. The short story is a Baofeng is fine if it has FCC certification (there should be a FCC emblem on the package).

RACES Update: Director Thad Weikal, KG5ATD was not here for this portion of the meeting.

President Pate briefed us about Parker County Repeater Association Director Paul Finch (WD5ILB) contact. Paul should know to update the Morse code identifying the repeater.

We briefly discussed updating our website.

We discussed our planned Hamfest on November 2nd of this year.

Testing Update: Visitor Cody Bailey KI5EYAS passed general and another passed his technician.

President Daryl Pate brought up malicious repeater interference during bike ride. Director Will Teague, W5KD, suggests the club might want to involve itself with some fox hunt training.

Director Thad Weikal showed up and gave a briefing on the current repeater situation. The equipment we have in there is 30 years old. The repeater association is working on getting a late model Motorola repeater installed. If that doesn't work out, the county has agreed to make a significant (amount disclosed at meeting) financial contribution towards getting an upgrade. The county recognizes we lean on it heavily for SKYWARN and other activities.

Our next Ham Radio Introduction class is tentatively set for July 20th or 27th. President Pate will Publicize. Director Thad notes we need to make sure those dates are available at the EOC (he did so at the meeting).

Field Day Discussion: June 22-23.

Field Day location supervisor/safety officer Jack Nixon KG5BBW notes that there is room in the bay, a bathroom with a shower if necessary, a kitchen, a BBQ, etc. Just note that it is an active station.

Daryl did put in the Weatherford Democrat that we're hosting at the Brock Fire station.

Jay Cox and Daryl Pate will bring equipment. Several club members said they'd stay for a while. Jerry Thompson W7JT can bring the club generator. Jack Nixon says he can bring the trailer. Will Teague notes he can provide software for logging contacts.

Program for July? Unknown.

Thad mentioned we have a new fire marshal, Sean Hughes who is a general class operator. Sean might be available for next meeting.

Net Monday night 8pm controls

June 17th Bob Ballard KG5SQJ

June 24th Bob Ballard KG5SQJ

July 1st Rocco Rossetti KB8WSQ

July 8th Daryl Pate KG5SLQ

We conducted a brief discussion as to where to host a copy of the net preamble.

Will mentioned the EOC callsign that has expired. Thad mentions that we will get it reactivated and that Kit Marshall will be the trustee for it and we will use it for RACES nets.

Daryl pate brought up his ham radio postcard project.

Thad talks about RACES. Tony gave out an email address paces@parkercountytx.com. Sean Hughes was going to get involved with that, too.

Budget meeting discussion: Much of the expenditures may be due to a possible need to replace tires on the trailer. (We discussed more in depth at the meeting.)

Thad talked briefly about the possibility of a new maybe even bigger cheap potential meeting spot for the hamfest.

TRAINING & ADJOURNMENT:

Everyone made a motion that we adjourn and we adjourned. We had no after meeting presentation due to the need to plan for Field Day and/or budget discussions.

Respectfully submitted,
By Jay Cox, KG5BZW
Secretary/Treasurer

(FROM PG.1)

5. Use a tactical call sign to start a transmission - your FCC ID finishes it. You only need call signs at completion of traffic and every ten minutes - stop using your call every microphone PTT press.

6. Remember, everyone knows what a cell phone is - it is duplex communication. With few exceptions in amateur communication, which is semi-duplex, only one person can talk at a time and no interruption. Keep it short and remind people that when other people are talking no one can hear them.

7. The world does not revolve around 2-meters and 440 MHz. The 6-meter and 220 MHz bands, along with 900 MHz and 1.2 GHz are also available bands with unique characteristics. In urban areas 1.2 GHz is said to have the same coverage as 440 MHz with some other benefits.

8. If you are planning on using a certain repeater for incident communications, know something about it: its exact location, height above average terrain (HAAT), coverage footprint, effective radiated power (ERP), modes (DMR, D-STAR, P25, Fusion, FM analog, etc). Remember, Amateur Radio is interoperability king -- create an FM analog "access channel" as is now common in public safety so various systems can find each other quickly, sort of a rally point of contact. Amateurs need to have defined and monitored "access channels" per organization.

9. If you publish an access channel - monitor it always!

10. Do not forget the auto patch - just because everyone has a cell phone does not mean that auto patch, properly configured, would not be a tool when local cell coverage is non-existent. Know how to use the autopatch function on your repeaters.



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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.