



The Peanut Whistle

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Ice Cream Social

13 August 2019

Bring your favorite ice cream or dessert to share!



7 PM @ 215 Trinity

Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Hamfests/Conventions

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/06/2019 | [Arkansas State Convention \(50th Annual Queen Wilhelmena Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Mena, AR

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Queen Wilhelmena Hamfest Association

Website: <http://menahamfest.net>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/28/2019 | [Tailgate Party](#)

Location: Shreveport, LA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Club of Shreveport

Website: <http://www.n5shv.org>

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

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VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: What-a-Burger off of I20

Weatherford TX 76086

ARCPC HOSPITALITY



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

13 AUGUST 2019
Meeting

Judy Wolf



Jake Sez!

“ When you're stressed, you eat ice cream, cake, chocolate and sweets. Why? Because stressed spelled backwards is desserts. “

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

10/05/2019 | [HamEXPO Fall 2019](#)

Location: Belton, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Temple Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.tarc.org/hamexpo>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

11/02/2019 | [Parker County Hamfest & Emergency Preparedness Expo](#)

Location: Springtown, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

LICENSING CLASS

08/17/2019 | [Mansfield TX 76063](#)

Start/End Dates: 08/17/2019 - 08/24/2019

Times: 8:30am to 4:00pm

of Sessions: 2

Class level: Technician

08/27/2019 | [Waxahachie TX 75165](#)

Start/End Dates: 08/27/2019 - 10/15/2019

Times: 1800 to 2100 CDT

of Sessions: 8

Class level: Technician

ARCPC MEETING MINUTES



Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Amateur Radio Club of Parker County
Tuesday, July 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Daryl Pate, KC5SLQ, at the Parker County Emergency Management (EOC) Building, 215 Trinity Street, Weatherford.

The invocation was given by Eric Flores, KI5TEX. 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 fifteen members were present for the meeting and six visitors.

Meeting minutes:

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

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Jay Cox, KG5BZW, gave the secretary/treasurer's report.

We have *unknown* members (because of business calendar turnover in June—get your membership dues turned in!) and 18 life members noted as of this meeting. The two new life members are Eric Flores, KI5TEX, and Jay Cox, KG5BZW

A motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Bob Ballard, KG5SQJ, and seconded by Thad Weikal, KG5ATD. Motion carried.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEW BUSINESS

Old Business:

President Pate requested an update on EOC call sign. Director Thad Weikal, KG5ATD said we're working on it.

We gave a brief overview of summer field day. Our Field Day location contact and supervisor Jack Nixon KG5BBW, got sick with both pneumonia and appendicitis (!), so we were unable to conduct Field Day at the Brock Fire Station location. Some of us participated with the Tri-County Club.

On the repeater call sign, Parker County Repeater Association Director Paul Finch, WB5IDM, is working to keep call sign W5URH.

ARCPC MEETING MINUTES

Jay Cox gave a brief update on the website. In the meantime use the Amateur Radio of Parker County page on Facebook for urgent information.

We briefly discussed the Parker County Hamfest and Emergency Preparedness Expo. Vice President James Chambers, KE5LFN, suggests getting new banner. We noted that the hamfest needs to be published to the ARRL QST magazine. [Editor's note: as of publication of these minutes, the hamfest is on the ARRL website <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/parker-county-hamfest-emergency-preparedness-expo>].

Will Teague, W5KD, reviewed our ham radio testing session. One took the general test and flunked.

New Business:

Bob Ballard, KG5SQJ announced Harold Reasoner, K5SKX, graciously provided a replacement Motorola Quantar 100W repeater for our thirty year old 147.04 repeater which has been acting up. This unit happens to have a built in circulator which should handle the intermittent intermod issues we have also observed. Harold and Paul Finch have already installed it, and it's working wonderfully. President Pate mentioned he requested to reimburse Paul, but as this equipment was effectively donated to Harold (and then donated to us), no reimbursement is needed, at least as of right now.

Bob also invited club participation to our Monday night net.

President Pate then invited Parker County Fire Marshall (and Emergency Management Coordinator), Sean Hughes, N1NRH, to talk about RACES.

Sean Hughes gave the following mentions in regards to RACES weather nets based on prior experience in northeast Tarrant county:

- He suggested participants ought to be members of good standing in a local club.
- We should form a group of folks who will come up and operate, net-control, and record notes from the net.
- Sean will yield to the club as to how to operate.
- Requirements for RACES participation are simple: be certified in Incident Command System (ICS): 100, 200, 700, & 800. All four of those certificates can be completed online through the website fema.gov.
- He would like participants to be at least general class but advanced tech is fine
- A background check is required.

All RACES participants should participate with SKYWARN training.

Following that, Sean found that there were a few things to address from RACES meeting

- We're finalizing the RACES application
- Missing diplexer on the backup repeater in the EOC
- Thad Weikal noted the HF antenna issue the mobile command unit.
- By tomorrow Sean will have been in office for a month, he briefed us on his focus
- The VOIP phones are being changed out to be on the state network.
- The radio command post will show up at more events.

Sean mentioned some changes in the EOC:

- Moving races operation center to new place (effectively a private mini room in the EOC)
- As we move forward for field day, we can count on Sean for helping set up something

Sean then addressed some questions?

- Will Teague asked about his N1NRH call sign. As Sean put it, he was “Number 1 in North Richland Hills”, so that explains his call sign. It’s what he got when he got his general license.
 - Sean suggests getting a new call sign instead of what we have that’s Parker county related.
- Moving forward we will be the office of emergency services here (OES or EOC works).

President Pate asked how we can get our RACES association started.

- Director Weikal is going to chair a committee that’s going to be part of the screening process for RACES and start developing that team so that we can start a standard operating procedure for it as well as form standard operating procedures.
 - We will have a team that rotates as far as operating net-control.
 - Sean reiterated that RACES-necessary net logging can happen electronically.
 - Bob Ballard asks about format of notes for RACES (software, etc.). There aren’t strict rules to the format of the notes as long as it follows a few guidelines.
- Bob then suggested the use of his spreadsheet he has used with both Tri-county and ARCPD events.

Sean then joined the club.

On to other issues.

President Pate mentioned the upcoming Peach Pedal and what needs to happen. As Thad mentioned he would like access to the EOC for the bike ride, Sean Hughes mentions this is now a closed EOC. You have to be on the list to get access. Someone named Cody Mulloy can be contacted about this.

If anyone intentionally interferes with radio operation the ride, we will have backup methods of operation. (We’ve had some issue with this.)

Pate mentioned details to his trial run of what the cards will look like that go out to all the ham radio operators in the area.

Pate mentioned the next “Ham Radio Introduction class” on the 20th of July and the need for teachers. We already have the teaching materials.

Pate brought up the Texas QSO Party September 14th and 15th which is a daytime event (not 24 hours). Does the club want to do something with this? Some are interested but nothing was set in stone. Cartwright Park was suggested, but we’ll have to reserve it. Eric Flores, K15TEX mentioned there’s area around his church, but he wasn’t sure about the Sunday aspect. (We don’t strictly have to compete Sunday.) Will Teague, W5KD. did recommend the LDS church by the high school.

Vice President Chambers brought up a need for a new banner for the hamfest, printed on both sides, which could work for the ham fest. We found we might need a banner for the club, but we need to check out the club trailer at Jack Nixon's place. A motion was made by Will Teague, W5KD, to set up a committee to design and purchase a banner. The motion was seconded by Bob Ballard, KG5SQJ. Bob Ballard, Eric Flores, and Jay Cox volunteered for the committee.

James suggested we update our bylaws to better handle elections, as we've been coming up with nominations last minute. However, it was found that we might be able to handle it with a nominating committee composed of the directors without modifying the bylaws. (We might need to review Robert's Rules.)

President Pate brought up net controls for the Monday Night Net Controls.

Bob Ballard will do the 15th.

Eric Flores will do the 22nd.

Thad Weikal will do the 29th.

Daryl Pate will do August 5th.

Whoever is available will do August 12th.

[This was a long meeting!]

Monday nights at 9pm we have a local simplex net on 146.58MHz. Matt Sanders, who was highly involved in that net, actually has fried radio equipment due to weather/other issues.

VP Chambers made a call for presenters. Bob Ballard offered (before the call, actually) his emergency cross band repeater presentation. Will Teague offered his call sign history presentation.

Director Weikal needs a couple of volunteers to handle some antenna issues at the EOC. He also needs help with possibly solar trickle charging the MERC trailer batteries and/or other issues with the wiring of the MERC trailer.

The August meeting will be our ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

TRAINING & ADJOURNMENT:

Everyone made a motion that we adjourn and we adjourned.

We had no after meeting presentation due to mid-meeting presentation by Parker County Fire Marshall Sean Hughes.

Respectfully submitted,
By Jay Cox, KG5BZW
Secretary/Treasurer

AUGUST MEETING PRESENTATION

From Bob's email:

Daryl, Thad, et al,

Yes, I can do my “**Three Emergency Cross-Band Repeater Options**” presentation/ demonstration at the August meeting (hopefully along with eating some ice cream).

I will set up three emergency cross-band repeaters in the room (low power safe!) and I would like as many folks as possible to **bring a dual band HT (2M/70CM) with them to the meeting** so they can participate in the demonstration part of the presentation. Please pass the word asking folks to bring their dual band HT's with them to the meeting. The more participants with HT radios, the more fun the demonstration will be.

The purpose of this presentation and demonstration is to *simulate an emergency event* that requires Hams to **manually program a new unknown cross-band repeater channel into their dual band HT radio** in order to support the RF Communications objectives for an emergency event. For that reason **I am not releasing the frequencies nor tones** needed to operate the three repeaters **until the meeting time**. I will bring hard copy prints of the step-by-step instructions describing how to program the needed cross-band repeater memory channel into **Baofeng dual band HT radios** so participants can **easily** program the needed memory channel into their Baofeng HT. The cross-band repeater frequencies and tones will be part of those instructions so those with **other brands of HT radios** can manually program the channel into their HT assuming they know the steps to manually program memory channels into **their** radio.

Note – Several Club Members already know the frequencies and tones required for my three emergency cross-band repeaters. Please, please, please - **do not share that information with others** until the meeting because doing so will spoil the purpose of the *simulated emergency* drill.

Thanks and 73,
Bob – KG5SQJ

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS :PROGRAM-ACTIVITIES, FIELD DAY 2020, PUBLIC INFORMATION, & EDUCATION CHAIRMAN POSITIONS ARE *VACANT* . GIVE US A HAND WITH ONE OF THESE POSITIONS. JUST LET DARYL KNOW.



W5PC

www.w5pc.org

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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: \$20.00. HAM FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$25.00

(+ 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.