



The Peanut Whistle

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JUNE/JULY 2016 ARCPC NEWSLETTER

Because of computer problems the July/August newsletters will be very short and bundled into one. I should have things fixed before the September newsletter. I ask that you bare with me until I can get the problems resolved.

This month will consist of only the June/July minutes.

NEWS ALERT FOR ARCPC MEMBERS:

Due to health issues ARCPC President Jack Nixon KG5BBV has stepped down. Thad Wiekal KG5ATD has moved up from Vice President to take Jack's place and Tony Jones KG5ELV was elected to the position of Vice President at the July meeting.

NOTE:

Computer is still giving me problems. It is randomly freezing up. I am searching the internet to try and find solutions on all the Geek sites. If you have suggestions please let me know via email. It is a HP laptop running Windows 10.

Please let me know if you receive this newsletter.

Thanks and 73,
Will Teague W5KD

June 2016 ARCPC MEETING MINUTES



The Meeting was called to order at 7: 05pm by President Jack C. Nixon Jr., KG5BBV.

The Invocation was given by Vice-President Thad Weikal, KG5ATD, and he also lead in the Pledge of Allegiance which was said by all in attendance. Vice-President Weikal also gave a short presentation on the origins of 'Flag Day' – June 14th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A total of 13 members were present for the meeting. There were also 4 guests present at the meeting; Tom & Tina Keifer who have an interest in becoming licensed, Chris S. Pool KG5NRI, of Weatherford – who received his Technician license last month; and George A. Odom Jr. KE5KQV, of Weatherford – Technician who was a previous Club member. There were no reported upgrades or new calls.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Jerry Thompson, W7JT and a second by Thad Weikal, KG5ATD to approve the Minutes for the April 12th, 2016 Regular Monthly Meetings as printed in the May 2016 edition of the 'Peanut Whistle'. A motion was made by Gary Allison NOFYI, and a second by Jerry Thompson, W7JT, to approve the Minutes for the May 10th, 2016 Regular Monthly Meetings as printed in the June 2016 edition of the 'Peanut Whistle'. President Nixon requested a final status report on the planning for this year's ARRL Field Day being held June 25-26, 2016. Ken Stout, K5KMS – who had been appointed Chair for the event – gave an update to the membership stating that all arrangements had been made to hold the event at the North parking lot at the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints, 2251 Bethel Road. He indicated however that he had not successfully implemented the N1MM software for recording all contacts. Will Teague offered to provide his N3FJP software if necessary. It was agreed event participants would meet at 8:30am to begin setting up equipment.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT: Secretary-Treasurer William Newman, WL9N reported on the current membership status stating it has remained unchanged since the last Regular Meeting and as of June 13th, 2016 - the Club had 35 paid members, 1 paid associate member, and 17 life members for a total of 53 active members.

He again reported that two individuals approached him at the March 21, 2016 VE Session and gave him \$20.00 cash towards membership, however they have not submitted ARCPC Membership Forms and are not considered in this total. He has sent three e-mails to both individuals asking for a registration form from each and Initiation Fees from one – but has received no reply. If they do not resolve the matter by June 30th, William will refund the monies by check.

There were two outstanding bills received in the amount of \$ 5.00 to the Texas Secretary of State for annual filing fees; and \$57.00 to the Parker County Tax Assessor/Collector for renewal of the registration plate on the Club trailer.

The collection of 2016-17 ARCPC membership dues was initiated at the April Monthly Meeting; and the status as of June 13th, 2016 is as follows:

- 17 - Life members
- 17 - Regular members HAVE paid 2016-17 dues
- 18 - Regular members HAVE NOT paid 2016-17 dues
- 1 - Associate member HAS NOT paid 2016-17 dues

A motion was made by Jay Cox, KG5BZW and seconded by Ken Stout, K5KMS to accept the Secretary-Treasurer Report.

ANNUAL BUDGET: Secretary-Treasurer Newman stated that he prepared a draft Annual Budget for the 2016-17 year, and distributed printed copies. He reported that the current sole source of income for the Club is based upon its membership dues which he estimated at \$320.00. The Budget – not considering the costs of a Hamfest – estimated annual expenses at \$988.40 – resulting in an Annual Net Deficit of \$-668.40. He requested the membership to review the draft document, which will be brought up for approval at the next regular meeting.

June 2016 ARCPC MEETING MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS: ARCPC 2016 Fall Hamfest Committee. Vice-President Weikal opened discussion on the Club making plans for a HamFest in 2016 or 2017 - which has traditionally be conducted during the month of March. It was agreed by all that having numerous vendors at the event is the key to its success. It was felt by many that an event date in October 2016 might work to our best advantage. A motion was made by Jay Cox, KG5BZW and seconded by Jerry Thompson, W7JT to form a committee chaired by the Vice-President to investigate the feasibility to hold the HamFest event. Vice-President Weikal made a call for volunteers to serve on this committee, upon which David Nelson; KG5ASU and Tony Jones; KG5ELV offered their services.

Solar Panel Project for CERT Trailer

Vice-President Weikal indicated that through his participation in the Parker County CERT Team there was an opportunity for the Club to help out by installing a new solar power panel in the CERT trailer. There was some discussion held on the matter, and there was a general reluctance expressed for the Club to get involved with the installation of new equipment in a Parker County owned trailer. It was decided that the Club would not become involved in the project.

W5PC Yahoo group emails

Vice-President Weikal discussed ways to better improve upon the Club's communication to the membership, and opened discussion on the W5PC Yahoo Group. Director Will Teague stated that he and Jerry Thompson are currently Moderators of the Group; however it was initiated by an inactive Club member who is the Group Administrator. There is no current dialogue with this member, making any modifications to the Group list difficult. It was suggested that the Club initiate a new Yahoo Group account as a workaround to these problems. This will be further investigated and reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

147.040 Repeater Intermod Issues

Vice-President Weikal reported that the 147.040 Repeater that the Club uses for its weekly Net has significant interference issues, and initiated discussion on what the Club might do to have them resolved. Director Will Teague stated that the repeater is privately owned – he believes by an individual named Harold D. Reasoner, K5SXX who lives in Fort Worth. The repeater operation has always been without a PL Tone and other calls can be heard to overlap at times. Several years back the Club provided the repeater owner with an annual contribution to help him maintain the repeater, but it has not in recent years. It was felt there is nothing that can be done to resolve the issues on this privately owned repeater at this time.

All American Bike Ride Report

Vice-President Weikal reported that the All American Bike Ride held on June 4th, 2016 from the Springtown High School was a success. He added that he had heard several comments from the riders that they felt safer this year with radio operators being present along the bike route. He thanked all who participated in making the event successful. He also solicited from the membership any old un-needed radio equipment so as to put together a remote radio kit for use on such future events.

ARCPC HAM Radio PR Open House/Demo

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Social Media Committee

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Fund Raising Projects

Vice-President Weikal opened up discussion on how the Club might improve upon its budget status by involving itself in fund raising opportunities besides holding a Hamfest. During floor discussion, it was agreed that the Club could benefit from such projects, but there were no viable thoughts or opportunities brought forward. This issue will be further investigated and reported on when new information becomes available.

TRAINING:

No training session was conducted due to the itinerary of the meeting, however Secretary-Treasurer Newman distributed printed listings of available free internet-based FEMA ICS courses and ARRL emergency communications courses that would benefit Club members, and briefly discussed that these courses are often requisite training requirements for Emcomm positions within governmental entities during time of disaster.

OFFICER RESIGNATION:

President Jack C. Nixon Jr., KGSBBV addressed the membership and briefly reviewed the status of his recent back surgery from which he has been told his recovery may take up to two years. Due to this ongoing medical condition and its resulting complications, he announced he could no longer fulfill the duties of Club President, and would be resigning his position effective July 1st, 2016.

According to the Club By-Laws, Vice-President Weikal will assume the position of President on that date for the remainder of the term of office of President, and an election held to fill the position of Vice-President within 60 days.

Attendees purchased tickets for the 50/50 raffle, and Jack Nixon, KG5BBW won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$5.00.

At 8:15 pm a motion was made to adjourn by Director Will Teague W5KD, and seconded by Jack Nixon, KG5BBW.



Respectfully submitted,
By William Newman, WL9N
Secretary/Treasurer

July 2016 ARCPC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting Amateur Radio Club of Parker County Tuesday, July 12, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 7: 03pm by President Thad Weikal, KG5ATD.

The Invocation was given by Doug May, WB5VQQ, and afterwards President Weikal lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge of Allegiance to State Flag which was said by all in attendance.

President Weikal KG5ATD inquired of Secretary-Treasurer William Newman, WL9N if a quorum of members were present to conduct business. William replied that according to recently adopted By Laws of May 10th there was no quorum necessary to conduct a Regular Monthly Meeting as long as the date, time and location of the meeting had been previously agreed upon and proper notice given – which was the case.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Weikal initiated personal introductions around the meeting tables. A total of fourteen (14) members were present for the meeting. There were also six (6) guests present at the meeting; David Weikal, Zachary Watson, Tom and Tina Keifer, Mark Scott KG5JBS, and Will Seigler KD5PTJ.

There were no reported upgrades or new calls.

President Weikal gave special thanks to Jack C. Nixon Jr., KGSBBV for his recent term of service to the Club in the capacity of its President.

SPECIAL ELECTION:

President Weikal having assumed the office of President through the vacancy of Jack Nixon Jr. on July 1st - created a vacancy in the office of Vice-President. According to the By Laws any vacancy shall be filled by a special election within 60 days. Accordingly President Weikal opened up the floor for nominations. Secretary-Treasurer Newman stated he was in receipt of e-mail correspondence from David Nelson KG5ASU dated July 11th, relating that his business required him to be in California this week, but that he wanted to nominate Tony Jones KG5ELV for the office of Vice-President. Newman added that in reviewing 'Roberts Rules of Order, Revised' – there was a provision for taking 'Nominations by Mail'. No other nominations for office were heard from the floor. An election by verbal acclamation was conducted, and Tony Jones was approved for the office for the remainder of the 2016-17 term.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Will Teague W5KD apologized for the delay in distributing the July 2016 edition of the 'Peanut Whistle' newsletter due to recent computer-related issues he has been experiencing. The approval of the Minutes for the June 14th, 2016 Regular Monthly was tabled until the Regular Meeting on August 9th.

Ken Stout, K5KMS presented a report on this year's ARRL Field Day held June 25-26, 2016 at the North parking lot at the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints, 2251 Bethel Road. He stated that approximately five Club members actively participated in the event. The vertical mast on the Club trailer was erected for an antenna and two additional wire dipoles were mounted on adjacent trees. Stout estimated there were approximately 31 contacts made during the event, and that he would prepare an official report to be submitted to the ARRL. He indicated that the use of Wi-Fi networking at the location was not successful, and further efforts will need to occur to put this into operation for next year's event. President Weikal requested anyone with expense receipts for the event requesting reimbursement promptly tender them to the Secretary-Treasurer. Jack C. Nixon Jr., KG5BBV reported that he had received a telephone call from the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints complaining of a subject believed to belong to the Club who was observed to be in 'open carry' of a handgun in their parking lot, which had caused some concern. President Weikal indicated that he was the subject in question, that he is properly licensed by the State, and had not carried the weapon on their 'premises' in an illegal manner. It was agreed that if the church had sensitivity to the open or concealed carry of weapons - that Club members would in future abide by these concerns when utilizing their facilities.

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Ken Stout, K5KMS also presented a report on this year's Peach Pedal Race held July 09, 2016, which involved four different routes beginning and finishing at Weatherford High School - ranging from 8 to 61 miles. Proceeds from the race will benefit United Way of Parker County and the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce. He estimated that approximately 2000 riders participated in the event, and that 10-15 communications volunteers provided support activities to include SAG vehicles to pickup stranded riders. He heard many positive comments that this support enhanced the event.

W5PC Yahoo group emails

President Weikal opened discussion of the issue of the W5PC Yahoo Group. Director Will Teague stated that he has recently been unable to do anything online due to continuing computer problems he has been experiencing. He did add that the original Yahoo Group owner is Al Warren who used to be an active member of the Club, but he has not had recent contact with him. It was agreed that the Club should move forward with establishing a new Yahoo Group which can be controlled by the Club. It was recommended that the new group be called 'W5PC - ARCPC'. President Weikal suggested that to maintain consistency, the Club should also then initiate a new e-mail account for messages to be directed to current Club officers, recommending the use of 'W5PC-ARCPC@gmail.com'. This will be further investigated and reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

147.040 Repeater Intermod Issues

President Weikal reported that on July 10th he had received e-mail correspondence from Paul Finch WB5IDM with Azle Communications providing an update on the status of repeaters owned by Jack Perkins W5URH in Parker County. He indicated Perkins was in ill health, and his family with a Power of Attorney, had requested Finch to take over ownership and operation of the repeaters. Finch has since created the 'Parker County Repeater Association', and briefly discussed his future plans for repeater operation. Jack Nixon Jr. suggested Finch be invited to the next Regular Club Meeting to give a presentation. This possibility will be further investigated and reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

Social Media Committee

President Weikal opened up further discussion on how the Club might improve its exposure on social media to increase awareness and its membership. It was agreed that the Club move forward on initiating new 'Facebook' and 'Linked In' accounts. The progress of this reported will be reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

ARCPC 2016 Fall Hamfest Committee

President Weikal opened discussion on the Club making plans for a HamFest in 2016 or 2017. It was reported that contact had been made with the vendor Maine Trading - and they had already scheduled events during the month of October. It was suggested that the first weekend of November was still open as well as the week of 'Black Saturday' after Thanksgiving. Jay Cox recommended that the Club consider changing the location from the church. Weikal recommended the scope of the HamFest be expanded to include all things that might relate to an emergency disaster or catastrophe. He also recommended the Committee look for other locations that might host the HamFest to reduce operational costs to include the need to rent tables and chairs. The progress of this reported will be reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT:

Secretary-Treasurer William Newman, WL9N reported on the current membership status - relating annual membership renewals should have been received by June 30th. The current membership of the Club now stands at 32 paid members, no associate members, and 17 life members for a total of 49 active members.

Newman also reported that he refunded \$10 given to him at the March 21, 2016 VE Session for a new membership, as the individual had failed to complete an ARCPC Membership Form after being requested to do so several times.

A motion was made by Will Teague, W5KD and seconded by Tim Jewett, W5TIE to accept the Secretary-Treasurer Report.

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ANNUAL BUDGET:

Secretary-Treasurer Newman reviewed with the membership that he had presented at last month's Regular Meeting a draft Annual Budget for the 2016-17 year which projected the Club's sole source of income based upon its membership dues at \$320.00, and annual expenses at \$988.40 (not considering a possible Hamfest) – resulting in an Annual Net Deficit of \$-668.40. Newman solicited any further discussion on the budget, and there was none. President Weikal requested a vote by verbal acclamation to approve the budget, which was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack C. Nixon Jr. KG5BBV suggested that the Club consider conducting an updated inventory of Club-owned equipment including serial numbers in the event of theft or other loss. This possibility will be further investigated and reported on at the next regular monthly meeting. He also tendered all Club property belonging to the President including the meeting hall key to Thad Weikal KG5ATD.

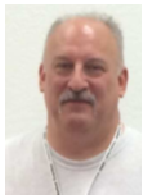
VE Coordinator Doug May, WB5VQQ reminded the membership the next VE Session would be held on July 18th, 2016 at 7pm at the What-a-Burger Restaurant.

TRAINING:

Secretary-Treasurer William Newman gave an approximate fifteen-minute Power Point presentation on the format and use of the ICS Form 213 – General Message, and how it might be seen in our role as emergency communicators.

Attendees purchased tickets for the 50/50 raffle, and Bob Lindsay, KG5JOV won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$9.50.

At 8:40 pm a motion was made to adjourn by Jay Cox, KG5BZW, and seconded by Tony Jones KG5ELV.



Respectfully submitted,
By William Newman, WL9N
Secretary/Treasurer

Membership Application/Renewal form 2016-2017



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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 Harberger Hill Community Center, 701 Narrow 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 (+ 1 same household or full time college

ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00. HAM FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 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.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE IN JUNE