



# The Peanut Whistle

The Monthly Newsletter of the Amateur Radio Club of Parker County

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## ARCPC OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

THAD WEIKAL KG5ATD

### VICE PRESIDENT

TONY JONES KG5ELV

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VACANT

### FIELD DAY 2016

KEN STOUT K5KMS

### CHAPLIN

CLAY RILEY KC0BWR

### HOSPITALITY

JUDY WOLF KB5JEY

### REGISTERED AGENT

JERRY THOMPSON W7JT

### RACES-ARES

ALLEN BEADLE KB5AB  
TONY GUESS N5NRU  
BILL NEWMAN WL9N

### VE TESTING

DOUG MAY WB5VQQ

### ARRL

WEST GULF-NTX STAFF  
DAVID WOOLWEAVER K5RAV  
JOHN STRATTON N5AUS  
NANCY MCCAIN K5NLM

## JULY 2016 ARCPC NEWSLETTER

Because of computer problems this month's newsletter will be very short. I should have things fixed before the August newsletter. I ask that you bare with me until I can get the problems resolved.

This month will consist of only the June 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.

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**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.

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### ARCPC HAM Radio PR Open House/Demo

Vice-President Weikal opened up discussion on how the Club might improve upon its public relations to increase awareness and its membership. During floor discussion, it was suggested that the Club might set up a public display at the Weatherford Public Library. This will be further investigated and reported on by Weikal at the next regular monthly meeting.

### Social Media Committee

Vice-President Weikal opened up discussion on how the Club might improve its exposure on social media to increase awareness and its membership. During floor discussion, it was suggested that the Club might set up a Facebook account. This will be further investigated and reported on by Weikal at the next regular monthly meeting.

### ARCPC Information Brochure

Vice-President Weikal opened up discussion on the Club creating an informational brochure to increase awareness and its membership. Director Will Teague mentioned the Club used to have a tri-fold brochure that was distributed at events, but was not sure if a copy of it still exists. This will be further investigated and reported on by Weikal at the next regular monthly meeting.

### 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., KG5BBV 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, and seconded by Jack Nixon, KG5BBW.

Respectfully submitted,  
By William Newman, WL9N  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Membership Application/Renewal form 2016-2017**



**W5PC**

[www.w5pc.org](http://www.w5pc.org)



**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF PARKER COUNTY, INC.  
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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**