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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the ARCPC membership

# 2017

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

AS THE NEW YEAR GOING TO START,  
I WISH MAY THE GOOD TIMES, LIVE ON IN OUR  
MEMORIES AND MAY WE LEARN LESSONS FROM  
THE TROUBLING LINES

Happy New Year 2017 will definitely bring lots of changes in various people lives. Everyone will try welcoming their friends and families in a more technological ways rather than the old ways of text messaging. Technologies make the text messages more creative and more fun and it will add spark to the old ways of simply texting the New Year messages. Check Top Happy New Year Wishes Greetings Quotes for Your Near & Dear Ones below.

There are lots of different ways of messaging a happy new year to your close ones. Ways of wishing happy New Year 2017 are as follows a new way of making your simple New Year messages stylish in 2017 is the e-message way which allows people to create their own stylish e-messages and wishes and can be shared directly to your loved ones. This type of cards can be made from various website tailored in your own ways. These cards or messages are in trends and possibly more attractive than the old traditional type of simple happy New Year wishes.

*Happy New Year to all of ARCPC members and operators at W5PC*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming Ham Fests/Conventions

01/14/2017 | San Antonio Radio Fiesta  
 Location: Schertz, TX  
 Type: ARRL Hamfest  
 Sponsor: San Antonio Radio Club  
 Website: <http://w5sc.org>

01/20/2017 | North Texas Section Convention  
 (Cowtown Hamfest)  
 Location: Forest Hill, TX  
 Type: ARRL Convention  
 Sponsor: Cowtown Amateur Radio Club  
 Website: <http://cowtownhamfest.com>  
[website: http://w5sc.org](http://w5sc.org)

02/25/2017 | Orange Hamfest 2017  
 Location: Orange, TX  
 Type: ARRL Hamfest  
 Sponsor: Orange ARC and Jefferson Co. ARC  
 Website: [http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index\\_files/HAMFEST%20INFO/hamfest%20info.htm](http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index_files/HAMFEST%20INFO/hamfest%20info.htm)

03/18/2017 | Swapfest  
 Location: Georgetown, TX  
 Type: ARRL Hamfest  
 Sponsor: Williamson County Amateur Radio Club  
 Website: <http://wcarc.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@uwmil.com](mailto:dougmay@uwmil.com)  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: What-a-Burger off of I20  
 Weatherford TX 76086

**ARCPC HOSPITALITY**

January, 2017 Meeting

**Refreshments**

*Judy Wolf*  
 KB5JEY

**Jake Sez!***“Happy2017”*

It's with great sadness that I have to report that ARPCPC has lost another member. Phil W5PRD passed away on December 20, 2016.

Retired U.S. Navy CWO4 Phillip Randall Dalton Jr., 54, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016. Memorial service: 3 p.m. Thursday at White's Funeral Home, 130 Houston Ave., Weatherford, 76086.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Leukemia Texas, 4925 N O'Connor Road #125, Irving, Texas, 75062, or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org). Phillip dedicated his life to the U.S. Navy and the sailors who loved him. He retired honorably after 31 years of Naval service and is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Accommodation Medal (8 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards) along with several Unit and Campaign Awards. Phil also selflessly gave of himself dedicating 12 years of service as a volunteer paramedic to the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad in Virginia Beach, Va., where he is a life member of the Rescue Squad. In his spare time, Phillip was an avid motorcycle rider, banjo player, mechanic and scuba diver. But most of all, he was an inspiration to many. Survivors: Wife, Donna Logan Dalton; sons, Zachary Dalton and partner, Jake Koster, and Ian Dalton; stepchildren, Matthew Wisdom and wife, Lacy, Haley Julin and husband, John, Blake Wisdom and wife, Joann, and Aimee Steel and husband, Trent; 11 stepgrandchildren; parents, Phillip and Joan Dalton; grandmother, Amelia Sizemore; sisters, Debbie Dalton, Michelle Hicks and husband, Jimmy, Dr. Sandra Dalton and Patricia Welsh; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends.

Published in Star-Telegram from Dec. 21 to Dec. 22, 2016

## December 2016 ARCPC MEETING MINUTES



The Meeting was called to order at 7:11pm by President Thad Weikal, KG5ATD.

The Invocation was given by President Weikal, and afterwards Vice-President Tony Jones, KG5ELV lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge of Allegiance to State Flag which was said by all in attendance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Weikal initiated personal introductions around the meeting tables. A total of 8 members were present for the meeting. Two guests were also in attendance; Tanya Weikel and Mike Wallace.

There were no reported upgrades or new calls.

### **OLD BUSINESS:** Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice-President Jones and a second by Jay Cox, KG5BZW to approve the Minutes for the November 08th, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting as printed in the December 2016 edition of the 'Peanut Whistle'.

### **ARCPC 2016 Fall Hamfest Committee**

Vice-President Jones reported that the Committee was looking for an additional Club member to serve in the capacity of the Sales/Marketing Director for the event. He solicited feedback from the membership on good event dates during March – April 2017. The Committee was still recommending that the focus of the HamFest be expanded, to include presenters from entities such as CERT and the North Texas Repeaters Association – as well as some educational sessions. The Parker County Senior Center, 1225 Holland Lake Drive, Weatherford – is a strong location candidate for the HamFest, perhaps over a Friday – Sunday time period.

### **W5PC Yahoo group emails**

President Weikal reported that efforts to change over to another similar Yahoo Group name – yet maintaining a consistent name branding – had been unsuccessful due to limitations beyond the Club's control. As the Yahoo Group was setup as a 'private club' it is important that we update the group membership list to ensure everyone receives Club traffic. A plan to further advance the consistency of the Club's name branding will be put into place and reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

### **Social Media Committee**

President Weikal stated that efforts to expand the Club's presence on social media are still dependent on finalizing changes to the Yahoo Group and name branding. The progress on this project will be reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

### **Holiday Dinner with Parker County CERT**

President Weikal stated he had spoken to Parker County CERT Coordinator Kit Marshall, and that the Annual Holiday Dinner will be held on December 20, 2016 – 7:00pm at the Parker County Senior Center. He requested that any Club member intending on attending the event – should bring a pot luck dish and RSVP by e-mail to [kit.marshall@parkercountytx.com](mailto:kit.marshall@parkercountytx.com).

### **Club-Owned Property Inventory**

President Weikal reported no progress had yet been made on conducting an updated inventory of Club-owned equipment. He added that Club equipment subject to the inventory is being stored in a shed at the residence of Jerry Thompson, W7JT. The progress of this will be reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

### **Development of Club 'Elmers List'**

President Weikal spoke to the advantages of establishing a listing of Club members that would like to serve in the role of an 'Elmer' – and help out new amateur radio operators with equipment and operational issues. The progress of this will be reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

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### Monthly Club Newsletter

Director Will Teague again made a solicitation for help from any interested Club member as a Backup/ Alternate to his role as publisher of the Monthly ARCPC Club Newsletter. He stated that he is finding it harder in recent months to complete the newsletter in a timely manner and could use the help to ensure production of this valuable informational bulletin.

### MONDAY NIGHT NET VOLUNTEERS:

President Weikal inquired of the membership if any members would volunteer to assist with the Club's Net Control duties on Monday nights at 8:00pm during the next four-week period beginning on December 19th. Jay Cox volunteered for December 19th and Vice-President Jones on December 26th.

### VOLUNTEER EXAMINER (VE) TESTING:

President Weikal reminded the membership that there would be no VE testing during the month of December, with the next VE Session being held on January 16th, 2017 at 7:00pm at the What-a-Burger Restaurant.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT:

Secretary-Treasurer William Newman, WL9N reported on the current membership status – that as of December 12th the current membership of the Club now stands at 42 paid members, 1 associate member, and 17 life members for a total of 60 active members.

There is one outstanding bill for \$180.00 to the City of Weatherford for the rental fees for the 2017 Club Regular Monthly Meetings at the Harberger Hill Community Building.

A motion was made by Director Teague and seconded by Vice-President Jones to accept the Secretary-Treasurer Report.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### Training with Parker County CERT

President Weikal made a recommendation that the Club look into the feasibility of conducting some joint training with the Parker County CERT – in that it is feasible that radio operators from both organizations could be deployed together in a time of need. The progress of this will be reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

#### Contact Listing

President Weikal made a related recommendation that the Club develop and maintain a Contact Listing of members, their skills, time availability, and communications equipment that could prove useful in time of emergency. The progress of this will be reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

#### Club Supported Repeater

President Weikal made a recommendation that the Club look into the feasibility of installing a new repeater system to increase availability of amateur band spectrum in our area. There was some open discussion on how this might work, where a new repeater might be located, and how it would be supported. Director Teague recommended that the Club consult with Paul Finch on these issues. The progress of this will be reported on at the next regular monthly meeting.

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### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was reported that on December 22nd, W5ISC would be holding a 'Santa for Children' event on frequency 145.3000.

### TRAINING:

Vice-President Tony Jones conducted an approximate 30 minute training session on elements of an entry-level Software Defined Radio (SDR) station as a cost-effective way to receive radio signals. He provided an overview of the 'HSDR' freeware software program for Windows available at <http://www.hdsdr.de/>, as well as a SDR USB Tuner Receiver and 42-foot long-wire antenna he purchased at Amazon.com. Through the use of a video projector he demonstrated the operation of the SDR system for the membership, which can also record sessions for future use.

Attendees purchased tickets for the 50/50 raffle, which was won by Jay Cox, KG5BZW in the amount of \$4.50.

At 8:35pm a motion was made to adjourn by Vice-President Jones and seconded by Jay Cox.

The Next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on January 10, 2017 – 7:00pm at the Harberger Hill Community Building at 701 Narrow Street, Weatherford TX 76086



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.  
P.O. BOX 1795  
WEATHERFORD, TX 76086**

**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 ARPCP 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**