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ARCPC ELECTION FOR CLUB OFFICERS:

May is Election time once again. Be sure to attend this meeting and vote for the candidates of your choice.

The ARCPC membership would like to extend a special thanks to both James Adams AD5KG and Kay Adams AD5KF for their dedicated work for the past several years as club officers. They have earned a well deserved break.

With that said it's time now for the club to elect new officers and move forward to a new year. Coming up in June will be a new annual club budget and of course field day. Let's all pitch in and make this another outstanding year for The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County.

See you at the meeting.

ARCPC OFFICERS

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FIELD DAY
BOB GILL K5BG

HAM FEST
JIM SPAULDING W0UO

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARCPC VE TESTING

VE testing for all license classes and upgrades will be conducted on the third Thursday of each month, except November and December, at 7:00 pm at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1706 S. Main St. Weatherford. Enter side door of main building.

PARKER/PALO PINTO INFORMATION NET:

Mondays at 7:00 pm on
147.040 (tone 110.9) Alt:
146.900 or 443.800

ARRL Field Day June
24th and 25th. Once again
club will operate as W5PC
2A NTX

NEXT ARCPC MEETING

Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00 pm
Weatherford Public Library
1014 Charles Street
Talk-in on 147.040
Tone 110.9

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Membership dues are due at June meeting.



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A CLASSIC DX STORY

DX is a State of Mind

By Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD

(Originally Published in the West Coast DX Bulletin)

We had a confused QRPer up the hill last week, this one burdened by a problem. "You know how the DX Club changed the rules so you now can join with just twenty-five countries, don't you?" We had to admit that we were aware of the change. "Well," the QRPer continued, I'm on the Committee to check applications and last week we came across one applicant who has never worked a JA. He has twenty-five countries but never worked a JA. Think of that! We could feel the foundations of DXing trembling and we had to nudge the QRPer onwards.

"Then how can a W6 be a DXer and never work a JA?", the QRPer demanded. "Not only has he never worked one, he does not even recall having heard one. He wanted to know when JAs are on the air. The Committee is not sure if they should approve his application for membership."

These are times when one

hears things that are hard to believe and we finally hauled the QRPer up the hill to the Old Timer. There we had to listen to the whole exposition again, complete with arm waving, table thumping and various expressions of incredulity and indecision. Then it was quiet. After awhile, the old Timer spoke, but rather than giving an answer, he asked a question. "What really makes a DXer?" he asked. "Is it the working of a JA?" We both had to admit it would take more than that. But we could not come up with a satisfactory answer.

Then the Old Timer spoke again, perhaps a bit wearily this time. "DXing is a state of mind," he said. "Judge a DXer by what they are and what they think, not what they have worked." And that was all he would say.

We had to think this over for a bit, for long we had clung to the cherished belief of most DXers that the more countries you work, the better DXer you are. But we were now coming up with all sorts of wobbly angles when we were looking for the four-square word. "I

guess maybe we'd better let the fellow in," the QRPer said, "but it is sure hard to think a fellow is a DXer when he has never worked a JA."

We had to bail out at this point for these high-level dissertations and the intimidation that DX may be a thinking man's game were beginning to worry us. If DX is a state of mind, why are so many DXers longing for a big and high antenna and all the power they can ram into it? These are times that test men's beliefs. Meanwhile . . . are you a thinker? Or a DXer?

NOTICE: starting with the June issue the newsletter will be available via email to all members having internet capabilities. Hard copies can still be mailed to you via first class mail, but will cost five dollars per year to cover printing and postage (this can be added to your annual membership dues). This was voted on at the April meeting. Other items voted on were as follows: The club will no longer pay for food at meetings, field day or the ham fest. The club will no longer pay for badges for new members joining the club. These changes were made to better control club expenses.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2006 MEETING

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Monday, April 3rd, at the City of Weatherford Public Library, 1014 Charles St. President, James Adams, AD5KG called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Jim Spaulding, W0UO, gave the invocation. There were 13 members present and one guest, Mrs. Faye Munk, mother of Beth Thompson, K5BLT. No upgrades, new call signs or significant operating or technical achievements were reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jim Spaulding, W0UO, advised on the possible new meeting room location at the Harberger Hill Community Building. President, James Adams, AD5KG will check with the Parks and Recreation Department and will advise on the outcome.

Allen Beadle, KB5AB, made a motion to approve the minutes for the month of April and Al Warren, WR5AW, seconded the motion. The

minutes were approved by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Spaulding, W0UO, advised on the Aledo Bike Ride (Moritz Ride For Heroes), which was held on April 1st. Everybody who attended did a great job and the organizers of the bike ride were very pleased with all of our help. It was good radio practice as well as having a great time helping our neighbors. Thanks to everyone who participated.

NEW BUSINESS: Field Day will be held on June 24th and 25th at Cartwright Park Pavilion and surrounding area. Bob Gill, K5BG, will be Chairperson and Al Warren, WR5AW, will be Assistant Chairperson. Start making plans to attend.

Allen Beadle, KB5AB, made a motion that our monthly newsletter will be sent out via e-mail and for the members who do not have e-mail; they will receive their copy by

mail. It will cost each member without e-mail an extra \$5.00 per year to cover the cost of mailing. Jim Spaulding, W0UO, seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Bob Gill, K5BG, made a motion that all new members will pay for their own club badges. Club secretary can order these at time of payment. Jim Spaulding, W0UO, seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

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The ARCPC officers will be elected at the May, 2006 meeting and the new officers will take office at the June, 2006 meeting. Please plan to attend the May meeting as voting will be taking place and YOUR VOTE COUNTS.

Jim Spaulding, W0UO, made a motion that the club would no longer provide food or beverages at club meetings, Ham fest or Field Day. Bob Gill, K5BG, seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

A motion was made by Will Teague, W5CX, to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Bob Gill, K5BG. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Adams, AD5KF

Secretary/Treasurer

NEWS BRIEFS

Western Union Ends Telegram Services

The days of receiving a Western Union telegram are officially over. After more than 150 years of being synonymous with telegrams, Western Union—now a financial services company—quietly posted this message on its "Send a Telegram" webpage: "Effective January 27, 2006, Western Union will discontinue all Telegram and Commercial Messaging services. We regret any inconvenience

this may cause you, and we thank you for your loyal patronage." Last year, according to an Associated Press news report, the company sent only 20,000 telegrams, mostly from companies sending formal notifications.

BPL Database Irks ARRL

The ARRL has filed a complaint with the FCC that the database mandated in the Commission's ruling on Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) is "woefully incomplete

and improperly managed." The league has been complaining about the database-maintained by the United Telecomm Council—ever since it was set up several months ago. The purpose of the database was to provide a central registry of BPL operations to be used as reference in cases or interference to licensed services. However, it has been accessible only to individuals in Zip codes served by BPL systems, and the ARRL says its own access was

recently cut off. The FCC to date has been totally unresponsive to any amateur complaints regarding BPL interference.

News Brief Articles were taken from CQ Magazine

Jake Sez!

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

= NOTICE =

The next Club Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm, Tuesday May 2, 2006
in the Weatherford Public Library meeting room.
1014 Charles Street, Weatherford, TX

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF PARKER COUNTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
LICENSE CLASS: (E)(A)(G)(TP)(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: _____

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE IN JUNE

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