



# W5PC

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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 ARCPC will operate as W5PC 2A NTX (Location Cartwright Park)

**NEXT  
ARCPC MEETING**

Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm Weatherford Community Center 701 Narrow Street, Weatherford, TX  
Talk-in on 147.040  
Tone 110.9

#### ATTENTION ARCPC MEMBERS

There will be a club work day on June 3 at 9 am and a backup day on June 17 at 9 am. Location will be at James & Kay Adams home at 4500 Old Springtown Rd. Also a new location is needed for the club trailer. Please contact Jim Spaulding W0UO for more details.

## MINE DISASTER

From: The ARRL Letter Vol. 25, No. 18 May 5, 2006

KC8VKZ RECALLS DETAILS OF TRAGEDY

Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ--the lone survivor of the January 2 Sago Mine disaster in West Virginia--has expressed his sorrow to the victims' families and shared his personal recollections of the tragedy.

"I cannot explain why I was spared while the others perished," McCloy wrote April 26, the Associated Press reports. The letter publicly revealed for the first time McCloy's memories of the incident that almost took his life.

Following weeks of hospital treatment and rehabilitation, McCloy, 26, is still recovering from the ordeal.

While he does not remember the explosion that trapped 12 colleagues and himself in the mine, he said he does recall the mine's filling quickly "with fumes and thick smoke," making breathing difficult. He said at least four of the emergency air packs failed to function, so the miners shared the units that did and there were not enough to go around.

The trapped miners also tried to signal their location by beating on mine roof bolts and plates with a sledgehammer, McCloy told the victims' families in his letter. As they began to accept their fate, he said, the group prayed and wrote letters to their loved ones. He says as his co-workers lost consciousness one by one, he just sat and waited, "unable to do much else."

McCloy, who did not testify during a public hearing into the Sago disaster this week, said he didn't know how long it was before he also fell unconscious from the gas and smoke. He was rescued after 41 hours underground.

The McCloys and their two children live in Simpson, West Virginia.

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## DX NEWS

From: ARRL DX News

**RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9.** Jose is QRV as 3B9/ON4LAC and has been active using PSK on 15 meters around 1000z and then 20 meters just after 1700z. QSL to home call.

**SRI LANKA, 4S.** Bob, ZL1RS is QRV as 4S7CCG until November.

**PAKISTAN, AP.** Khalid, AP2KD has been active on 20 meters SSB around 1340z.

**TUNISIA, 3V.** 3V8BB is usually QRV on 20 or 17 meters using SSB around 1000z.

**CHINA, BY.** Yasuo, JA6UBY is QRV as BY4CSS from Shanghai. Activity is mostly on 20 and 15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

**THE GAMBIA, C5.** Noz, C5DXC is usually QRV on 15 meters using SSB between 1900 and 2100z.

**MARTINIQUE, FM.** Jacky, F5OIU will be QRV as FM/F5OIU from May 13 to July 1 while here on holiday. He will use mostly CW, but maybe some SSB and digital modes as well. QSL to home call.

**SVALBARD, JW.** Roger, JW4GHA is QRV from Bear Island, IOTA EU-027, until July. He will place an emphasis on 6 meters during the last month of his stay.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2.** Jerry, P29ZAD is usually QRV using digital modes on 20 or 15 meters around 1000 to 1400z.  
**MICRONESIA, V6.** V63SC is generally QRV on 15 meters after 0500z. QSL via JM1LBO.

**NORFOLK ISLAND, VK9N.** Jim, VK9NS has been QRV using RTTY on 20 meters around 0430z. QSL direct.

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

Minutes of the May 2006 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, May 2 at Weatherford Public Library. President James Adams AD5KG called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Loraine Baldwin gave the invocation. There were 16 members and 2 guests, Clint Anderson, KE5FAU and Kimberly Anderson KE5HUL.

Elizabeth Hunkele, N5ONE made a motion to correct the April minutes to show that the club would no longer provide food or beverages at club meetings, Ham fest or Field Day at club expense. Loraine Baldwin, KD5KTF seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Al Warren, WR5AW, made a motion to change the meeting time to 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month and will meet at Harberger Hill, 701 Narrow. Elizabeth Hunkele, N5ONE seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**ELECTION NIGHT:** The nomination committee nominated for President, Jim Spaulding, W0UO, Vice President, Al Warren, WR5AW, and Secretary, Floyd May, N5ORJ, for the 2006-2007 term in office. Bob Gill, K5BG and James Adams, AD5KG, were appointed Directors for the 2006-2007 term. James Adams AD5KG, made a motion to appoint by acclamation and was unanimously approved by all in attendance. The motion passed.

Jerry Thompson, W7JT, made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Beth Thompson, K5BLT seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Adams, AD5KF  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Jake Sez!**

Sometimes the heart sees  
what is invisible to  
the eye.

## FCC NEWS

From: QST June 2006 Issue

**VANITY CALL SIGN FEE POISED TO DROP SLIGHTLY**

The FCC has proposed reducing the Fiscal Year 2006 regulatory fee to obtain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign to \$20.10 for the 10 year license term. The current vanity call sign fee is \$21.90. The Commission proposed the new fee in a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)*. Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2006, in MD Docket 06-68, released March 27. If ordered as proposed, the new vanity fee would become effective in August or September. The FCC is obligated to collect nearly \$280 million in regulatory fees during FY 2006 to fund its operations.

**AMATEUR RADIO TO STAY WITHIN WTB**

The FCC has adopted a proposal to create a new Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PS&HSB) that would assume some functions now under the umbrella of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB). But it appears that the Amateur Radio Service — now within the WTB's Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, headed by Michael J. Wilhelm, WS6BR — will remain within the WTB, according to Anthony Dale, Acting Director of the FCC's Office of Managing Director (OMD).

“The Critical Infrastructure piece — that's things like taxi cabs, Amateur Radio, chemical plants, all that type of thing — those are not public safety - specific functions,” Dale said in response to a reporter's question following an FCC open meeting March 17, “The plan is to keep those in the Wireless Bureau.”

**= NOTICE =**

The next Club Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday June 13, 2006  
in the Weatherford Community Center  
701 Narrow 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): \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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