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SKYWARN TEAM PRESENTATION



Mike Heskett WB5QLD, team leader presented an excellent and detailed program on the Skywarn Team at the National Weather Service. He discussed how hams assist the Meteorologists at NWS and relay reports from storm spotters in the field. Mike can be reached at wb5qld@arrl.net.

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

ARCPC PROGRAM

August's program is the annual ARCPC Ice Cream Social

FIELD DAY RESULTS:

June 24-25, 2006

W5PC 2A NTX Contacts

SSB 466

CW 898

VHF 19

Total 1,383

NEXT

ARCPC MEETING

Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 pm Weatherford Community Center 701 Narrow Street, Weatherford, TX
Talk-in on 147.040
Tone 110.9

PARKER/PALO PINTO INFORMATION NET:

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

GOOD AMATEUR PRACTICE

From the ARRL Web Site

"Good Amateur Practice" Means Never Having to Say You're Sorry

NEWINGTON, CT, Oct 9, 2002--FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth has endorsed a list of several points that he feels help to define the concept of "good amateur practice." Section 97.101(a) of the Amateur Radio Service rules refers to "good engineering and good amateur practice"--considered to refer to maintaining the highest standards of engineering and on-the-air comportment. But the rule lacks specifics.

"Good amateur practice is a hard thing to define," Hollingsworth conceded. "I'd have to say it's operating with the realization that frequencies are shared, that there's going to be occasional interference and that's no reason to become hateful and paranoid."

Hollingsworth says amateurs have to realize that more people than ever are listening in, especially since September 11, 2001, and that amateurs always need to remember that "our rights end where another person's begin."

A Michigan Amateur Radio club has been credited with distributing a list of "Riley-isms" culled from Hollingsworth's various talks at conventions and hamfests and club meetings around the US. Hollingsworth--who verified that he had been cited accurately--says his various comments represent an effort to flush out what "good amateur practice" consists of for the considerate Amateur Radio operator.

According to Hollingsworth, good amateur practice means:

Giving a little ground--even if you have a right not to--in order to help preserve Amateur Radio and not cause it to get a bad name or hasten the day when it becomes obsolete.

Respecting band plans, because they make it possible for every mode to have a chance.

Not transmitting a 6-kHz bandwidth signal when there are lots of people on the band.

Not acting like an idiot just because you were stepped on.

Being aware that we all love Amateur Radio, and there's no need to damage or disgrace it just to save face.

Keeping personal conflicts off the air. Settle your arguments on the telephone, the Internet or in person. Just keep them off the air.

Cutting a net or a contester a break, even if you don't have to and even if you have no interest whatsoever in nets or contesting. Operating so that if a neighbor, niece or nephew or news reporter hears you, that person will be impressed with Amateur Radio.

Realizing that every right carries responsibilities, and just because you may have a right to do certain things doesn't mean it's right to do them in every circumstance.

You don't "own" or get preference to use any frequency even though you've been on the same spot every morning for years shooting the breeze with Harry.

Not operating so that whoever hears you becomes sorry they ever got into Amateur Radio in the first place.

Hollingsworth notes that the list "doesn't touch on a lot of other technical issues, such as using 1500 W when your signal report received is 40 over 9." Good amateur practice, he said, "just means a lot of things that can't always be quantified."--thanks to Riley Hollingsworth

DX NEWS

By Jim Spaulding WØUO

New country Montenegro is on the air, 4O3T, YU6AO, YU6DZ and others. They have been easy to work on 40, 30, 20, and 17. They have been heard locally on 15, 12 and 10 on occasion. QSL 4O3T via YT6A.

New country Swain's Island is on the air. KH8SI has been reported on both 20 and 40 SSB and will, hopefully appear on other bands and modes soon. QSL via JA1BK.

We are not yet at the minimum of the solar cycle, but are moving towards it. When you see the Solar Flux Index at 68 for extended periods of time, you can be sure we are at the minimum.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Minutes of the July 2006 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, July 11th at Weatherford Community Center. President Jim Spaulding WØUO called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Loraine Baldwin KD5KTF gave the invocation. The minutes of the last meeting were presented. A motion was made by Allen Beadle KB5AB and seconded by Doug May WB5VQQ that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

There were 2 visitors at the club meeting. Mike Heskett WB5QLD and C.L. Hallmark W5ZWM. There were 13 members in attendance at the meeting.

Announcements: Elizabeth Hunkele N5ONE is recovering from knee surgery and Floyd May N5ORJ has been ill with heart related problems.

Reports: Al Warren WR5AW gave reports on both Field Day and the Peach Pedal bike ride.

Old Business: None

New Business: The club's storage building and trailer must be moved before the end of July. Jerry Thompson W7JT offered to provide space to store both. Bob Gill K5BG made a motion and it was seconded by Al Warren WR5AW to contact Sergeants wrecker service regarding moving the shed. Repairs to the club generator and winch were discussed. Loraine Baldwin KD5KTF made a motion and it was seconded by Doug May WB5VQQ to look into getting both repaired.

Program: Mike Heskett WB5QLD provided an excellent program on the NWS Skywarn Team.

A motion was made by Lanny Priddy K5LP and seconded by Al Warren WR5AW to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd May N5ORJ
Secretary/Treasurer

REFRESHMENTS FOR AUGUST MEETING:

Annual Ice Cream Social . Please bring your favorite ice cream, cookies, brownies etc. The club will provide soft drinks, cups, ice, plates, bowls, and cutlery.

Jake Sez!

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

THE AMATEUR'S CODE

by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA (1928)

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE..... never knowingly operating in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL..... offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE..... with knowledge abreast of science, a well built and efficient station, and operation beyond reproach.

FRIENDLY..... with slow and patient operation when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, co-operation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED..... Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC..... with station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

= NOTICE =

The next Club Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday August 8, 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): _____
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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