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ARCPC PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 2006



Jim Spaulding WØUO gave a very informative and detailed program on antenna couplers at the October meeting. Jim had actual units setup on display as visual aids as well as laptop computers setup with modeling software.

PARKER/PALO PINTO INFORMATION NET:

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 2006 PROGRAM

Ken Knudson N5TY will give a presentation on software defined radios.

“You don’t want to miss this one”

VE TESTING ENDS FOR 2006

Many thanks to Doug May WB5VQQ and the testing team for completing another successful year. Great job !

FROM THE ARCPC PRESIDENT

Due to job related time restraints, Will Teague W5CX has stepped down as Secretary-Treasurer.

I have appointed Jerry Thompson W7JT to complete the term vacated by Will. He will take over at the November meeting. Let’s all give Jerry our full support in his new office.

-- Jim Spaulding WØUO

FCC RELEASES LONG-AWAITED "OMNIBUS" AMATEUR RADIO REPORT AND ORDER

From: ARRL Bulletin 19 ARLB019 October 12, 2006

Ending a protracted waiting period, the FCC's Report and Order in the so-called "Omnibus" Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, was adopted October 4 and released October 10, 2006. In it, the FCC adopted nearly all of the proposed changes in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released back in 2004. The FCC has:

- + expanded the phone subbands in the 75 and 40 meter bands;
 - + permitted auxiliary stations to transmit on portions of the 2 meter band;
 - + permitted the use of spread spectrum on 222-225 MHz;
 - + permitted amateurs to retransmit communications from the International Space Station;
 - + permitted amateur licensees to designate a specific Amateur Radio club to receive their call sign in memoriam;
 - + prohibited an applicant from filing more than one application for a specific vanity call sign;
 - + eliminated certain restrictions on equipment manufacturers;
 - + permitted Amateur Radio stations in Alaska and surrounding waters more flexibility in providing emergency communications;
 - + clarified that "amateur stations may, at all times and on all frequencies authorized to the control operator, make transmissions necessary to meet essential communication needs and to facilitate relief actions";
 - + deleted the frequency bands and segments specified for RACES stations;
- and
- + deleted the requirement for public announcement of test locations and times.

In addition, the FCC took several other miscellaneous actions. In "refarming" the frequencies currently authorized to Novice and Technician Plus licensees, the Commission increased the voice segments for General, Advanced and Amateur Extra licensees.

On 75 meters, Generals will be able to use voice from 3800-4000 kHz, an increase of 50 kHz. Advanced class licensees will be able to use voice from 3700-4000, an increase of 75 kHz, and Amateur Extras will be able to use voice from 3600 to 4000 kHz, a generous increase of 150 kHz.

On 40 meters, Advanced and Extra Class licensees will be able to use voice from 7125-7300 kHz, an increase of 25 kHz. General class licensees will be able to use voice on 7175-7300 kHz, an increase of 50 kHz.

On 15 meters, General class operators will have phone privileges on 21275-21450 kHz, an increase of 25 kHz.

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, expressed the ARRL's gratitude to the FCC Commissioners in a letter dated October 11: "On behalf of the ARRL and the Commission's licensees in the Amateur Radio Service I want to express appreciation for your release yesterday of the Report and Order in WT Docket 04-140 (FCC 06-149) amending Part 97 of the Commission's Rules. The Commission's action in clearing this pending proceeding will assist the Amateur Radio Service in meeting its objectives, particularly with regard to providing emergency and public service communications."

ITEMS FOR SALE

Rohn 25: Nine 10' sections - \$50 each. Two 8' flat top sections with bearings and rotor plates \$80 each. Two cut off sections usable for concrete base sections \$45 each. One set of Phillystran guys 70' high (or more) with Rohn torque bars & bracket \$75. One set of Phillystran guys 35' high (or more) with Rohn torque bars & bracket \$55. One hinged base plate \$50. One wall mount bracket \$50

Rotators: One Ham-M with Ham-3 controller \$200. One T2X with controller \$275

Antennas: Two Cushcraft 4 element 10m yagis \$125 each. One Cushcraft 4 element 15m yagi \$140. One Cushcraft 3 element 20m yagi \$150

Email me direct (w5ov@w5ov.com) or call my cell 972-897-6565 if you are interested in any of these items. Everything is used and in good condition. On the ground, and ready for pickup in Plano.

Bob Naumann - W5OV Plano, TX

Jake Sez!



"Enjoy life...this is not a dress rehearsal"

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Minutes of the October 2006 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at Weatherford Community Center. President Jim Spaulding WØUO called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Doug May WB5VQQ gave the invocation. The minutes of the last meeting were presented. A motion was made by Al Warren WR5AW and seconded by Beth Thompson K5BLT that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

There were 4 visitors at the meeting . Francis Laird AA5DT, George Odom KE5KQB, Sarah Carpenter and Debra Ruteschroer XYL of Mark Rutenschroer KE5KBJ. There were 13 members in attendance at the meeting.

Announcements: Classes for November will be rescheduled. Allen Beadel KB5AB announced that Parker County EOC had received a grant in the amount of \$16,000 to be used to purchase equipment for the new EOC. He read of a very impressive list of items that will be installed at that location.

Old Business: All repairs to club trailer have been completed.

New Business: Al Warren WR5AW reported that help is needed for the upcoming Alzheimer's Walk. Help is also needed for the upcoming Veterans day parade to be held Saturday, November 11, 2006. Doug May WB5VQQ agreed to pull the trailer again this year.

A motion was made by Doug May WB5VQQ and seconded by Beth Thompson K5BLT to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Program: Jim Spaulding WØUO gave a very informative presentation on Antenna Couplers.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Teague W5CX
Secretary/Treasurer



ARCPC HOSPITALITY

November 14th Meeting

"Pizza Party"



Judy
KB5JEY

DXer's - HOME FOR SALE

Hi All

We are moving down in East Texas so the QTH is up for sale. 16 acres or a ridge broadside to EU, 8 miles South of Bonham. About 40 minutes to McKinney in the morning! There is a 20' x 20' Ham shack with a bathroom and storage, suitable for a nice M/2 setup. There are 4 towers and an 80M and 160M vertical. Plenty of room to expand...The house is around 3800 square feet in two separate living area and there is a large shop of about 1800 square feet.

Interested? Drop me an email and we can send some pictures and particulars

73

Bill Simpson, N5YA <n5ya@n5ya.com>

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HAS CYCLE 24 BEGUN ?

From CQ Magazine November 2006

NASA has reported detecting two "upside-down" sunspots over the summer, leading scientists to speculate whether the new sunspot cycle, Cycle 24, has already begun. The spots are upside-down in that their magnetic polarities are reversed from those seen during Cycle 23. However, the first two "spotted" have been relatively weak and short-lived, prompting other scientists to suggest that it's too early to declare an end to Cycle 23. There is no doubt, however, that if it hasn't happened yet, it will happen soon. There are widely divergent predictions for the likely quality of Cycle 24.

= NOTICE =

The next Club Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday November 14, 2006
at the Weatherford Community Center 701 Narrow Street, Weatherford, TX
Talk-in 147.04 and Tone 110.9

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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