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## THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF PARKER COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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### 2007 ARCPC HAM FEST

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The annual ARCPC Ham Fest was held Saturday March 24, 2007 at the National Guard Armory 716 Charles Street in Weatherford, TX. A total of 55 tables were setup with approximately 35 vendors on hand. Approximately 365 paid guests were on hand for the event. Winner of the \$500 grand prize was Jeffrey Peltier KE5KWD of Fort Worth, TX.

#### ALEDO BIKE RIDE

The Aledo Bike Ride (Ride for Heroes) Was held March 31, 2007. Once again the Amateur Radio Club of Parker County was there to provide communications, rest stop and sag wagon assistance. A total of 15 operators were on hand.

Only a couple of injuries were reported. One person suffered a heart attack, however EMS was on hand to provide assistance.

### ARCPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### APRIL 2007 PROGRAM

Bill Swan K5MWC, the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator for the North Texas Section will be on hand to discuss the recent report of the National Emergency Response Planning Committee. All amateur radio operators are invited to attend.

#### 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.

## Iraqi Amateur Radio Shutdown Continues

From: ARRL Web Site

NEWINGTON, CT, Mar 30, 2007 -- Iraq Amateur Radio Society (IARS) President Diya Sayah, YI1DZ, says a ham radio blackout in his country remains in effect, with no end in sight. As part of the new security plan in Baghdad, the Iraqi Ministry of Defense earlier this month requested that radio amateurs remain off the air until security improves.

Because of a miscommunication, however, word failed to reach the Iraqi Communications and Media Commission, which still is issuing licenses.

Sayah chalks up the open-ended ham radio blackout to a misunderstanding of Amateur Radio on the part of the defense minister. Working through the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, the IARS has attempted -- so far without success -- to explain Amateur Radio to the Ministry of Defense.

"Because it's between ministries, this will take time also," Sayah said this week, adding that he was not optimistic about meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki anytime soon.

"Now anyone on the air is a pirate, as everyone is obliged not to use their radios at the present time," he added. He said IARS members continue making contacts using Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) modes such as IRLP, Echo Link and others.

The Ministry of Defense also had asked the IARS to store all licensees' ham radio equipment during the shutdown, but Sayah says that's not happening because of the dangerous situation that persists within the capital. The ham radio shutdown affects non-Iraqi licensees, including members of the military and contractors holding YI9-prefix call signs.

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## Attention All Amateurs...

From: ARRL Web Site

Do not follow instructions in bogus "arrl.net user support team" emails (Mar 30, 2007) --The ARRL is alerting members - and especially users of the ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service - about bogus emails that claim to be from the "arrl.net user support team." There is no such entity, and the messages do not originate with ARRL but appear to be coming from outside the US. Recipient should not follow the instructions in the e-mail, which reads, "We have received reports that your e-mail account has been used to send a large amount of unsolicited commercial email messages during this week. We suspect that your computer had been infected by a recent virus and now contains a hidden proxy server. We recommend you to follow our instructions in order to keep your computer safe." Following the instructions will have the opposite effect, however, infecting your computer with the MyDoom Trojan worm and making it part of a spamming network. The League urges all members to invest in and use anti-virus software.

## Cellular Telephone Bills Pose Potential Problems For Ham Radio Operation

From: ARRL Letter

Bills aimed at thwarting "driving while cellular" and "driving while distracted" behavior have been introduced in several states, and most are worded broadly enough to potentially proscribe some Amateur Radio mobile operation. ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND <reginfo@arrl.org>;, so far has catalogued 11 active pieces of legislation.

Bills introduced in Montana and New Mexico have been sidelined for now, but related measures -- more than one in some states -- remain alive in Georgia, New Jersey, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming. Henderson reports that ARRL Field Organization volunteers and members called the League's attention to the various pieces of pending legislation, none of which specifically exempt Amateur Radio "In most cases we try to work to have language exempting Amateur Radio inserted into the bill, rather than narrowing by definition the behavior or activity the bill seeks to address," Henderson explains. "It is a far easier approach and removes ambiguity down the road." mobile operation. Henderson says that, if requested, the League will advise radio amateurs preparing to testify about a bill before a state legislative committee. "We offer some suggestions regarding what to cover and how to approach their testimony," he said. "We also will speak with legislators or their aides to try and clarify questions or help them craft language that help accomplish our goal of specifically exempting Amateur Radio operation from these measures." Most of the measures include exceptions for emergency communication and law enforcement agencies.

In Texas, Senate Bill 154 (SB 154) would prohibit a motor vehicle operator from using a "wireless communication device" while under way, unless equipped for hands-free operation.



## SECRETARY'S NOTES

Minutes of the March 2007 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at the Weatherford Community Center. President Jim Spaulding WØUO called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM. Jay Beavers K5XO gave the invocation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bob Gill K5BG announced that the West Parker County DX Club had received the call sign NF5T. Jim Spaulding WØUO, announced the completion of his volunteer work on the Gulf coast for this year.

Grodon Robertson presented information on this years Ride for Heroes to be held on March 31, 2007.

**REPORTS:** Al Warren WR5AW, reported ham fest registrations continue at a slow rate. Tables, schedules, and other ham fest requirements were discussed.

A motion to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter by Allen Beadel KB5AB, seconded by Beth Thompson K5BLT was approved by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

A motion to adjourn by Al Warren WR5AW, and seconded by Loraine Baldwin KD5KTF, was approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

**PROGRAM:** Allen Beadel KB5AB, lead the discussion of emergency plans and requirement for disaster affecting Parker County. His primary concern was a lack of trained volunteers. He noted that minimal enquired to participate. The future requirement for MIMS training, such as Basic-ICS100/700, followed by ICS 200/800, was mentioned. Traffic nets operate daily on 7.290 & 3.935 MHz and other frequencies and offer a training opportunity for traffic handling. A small group of operator (about 15) will be needed and trained for the EOC in Parker County. Individual and county equipment requirements were discussed. The need for common "channelized" equipment was mentioned. Also, the need to used standard "Power -Pole" connectors to allow swapping radios as operators are changed was highlighted. The 147.16 repeater was suggested as a possible alternate for emergency use.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Thompson W7JT Secretary/  
Treasurer



## ARCPC HOSPITALITY

March 13, 2007 Meeting

Sandwiches, Coffee, Soft  
Drinks and Cookies.



*Judy*  
**KB5JEY**



## ARCPC MARCH 2007 PROGRAM

**Jake Sez!**



*"The easiest to find something you've lost, is to buy a replacement."*

**= NOTICE =**

**The next club meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday April 10, 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)(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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