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## THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF PARKER COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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### 2007 Peach Pedal



J. Lund Photo

### ARCPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THANK YOU!

Kudos to all those who worked the Peach Pedal. We had a great turnout this year. Everyone did a fantastic job.

#### NEXT MEETING

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

#### LICENSE CLASSES

By: Jim Spaulding WØUO

**Technician Class License**  
September 8 and 15

**General Class License**  
September 22, 29, and October 6

**Extra Class License**  
October 23, 20, 27 and November 3

Classes will run from Noon until 5 pm on Saturdays.

Contact Jim Spaulding WØUO for more information.

#### 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.

## TSO Trains Amateur Radio Operators to Support Disaster Preparedness

May 2007, Transportation Security Administration

Pensacola TSO Jeff Smith trained 30 TSA volunteers to use emergency high frequency radio equipment during disasters. The 30 also qualified for amateur radio technician class operator licenses.

Employees participating in the May 9 training traveled from Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arizona and New York State.

"Pensacola is fortunate that we have a TSO who is a highly experienced amateur radio operator, trainer and examiner," said FSD Steve Earnest. "His volunteer efforts have given the agency tremendous in-house capability that would have been expensive for the agency to replicate using contractors."

The Federal Communications Commission requires licensing for HF - or ham - operators, who can be invaluable when telephone and cell phones are inoperable.

## Box? What Box?

July 2007, ARRL Contact!, Vol 5, No 7

"In times of change learners inherit the earth while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to work in a world that no longer exists." - Eric Hoffer

In a market-driven, corporate society such as ours, Amateur Radio is an anachronism. Sure, we use modern communications tools, but the whole concept of ham radio is out of step with the majority of the culture. We don't just think out of the box – we don't even have a box.

Let me explain.

Our world is set up so that marketable ideas are generated by companies who then immediately patent them as their own. They take the idea and put it into a box. They sell you that box with a set of instructions on how you are to use it. Any alteration or other use at least voids the warranty and might even get you into patent infringement hassles.

Consider the new Apple PDA-phone thingy or the coming new Windows OS. Watch the way it is marketed and sold this month. They pitch it to you, tell you what you can do, and make sure it is sealed up well. You plunk down your money and walk out with the new item - registered, patented, closed and boxed. It's as if it is still more theirs than yours. Then they can give you "updates."

This is good corporate strategy. It keeps corporate profits up, maintains a market, and kills creativity.

But Amateur Radio is, by its very nature, quite different.

You don't just buy a license, you learn it. Yes, you can buy a radio in a box – but then what? There are many other parts and pieces to each system, many variations, many philosophies on how to create a station. It's "open software" and unbridled tinkering – the very antithesis of corporate thinking! There is no box. Instead there is the merry chaos of multiple modes, types of radios, antennas, bands, operating styles and goals, and the incessant itch to change something inside just to see what we can make it do. Corporate systems try to maintain product lines. Truly imaginative creations come out of basements and attics.

## Recognize Your Volunteers with a President's Volunteer Service Award

June 2007, ARRL Contact!, Vol 5, No 6

Your most valued amateur Radio Operators can now be recognized with President's Volunteer Service Award Pin, Certificate of Achievement, and a letter of congratulations from the President of the United States and President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Three categories, bronze, silver, and gold represent different levels of participation, over the course of a year. For example, an adult giving 100 hours of volunteer time over 1 year qualifies for a bronze award, then could receive a silver pin at the 250 hour mark. Gold pins are awarded for 4000 hours of participation over a lifetime.

You may remember that in early April Randy Hatfield, AG6RH, received such an award in person from the President. <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/04/13/104/> While no one can guarantee another Presidential visit, being recognized by this award is a major boost to volunteers!

All President's Volunteer Service Awards must be verified and issued through institutions which are called Certifying Organizations (CO).

There are some minimal postage and handling costs involved with the award. The lead time for awards is 6-8 weeks.

Full information is at <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.org>

### Jake Sez!



"Tell me, and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand"



## SECRETARY'S NOTES

*Secretary's Notes, cont.*

### Minutes of the July 2007 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at the Weatherford Community Center. President Jim Spaulding W0UO called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Twenty members and two guests were present. Jay Beavers K5XO gave the invocation.

A motion to approve the minutes, as published in the newsletter, by Elizabeth, N5ONE, and seconded by Smokey, KD5VHS was approved by voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jim, W0UO, announced the schedule (tentative) for all license classes. The Ice Cream Social is next meeting-14 Aug 2007. Please bring your favorite ice cream or dessert to go with ice cream. Kit Marshall with Parker County Emergency Management has been invited to speak.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Field Day committee reports; Scores are posted on the club web site.

In summary: Total QSO 390 / QSO Points 1079; Bonus Points 1,530; Total Participants 105; 6,626 Total Score.

Peach Pedal committee reports; More help is needed. A sign-up sheet was passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion to purchase a new generator by Beth, K5BLT, and seconded by Al, WR5AW, was approved on first reading. A committee, consisting of Al, WR5AW, Brett, KE5ALK, and Fred, N5WLA, was appointed to research specifications and costs. A report is due at the August meeting. A second vote will be needed at that time.

A motion by Elizabeth, N5ONE and seconded by Lanny, K5LP:

"The club officers are directed to inform Alan Beadel that the club desires to participate in a simulated emergency test, in conjunction with the American Radio Relay League, the county, and the Red Cross on October 6 and 7"

Passed by voice vote. There were no nay votes.

A motion to adjourn by Bob, K5BG, and seconded by Smokey, KD5VHS, was approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Thompson, W7JT  
Secretary/Treasurer

### Notes

The pizza and salad provided by Judy Wolf, KB5JEY, from member donations was quickly consumed and thoroughly enjoyed.

Some dues still remain unpaid. Single member renewals are Ten Dollars and Family renewals are Fifteen Dollars.

To those who have paid, "Thank You".

### News from the ARRL

North Texas Section manager Tom Blackwell recently appointed ARCPC member Brett Shayler KE5ALK as Public Information Coordinator (PIC).

The ARRL Public Information Coordinator (PIC) is a section-level official appointed by and reports to the Section Manager (SM) as the section's expert on public information and public relations matters. The PIC is responsible for organizing, training, guiding and coordinating the activities of the Public Information Officers (PIOs) within the section.

Congratulations Brett

### August Program

It's that time of year again. Time for Ice Cream!

The program for the August meeting will be the 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.

Kit Marshall with Parker County Emergency Management will also be there to give a brief presentation.



## ARCPC HOSPITALITY

August 14, 2007 Meeting

Annual Ice Cream Social—bring your favorite ice cream, cookies, and other snacks



Judy  
KB5JEY

**= NOTICE =**

**The next club meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday August 14, 2007  
at the Weatherford Community Center, 701 Narrow Street, Weatherford, TX  
Talk-in 147.04 and Tone 110.9 (alternate 146.90 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: \_\_\_\_\_

INITIATION FEE: One time initiation fee per family - \$5.00

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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