



# W5PC

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### ARCPC JANUARY 2008 PROGRAM



In the above photos Jim Spaulding WØUO explains operation of HF transceivers to those that remained for the January program. Bob Gill K5BG also brought several radios and demonstrated their operation to the group. Fred Muehlen N5WLA brought his Elecraft K2 which was of interest to those interested in QRP. The program was very interesting and kept the attention of those in attendance until 10:00 PM. If you weren't present you missed a very informative program on the operation of HF radios.

Radios discussed included the Icom 706, Kenwood TS940, Elecraft K2 and the Yaesu FT2000. The radios were connected via coaxial cable to mobile antennas on individuals' vehicles in the parking lot. This allowed for hands on operation of all the radios. Way to go guys, it was a great program.

## FROM THE PREZ

We will need a ham fest chairman for March 29, 2008. We will need a race chairman for the Ride for the Heroes, nasty surprise, the same date as the ham fest. Won't this be a challenge. We will need a race chairman for the Advocats Run, Walk, or Crawl on April 19, 2008. The race this year does not cross the railroad tracks, It will be in the vicinity of the High School.

Here is some text from K1ZZ's editorial in February 2008 QST.

*"...Amateur Radio has public service obligations. There are few places in the country where there are enough trained amateurs available to do everything we could and should be doing. We need more among us who are willing to equip themselves with new digital, as well as traditional, communications tools to meet the needs of the disaster response agencies we serve; who are willing to learn and to practice; and who will respond when called. It is encouraging that new licensees frequently cite and interest in public service and emergency communications as their principal reason for wanting to become radio amateurs.*

*An Amateur Radio license doesn't automatically make its holder a skilled communicator, but it's a start...."*

Jim Spaulding  
WØUO

## HIRAM PERCY MAXIM II PASSES AWAY

\* Hiram Percy Maxim II Passes Away at 72: The grandson of ARRL co-founder Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, died at home in Lyme, Connecticut January 12 after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer. Hiram Percy Maxim II -- called HPM just like his grandfather -- was 72. Not a ham, Maxim told the Newington Amateur Radio League at an October 2002 meeting that he doesn't feel he shares the inventive talents of his grandfather and great-grandfather, who held many patents between them; Maxim's great-grandfather invented the machine gun. He told the club audience that his grandfather took on radio and filmmaking as diversions from inventing -- an endeavor he considered extremely hard work. He also thought of Amateur Radio as a means to "bring together" individuals from distant locations and believed that communication was a key to better understanding other people and cultures. The elder Maxim -- often referred to as "The Old Man," or "TOM" -- was an amateur film buff, and a highlight of his grandson's 2002 presentation was a short 16 mm film that showed HPM and some of his friends working, relaxing and frolicking on the grounds of the family's summer home in Lyme, Connecticut, where HPM II lived until his death.

His son, Merritt Maxim, told the ARRL, "Even though he didn't have an Amateur Radio license, he was aware of the importance of his family's role in founding the League. Through his father, my grandfather -- an active engineer -- he continued to maintain an interest in all things mechanical." A memorial service will be held at the Lyme Public Hall at 11 AM on Monday, January 21. Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lyme Public Hall Association, 249 Hamburg Rd, Lyme, CT 06371

## EAST PARKER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPEECH

Given by Donna Smith, President Moritz Ride for Heroes  
January 9, 2008

I am here today to speak to you concerning supporting the Moritz Chevrolet Ride for Heroes. Last year we welcomed over 1200 cyclists to Aledo High School; it took 300 local volunteers to make this event happen. The Ride was able to donate \$50,000 that day. Over the last 5 years the Ride has donated approximately \$140,000. Our beneficiaries are right here in East Parker County; the three local volunteer fire departments of Aledo, Hudson Oaks and Willow Park, the Sheriff reserve, the Weatherford volunteer EMS, Center of Hope and various Aledo High School clubs. Last year, Gordon Robertson, our ride director and I were talking to the owner of Bicycles, Inc. our official bike shop for the Ride. I quote, "we are proud to sponsor the Moritz Ride for Heroes because we feel that this ride is the premier ride in the metroplex". That statement is something that every single person in this room can be proud of.

I would like to conclude with a personal story. A few weeks ago the Ride participated in the Parade of Lights in downtown Ft. Worth. We had two of our volunteer firefighters walk in front of our float in full fire fighting gear. I was inspired and brought to tears as I watched the response of the crowd as these fire fighters walked along, waving and shaking hands. The look of admiration on the faces of the children, the cheering and applause from the adults, made it clear all over again why we work so hard to make our Ride the best; to support our local heroes, the ones that volunteer their time and risk their safety for us when we are possibly in our darkest moment.

I hope you will be inspired to be a sponsor or donor and support our local heroes.



## SECRETARY'S NOTES

Minutes of the January 2008 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Jim Spaulding, WØUO. Doug May, WB5VQQ gave the invocation. Seventeen members and three guests signed the roster.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jim Spaulding, WØUO announced a new country and prefix added FJ/FS (St. Bartholomew). New narrow band emergency communications software available for beta testing. Volunteers needed for the Fort Worth Ham Fest this weekend. Technician classes for local LDS ward to be offered. Who is interested in Amateur Extra classes? Board of Directors to meet next Monday. Will Teague, W5CX announced the change to digital for scanner enthusiasts and the re-banding of the Parker County Sheriff's 800 MHz channels. Will also announced updates to the qsl.net/W5PC web site.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the December meeting were approved by voice vote on a motion from Will, W5CX, and seconded by Elizabeth, N5ONE.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no reports from the current committees.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Thanks from Elizabeth, N5ONE for the use of the tables for the LDS Christmas party. Will, W5CX commented that the club Christmas party was great fun.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The nominating committee for 2008-2009 officers was solicited. The committee will consist of Will, W5CX, Chair, assisted By Bob, K5BG and Jerry, W7JT. The 2008 Ham Fest was moved to the last Saturday in March by a motion from Elizabeth, N5ONE and seconded by John, W5BNX. There were no opposing votes. A volunteer to chair 2008 Field Day is needed. Some emergency planners have suggested that Field Day be run using the incident command system model. Is this what the members want?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. on a motion from Will, W5CX, and seconded by Mark, W5MJR band approved by Voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Thompson W7JT Secretary/Treasurer

Black-eyed peas and cornbread for the new year were enjoyed by the members following the meeting.

## ARCPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The February Program will be "How to get the most enjoyment out of HF operation". You don't want to miss this one, especially if you are a fairly new ham wanting to know more about HF operation.

### 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.

### LICENSE CLASSES

Contact Jim Spaulding WØUO for details.



## ARCPC HOSPITALITY

February, 2008 Meeting

Chili, Beans, Crackers, Cornbread,  
Fritos, Coffee, Soft Drinks &  
"Mystery Dessert"



Judy

KB5JEY

### Jake Sez!



*"You may not be able to turn  
back the clock, but you can always  
wind it again"*

**= NOTICE =**

**The next club meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday February 12, 2008  
at 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**FIRST CLASS  
MAIL**

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