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TORNADO TOUCHES DOWN NEAR ALEDO



Photo submitted by Bobby Johnson

Information taken from: The Weatherford Democrat

Thursday, April 17, 2008 a twister touched down near Aledo and, according to the National Weather Service, and was on the ground for six or seven minutes.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service said Thursday's storm was unusual, even by Texas weather standards. "We don't see events like that to that extreme and certainly as widespread as the event was," said Mike Huckaby of the NWS office in Fort Worth. "But this is certainly typical springtime severe weather."

According to the NWS, the storm packed winds of around 60 mph when it blasted through Palo Pinto and Parker Counties. Areas of the county near Lake Weatherford looked like a winter storm had dumped snow, except for the steam rising from inch-deep hailstones covering the ground.

Nearby, car dealers in Hudson Oaks came in Friday morning to battered vehicles and broken windshields. The Hudson Oaks Wal-Mart had broken skylights by tennis ball-size hail.

Besides the prodigious hail, the super cell thunderstorm dropped almost an inch of rain in Weatherford.

Friday's forecast calls for clearing skies for North Texas and a high temperatures in the low 70s. This is typical weather for the sate of Texas.



WHAT IS SKYWARN ?

From: The National Weather Service Web Site

The effects of severe weather are felt every year by many Americans. To obtain critical weather information, NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS), part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, established SKYWARN™ with partner organizations. SKYWARN™ is a volunteer program with nearly 280,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

Although SKYWARN™ spotters provide essential information for all types of weather hazards, the main responsibility of a SKYWARN™ spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms. In the average year, 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes occur across the United States. These events threatened lives and property.

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN™ spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

SKYWARN™ storm spotters are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time--seconds and minutes that can help save lives.

Who is Eligible?

NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service and access to communication, such as HAM radio, to join the SKYWARN™ program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches, nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are also encouraged to become a spotter.

How Can I Get Involved?

NWS has 122 local Weather Forecast Offices, each with a Warning Coordination Meteorologist, who is responsible for administering the SKYWARN™ program in their local area. Training is conducted at these local offices and covers:

Basics of thunderstorm development

Fundamentals of storm structure

Identifying potential severe weather features

Information to report

How to report information

Basic severe weather safety

Classes are free and typically are about two hours long. To find out when a SKYWARN™ class will be conducted in local your area, contact your local Warning Coordination Meteorologist at: <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/contact.htm>

Contact Information for Dallas/Fort Worth.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Minutes of the April 2008 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, April 8, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Jim Spaulding WØUO. Clint Anderson AE5CA gave the invocation. Twelve members and three guests signed the roster.

UPGRADES & CALL SIGN CHANGES: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clint Anderson AE5CA will be moving to Waco. Clint the club will miss you. John Garrison W5BNX, is working to repair the antennas for Bob Park WB5MSH. The Annual ARCPC Hamfest was a success, raising close to last year's receipts. The Ride-for-Heroes was also a success, with no major accidents or incidents. Thanks to everyone who help with these events! Without you, the club does not work.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March meeting were approved by voice vote. The motion was by Smokey Vulgamore KD5VHS and seconded by Clint Anderson AE5CA.

NEW BUSINESS: Volunteers are needed for the Advocats "Walk, Run, or Crawl" this month. See Al Warren WR5AW to sign up.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M. by passing the motion by John Garrison W5BNX and seconded by Ken Stout KE5QBZ on a voice vote.

Thanks to Judy Wolfe,KB5JEY for providing soup, and drinks to the group.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry W. Thompson W7JT
Secretary/Treasurer

A discussion of the club by-laws, led by Jim Spaulding WØUO, followed the business meeting. Each member was given an opportunity to comment on the by-laws and suggest changes if they desired.

The May meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of Parker County (ARCPC) is election time for new club officers. Please plan on attending and vote for the candidate of your choice.

NEW MEMBERS
The club would like to welcome new members:
Dale Blankinship K5DWB from Weatherford and Tom Killebrew KE5PUO from Aledo.

**ARCPC
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MAY 2008 PROGRAM

Due to the annual ARCPC election, there will not be a regular program this month.

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


May, 2008 Meeting

**Refreshments including,
Coffee, Cookies & Soft Drinks**



Judy
KB5JEY

Jake Sez!



"An unusual amount of common sense is sometimes called wisdom"

= NOTICE =

**The next club meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday May 13, 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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