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2008 PEACH PEDAL PHOTOS



Photos were taken at the Brock rest stop. Visit the W5PC Yahoo group to view more photos. Many thanks to all that participated in this event. (Photos by Will Teague W5CX)



Kenwood/JVC Merger Planned by October

From: CQ Magazine

The managements of both JVC (Victor Corporation of Japan) and Kenwood released details in early June of their proposed merger, which the companies are calling "management integration." Pending approval by shareholders of both companies at a joint meeting scheduled for June 27, the plan is to delist JVC from the Osaka Securities Exchange by the end of July and to remove both JVC and Kenwood from the Tokyo Stock Exchange by the end of September. Then, as of October 1 a new company, JVC Kenwood Holdings, would be formed. It would own 100% of the shares of each company, and the two would then be merged into a single entity called J&K Technologies.

In an earlier statement, Kenwood said the merger would have no impact on its amateur radio business. However, the joint statement in June said the merged companies focus would be on auto electronics, home and mobile electronics, professional systems and entertainment. There was little mention of the communications segment (amateur and land mobile) except to note that it currently account for about 35% of Kenwood's business. The merged company, on the other hand, expects the four areas mentioned above to account for 90% of its sales by year 2011. This is the second merger of a major amateur radio manufacturer in the past year, following Motorola's acquisition of Yaesu's parent company, Vertex-Standard, last year.

Hiram Percy Maxim's Telegraph Key Returns To ARRL HQ

From: ARRL Letter

At the ARRL Board of Director's meeting this past weekend, the telegraph key that once belonged to Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, was returned to ARRL Headquarters. According to ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, the key had been in the collection of the Antique Wireless Association's Electronic Communication Museum near Rochester, New York for more than 20 years.

Craigie said that the AWA decided to return Maxim's key to the organization he co-founded almost 100 years ago. At the ARRL Atlantic Division Convention in May 2008, the museum's former curator, Ed Gable, K2MP, presented the key to Craigie and Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR. Craigie and Edgar then presented the key to ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, and ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, on Friday, July 18.

"The key will find a prominent place in the League's collection of historical artifacts," Craigie said. "The Old Man's key has come home".

Silent Key Information To Be Included On VanityHQ Web Site.

From: VanityHQ Web Site and ARRL Letter

Anyone else notice the blurb in the ARRL BoD meeting notes that said:

"The Board decided to partner with the VanityHQ Web site to get the ARRL Silent Key data that was published in QST included in the VanityHQ Web site history project in an electronically searchable format."

Nice job, Michael. Is this just for future data, or does it include previously-published information? And will it just be names and call signs (as published in QST), or will it include actual dates of death?

W3HF Steve

"On motion of Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Isely, it was VOTED that the ARRL will partner with the VanityHQ.com website to get the ARRL Silent Key data that was published in QST included in the VanityHQ website history project in an electronically searchable format. The League will provide whatever past SK data it has in electronic format to VanityHQ, and will update VanityHQ with current information on a continuing basis. Cooperation will include mutually advantageous links and publicity."

The date of death will not be included, but the age of the SK will be listed in the search results. I have to write additional software to allow enhanced SK search capability.

N4MC Michael

CW Returns to MARS

From: CQ Magazine

The Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) is bringing back Morse code, which had been banned on MARS frequencies by Defense Department directive since 1997. CQ Public Service Editor Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, reports that the Chief of Navy/Marine Corps MARS in late May authorized area and region directors to establish CW traffic and training nets. Army MARS is surveying members as to their code proficiency and one Army MARS region has been conducting CW net in anticipation of a unified policy on code operations by all three MARS service.



**"The Road to success is
Always under construction"**

Jake Sez!



SECRETARY'S NOTES

Minutes of the July 2008 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 19:10 by President Al Warren WR5AW. Attendance was 18 members and 2 guests. The invocation was given by Ken Stout KE5QBZ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Parker County Peach Pedal will be held on July 12th. The event has a new headquarters this year. It will be at Weatherford High School. There was a call for additional volunteers to help at the event.

An "after field day" report was given by Ken Stout. Field Day went well but there was a problem with the bad weather that caused a delay in the operating time and there were not as many participants as there has been in prior years. The tower supporting one of the clubs' HF beams fell while it was being taken down, damaging the antenna and a shade canopy. Thankfully no one was injured in the mishap. John Garrison, W5BNX, is rebuilding the antenna for the club. Bob Park, WB5MSH, was awarded a 2008 Field Day pin in appreciation of his past service to the club. Vice-president Elizabeth Hunkele, N5ONE, called for suggestions for programs from the members for future meetings. Joe Lively has a new call sign. He is now AA5L. His old call sign was KJ5FS.

OLD BUSINESS: The minutes of the June meeting were approved by the members present. The clubs' old generator was purchased by Jerry and Beth Thompson for \$125.00.

NEW BUSINESS: The location of the clubs' trailer was discussed due to a new city ordinance requiring such trailers must now be parked on a permanent "pad". A suggestion was made to move the trailer to a location outside the city limits. The problem will be studied and we will get more news later.

An "after field day" discussion was held by the members present. A list of "lessons learned" was compiled by President Al Warren, WR5AW and passed out to the members present. The discussion among members was mostly recommendations for FD next year along with some brain storming. Also a discussion about member participation in club events and the more experienced members providing help and guidance to the new hams in the club evolved from the FD discussion. There was an emphasis put on the newer hams/members to upgrade to General class and get involved in operation on the high frequency bands. "Elmers" are needed to offer help to the new hams that want help getting on the HF bands.

PROGRAM: The program on the T32 Dxpediton had to be cancelled due to a schedule conflict.

The program should be presented at the August meeting. Those members interested in DXing should not miss this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:19.

Judy Wolf, KB5JEY, provided black-eyed peas and corn bread along with soft drinks during the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Sunday, N5LGV
Secretary/Treasurer

ARCPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM

The program will be a slide presentation by Bob Gill K5BG on a DXpedition made by him and Lee N5PO to T32 East Kirbati. Bob signed T32BO and Lee signed T32PO.

Also it will be the annual Ice Cream Social.

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.

PARKER/PALO PINTO INFORMATION NET

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



ARCPC HOSPITALITY

August, 2008 Meeting

Annual Ice Cream Social, Don't forget to bring you favorite Ice Cream to share with others.

Judy
KB5JEY



For those of you that receive the newsletter via email I am including something a little extra this month. I hope you enjoy it and your feedback is welcome.

**Will Teague W5CX
ARCPC Newsletter Editor**

Excerpts from "The Fifth Pillar" Editorial in August QST by David Sumner, K1ZZ:

..."So that we may better serve the public interest we must constantly educate ourselves. Training and learning do not stop with the earning of a license; on the contrary, the license signals the beginning, not the end, of the journey."..... "An appreciation for, and curiosity about, science and technology is one of the defining characteristics of our membership community. Much of our educational focus is on gaining a better understanding of telecommunications technology. The role of Amateur Radio as a creative outlet for inquisitive young minds, equipping them to go on the bigger things, is a recurring theme of our advocacy messages. And last, but not least, it is through our mastery of technology and our improvisational ability -- honed by years of practical, hands-on experience-- that we are able to be of service to the public even when nothing else is working." "Thinking about how to extend the limits of technology, whether in antenna or electronic hardware design or (increasingly) through software, is how we deliver the 'continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art' that is a fundamental purpose of the Amateur Radio Service. Besides, it is a good antidote for ossification."

A CHALLENGE TO THE CLUB:

In our last meeting, quite a little time was devoted to a discussion of additional club operating events and activities. There happens to be a good opportunity coming up in September, the 2008 September VHF QSO Party. The rules of this event provide for an "unlimited rover class" which would suit our club perfectly.

The event begins at 1 PM CDT Saturday (1800 UTC), September 13 and ends at 10 PM CDT, Sunday (0300 UTC), September 14, 2008. It would not be necessary to operate the entire contest.

The challenge would be to set up at the junction of grid squares EM02, EM03, EM12, and EM13 which lies in Parker County about 5 miles NNE of Whitt. The operation could then report QSOs from each of the four grid squares.

Alternately, the rover group could operate sequentially from four locations, one in each grid square, during the event.

Equipment needs are minimal, at least one multi band multi mode transceiver such as the IC-706 or FT-897, yagis for 6 meters, 2 meters and 70 centimeters and a push-up or stack-up pole to mount them on.

Operating modes will be primarily SSB, with a little FM (direct) and some slow speed CW. All classes of license can operate in this contest.

All that is needed is the will and someone to organize the event.

This is a great opportunity for those of you wanting to get involved in an additional operating event for the club. Is there anyone up to the challenge? What about you Liburn Smith W5KQJ? This would be right up your alley.

"The Old Elmer"

CALLING ALL ELMERS!!!

There was also some time devoted to the subject of "Elmering" I would like to provide this additional page each month just for that purpose. I am sure most of the newer licensees have questions in one or more areas of our great hobby. I would like to ask the "Old Timers or Elmers" in the club to get involved and help answer many of those questions using this additional space provided for that purpose. I am sure that many of the questions may require a "hands on" approach, but many of the questions that arise could be answered by one or more of the more experienced operators right here in the newsletter for all club members to read and have a permanent record to refer back to.

If you think this is a good idea please let me know either via email or at the August meeting. If there is not enough interest then nothing is lost we will just leave this page out and go back to the format we have always had in the past. This is just an idea I came up with after attending the last meeting.

This will only work if we can get the membership involved. We will need questions and we will need answers to those questions and they will have to be in a timely manner to make the deadline of the newsletter.

= NOTICE =

**The next club meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday August 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 ARRL Member YES ___ NO ___

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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