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## JANUARY 2009 ARCPC PROGRAM



In the above photo John Garrison W5BNX is telling the members present that tonight's presentation will be the resolution of what frequency, antenna type and other factors are needed to maintain communications with hams in another city sixty miles away. He said the two cities are also separated by a hill.



The photo to the left shows John Garrison W5BNX standing next to his home brew test fixture. With it he is able to demonstrate the differences between antenna types. He does this by making changes to the number of elements, polarization, matching and power output. With the information he gains from having the test setup it helps to make the decisions needed to resolve the problems mentioned above. John always holds everyone's attention during his presentations.



## SECRETARY'S NOTES

Minutes of the January 2009 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. President Al Warren WR5AW called the meeting to order at 19:11. There were 17 members and 4 guests present. The invocation was given by Doug May WB5VQQ.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Al Warren WR5AW announced that Donna Beadel N5WJI had become a Silent Key. Condolences are extended to her husband Allen Beadel KB5AB and his family.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The minutes of the December 2008 were approved by voice vote. Al Warren WR5AW ask if anyone would be interested in having a training session on how to help keep the ARCPC web site data up to date. Ray Kunefke KE5TBQ and Bethany Watkins asked to be included.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Jim Spaulding WØUO and seconded by Jerry Thompson W7JT to approve the \$300 needed for rent at this year's ham fest location. The motion was approved. Al Warren WR5AW asked for Elmers to volunteer to help with the upcoming "Ask Elmer" feature on the club's web site. Jim Spaulding WØUO and Will Teague W5CX volunteered to help. Jim Spaulding WØUO made a motion that a committee be formed to research some ideas of how the club could best spend money to help the club and Amateur Radio in Parker County. The committee will be made up of Jim Spaulding WØUO, Ken Stout KE5QBZ and Bill Gordon W5AO.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:37

Respectfully submitted

By Will Teague, W5CX, Secretary/Treasurer

John Garrison W5BNX presented a continuation of his antenna program from a previous meeting. John presented this program in such a manner that a problem of distance and terrain had to be overcome by selecting the correct type of antenna and its design considerations. From dipole to multi-element antenna designs were discussed. Frequency, polarization, matching and gain were also covered. Thank you John for another great program.



**Jake Sez!**

*"A little experience often upsets a lot of theory"*

## ARCPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Will Teague W5CX will give a brief presentation on "Sunspots" including what they are, a brief history of their discovery and record keeping. The presentation will also cover what effect they have on ham radio propagation.

### TRI-COUNTY ARC OFFERING TECH CLASSES

A two Day Technician Class will be held on February 7 and 21 at 151 Ruth Lane between Azle & Weatherford just off FM 730. RSVP is requested for the class so handouts can be put together. The Class is Free otherwise. A test session will be held on Saturday February 21 at 3pm following the class. Regular test fees will apply for testing. Those that are studying on their own and those wishing to upgrade are also invited to the test session.

For more information and to register please contact:

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### 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.



## ARCPC HOSPITALITY

February, 2009 Meeting

Chili and Crackers, with coffee, soft drinks and cookies.



*Judy*  
**KB5JEY**



### ARCPC MEMBER LORAIN BALDWIN KD5KTF BECOMES A SILENT KEY

Loraine Null Baldwin, 76, passed away Jan. 15, 2009, in Parker County. She was born July 15, 1932, in Dallas, the daughter of Charlie Bruce and Martha Grissom Null. She was a member of W.O.W., Adell-Whitt VFD, Amateur Radio Club of Parker County and her church. She married Ray Baldwin Oct. 21, 1950, in Fort Worth, and he preceded her in death Jan. 7, 2003. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Merla and Zeek Zeilinski, Vicki Grimes, Lana and Dave Richardson; son, Buddy Baldwin; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and one on the way; sister, Dorothy Parker; several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and a host of friends. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, in the Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Chapel with Rev. Franklin Roop and Rev. Lawrence Hammond officiating. Burial will follow in Whitt Cemetery. Visitation is Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home 302 W. Hubbard, Mineral Wells (940) 325-4422



### COY DAY N5OK RESIGNS FROM ARRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From: ARRL Bulletin

Coy Day, N5OK, Resigns from ARRL Board of Directors

After more than 12 years as a member of the ARRL Board of Directors

-- 10 of them as West Gulf Division Director -- Coy Day, N5OK, announced that he is resigning from ARRL elected office, effective January 20. Per the ARRL Articles of Association, Vice Director David Woolweaver, K5RAV, will take over as Director, and ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, will appoint a new Vice Director. The next election for West Gulf Division Director and Vice Director will be in 2010.



### FCC CHAIRMAN KEVIN MARTIN RESIGNS From: ARRL Web Site

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin Announces Resignation (Jan 15, 2009) -- The Aspen Institute, a non-partisan think-tank, announced today that FCC Chairman Kevin Martin will join their group as a Senior Fellow in the Communications and Society Program on Tuesday, January 20, immediately upon his departure from the FCC. According to the Institute, Martin will be the fourth consecutive FCC Chairman to make the move to the group: Democrats Reed Hundt (1993-97) and William Kennard (1997-2001), as well as Republican Michael Powell (2001-05) have accepted fellowships with the Institute upon leaving the FCC. Julius Genachowski is expected to succeed Martin at the FCC.

### FCC REPORTS DECLINE IN BPL CUSTOMERS From: ARRL Letter

On January 16, 2009, the Federal Communications Commission released data, as of December 31, 2007, on the services used for high-speed Internet access in the United States. According to the data collected by the FCC, as of that date there were 121.2 million high-speed lines (including wireless), a 20 percent increase in just six months.

In sharp contrast to the rapid growth in mobile wireless, cable modem, ADSL and fiber as delivery mechanisms to subscribers, Broadband over Power Line (BPL) utilization apparently declined during the period.

According to the FCC figures, the category "Power Line and Other" dropped from 5420 lines in June 2007 to just 5274 six months later. It is not known how many of these are "Power Line" and how many are "Other."

"Despite the enormous and unwarranted hype given to BPL by the FCC under Chairmen Powell and Martin, the message from the marketplace is clear: BPL is going nowhere as a means of delivering broadband connectivity to consumers," observed ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ.

"Still, the FCC has unfinished business with respect to BPL. It has been nine months since the federal Court of Appeals ordered the Commission to correct the errors it committed in adopting rules that inadequately protect licensed radio services from BPL interference <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/04/25/10064/>>, yet the FCC has made no effort to comply. With the change at the FCC helm that is about to take place, we hope the foot-dragging will come to an end and the Commission will fulfill its obligations to the Court as well as to its licensees."

**= NOTICE =**

**The next club meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday February 10, 2009  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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