



PARKING TICKET

From the DEC

The summer months are certainly here as the temperature climbs to the century mark. I hope that each of you is having a good summer and that the opportunities for family activities and vacations have been rewarding. As for me, my life lately seems to be centered around going and coming to and from DFW and Washington DC. Hopefully that will slow down soon. I have missed not being able to join in the PARK activities. I would like to submit an article for the newsletter on a monthly basis and will try to be more consistent in doing so then I have been able to do in the recent past. As some of you may remember, the "From the DEC" articles used to be more frequent. I am going to work to get more regular again in providing these articles. What follows is something that certainly applies in Emergency Communication situations but is also go for our daily type of communications. This was used on the Collin County ARES Net as training material and I would like to share it with you.

The Four C's of Communications: Calm, Courteous, Correct and Concise

Calm

Try to keep emotion out of your voice. No matter what the emergency a calm, professional attitude will help keep things cool and get the message through more quickly and accurately. This is especially true for those serving as NCS. Losing your cool, calm attitude may cost an important message to get lost. The more reason you have for getting excited, the more important it is for you to remain calm. As an emergency communications volunteer you should set a good, calm example for the other people to follow.

Courteous

You must think of yourself as a public servant. Regardless of provocation, remain courteous at all times. Never display temper on the air, take a second to regain your cool then go on. Remember the "Golden Rule" at all times and practice it. Never fight with other operators over calls or reports. Always follow the instructions of the NCS – whether you agree with those instructions or not. One exception to this is if the NCS is putting you or another amateur into an emergency or dangerous situation. Advise the NCS of that and request a revision of his or her instructions.

Most problems can wait until after the emergency situation is over. If some problem absolutely must be ironed out, do it by telephone or on another frequency – not on the net.

Correct

Work to keep errors out of your communications. Use the proper phonetic alphabet, not one made up by you or your friends. Then repeat the message where appropriate to get names, locations and other information accurately. Write everything down for reference. Remember that your role is communications. You are not in charge of anything. Most communications will be between the people who are in charge. When the Emergency Operations Center or NCS asks a question, go get the answer from the person responsible after acknowledging the question. Don't just give your own best guess. It is always better to admit you don't know rather than give out information that is wrong. Always use plain language. Don't use jargon, Q-signals, 10-codes etc. which may not be understood by everyone or anyone. Avoid using specialized words or codes; even those of the agency you are supporting unless the message is going specifically to the same agency.

Concise

Your job as an emergency communications volunteer is to get the message transferred. Avoid tying up the net by keeping your transmissions as brief as possible. Always leave a few seconds between transmissions in case someone needs to break in with an emergency call. A strictly business attitude is your best technique for assuring timesaving communications. You must consider the conditions. If conditions are good such as when operating on 2m FM there is little need to spell words unless it is complicated such as a name of a medicine. If conditions are not good then it makes sense to spell it. Don't rush. Speaking a little bit slower often gets the message through faster because the other person doesn't have to ask for repeats. Do not assume that everyone has a pad and pencil available when you need to send them a long or complex message. Ask first, it saves time in the long run.

The best to each of you,

Bill – K5MWC DEC District 5
and Collin County EC

P.A.R.K. Meeting Minutes

July 20, 1999

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub was called to order by Bill Drake Park President. The meeting was held at the Harrington Library.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all present to join in The Pledge of Allegiance.

A round of introductions were given by call sign and all visitors were welcomed.

Eighteen members logged in and Five visitor signed the visitors sheet.

President Bill Drake read the minutes of the June Meeting as they were not submitted in time to be published in the July Newsletter. Secretary Jack Ward was unable to attend meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, it carried unanimously.

Treasurers report was published in the Newsletter. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, it carried unanimously.

Communications Director Bill Fell said the 2-meter repeater is back in full operation as of Saturday July 17th. A donation was made in the form locking door cabinet for securing the 2-meter repeater equipment, thanks to W4EGM. The voter system may be operable in a short period of time. No further action was taken.

Newsletter Editor Dan Kautz asked for pictures from any field day activities so they can be published in the Parking Ticket.

Activities Director Susie Hegg noted the Klub plans to have a Meeting/Dinner for an upcoming scheduled meeting. Please contact Susie with suggestions and recommendations. (a chili supper has been discussed, Mmmmmm, good).

TVI Committee Director Don Hice told the Klub he was contacted by the City of Plano of a Plano Resident the was experiencing TVI.

Don called the women and gained an understanding of the problem. Don promptly found the source of the TVI was a loose connection on a TU electrical box. TU was contacted, they corrected the problem and the TVI was gone. She was very pleased and planned to contact the City of Plano noting Dons professionalism and expertise in resolving the issue. (Great Job Don).

New Business -

President Bill Drake noted the Harrington Library has given notice that "all meetings held in the Library must be concluded and building vacated by 9:00 PM. Starting with the year 2000.

President Bill Drake noted after the meeting a discussion would be held on what can be done to increase meeting attendance and build PARK membership.

Old Business -

President Bill Drake gave a brief outline of the PARK Field Day held on June 26th. A great time was held by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 2037 hours.

Jack Ward, KC5KOV
Secretary

WA5PPF is now W5PPF

effective 7/22/99

Try to connect with me on 444.175mHz, +5mHz split, 110.9PL; this is the West Texas Connection and covers from Mt. Pleasant to Midland/Odessa when everything is working. Look for everybody between 6:30 & 7:30AM; Mon-Thursday's during our "drive in time." Advise by email if another time would be better. Tnx-W5PPF

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Newington CT August 13, 1999
To all radio amateurs

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ULS opens for amateur business August 16

The FCC's Universal Licensing System opens its doors to Amateur Radio Monday, August 16. The FCC reported August 13 that the ULS would be out of service until then to prepare for implementation. Amateurs should wait until the ULS is back on-line August 16 to register.

The ULS ushers in an era of electronic, interactive filing and handling of Amateur Radio applications and marks a major change in the way Amateur Radio applicants will deal with the FCC. It also means the demise of the familiar paper FCC Form 610 series in favor of the "universal" Form 605—primarily designed for electronic use but also available on paper. Amateurs filing applications with the FCC under the ULS will use Form 605 for all purposes except—at least for now—club station applications.

The FCC began a weeklong ULS phase-in period for the Amateur Service August 8 and has been converting existing Amateur Radio licensing data into the ULS database. Electronic Amateur Radio renewal using FCC Form 900 was scheduled to end August 9. Electronic vanity call sign application using Form 610V was to terminate August 13 at 5:30 PM Eastern Time. Hams should not try to file renewal or vanity applications until the ULS comes up August 16.

Before using the ULS to file an application, renew or modify a license, or apply for a vanity call sign, all amateurs must register.

When registering, individuals eligible to hold a Social Security Number must provide this number—which the FCC refers to as a Taxpayer Information Number or TIN. This requirement is a mandate of Congress, not of the FCC. All hams must be registered in the ULS to do business with the FCC.

Applicants use TIN Registration Form 606 for both electronic or manual registration. To register electronically, visit <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/> and click on "TIN/Call Sign Registration." A paper Form 606 is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html> or by calling 800-418-FORM (3676).

Applicants first register their Social Security Number (or TIN), then enter a call sign. Applicants also must specify a password and a personal identifier.

Registrants receive a nine-character Licensee Identification Number. Amateurs may use this number in place of a Social Security Number in future dealings with the FCC.

For now, applications for club, military recreation, and RACES licenses should be filed on the "old" FCC Form 610B. Trustees and custodians of these licenses should not use their personal Social Security Number as the TIN for these applications but should contact ULS Technical Support (202-414-1250) to obtain a FCC-generated identification number for Form 610B.

Applications for new licenses or upgrades will continue to be filed through a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator. VECs will use a special NCVEC Form 605—a variation of Form 605—to file with the FCC for test sessions.

Starting August 16, hams already registered in the ULS may file applications using the new FCC Form 605 electronically at any time of day, seven days a week. FCC Form 605 will be used for license renewals, modifications, cancellations, application withdrawals and amendments, as well as requests for a vanity call sign, duplicate license,

change of address or other clerical license modification. Visit the WTB ULS page, <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls> and click "Connecting to ULS" for information on accessing the ULS system. Accessing the ULS database requires a telephone modem. A toll-free number, 800-844-2784, connects users to the FCC's Wide Area Network.

Among other things, the ULS features a renewal reminder sent 90 days prior to a license's expiration date. The ULS also simplifies the process of submitting fees to the FCC. The FCC said it also anticipates that the ULS will be capable of accepting credit card payments on-line "in the near future."

For more information, visit the FCC's ULS page, <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>.

Pure Larsony



"Oh, and that makes me feel even worse!... I laughed at Dinkins when he said his new HT was indestructible."

P.A.R.K. Programs

for the 1999-2000 Year

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
August	Balloon Fest Details	Phil Dyer
September		
October		
November		
December	Christmas Party	Membership
January		

Other programs in planning: Texas Parks and Wildlife, Advanced HF Operating, Basic Technical Skills, TAPR Device, Product Videos, Collin County Sheriff's Office, Mark-9 Search and Rescue with K-9s as well as others. Updates to the schedule will be published in the next newsletter.

Easily Heard Signals

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What are we doing to have fun in amateur radio? That seemed to be the question at the last klub meeting and also at the officer's meeting the following week. Fun is what a hobby is supposed to be about, right? If ham radio and going to klub meetings are no longer fun for you, we would like to know why. Also tell us what is "fun" for you. (Define "is".)

Something President Clinton might also say, "How do you define fun?" Is it passive entertainment? Is it hands on getting involved? For us maybe it is just an association with other people who have also earned the privilege of being classified as an amateur radio hobbyist? (Clinton may have additional ideas.)

I think fun is a temporary state of mind. It can't really be defined as specific and always present. It is something that is enjoyed when it is happening. (Are we having fun yet?) We try to associate in situations we believe will result in having "fun." I like to think we go to the klub meeting with the intent of having fun. Do we go because it's "fun" to hear a bunch of negative comments? I hope not! We don't really achieve fun unless we participate in a positive manner. Ever see someone who is the "butt of the joke" ever having fun?

The klub officers will be working hard at keeping our group headed toward activities that have the most likelihood of producing "FUN". It will be up to you to make sure it happens for you. Note the new banner on the cover of this issue of the Parking Ticket.

The sidebar on this page provides a dictionary definition of FUN. As you can see from one of the definitions (#4), we may have been having FUN all along and didn't know it!

Linux Update

Why do I spend so much column

space to the Linux (say Lynn-nucks) computer operating system? The main reason is this OS brings into personal computing a lot of the same kind of fun Amateur Radio provides. That is, a highly developmental and changing learning experience in utilizing the latest in high technology. Like radio circuits, Linux is a computer OS into which you can get to the "guts" of how it works. Linux is also highly supported by a large cadre of amateur radio operators. Linux even includes specific enhancements specifically for the radio amateur, compiled into the kernel source code.

I have just upgraded some of the hardware in my old 486 DX-2-66 to better run Linux. Just put in a new Pentium II 400 MHz processor, new motherboard to support the processor, a 48X CD-ROM, 4.3 Gig hard drive and a sound card (it never had one). Hmm... looks like not much of the old stuff was left intact.

I also switched the OS from Slackware 4.0 distribution to Red Hat 6.0. I will write a report on the Red Hat distribution after gaining some more experience with it. It seems to be the product of choice for about the last year or so. Both are the 2.2.x kernel so will see how easy Red Hat is to install.

A "distribution" is a selection of the "free" Linux software gathered into a system that makes the software easy to install and get operating. The cost for a "distribution" can run between \$14.00 and \$100.00 or maybe more. It is usually all available free on the Internet, but a "distribution" on CD makes it so much easier to get going. It is like a do-it-yourself kit. Everything is there on the CD to do the job. You pay someone to put it all into an easy to use format.

Not for everyone, but if you like to play with computers as well as ham radio, they do seem to go together.

Go have fun...

FUN:

1 : what provides amusement or enjoyment; *specifically* : playful often boisterous action or speech <full of *fun*>

2 : a mood for finding or making amusement <all in *fun*>

3 a : **AMUSEMENT, ENJOYMENT** <sickness takes all the *fun* out of life> **b** : derisive jest : **SPORT, RIDICULE** <a figure of *fun*>

4 : violent or excited activity or argument <let a snake loose in the classroom; then the *fun* began>

synonyms **FUN, JEST, SPORT, GAME, PLAY** mean action or speech that provides amusement or arouses laughter. **FUN** usually implies laughter or gaiety but may imply merely a lack of serious or ulterior purpose <played cards just for *fun*>. **JEST** implies lack of earnestness in what is said or done and may suggest a hoaxing or teasing <hurt by remarks said only in *jest*>. **SPORT** applies especially to the arousing of laughter against someone <teasing begun in *sport* led to anger>. **GAME** is close to **SPORT**, and often stresses mischievous or malicious fun <made *game* of their poor relations>. **PLAY** stresses the opposition to *earnest* without implying malice or mischief <pretended to strangle his brother in *play*>.

Opinion: Marketing Amateur Radio

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In my last opinion column, I wrote about our need to innovate, to break out of old habits and procedures, and move Amateur Radio into the 21st century with improvements in processes, procedures, technology and efficiency to meet our goals of serving the public[1]. The next step is to market - or sell - our service to the general public.

We do a poor job of marketing Amateur Radio to a public that is

largely ignorant of our diverse interests and the high tech nature of our hobby and service. Recent press reports (Wall Street Journal, St. Paul Pioneer Press) have described ham radio using phrases like "dying culture" or "antiquated". News stories describing the last commercial use of Morse code for maritime communications noted that ham radio operators were the last to use what was described as an "old technology". Without question, this is how much of the public views us - as a group of hobbyists enjoying antiquated technology consigned to the history books. Yet, as most ham operators know, there is a lot more to ham radio than this meager view.

We have only ourselves to blame for not positioning and marketing - literally, SELLING - the Amateur Radio service to the general public.

Ham radio is an amazingly diverse set of activities ranging from HF and VHF/UHF communications, to the implementation of wireless data networks, satellite communications, and emergency communications systems. Our hobby has many attributes, ranging from the old to the state of the art. Oddly, when we demonstrate our hobby in public, we tend to focus on the things that have little appeal to today's public. Commonly, when we set up a ham radio public demonstrations, we showcase CW bugs, vacuum tube radios, or large HF antennas that many consider ugly and which half of the people in the country could not install anyway (due to public and private CC&R antenna restrictions).

Where We Go Wrong

When we demonstrate our hobby, we typically focus on things that appeal to us but which lack appeal to "customers". For example, many potential new hams today are motivated by new technology (such as the Internet and digital cellular phones). But when we demonstrate ham radio to these prospective new hams, we focus on the past, not the future, by showing them CW bugs and vacuum tube radios.

The last public display of ham radio that I saw had a showcase containing CW bugs and vacuum tube radios. The local ham radio club meant well - but needless to say, I was the only one looking at it. This display caught the attention of other hams, but not of the general public - it failed to attract the attention of the general public.

At a county fair I visited, another club had set up a booth containing two elderly gentlemen, an HF rig, and some code practice keys. The only visitors were other hams! Why? Because an oversized display area filled with two guys, one HF radio that was not connected to an antenna, and a few code practice oscillators looked sadly empty and was not appealing to those who live in today's high tech world. The offer of sending NTS messages anywhere in the country was not being used - it is, after all, a dated substitute for email - and did not appeal to the general public.

Someone we know, a non-ham, is interested in shortwave radio and was interested also in learning more about ham radio (a former neighbor of hers was a ham). Interestingly, the local Radio Shack store graciously distributed copies of the local ham radio club newsletter. However, as she noted, "it seemed to be written in another language" and so she did not pursue it any further.

Packaging Ham Radio For The General Public

Years ago I participated in a shopping mall display of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. This was set up in conjunction with an annual Public Safety Display held at the mall. Our ARES/RACES team set up 2 ATV stations, a packet station, and even a satellite station, plus we had a VCR playing a collection of TV news stories featuring Amateur Radio usage at earthquakes, forest fires, hurricanes and other disasters. By the end of the day, several dozen visitors had signed in asking for information about upcoming license classes. The emergency communica-

tions capabilities of Amateur Radio proved very appealing to the public. This suggests that by properly packaging our "message", we can gather a lot of interest from the general public.

With this in mind, I've thought of other ways to appeal to the general public. We must seize opportunities to demonstrate and SELL amateur radio to the public, through such events as public mall displays, country fairs, street fairs, group meetings (cub scouts, girl scouts) and school education opportunities. But we must focus on what interests them, which is not always what interests us.

Emergency Communications and Public Service

The emergency communications capabilities of the Amateur Radio Service are appealing to the general public and should always be showcased at any public display. Invite the public to participate in our activities - you'll be surprised at how many are interested in these activities. Act like a salesman and get the "prospects" name, address and phone number to let them know of upcoming license classes.

Every community has persons interested in volunteering to help their community - whether through the Red Cross, NOAA Skywarn, volunteer fire/EMS services, search and rescue, Civil Air Patrol, or reserve police units. In my city, a new concept of "Community Emergency Response Teams" made up of community citizens is being organized to assist with major disasters (severe weather, fire situations). We need to tap the pool of volunteers who want to be prepared to help others in times of need

Y2K

I'm pretty surprised that hams have not leveraged the "concern" (or perhaps better described as mass hysteria) over Y2K computer and control system problems. What a great opportunity to showcase our decentralized, distributed, robust

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communications capabilities. Lots of organizations have successfully mined Y2K for self-promotion-why not us?

Technology

In some areas of the country, many people are very interested in technology. Put the word "DIGITAL" on a poster board and they'll flock to it as if DIGITAL was some mantra with deep meaning. Thanks to all the consumer marketing flooding the local newspapers and airwaves, everyone has been trained to tune in when they hear that magic word DIGITAL. So why not leverage all that attention to DIGITAL?

Focus on digital communications technology - or interfacing computers and radio technology. A month ago, I hooked up my Macintosh Powerbook, together with Multimode software, to my ICOM HF rig. This lash up, with a satellite tracker running on the Mac and a spectral display from Multimode, clearly represented the high tech nature of our hobby and demonstrated usage of modern, advanced technology.

In the technology area, we have great opportunities to demonstrate PSK31, packet radio, satellite communications (even if all you have is a satellite tracker running on a personal computer - people look at it!), APRS and many more functions. ATV and SSTV always attract a crowd in our visually oriented world.

Direction Finding

Direction finding, also known as radio sport in other parts of the world, is a great hands-on demonstration. It is also a topic that children can immediately latch on to and put to work right at your display booth. (DF'ing does not require a ham license since the hunter is only using a receiver). DF techniques can be illustrated and examples of real-life direction finding provided, such as searching for down aircraft Emergency Locator Transmitters, or mariner's Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacons, or errant radio signals, or when used for hidden transmitter competitions.

Many folks, especially kids, have seen direction finding used on wildlife documentaries for tracking animals equipped with beacons - your display becomes their first opportunity to try DF'ing for real.

Weak Signal and Other Communications

The SETI@Home project has garnered a lot of public interest. Leverage this interest into the fascinating weak signal work being done by Amateurs. You might even snare a poster from the movie "Contact!", which began with a young Amateur's quest to contact stations further and further away.

Kid's Day

Many years ago, the Experimental Aircraft Association began sponsoring the Young Eagle's Program. Through Young Eagles, local volunteer pilots give free aircraft rides to children - helping to inspire a future interest in aviation. Recently, Amateur Radio began a similar program known as Kid's Day. On Kid's Day, hams are encouraged to bring young people into their ham radio stations and to contact other Kid's Day stations, letting kids talk to other kids around the country. Kid's Day is a great idea! My oldest daughter had only a luke warm interest in ham radio - but you should have seen the look on her face after her first contact with another kid across the country - she exclaimed, "I gotta get my license!!!"

Amateur Radio Promotion

Amateur Radio suffers from the lack of a promoter - there isn't any ONE organization that can justify promoting ham radio to the general public.

That means it is up to us - as individuals, as clubs, as ARES/RACES teams - to promote Amateur Radio. We all need to promote ham radio through every tool we can muster. When you assist the public's safety, as I recently did at a bike race, ask the promoter to thank the Amateur Radio Emergency Service

on their handouts and t-shirts that they may give to participants.

Even small steps, like carrying your HT with you in public, help make ham radio visible. A month ago, I was picking up my auto at a repair shop and the clerk asked me "is that a pager or cellphone or something else?" (It was one of those little Alinco DJ-S11T's). He expressed surprise at the obvious modernity of ham radio, telling me that his recollection of ham radio was of a neighbor with a garage full of desktop sized radios and huge antennas out back.

This column has provided you with many suggestions for shaping the message of Amateur Radio to your audience. The key is to focus on the interests of your audience, not necessarily what interests you. Think of yourselves in terms of marketing and selling Amateur Radio to the public - focus on what will get their attention.

Ham Radio Conventions

Ham Radio conventions seem like a potential opportunity to showcase our hobby to the general public. But ham conventions are designed almost solely for us propeller heads. When I think of the several ARRL Division-level conventions that I have attended, I would have to give them a failing grade in terms of presenting Amateur radio to the general public. Why do we miss this opportunity to showcase and promote ham radio?

Conventions: Location, Location, Location

Amateur Radio Newline reported that hamfest attendance appears to be down, again this year, although sales of amateur equipment at hamfests appears to be up, since those who are attending are buying. (Dayton's attendance increased this year, but by just .2%, which is not a statistically significant increase.) We always assume that attendance is down because of decline in Amateur Radio - but perhaps attendance is down because our conventions and hamfests are not organized properly. What about changing the way we look

at conventions and create a better convention experience for both hams and non-hams?

An ARRL Division convention that I recently attended is held every year in a vacation and resort area, about 70 miles from the only major city and about 180 miles from the next metro area (this is the western U.S. where cities are sometimes far apart). Logically, its a bit of burden for hams to visit a convention in an out of the way place, especially when bad weather strikes (which is common at this event). The location reduces the opportunity for families to visit since kids are still in school and travel time makes overnight stays necessary and may interfere with school attendance. Holding this event in a major metro area would greatly increase attendance - and shouldn't that be a fundamental goal for a division-level convention?

Strangely, because of the remote location, the event must squeeze into a small convention facility. Yet every year I've attended, all the flea market tables and exhibitor spaces were filled and all the conference rooms were in

use. This begs the question: Why not move the convention to a larger facility?

The problem with hamfest attendance is simply that we are refusing to improve our conventions. Declining attendance is a message from our "customer" that we are doing something wrong. Rather than muddle through another year doing exactly the same thing, and then complain about lower attendance, why not make dramatic improvements to the convention experience?

Conclusion

The message from this column is for you to think like a marketer and to aggressively market ham radio to your community. If your displays are not attracting interested prospects, then improve the display. If convention attendance is dropping, then think about ways to improve your hamfest. If the local electronics store makes your club newsletter available to customers, then make sure you add a section for new comers to introduce them to the excitement of Amateur

Radio.

It is entirely within our own hands to make ham radio a dynamic and successful hobby for the 21st century, combining communications, computing, experimentation and discovery. But we can do so only if we step up to the challenge of modernizing our practices and actively marketing ourselves to potential "customers".

Footnotes [1] Here in the U.S., the Amateur Radio Service is chartered to serve the public and is, to a large extent, why the public grants us access to spectrum that would otherwise be auctioned to the highest bidder. This public service requirement does not necessarily apply to the Amateur service in other countries where Amateur Radio may be viewed as a hobby only. However, here in the U.S., the public service aspects (and those are interpreted very broadly in terms of emergency and public service communications, fostering technical advancement, education, and goodwill) are used as our justification for access to valuable radio spectrum.

August 15 -September 25, 1999

Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 15 Collin County A R E S N et 2100H rs 147.18+	August 16	August 17 PARK Meeting 7:30PM	August 18	August 19 G oodN E W S N et 8:00PM 147.18D+	August 20	August 21
August 22	August 23	August 24 PARK B oard Meeting	August 25	August 26 G oodN E W S N et 8:00PM 147.18D+	August 27	August 28
August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1	September 2 G oodN E W S N et 8:00PM 147.18D+	September 3	September 4
September 5 Collin County A R E S N et 2100H rs 147.18+	September 6	September 7	September 8	September 9 G oodN E W S N et 8:00PM 147.18D+	September 10	September 11
September 12	September 13	September 14	September 15	September 16 G oodN E W S N et 8:00PM 147.18D+	September 17	September 18
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