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P.A.R.K. Field Day 1999



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The temperature (100+) was higher than the number of contacts (82) we made but we sure had a lot of fun getting this stuff set up and operating.

The fun started about 10:00AM not counting all the preparatory

work done ahead of time. We hit the start time on the nose, but it took a little while longer to get the three stations on the air. Yep! We were running 3A NTX.

We didn't count the two meter FM rig and the vertical with the

slightly bent radial we put up as it wasn't used to contact any Field Day stations. Ask KJ5ZV who bent the antenna.

More FD pictures inside.

Other PARK hams operated at other sites but no reports filed...

OST from the President

Greetings fellow Haminites!

What a busy June we all had. HamCom at the top of the month, meeting at the Fire Station, followed shortly there after by Field Day.

I hope you had a fine time at field day. We did at the mini-field day at the little park. I want to thank everyone who brought their equipment to share, and the work to set up and tear down. 82 contacts, not a terribly huge number of contacts but what we did have was "quality contacts." HI HI! It was fun.

Bill Fell told us that the duplexer has been returned from the duplex hospital. Expended \$82.00 to fix it. That is a pretty good deal. Will be installing it back into the dungeon shortly and get the antennas switched back to normal. When all is working well, we will put the 100 watt machine back on line and get back to the tower of power. (Well it sounds good)

This next meeting will again be back at the Harrington Library. 20th of July @ 7:30.com I will have coffee ready, and if I can twist my XYL's arm a little, we can have goodies to go with it. This is an important meeting as we are going to have a discussion as to where we are going with the club.

The board members of your club want to move us toward a common goal. But what is that goal??? Social??? You bet! I really enjoy the meetings with you all. So, why have we lost so many members that attend the meetings? Let's find out, correct it, and have a wonderful time at the meetings.

We do need help with the Good News Net. Call me to get started as a net control operator. You see how many times I screw up the net. YOU

CAN TOO! 972-964-5516

IT WAS STAN! On the cover of last months news letter, that some other guy! Yup! It was Stan. I was in a hotel room writing the article, and don't you know I could not remember his name. Sorry Stan! And thanks for Field Day too.

It is not quite the 4th of July yet.....so have a safe one.

God Bless and God Bless America
Bill KJ5ZV/AAR6CE

Treasurer's Report

July 3, 1999

Expenses 93.66
Income 50.00
Balance 2245.71

Park Repeater

Expenses 83.10
Income 14.00
Balance 2608.39

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P.A.R.K. Programs

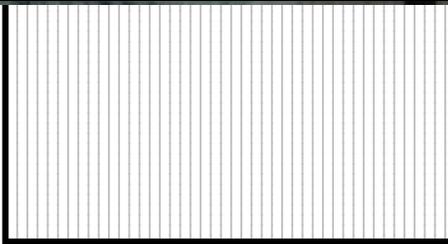
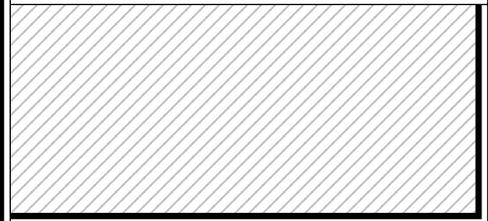
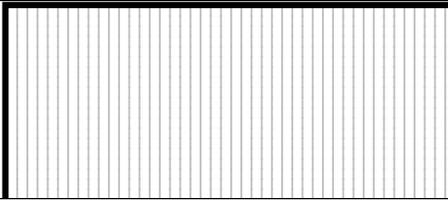
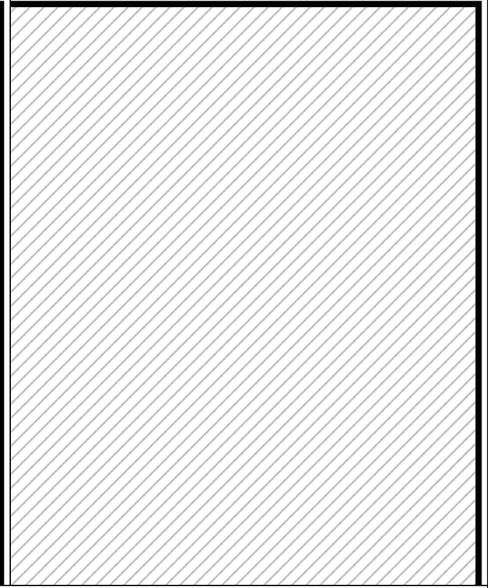
for the 1999-2000 Year

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
July	Klub Directions	Open Forum
August	Balloon Fest Details	Phil Dyer
September		
October		
November		
December	Christmas Party	Membership
January		
February		
March		
April		

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.



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I started this column early this month. Lots of new things to do with big events like Field Day and Ham Com happening. I have received the PIC-E from TAPR I wrote about last month and will soon have it assembled. Then I have to find some uses for this nifty little micro-computer. I will include a picture of this device in the next issue of the Parking Ticket. Will do a presentation at a meeting sometime this winter on what I have this device doing.

I am also dreaming of upgrading my home computer to a Pentium III at 500Mhz (or better) with a lot of other nice goodies installed. Won't bore you with the details, but it would sure be a lot quicker (in my mind's eye) than the old box! Hard to believe what (and how fast) these things can run these days. (Speed kills!) I have just installed a high-speed cable Internet connection to go with the fast computer I am dreaming about. I assume and fear of course, that a cheap 1000 MHz processor will be released the week immediately following my purchase.

Other thoughts were to have my primary computer converted back to running ether the Linux or FreeBSD operating system only with it in turn running the Apache web server. However, that pipe dream will have to wait until SWB has better (and cheaper) phone lines in the Frisco area. Home experimental servers are not permitted on the cable modem. I assume they exist anyway.

Also I am hearing more and more about the evils of hackers trying to break into these full time cable and ADSL home systems. Security is a big deal. I am constantly reminded that the Internet has become the CB Band of the 21st century with all of its previous misgivings. Maybe I should just stick to friendly hamming?

The primary box here at home runs with a leisurely 133(P166) MHz. Cyrix processor cooking under the hood. I originally built this system up to just run Linux. What was cool about the early setup was that it was both non-Microsoft and non-Intel (for any of you MS & Intel bashers out there who care.) I converted it to dual boot with both Linux and WIN98 when I realized it was the best hardware I owned. So today it has become my primary Windows box. It will continue to serve me well until I conquer or submit to my speed craze fantasies about Pentium III's. Actually the P166 is a quite fast and easy to use and can still boot Linux. There is a long life ahead for this machine.

Oh, and least I forget. I also have a 66MHz DX2 and a 99MHz DX3 networked to the P166. Old technology never dies. It just seems to get slower with age and needs support from younger machines. Hmm... Sounds a lot like me!

A reality check says that both MS and Intel are well entrenched and are here to stay. My employer is well ingrained into MS, not for the actual operation of our control systems, but for the user interface into monitoring what our system is doing. Mr. Gates and Intel sell the most universal systems out there, understood by more users. We therefore don't have to train our customers (much) on how to use their PC.

Understand though, that doesn't prevent me from enjoying my hacking about with Linux. It's fun to be a rebel when the world is marching in another direction — like so many sheep to the slaughter. Ha! I suppose that is also why I like to "play" with Ham Radio. Not everyone gets a chance to get into the "guts" of their communication devices. We are licensed to "change" what goes on inside our radios. Or we can "roll our own" if we so desire or are capable. Ever build a computer from true scratch? Yes, you could... a very small one.

Computers and probably cell phones have become the center of

the new communication craze. There are folks out there who would die from withdrawal if they were deprived of email or their electronic leash (the cell phone.) Are you that hooked on your radio gear? Don't answer that. Just go and enjoy what you already have and dream about the toys you would like to have. This is what this column is all about, schemes and dreams. I think am going to go play with my new modem for awhile... then maybe call CQ on 30 meters CW... 73

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Please advise in the next KLUB bulletin that I may be reached via my homepage or at my email adr (also via WA5PPF@arrl.net). **Note I am still a PARK member.**

Thanks es 73...Lee

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"Everything I really like is either illegal, immoral, or fattening."

If Y2K signals an SOS, hams will play key role

06/18/99

By Lawrence Ragonese

A technological wonder from the 19th century will be standing by at the dawn of the 21st century to rescue its younger brethren in the event that Y2K bugs disrupt satellite and computer-based communications.

Although emergency officials say the likelihood of widespread phone or computer outages is minimal, they have asked volun-

No contributions for this calendar this month.
 This feature will be dropped next month if no one
 wants to send me schedules of events. -ED.

July 18 - August 28, 1999
 Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 18	July 19	July 20 Monthly PARK Meeting	July 21	July 22 Oscar De La Renta 67th Birthday	July 23	July 24
July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30 Henry Ford (1863)	July 31 Milton Friedman 87th Birthday
August 1 Yves Saint Laurent 63rd Birthday	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5 Neil A Iden Armstrong 69th Birthday	August 6	August 7
August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14
August 15	August 16	August 17 Monthly PARK Meeting	August 18 Meriwether Lewis (1774)	August 19 Malcolm Forbes (1919) Orville Wright (1871)	August 20	August 21
August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28

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teers with the Radio Amateur Civilian Emergency Service, known as "RACES," to be ready to help on New Year's Eve -- just in case.

That means some ham radio operators in New Jersey will be ringing in the new year at police departments, hospitals, nursing homes and county communications centers.

In an effort to make the plan work, emergency workers will be holding a series of emergency drills, using various Y2K scenarios and ham operators, across the state in the next several months.

"You could have everything from a big nothing to a disaster," said Bill Peterson, a RACES member in Morris County. "If it's disaster, we'll be ready to communicate that there is a problem.

"But one thing we can't do," he said, with a nervous chuckle, "is to solve the problem."

Most other counties will have ham operators on standby, ready to use their wireless equipment to report any phone outages or other

utility disruptions.

"They need no special power units; they can just sit in their cars," said Rick Loock, Morris County's emergency management coordinator and president of the statewide county emergency management coordinators' group. "If the phones or water supply or natural gas service goes out, they can alert us and the utilities."

Union County, for example, will staff its emergency management center in Westfield. The county's ham operators will be on alert, as part of a plan developed by Freeholder Linda Stender, said Union County Emergency Management Coordinator Ben Laganga

The Y2K bug may snarl computers when the year 2000 kicks in on Jan. 1 because their software uses only the last two digits to denote the year in dates. As a result, some computers will read "00" as 1900 and others may not accept it as a valid number at all.

"We think we're got everything under control, but you can never be too safe," said Morris County

Administrator James Rosenberg. "There is some concern that at 12:01 a.m., we could all be sitting there and think everything's great because we're not getting calls of complaint. But maybe that's because the phone system's not working. So we want to be prepared."

Jennifer Hagy, a spokeswoman for the American Radio Relay League, said the Newington, Conn.-based organization is coordinating ham operators nationwide.

"This is a real thing. Just in case regular means of communications goes down, hams would be on call," she said.

Loock urged major utilities to put representatives at command centers in North, Central and South Jersey, where they can be contacted by ham operators in the event of a computer or switching problem.

"Communications have come a long way, but just in case of problems, we can fall back on ham radio," said Kerry McGuinness, a spokeswoman for GPU Energy.

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