



PARKING TICKET

Plano, Texas

"Articles of interest in the hobby of Amateur Radio."

June, 1999

Princeton Safety Fair

May 29, 1999

Early Reports...

Bill Swan, Jim Holman, Barry Lance and Vicki, (Some guy named Jim who supplied the generator.) There was one person from Farmersville... and one other.



"Right here in this 1971 issue of QST it says the LEGAL limit is 2Kw..."



"The doughnuts? Uh... Well, you see this is a safty fair an' we wanted to see how many cops we could attract to ham radio..."

**See rear cover for
time, place and date
change for next
P.A.R.K. meeting!**

P.A.R.K.**Meeting Minutes**

May 18, 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 Carpenter Recreation Center on Coit and Spring Creek.

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

Twenty two members logged in and one visitor signed the visitors sheet.

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

The Treasurer's report was announced as published in the Newsletter. A motion was made to accept the report, it carried unanimously.

The Newsletter Editor noted he will take any input for the Newsletter. Suggestions and requests are always welcome.

The Communication Director explained the repair of 25 year old 2-meter repeater/duplexer, is moving forward. They have been in contact with the manufacturer and feel a resolution is close. He also noted a replacement duplexer may be more cost efficient then repairing the old one. Members attending approved spending for the repair or replacement of the duplexer only. They will continue working towards a resolution and keep the Klub notified of the progress. No further action was taken.

The Activities Director noted the Saturday morning breakfast are still being held at The Parker Station. All are welcome to attend.

The Publicity Director would like to be proactive in publicizing the Klub.

He asked that anyone coordinating an community events to contact him with the information so it can

be posted and publicized. Sheldon Fisher can be contacted through the ARES Home Page. URL is homeone.gte.net/N5CAE.

The Vice President noted he has been working towards gathering programs for the meetings. He passed out a form for the members to fill out indicating what programs they would prefer to see. After the programs are planned, the information will be passed to the Newsletter Editor and Publicity Director will be given the information. No further action was taken.

A member of the TVI Committee, Don Hice WB5TVI, this is the second year he has been in contact with the City and feels the committee has been well publicized. They have not had any instances to assist with lately. No further action has been taken.

New Business

Bill Drake noted the Thursday evening Good News Net is looking for volunteers to be Net Control Operator. This is a good opportunity for members to practice Net Control skills. There was a general discussion. No further action was taken.

Visitor Walt Carter N5YGR attended the meeting and was introduced to the Klub. He was welcomed with a round of applause.

Bill Swan noted the Princeton Police Department would like the PARK in conjunction with Collin County ARES to be apart of the "Princeton Police Department Summer Safety Fair" on May 29th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the Princeton Village Flee Market. Bill would like to provide a booth and at least one mobile unit to provide information and awareness about amateur radio. There was a general discussion, no further action was taken.

Bill Swan noted the PARK has just held its 580th Net. He then noted a meteorologists with the National Weather Service sent a letter relating to the weather on May 17th. Bill read the letter to the Klub. The letter explained the

weather pattern summary for that day.

Lynn K4IWL from Dallas Amateur Radio Club updated the Klub on the upcoming HAM-COM to be held in Arlington from June 11 to June 13th. He explained how the Fee Market would be conducted along with inside vendors and events. There was a general discussion. No further action was taken.

Bill Drake noted he has offered the Klubs services to Henry of Henry's Ice Cream for the 4th of July Parade.

Bill Drake asked for 2 volunteers to be greeters at PARK Meetings. Bob Willoughby and Mathew Burke promptly volunteered.

Bill Drake asked for suggestions for Field Day. Anyone wanting participate in Field Day please contact Bill Drake. Suggestions and comments are welcome. Further planning for Field Day will be conducted on the Good News Net. No further action was taken.

Old Business

Jim Holman noted the existing Constitution needs attention to a few details. Specifically the gender specific wording that presently exists. A review of the Constitution will be conducted, presented to the Board, then presented in Newsletter. The amendments will then be voted on at the next regular meeting. No further action was taken.

Susie Hegg noted Evelyn Bittle has passed on. Bill Drake along with several Klub members had helped Evelyn with amateur communications and other services.

Bill Drake noted the PARK Board has authorized the VE Testing sessions to provide doughnuts. The Klub will provide a small advertisement along with extra newsletters. No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2043 hours.

Jack Ward, KC5KOV
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

May 1, 1999

Expenses 82.84
Income 60.00
Balance 2289.37

Park Repeater

Expenses 0
Income 21.00
Balance 2677.49

Bruce Dingman N5BYL
Treasurer

OST from the President

Greetings Klubites:

Where has the time gone, work I guess. Seems like I am always behind in getting this to Dan on time. Boy, did I ever mess up last month. I named all these people who have worked hard for the club, and missed Dan the Newsman! He did tell me that at some time when I am not looking, and when I least expect it he will GET REVENGE!!! So, sorry Dan. You are doing a great job getting the newsletter out to all of us.

Don't forget to come to the next Klub meeting at the FireHouse #1. All of the great shots of the Plano Fire Department, along with all of the surrounding area FD fight the "Whiffeltree" fire. The video, and the still photos show just how close they came to loosing so many more homes, but through quick action, and skill (along with a little luck) they were able to save many, many homes. So don't miss this presentation.

Field Day! Yep! We are going to have one. Not having a field day last year, we plan to get back into

the swing of things a little at a time. This year we will begin Field day at Caddo Park. Located on RoundRock, South of Parker Rd between Teakwood, and Parkhaven on the west side of the road. This should be a "fun" style of field day. If you have never been to field day, this should be the one you don't want to miss. We plan to have at least 2 to 3 HF stations on the air, two for voice and one CW.?? One or two 2 meter unit, hopefully one on packet. Contact Bruce Dingman to offer your help with equipment selection and antenna ideas. As a "fun" day, we will start at 10:30 and go until 5 or 6 depending on interest and band conditions. Keep score if you like, or not. IT IS YOUR FIELD DAY JUST AS MUCH AS IT IS FOR ME. I am out of town until the 20th of June, so make your ideas known at the next meeting. Would you like to have a family picnic at the end of field day? I mean family. Wife, husband, kids! Just a good get together. Caddo Park does not have facilities, so bring chairs, we will have tent/cover may need tables, bring some water. AND AS ALWAYS.... WE WILL NEED HELP TO SET UP AND TAKE DOWN!

4th of July We have the opportunity to participate in the 4th of July parade. We can have an entry in the parade, and let the people of Plano know what we are and what we do for Collin County. I have also offered to supply communications for the parade, will need to follow up on that part. Berry, N5KXX will coordinate the marching parade part.

Let me know if you can be available on the 4th at the next meeting.

Princeton Safety Fair. Saturday of Memorial weekend was fun. It was their first attempt so the crowd wasn't as large as they would have liked. But we enjoyed the good time. See photos.

Enough! Hope to see you all at Field Day, so until then..... 73s from KJ5ZV

Carol Ward (KC5NRI)

has graduated from University of Texas Southwest Medical School in May with a degree in Physical Therapy. Having received her Bachelor of Science degree several years ago from UT Arlington,



Carol has worked hard the last two years to achieve her goal. She specializes in oral mandible rehabilitation for amateur radio operators. Better know as ratchet jawing. Seriously, Congratulations Carol. We are all proud of your accomplishment.

Easily Heard Signals

de W8EHS
w8ehs@arrl.net

Last month I made an error in my email address at the top of this column. As I discovered from reading ARRL news bits, I seem not to be the only one. The email address is @arrl.net and not @arrl.org. The ".org" does exist, but is only for employees at league headquarters. The auto forwarding is the ".net" suffix.

I recommend all PARK club officers and club members who have email (either at work or home) and who are ARRL members use the auto forwarding. It makes it very easy to remember how to send email to club members or fellow hams. Just remember the call sign and add

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Change Near?

As a prelude to any changes to the P.A.R.K. constitution, the following is the full current version. This printed type face is 8-point. Those needing larger type face are encouraged to download the full constitution in Adobe PDF format from: <http://www.tedatum.com/park>.

All suggestions for change should be directed to your PARK officers before the next BOD meeting or emailed to Jim Holman (KC5JGT).

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"@arrl.net" The best part is that it is a free service!

Your mail is not stored at the ARRL. Just redirected to whatever email address you specify. Again, a real convenient service for hams. You do not have to use it as your "normal" email. Think of it as an alternative only for your ham radio pals.

Check it out at this URL: <http://www.arrl.org/members/>

The Klub Calendar. This issue contains a new feature with the Klub Events Calendar. I need your help! Everything takes time and I have to budget mine very carefully. That is how I get so many things done. I just leave out sleeping and eating!

Please email me the events you would like to see indicated in the Calendar. If I do not get any contributions, then this feature will go away. Obviously there is no interest.

This brings me to one point all newsletter editors always have to live with. We consider ourselves editors because that is the job title. We become publishers because that is what is required to get the thing printed. We are reporters because almost no one makes contributions on a regular basis. (Klub officers excepted.) I already hear some gripes about this or that not being in the newsletter from the very people who make zero contributions. Don't use the lame excuse about email not working. Except for the error I reported above, email works great. I concede that YOU have to have access to email before the loop will work.

Also people complain about when the newsletter is mailed. Well folks (you know who you are) I own up to

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PLANO AMATEUR RADIO KLUB CONSTITUTION

as amended: September, 1995

ARTICLE I

The name of the club shall be "Plano Amateur Radio Klub, Inc"

ARTICLE II

The purpose for which the incorporated club is formed is to support educational projects and promote undertakings as authorized by Subdivision Two of Article 1302 Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas and Part 97 of the Federal Communications Commission Subparts A-G This club is to act as a unified group to furnish communication services for Civil Defense, Red Cross, State, County and City Law enforcement agencies or such other charitable organizations during times of emergency, distress, national disaster, or in the public interest; to provide for instruction in the fundamentals of electronics and its allied arts, including the International Morse Code; to provide open meetings for lectures and discussions of scientific developments in the Radio Communications and Electronics Arts; to enhance our individual and collective knowledge of Radio Communications and its allied arts and sciences.

ARTICLE III

Membership

All persons interested in amateur radio communications shall be eligible for membership (Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall by its by-laws provide).

Officers

Section 1 - The officers of this club shall be President, Immediate Past President, VicePresident, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, Newsletter Editor, Public Relations Director and Communications Director. These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors for this club.

Section 2 - The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the eligible voting members present, provided there be a quorum, in accordance with the ByLaws. Officers must be full members in good standing.

Section 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the regular meeting following the withdrawal, resignation, or removal of an officer of this club. Withdrawals or resignations may only be accepted at a regular meeting.

Section 4 - Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the eligible voting membership.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

Section 1 - The president shall preside at all meeting of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign as an official of the club only those documents that are adopted by the club, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of president.

Section 2 - The vice-president shall assume all the duties of the President, in the absence of the latter, and will assist in all duties as delegated by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, receive applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written meeting notices to each member. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over all items belonging to the club to his successor

Section 4 - The treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys paid to this club; he shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and expended, and shall maintain a double entry bookkeeping system according to accepted accounting practices He shall pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its Board of Directors) At the end of each quarter, he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts He shall at the expiration of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club to his successor. A petty cash fund may be established in accordance with the by-laws

Section 5 - The activities director shall organize club member activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefit, and advance club interest and activity approved by the club. He shall encourage members in reporting activities to the club bulletin. He shall endeavor to make the reputation of the club and amateur radio activities in the community as outstanding as possible.

Section 6 - The newsletter editor shall be responsible for publishing and distributing the official club organ - "The Parking Ticket." He is required to abide by any by-laws governing publication of the Newsletter.

Section 7 - The public relations director shall prepare and release official information concerning the club activities to the news media. In addition, he will perform any other duties pertinent to the communications of the club's activities to the general public.

Section 8 - The communication director shall be responsible for operation of the club station and all other club radio equipment. He shall see that the club equipment is maintained at all times to be available if required for emergency communication.

Section 9 - Any officer may appoint committees or assistants to aid him in specific branches of activity.

Section 10 - The board of directors shall act in behalf of the general membership to oversee the actions and programs undertaken by the club. They may authorize necessary expenditures not to exceed the amount specified in the By-Laws at any one Board of Directors meeting. Expenditures above this amount must be authorized by the membership by a majority vote of those present in a meeting as defined in Article VI.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the eligible voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Voting by written proxy is acceptable in accordance with the By-Laws. Proxies shall count toward a quorum. An eligible voting member is defined as any full voting member who has attended a meeting within the last five months, by in person or by proxy, excluding the meeting in progress. At the Board of Directors meetings, a majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the

transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII

Dues

The club, by majority vote at any meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in Article I and II. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion or suspension from the club within the discretion of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Section 1 - The Constitution of this club may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the eligible voting membership present at any regular meeting provided the conditions of Article VII, Sections 2 and 3, have been complied with.

Section 2 - Amendment of the Constitution of this club requires previous notice to the membership before an amendment may be brought to the membership. Such notice may be written or oral, either in the form of a complete text or merely the intent or purport of the proposed amendment, and the notice must be presented to the membership as outlined in Section 3 of this Article.

Section 3 - Notification of intent to amend the club Constitution must be submitted

- A. in writing to the Board of Directors thirty (30) days preceding the time that the amendment of the Constitution is to be presented to the membership; or
- B. orally and recorded in the minutes of the meeting for two consecutive membership meetings immediately preceding the meeting the amendment of the Constitution is to be presented to the membership; or
- C. in the form of a motion before the membership, and passed by a majority vote. The motion must be made at the regular meeting that the amendment of the constitution is to be presented to the membership

Section 4 - Notification of intent to amend the By-Laws of this Constitution must be submitted in the form of a motion before the membership, and passed by a majority vote. The motion must be made at the regular meeting immediately preceding the meeting the amendment of the By-Laws is to be presented to the membership.

Section 5 - No section of Article IX may be suspended under any circumstances.

ARTICLE IX

Suspension of the Constitution

Any individual article or articles or by-laws except Article IX may be suspended by a three-quarters vote of the voting members present at any regular meeting of the club, provided the conditions of Article VI have been complied with.

ARTICLE X

Reporting Period

The Plano Amateur Radio Klub, Inc. has established the period from 1 January to 31 December as its reporting period for all fiscal matters.

ARTICLE XI

Rules

Robert's Rules, as newly revised, shall govern proceedings.

BY-LAWS

1. RECORDS - It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with him at every meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request. Any club record or document shall be made available for inspection within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request by a bona-fide member. All records or documents shall be kept as a permanent record.

2 MEMBERSHIP - Applications for membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting in writing. Each applicant must express a willingness to abide by the Constitution, ByLaws and other rules promulgated by the club. Applicants for full voting membership shall present to the secretary for inspection a copy or original of their current station/operator license within sixty days. Two-thirds of the voting members present shall approve the applicant before he shall be considered elected to membership.

3. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP - There shall be FOUR classes of membership.

A. FULL VOTING MEMBERS - Only licensed amateur radio operators qualify as full voting members of the club. All grades of amateur licensees shall be eligible.

B ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - Associate membership may be selected by licensed amateurs, who may be normally unable to attend meetings. Unlicensed persons interested in Amateur Radio may also become associate members. This is a nonvoting membership classification.

C. STUDENT MEMBERS - Student membership may be selected by both licensed and unlicensed persons interested in amateur radio. Persons eligible for student membership must be 18 years old or less and currently enrolled in a full time educational facility. This is a non-voting membership classification.

D. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - Honorary club membership may be bestowed upon anyone who has been of great benefit to the club. The membership must be approved by a majority of the eligible voting members at a regular club meeting. This is a non-voting membership classification.

4. MEETINGS - Regular meetings shall be held at such place and time as the Board shall select. Special meetings MUST be called by the president WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS upon the written request of any seven (7) full voting members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be so sent that, in the ordinary postal delivery, they arrive not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting time.

5 DUES - In accordance with the provisions of Article VII of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds

**MORSE DEBATE
MAKES PAGE 1 OF
WALL STREET
JOURNAL**

Hams checking the prestigious Wall Street Journal for the latest business news and stock quotes June 2 also found some Amateur Radio news--smack in the middle of page 1 and above the fold. A story by Staff Reporter Lee Gomes headlined "TO HAM OPERATORS, MORSE CODE TEST IS LIKE LATIN EXAM; Does It Keep the Barbarians At Bay, or Is It Fueling The Decline of a Culture?" discusses the current code versus no-code debate in Amateur Radio.

"Morse Code is a dying language in the Digital Age, but it's still required reading for amateur radio buffs," Gomes' story begins. His report outlines the broad strokes of the controversy and the impending FCC streamlining that is expected to address future Morse code requirements for amateurs. It also quotes the FCC's Bill Cross, W3TN, as "the FCC's lead staff person on the question," and reports that the FCC "is contemplating relaxing the Morse Code requirement."

Gomes cites Bruce Perens, K6BP, of No Code International, who--in Gomes words--considers Morse code "an antiquated technology" and "a turnoff for young people." "Perens is in the minority," Gomes asserts. "Most licensees don't want any change in the requirement--especially since they have already passed the test themselves."

Taking the opposite viewpoint in Gomes' article is Nancy Kott, WZ8C, of FISTS, which Gomes describes as a "militant pro-Morse group." Gomes says Kott "all but accuses the no-coders of taking bribes from ham radio makers" and claims they want the code requirements dropped to attract more hams

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for current expenses, annual dues for full voting members will be twelve dollars. Associate members will pay six dollars per year and student members will pay three dollars per year. Any member who is delinquent in his/her dues will forfeit his/her voting right until such time as he/she becomes current in his dues. Family membership dues will be full dues for one full voting member, with each additional family member paying one-half of the dues applicable to his/her chosen membership class. No family will pay more than eighteen dollars total. In recognition of the use of their call letters, the repeater trustees will be granted membership in both the Klub and the Repeater Association at no charge, for the duration of their trusteeship.

6. TENURE OF OFFICERS - No officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive full terms. No officer shall hold more than one elected office during his tenure.

7. ELECTIONS - Election of the President, Treasurer, Activities Director and Newsletter Editor shall be held in April at the regular meeting. The Vice-President, Secretary, Public Relations Director and Communications Director shall be elected in October at the regular meeting. Election of officers will be made by secret ballot. Only members present, or those who have submitted a proxy prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken, shall be permitted to vote. A sample ballot will be printed in the official club newsletter in the issue immediately prior to the election. The president will not have a vote unless a tie shall result. He shall then cast the tie breaking vote. Official ballots will be available to the attending voting membership at the evening on which the election is to be held.

8. PROXIES - A proxy may be substituted by a member in case of absenteeism, providing it is dated and signed for a specific meeting. Proxies shall be logged by the secretary. No attending member shall cast more than two proxies at such meeting.

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION - The Board of Directors shall have the authority to expend an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in accordance with Section 10 of Article V of the Constitution of this club.

10. THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - To provide input on proposed Board actions and to act as a sounding board for members of the Klub, the Board of Directors shall appoint a standing committee of nine long-term members. After the Committee is initially appointed, vacancies on the Committee will be filled by nomination and vote of the Committee. Seats on the Committee are for a period of eight years. Resignations must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee will be appointed each April by the President of PARK. The Chairman will serve for one year and will act as the tenth member of the Committee during that year.

11. PARK REPEATER ASSOCIATION - The PARK Repeater Association is an integral part of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub. Its purpose is to provide and service repeater equipment for the use and enjoyment of PARK members. Members who wish to support the repeater will pay the annual dues as established by the voting membership.

The following is for information only; it is not a part of the Constitution or the By-Laws.

Record of Amendments

March 16, 1993 - Changed by-law number 10 to increase the number of permanent members of the Long Range Planning Committee from eight to nine. The chairman to act as the tenth member.

September 19, 1995 - Added paragraph to by-law number 5 to grant free Klub and Repeater membership to the trustees (for the duration of their trusteeship - not for life).

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and sell more equipment.

Gomes reports that FISTS members fear a lot of bad, on-air behavior "without the screening provided by the Morse Code requirement." Perens, Gomes says, is not concerned about a "post-Morse ham world inhabited by barbarians." Perens points out for the article that applicants still will have to pass "rigorous tests" to get a ticket. Besides, Gomes quotes Perens as saying, "The riffraff have no reason to leave the Internet."

The article is silent on the issue of ITU regulations requiring a demonstration of Morse proficiency for HF operation and on the fact that a codeless class of Amateur Radio license already exists. And, at one point it refers to Morse code as "dits and duhs."

In the course of researching his article, Gomes contacted the ARRL for background information. The complete article is available via the Web for a fee to registered users of the Wall Street Journal's interactive page, <http://www.wsj.com>.

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that problem. It's my time budgeting. This month is a "quick" one because the third Tuesday is only two weeks into the month and the first week I was on vacation. I can limit the size of the newsletter to just what comes in by the first of the month (as advertised). Be prepared for a much less interesting publication.

I challenge each of you to be a reporter at least once a year about anything you do or know about ham radio. Maybe write just a paragraph about your impressions of Ham-Com this year. What you saw, heard, did or bought. We are all communicators, right?

Enough soap box. I just gotta do that once in awhile. Makes me feel better. (Stress relief, ya, know)!

Did a couple of things to change my direction slightly in Ham Radio. I ordered a subscription to QEX and re-joined TAPR. (I was a member back

in the early days of packet.) I am planning to order the TAPR PIC Encoder (PIC-E). Fits in with the control work I do as a Project Manager with Control Systems International (control computers).

Hope to do some "show and tell" at a meeting sometime this Fall or Winter. I think it will take me back to the early days of personal computers when it was a big deal to get a series of LEDs to blink in the proper sequence and speed. Of course these PICs can do a lot more than that. Stay tuned.

Ham radio has changed. I urge every ham to stay up to date in how they operate and go with current technology. E.G. I can't imagine a ham without a computer. I am sure they exist and there very well may some in our own club. There are throwaway computers today that many hams can use for this hobby. It shouldn't be a matter of cost for not

owning a computer. If anyone really wants a computer, I am sure the club can find you a free workable unit. Just let your needs be known.

Last week there was a computer store in town giving away almost free computers if you signed up (\$20.00/mo) for a Microsoft Network 3 year contract.

The problem may be for us old-timers to get one-on-one assistance in operating the thing. (Should the club offer basic computer 101 lessons like code and theory classes?) The younger generation folks are almost all computer literate if they have an interest in Amateur Radio.

Field Day this month (June 26-27) at Caddo Park. Small or large, this should remain a continual Klub event. Read KJ5ZV's column for more information. Contact Bruce Dingman, N5BYL

June 13 – July 24, 1999

Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 13	June 14	June 15 Monthly A.R.K. Meeting	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19
June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26 ARRL Field Day
June 27 ARRL Field Day	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3
July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10
July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17
July 18	July 19	July 20 Monthly A.R.K. Meeting	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24

Plano Amateur Radio Club

Here is your Calander. I need your help in entering the events you would like to see displayed here. Please send me your repeating events and special events well ahead of their actual occurrence. In fact, as soon as you are aware of them! email Dan Kautz at w8ehs@arrl.net.

Field Day \feeld day\

noun: 1) Competitive event where Amateur Radio operators set up radio equipment in the field to compete for score; 2) An event to test the readiness of Amateur Radio Emergency Communications; 3) A chance to meet new friends and test the limits of your favorite hobby.

Dear Field Day Participants:

Each year during the last weekend in June, thousands of amateurs descend on parks, malls, schools, and other venues to participate in the most popular on-the-air amateur radio events: Field Day. From the experienced old-timer to the fledgling newcomer to the hobby, Field Day offers something for everyone: satellites, packet, VHF, CW, Phone, RTTY, traffic handling, experimentation, contesting. If it is your interest, it has a

place at Field Day.

While listed as a contest, remember that the key element of Field Day is to test emergency preparedness. Annually, Field Day brings together the amateur community, local and state authorities, representative of the agencies we serve, and the general public in a national educational exercise. It serves as a once-a-year focal point to highlight the tremendous amount of time, efforts, and talents which hams contribute to the community.

Besides the information provided in this package for preparation and publicity, remember to refer to the Field Day rules for forms, rules, and entry submission requirements. This information can be found at the Contest Branch Homepage or in the annual Field Day announcement, which appears in the May issue of *QST*. Remember that you have 30 days from the end

of Field Day to submit your entry to the League. Don't forget interesting photographs showing your group in action and your comments for the Soap-Box in *QST*. While all of the photos and comments can't appear in the magazine, we are expanding the information available on the Web Page.

This information package is put together to help the hundreds of local clubs and individuals prepare for a successful Field Day event. All of the materials in this package may be freely distributed and used to promote your club's efforts. Public awareness is as important to Field Day as is testing your emergency preparedness. Please feel free to contact me at the League if you have Field Day questions. See you on-the-air during the fourth full weekend in June.

73, Dan Henderson N1ND
Contest Branch Manager

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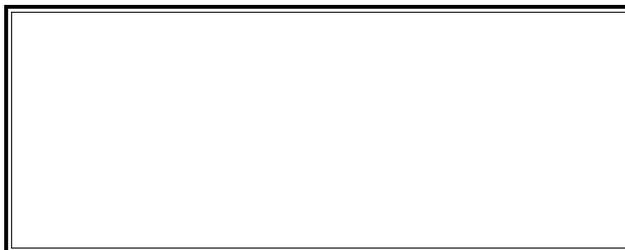
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