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Official Newsletter of the  
Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub  
P. O. Box 2112 Parkersburg, WV 26101

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1995 P.A.R.K. MEETING

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS WERE GIVEN WITH 30 MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE.

THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 1995 MEETING AND TREASURES REPORT WERE READ AND APPROVED.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

JERRY (KA8NJW) WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES FOR THE P.A.R.K. NEWSLETTER.

EARL (KB8HRG) REPORTED HE HAD DONE SOME WORK ON THE 147.39 REPEATER.

TIM (WA8CRW) RESIGNED FROM THE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND PUT A PRICE ON KLUB EQUIPMENT. BLAINE (WA8IOE) WAS APPOINTED TO TAKE TIM'S PLACE.

RUSS (N8FID) REPORTED ON A SITE FOR THE 146.97 REPEATER. THE KLUB WOULD HAVE TO PUT UP A BUILDING AND TOWER. THERE IS ELECTRIC TO THE SITE.

CURT (K8UC) SAID HE SPOKE WITH THE MAYOR OF VIENNA AND IF WE WERE INTERESTED IN USING ONE OF THE VIENNA WATER TOWERS AS A SITE TO WRITE HIM A LETTER.

CURT (K8UC) ALSO SAID IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO USE ONE OF THE LUBECK WATER DEPARTMENT SERVICE TOWERS.

JOHN (N8NBL) QUESTIONED WHY WE HAD TO MOVE THE 146.97 SITE.

EARL (KB8HRG) EXPLAINED TO THE GROUP WHY WE HAVE TO MOVE THE SITE.

JOHN (N8NBL) SUGGESTED TALKING TO SOMEONE AFFILIATED WITH TCI TO SEE ABOUT LEAVING THE REPEATER AT THE PRESENT SITE.

CURT (K8UC) SUGGESTED MAYBE THE KLUB COULD PAY THE ELECTRIC BILL AT THE SITE AND POSSIBLE LEASE THE SITE.

TIM (WA8CRW) REPORTED WE HAVE NOT HAD A FREE RIDE AT THE REPEATER SITE. WE ALWAYS HAD KEPT THE AREA CLEAN, AND HELPED THEM BY KEEPING WATER IN THEIR BATTERIES AND LETTING TCI KNOW WHEN POWER WAS LOST FROM THE SITE.

### Klub Officers for 1995

President -	Roy Maull N8YYS
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## DIGITAL MEET SCHEDULED

The 14th annual ARRL Digital Communications Conference will be held September 8 to 10 at the LaQuinta Conference Center in Arlington@, Texas, near Dallas.

Co-hosts for the conference are Tucson Amateur Packet Radio Inc. (TAPR) and the Texas Packet Radio Society.

The ARRL Digital Communications Conference is an international forum for radio amateurs and experts in digital communication, networking, and related technologies, at which they can meet, publish their work, and present new ideas and techniques for discussion.

Presenters and attendees can exchange ideas and learn about recent hardware and software advances, theories, experimental results, and practical applications.

Anyone interested in digital communication is invited to submit a paper for publication in the proceedings of the conference. Attendance at the conference is not required for publication. Papers are due by July 21, 1995, and should be submitted to Maty Weinberg, at ARRL Headquarters.

For more information on the conference, registration, and hotel reservations, contact TAPR at 8987-309 E Tanque Verde Rd, No, 337, Tucson, AZ 85749-9399 USA. Phone 817-383-0000; Fax 817-566-2544; Internet: [tapr@tapr.org](mailto:tapr@tapr.org).

(Minutes Cont.)

JOHN (N8NBL) MADE A MOTION TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO RETAIN THE CURRENT SITE OF THE 146.97 REPEATER BY TALKING WITH TCI OFFICIALS. THE COMMITTEE IS TO BE MADE UP OF, JOHN (N8NBL)-CHAIRMAN-,TIM (W8CRW),CURT (K8UC),BLAINE (W8IOE),JEP (K8BOT),AND RUSS (N8FID).THE MOTION PASSED.

JERRY (KA8NJW) MADE A MOTION THAT THE SAME COMMITTEE BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE A NEW SITE IF THEY CAN'T COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING WITH TCI.

TOM (K5IID) SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED.

## OLD BUSINESS

FIELD DAY- CURT (K8UC) SUGGESTED PUTTING A QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE NEWSLETTER TO SEE WHO WOULD LIKE TO OPERATE WHAT.

ROY (N8YYS) MENTIONED THAT WE MIGHT CONSIDER NOT HAVING FIELD DAY AS A KLUB FUNCTION IF NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE WANTED TO PARTICIPATE.

## NEW BUSINESS

CURT (K8UC) WANTED TO KNOW IF THE KLUB WOULD LIKE TO GET A VANITY CALL SIGN. CURT (K8UC) MADE A MOTION TO APPLY FOR A KLUB CALL. TIM (W8CRW) SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED. CURT (K8UC) WAS DESIGNATED TO DO THE PAPER WORK.

JOHN (N8NBL) TALKED ABOUT AFTER REACHING A CERTAIN AGE YOU WOULD BECOME AN HONORARY KLUB MEMBER FOR LIFE. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

JOHN (N8NBL) MADE A MOTION TO MAKE HOMER (W8CNF) A LIFETIME HONORARY KLUB MEMBER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BLAINE (W8IOE). THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED.

RAY (N8TWV) MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING.BLAINE (W8IOE) SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED AT 8:40 P.M.

FOR SALE

PLACE YOUR AD HERE  
FREE TO KLUB MEMNERS

## BRIEFS

\* As announced in March QST, a free year's ARRL membership can be yours by signing up four new members. Details on this membership drive are on page 176 of April QST.

\* CQ Magazine has joined Yaesu USA as a corporate underwriter of the Amateur Radio Newline 1995 "Young Ham of the Year Award." Yaesu has been the sole corporate underwriter of the Young Ham of the Year Award program since its inception. Nominations are open until June 30, 1995 (applications from 28197 Robin Ave, Saugus, California 91350).

\* Wanted: Photos of unique, functional and attractive mobile installations, for possible publication. If you've got one, or know of one, send us a glossy print (or several, if you prefer). Save the negatives, as prints can't be returned. Include the photographer's name and call sign (if any), along with the name and call of the station operator. Send the photos, along with a brief description of the installation, to Joel Kleinman, N1BKE, at ARRL HQ-

\* The ARRL is looking for a few good lawyers and engineers for the Volunteer Counsel and Volunteer Consulting Engineer programs. Contact the Regulatory Information Branch at HQ for details on these programs.

\* Electronic filing works! Thanks to this new FCC program begun late last year, a prospective ham can learn his or her new call sign and be on the air in as little as two weeks after passing the examination. Call the FCC's Gettysburg, Pennsylvania office (800-322-1117) to determine your new call sign.

\* The FCC report and order on vanity call signs appears in full on page 41 of April QST. Please note that although the new rules become effective March 24, the first "gate" to apply for call signs is not until late April at the earliest. The FCC will announce opening of each gate- watch W1AW and other ARRL news outlets for these announcements.

\* Help WIAW help you by responding to the listener survey now being conducted. Details were on page 51 of March QST. (Via ARRL LETTER 3/1/95)

## LEAGUE SETS OUT AMATEURS' STAKE IN MICROWAVE BANDS

The ARRL has filed comments in an FCC notice of proposed rule making concerning frequencies above 40 GHz, pointing out amateurs' interest in these "millimeter-wavelength" frequencies.

The FCC proposes to make available 16 GHz of spectrum between 47.2 and 153 GHz for commercial use, on a shared basis with existing and future government users, as well as two GHz in the 40.5 to 42.5 GHz band for nongovernment users. The FCC says that the spectrum above 40 GHz is little used at present.

The FCC proposes to provide for vehicular field disturbance sensor systems at 76 to 77 GHz, systems under development by automobile manufacturers.

The ARRL points out in its comments that although there are few users above 40 GHz, amateurs are on the books there, and notes that amateurs are particularly interested in their allocation at 4 mm (75.5 to 81.0 GHz). The League calls a statement by the General Motors Research Corporation, in a petition to the FCC, an overstatement; General Motors said "the band (76 to 77 GHz) is not currently used by amateur operators."

The League said that the 4-mm band has potential for future amateur short range, high-speed data communication, an area in which amateur have made significant contributions in the past. The FCC should not, the League said, make any allocation decision based on assumptions about the current level of amateur use of the 4-mm band, and asked that no change in amateur allocations or rules be made at 76 to 77 mm, and that there be no change whatsoever for the segments 75.5 to 76 mm and 77 to 81 mm. (via ARRL Letter 3/1/95)

PARK/ARES NET  
Tuesdays at 9:00 pm  
146.970

# FIELD DAY QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE LET CURT OR ROY KNOW THE FOLLOWING!

1. Do you want the Klub do do a Field Day this year? YES NO

If yes how can you help \_\_\_\_\_

2. Would you like to run a station? Can you bring equipment?

BANDS \_\_\_\_\_

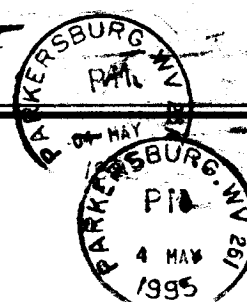
EQUIPMENT (needed or wanted to borrow) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you just like to OPERATE a station? YES NO

BANDS \_\_\_\_\_

HOURS/ DAYS you can work \_\_\_\_\_

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