



# THE SKEETER REPEATER

## HAM ASSOCIATION OF MESQUITE NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 2016



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Keith Dotson (KE5NUB)

**Please join us Thursday, April 7th, for our monthly business meeting at 7 p.m.**

**We meet in the Senior Room at the Rutherford Recreation Center 900 Rutherford Drive, Mesquite, Texas 75149.**

### THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello again,

Our elections in March brought a couple of changes in the Board of Directors. I want to thank those holding office for stepping up. Our elected Director at Large had to resign, so that position is now open. An election for his replacement will follow the process outlined in the bylaws. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone, please note that at our meeting on Thursday.

Our new Vice-President has arranged for a number of guest speakers over the next few months, mostly from within different departments with the City of Mesquite. I think you will find them very informative.

Field day is fast approaching. We will love to have everyone's participation this year. There will be a number of ways to assist, even if you do not operate a radio. We are working on forming the committee at this month's meeting.

As always, if there is anything of club interest you have on your mind, please bring it up at the meeting or contact one of the board members. My email address is below.

Thank you and I hope to see you at the meeting!

Neil  
KE5NSS  
ke5nss@yahoo.com  
73s

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Tuesday Night HAM  
Information Net:

Every Tuesday Night at  
7:00PM on the WJ5J  
(145.310 – PL 110.9)

Monthly business  
meetings are generally on  
the 1st Thursday of the  
month with exception of  
December. The meetings  
begin at 7:00 p.m. and  
are held at the:

Senior Room at  
Rutherford Recreation  
Center 900 Rutherford  
Drive, Mesquite, Texas  
75149.

## **FROM THE V.P. - GEORGE KC5TOO**

Congratulations on a job well done!!!

This year we had 17 radio operators to work this event. Elizabeth Harrell and Shannon Craft with Parks & Recreation were very pleased with how the ham radio operators pulled together and lined the parade up. They were aware we were short handed. This was their first year as organizers of the parade and it was a learning lesson for them. They found a few things they are going to try to improve on for next year.

City Manager Cliff Keheley was pleased with how the parade was lined up and how it flowed. This year there were over 100 units and the largest parade we have had in several years. There were many citizens lining the parade route and it is the biggest crowd we have had in several years.

With YOUR help this was a very successful parade. Just a side note this was my 44th parade I've worked and Bennye's 26th.

Thanks,  
George & Bennye Rice

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## **Update From Ron Abraham KC5IMJ**

First is a look at the speakers that George Rice has arranged for our HAM Thursday night meetings.

I hope we can show appreciation for the guest giving of their time to have great turnouts for the programs.

April 7 – Larry Spurgin, Assistant Chief - Special Services (Fire Department)

May 5 - Frank Krizan, K5HS, QIKcom-2APRS Satellite

June 2 - MFD Captain Kelly Turner, Freedom Park

July 7 - MPD Chief Charles Cato, MPD Up date

August 4 - Greg Noschese, City Councilman

September 1 - Ron Abraham

October 6 - Cliff Keheley, City Manager

November 3 - Open

December 1 - No Meeting. No guest speaker.

January 5, 2017 - Open

February 2, 2017 - Open

March 2, 2017 – Open

The first Thursday of the month we have our monthly eyeball QSO held at the Rutherford Recreation Center in the Senior room. Start time is at 7:00pm. The Tuesday of the week of the monthly is monthly HAM Board of Directors meeting at Burger Style Cafe starting at 6:00pm. Every week on Tuesday at 7:00pm is the on-air general information net on the WJ5J repeater (145.310 w/PL 110.9). This usually followed by or in conjunction with the on-air chit chat with and eats at the expense of each person.

## **Update From Ron Abraham KC5IMJ ( Continued )**

The April HRitP event is scheduled for Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the City Lake Park Pavilion located at 200 Parkview Ln Mesquite, TX 75149 (Lat/Log for parking entrance N32° 45'42.0" W96° 35' 59.9") from 9:00pm to 3:00pm. There also the possibility of some good public exposure as the pavilion is between the small lake, the Aquatic Center and Little League ball park. I have heard, although not confirmed, that this may be the time for the second HAM craw-fish boil.

The third and last of the spring HRitP events is scheduled for Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm at DeBusk park located at Peachtree & South Parkway (Lat/Log of parking entrance N32° 46' 55.3" W96° 37' 43.5").

Then we have June the single busiest month of the year for scheduled activities for HAM. The first Saturday we have the Rotary annual Rodeo Bike Rally, followed by the Amateur Radio HAM-COM convention in Irving followed by ARRL Field Day.

The Mesquite Rotary sponsored Rodeo Bike Rally is scheduled for Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. It has three routes that starts and ends at the Mesquite Rodeo and Convention Center. HAM and friends usually report to our assigned location by 8:00am and depending on assignment finish around 10:45am. Our net control is setup at the convention center. More information to come from George Rice (KC5TOO) as we get closure to that date. The web site for further general information is <http://www.mesquiterotarybikeride.com/>

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## From The Editor - Keith Dotson KE5NUB

Ham Radio in the park last month got off to a bit of a slow start but that changed quickly once we got an antenna up and a radio on the air. Jo Ann, AB8YZ, quickly took over the radio after some of us made some initial contacts on 10 meters. Jo Ann gave us HF newbies some pointers on making contacts during a contest situation. I know everyone that got on the air had a good time talking to stations in South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. The following photo was sent in by Gus, W5GUS.

Photos and other items for the newsletter can be sent to me at [ke5nub@yahoo.com](mailto:ke5nub@yahoo.com).



From W5GUS, Gus

Thanks,  
Keith Dotson

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## Rodeo Parade Photos



From KC5TOO, George



From KE5NSS, Neil