



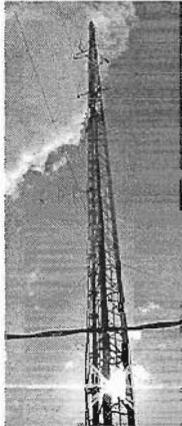
PCARA Update



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A Non-Profit Community Service Organization

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Meetings

Please join us at our next meeting on Sunday, October 1st, 3:00 PM, Hudson Valley Hospital Center

Future Meetings
Dates: (subject to change)

December 3rd
February 4th
April 1st

Please see the **On-Air Meetings** schedule on page 2.

The Path Forward...

Over the last few months we've accomplished many tasks, which are the direct result of the generous and selfless efforts of our membership.

In the spirit of continuing this momentum, the following are goals for our path forward.

- PCARA Hamfest

To increase the association's visibility in the amateur community as well as the general population of the area we serve, and as an aid in generating much needed revenue, there has been discussion about holding a PCARA sponsored Hamfest. This type of endeavor requires significant planning and teamwork. A special *Hamfest Planning Meeting* is scheduled for **Thursday, September 21st, 7:30 PM, at Hudson Valley Hospital Center Dining Room B**, and all members are encouraged to attend to help make the First Annual PCARA Hamfest a success!

- Communications Vehicle

In the event of a disaster or communications emergency that would require PCARA to provide support for our service area, it would be beneficial for the association to have a vehicle of some form (van, panel truck, old school bus, camper, etc.) in which we could store equipment (radios, antennas, feed lines, emergency generator, batteries, computers, etc.), respond to where we would be needed, and serve as an operations center. This vehicle could also be used to provide communications support at community events (i.e., festivals, fairs, walkathons, marathons, school activities, parades, etc.). We are in the process of contacting local agencies and organizations to see if a vehicle could be donated to PCARA to be equipped as a communications vehicle. Ideas, suggestions, and comments are encouraged.

- ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Program: Emergency Communication Course

The ARRL has announced that it will be debuting a Certification and Continuing Education Program. The subject of the first course is emergency communications. The article in the August 2000 issue of *QST* (*Progress Report: ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Program*, p. 49) stated "The course will offer licensed Amateur Radio operators a means of developing the knowledge and skills needed to assist their local communities by providing emergency communication." PCARA plans on offering this course to our membership and others interested.

These are ambitious goals, which can be met by working together. Please join with us in making these goals a reality.

73,

Greg, KB2CQE

Membership Report

PCARA has received 30 membership applications to date. Applications are available on our website @ www.pcara.org

Completed applications should be mailed to: PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, New York 10517

Welcome New Members

PCARA would like to welcome the following new members:

Larry Tarallo—WB2PMQ

Greg Grimaldi Jr.—Associate Member (Greg is working on his first ticket so let's welcome him to PCARA and the ham radio hobby.)

J.P. Kleinhaus—W2XX

New Charter Members

Thanks for your generous donations:

Mike—N2EAB

Larry—WB2PMQ

On-Air Meetings

On-Air meetings are held on the first Sunday of each odd numbered month at 3:00 PM (subject to change) on the VHF machine.

On-Air Meeting Schedule:

November 5th / January 7th / March 4th / May 6th

Donations

PCARA, as a 501 (c) (4) organization, is able to accept financial and equipment donations, which are tax deductible (as allowed by law) for the donor. **We encourage our members to look into whether their employers offer grant /donation programs.**

Many thanks to **Radar, N2GDY**, and **Larry, WB2PMQ**, for their donations of **surplus radio and computer equipment.**

Upgrades

Please share your upgrade news with us. Send an e-mail to kc2dwp@arrl.net.



Newsletter / Website Update

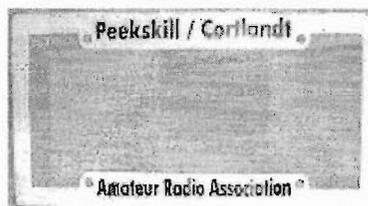
The newsletters are now published on the website in an HTML format and this seems to be working well. Please let me know if you would like to discontinue the mailed version and instead be notified by e-mail when the web version is posted. I plan on having the web version up the same day as the paper copies are sent out.

Thanks,

Joe - kc2dwp@arrl.net

PCARA License Plate Frames

PCARA License Plate Frames are available for 5.00 a pair. This is a great way to get the PCARA name out there and to support our club. To order, please send your check to PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517, or contact PCARA at pcara@email.com.



Member's Report

Three New Members - Three Different Amateur Radio Backgrounds - One Association

This month PCARA is proud to welcome three new members: **Larry Tarallo - WB2PMQ**, **Greg Grimaldi Jr.**, and **J.P. Kleinhaus - W2XX**. Each member comes from a different part of the hobby, and each has chosen PCARA as their local ham radio club. What follows is a brief introduction of our new members, starting with **Larry - WB2PMK**.

Anyone who is, was, or would like to be into packet radio knows, or should know Larry. Bob - N2CBH, and I had the pleasure of meeting Larry one evening when we were invited to his house to pick up several boxes of equipment Larry was donating to PCARA. Larry explained his obligations have changed and time that used to be spent with the hobby is now dedicated to his grandchildren. Larry's eyes lit up as he spoke about his "KAM" and packet radio and as I venture further into packet, I certainly plan on calling on Larry for his expertise.

Greg Grimaldi is at the opposite end of the hobby as he seeks out his first ticket. Greg was originally introduced to PCARA by J.P. Kleinhaus - W2XX, the Hudson Division Vice Director. Greg is enthusiastic about the hobby and I know we will welcome him in a spirit only possible in amateur radio.

J.P. - W2XX, as mentioned above, introduced Greg to us and then decided to join as well. J.P., a resident of Putnam Valley, has been in the hobby for 21 years and mainly concentrates on DX and contests and holds practical knowledge in constructing antennas and towers, HF propagation, and has many years of experience in repeaters and packet. As an ARRL Affiliated Club, we are fortunate to have J.P. as a member for his expertise in the area of PRB-1 and defending the rights of amateurs to erect effective antenna systems. Incidentally, J.P., who plans on introducing himself at our next meeting, is up for reelection as the Hudson Division Vice Director, and I urge all PCARA / ALLR members to vote in this important election. The ARRL will be mailing out ballots to members by October 1st and they are due back at League Headquarters no later than noon, Friday, November 17th.

Once again, a warm welcome to our newest members and to all our members, thanks for helping to make PCARA the great organization it has developed into.

Joe - KC2DWP

JOTA 2000

Jamboree on the Air 2000 (JOTA 2000) will be held on October 21st and 22nd. A letter has been sent to the principal of Van Cort School located in Mohegan Lake (up on the hill opposite the Cortlandt Town Center) introducing PCARA and JOTA. We will be able to further plan for this event upon hearing back from the principal. JOTA will involve a similar setup as Kid's Day and we welcome any suggestions the membership may have for this event. Please e-mail me at kc2dwp@arrl.net, or contact me on the air if you plan on attending and what equipment you will be able to bring.

Joe-KC2DWP

SKYWARN Training

It appears as though the NWS will not have any new training programs until the spring of 2001. Information will be provided when it becomes available.

Brookhaven National Weather Service—SKYWARN

Web Page: <http://www.nws.bnl.gov/spottertraining.html>

WECA Fest

PCARA has reserved a table at the September 16th WECA Fest, which is also the Hudson Division Convention. Members are welcome to bring along equipment they would like to sell. We plan on promoting PCARA as well and are looking for volunteers to help staff the table, which will be up from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please contact Joe @ kc2dwp@arrl.net or on the air if you are able to help out.

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Westchester County

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PCARA QSL Card Printing Service

PCARA is happy to announce our new QSL Card Printing Service. Arrangements have been made with a local printer, which allows us to offer 500 cards, black ink on white or color index / postcard quality stock suitable for mailing per USPS standards, for 45.00. This is a great way to support PCARA and have a fresh supply of cards on hand. Please contact Joe - KC2DWP, for further information and samples.

2000 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

October 7-8

From the ARRL website...

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by ARRL Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. Both ARES and the National Traffic System (NTS) are involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within your community while interacting with NTS nets. The SET weekend this year is October 7-8, 2000.

Contact has been made with the Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess County Emergency Coordinators expressing PCARA's interest in participating in this important event.

CARA On-Air Meeting Nets

The Candlewood Lake Amateur Radio Association holds their on-air meetings every Sunday @ 7:30 PM. Bob - N2CBH, has asked that we refrain from using the VHF machine, other than for emergency purposes, while the CARA net is in progress.

Member Assessment / Charter Membership Program

At our April 2nd meeting we discussed the need of a voluntary member assessment. This is necessary in order to help PCARA get up and running at full strength. The level of enthusiasm among our members is phenomenal and we have some great plans in the works to make PCARA the best it can be for our members and served communities. However, our current financial situation cannot support our goals.

There are several things we ask of our members:

- 1 - Please let others know about PCARA. Member packets are available for licensed amateurs, or persons interested in amateur radio (Associate Membership).
- 2 - Please consider donating your surplus radio, computer, etc., equipment to PCARA. Items we are unable to use will be brought to a hamfest to help raise funds for the association.
- 3 - Please consider a voluntary contribution to help offset our association expenses (repeater upgrades and maintenance, equipment insurance, incorporation costs, etc.) Any member who donates 50.00 or more during our first year will be considered a charter member of PCARA. The below form can be used for contributions and returned to the PCARA address:

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Name _____ Call Sign _____

Donation Amount _____

Please mail this form along with your check to:

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PO Box 32
Crompond, NY 10517

ARRL Affiliation

PCARA, through the ARRL Club Affiliation Program, is able to assist PCARA members in establishing and renewing ARRL memberships. This is a great way to support PCARA, as we are provided with a commission from the ARRL for offering this service. You can obtain the appropriate forms from a link off of the PCARA website or contact me direct @ kc2dwp@arrl.net or 582-0760. Below are the steps for this program:

1 - Please return your completed ARRL Membership/Renewal form, along with your ARRL dues check **made out to PCARA** to: PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517.

2 - PCARA will forward a check along with your application and the Affiliated Club form to the ARRL.

3 - The ARRL allows Affiliated Clubs to earn 5.00 per new ARRL membership and 2.00 per ARRL membership renewal. While this is a relatively small amount of money, it will help to offset some of our association expenses. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require ARRL membership forms. For the convenience of the membership, an ARRL Membership / Renewal Form has been included in this newsletter

Attention—The PCARA Website Counter Hits 1000

If you own the web browser responsible for hit number 1000 on the PCARA website please e-mail PCARA at pcara@email.com to claim your prize.

Calendar of Events

September

16 - WECA Fest

17 - CARA Ham Fest

21 - PCARA Hamfest Meeting at Hudson Valley Hospital Center Dining Room B - 7:30 PM

October

7 & 8 - ARRL SET

21 & 22 - Jamboree on the Air

PCARA Authorized to Sell EQF Software

PCARA has been authorized by Tom - N3EQF, to sell his logging software at the Hudson Division Convention / WECA Fest. Tom is offering special hamfest pricing on his software, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to PCARA. The following logging software packages are available (please e-mail pcara@email.com if you are interested in purchasing Log-EQF software):

Log-EQF Version 9.22

Full Featured Logging & Station Automation Regular Price - 49.95 Hamfest Price - 45.00

Jr-EQF Version 3.67

Log-EQF "Junior" No Frills Logging Regular Price - 25.00 Hamfest Price - 20.00

The above software is available on 3.5" Floppies and CD-ROMS and will run on any PC compatible computer.

ARRL Membership Application

New Member Previous Member Renewal

Membership ID (if known): _____

License class: _____ Call sign: _____

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: State: _____

ZIP code: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Membership type:

	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Blind	<input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year	\$34	\$5	\$5	\$28
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 years	\$65	\$10	\$10	\$53
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 years	\$92	\$15	\$15	\$76

Rates effective as of July 1, 1997

Family membership: A member of the immediate family of a League member, living at the same address, may become a League member without *QST* at the special rate of \$5 per year. Family membership must run concurrently with that of the member receiving *QST*. (*NOTE: This field is not used to add a family member to your regular membership. This application form must be filled out and submitted separately for each membership.*) Please enter the name and call sign of the **full ARRL member** at your address:

Member Name: Call Sign: _____

Blind amateurs may join without *QST* for \$5 per year.

Persons residing in the US who are **65 or older** may, upon request, apply for League membership at the reduced rates shown. Please provide date of birth.

If you do not wish your name and address made available for non-ARRL-related mailings, please check this box: _____

Dues are subject to change without notice.

Please return your completed ARRL Membership/Renewal form, along with your ARRL dues check **made out to PCARA** to:

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VE Sessions:

WECA

Emergency Operations Center

Contact: Sandy Fried N2SF - (914) 273-2741

YARC First Sunday of Every Month

Yonkers 1st precinct

Contact: Emily AC2V (914) 237-5589 or Dan AA2HX (914) 667-0587

Call in 146.865

W5YI

Pelham Doronco Town House

Contact: Mike W2MAC (914) 738-5775 or Dan AA2HX (914) 667-0587

Call in 145.495

Ham Fests:

16 Sep 2000 * Hudson Division Convention

Westchester Emergency Communications Association

www.weca.org

Contact: Thomas Raffaelli, WB2NHC

Email: wb2nhc@weca.org

17 Sep 2000 * Candlewood ARA

<http://www.danbury.org/cara>

Contact: Seab Lyon, AA1MY

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