



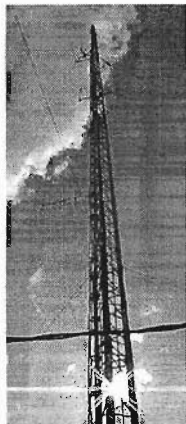
PCARA Update



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Happy Holidays



PCARA - W2NYW First Anniversary Charter Member Special Event Station

Our first anniversary Special Event Station is planned for April 7, 2001. Plans include a listing in QST and CQ magazines, a color Special Event Certificate to be signed by PCARA's Charter Members, and a light reception for members, family, and friends. Further details will follow and we would like to establish a committee for this event. Please e-mail me @ kb2cqe@arrl.net if you would like to help coordinate this event. Please refer to page 5 if you're not a charter member and would like to become one before our first year of operation winds down.

Logo Committee

Special thanks go to Armen - N2PLZ, and Rich - WZ2P, for reviewing the logos submitted by our members. The logo chosen was designed by Clint - KB2ZRJ, and we look forward to the next step in the process, which is to solicit bids for the logo to be applied to shirts and hats.

Goals for 2001

At the December meeting, the following goals for 2001 were suggested by the members:

- Reach out to Younger Persons through Amateur Radio Education and Demonstrations
- Participate in the VHF Contest and Field Day
- Field Trips to the ARRL, Dayton, TV Station
- Arrange a Speaker Committee for PCARA Meetings and Events
- Video Tape and Continued Photography of Club Events
- Resurrect the On-Air Nets
- On-Air Announcements of Club Meetings and Events

This is a great set of goals that are certainly attainable with the help of our enthusiastic membership. I would like to thank the members for their excellent suggestions.

Election Committee

Please see page 4 for information about the PCARA Election Committee. Elections will take place at our *Annual Meeting*, January 4, 2001.

Auditing Committee

The PCARA Auditing Committee, Rich-WZ2P, Gary-WB2HNA, and Jerry-WA2ZOA, examined and approved PCARA's financial records at the December meeting.

Meetings

PCARA is fortunate to have 34 members who share an interest in the amateur radio hobby. Each month, on the first Thursday, we get together for coffee and club / hobby discussions. Won't you consider joining us one evening?

73,
Greg, KB2CQE



Meetings

Please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, January 4th, 7:30 PM, Hudson Valley Hospital Center**

Future Meetings Dates: (subject to change)

02-01 / 03-01 / 04-05 / 05-03 / 06-07

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

Membership Report

PCARA has received **34** 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 Martin Lee - K4TDB, PCARA's newest member. Martin, a former Cortlandt resident, resides in Port Charlotte, Florida.

New Charter Members

Thank you to the members who have so generously donated to PCARA's Charter Membership Program. If you haven't already, please consider a small gift to PCARA to help us meet our operating expenses.

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.**

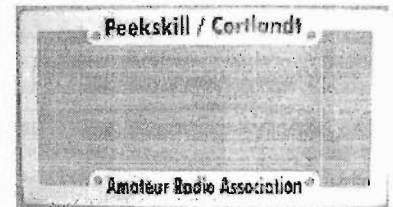
Upgrades

Please share your upgrade news with us. Send an e-mail to pcara@email.com.



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 payment to PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517, or contact PCARA at pcara@email.com. License plate frames are also available at PCARA meetings.



PCARA QSL Card Printing Service

PCARA is pleased 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 - KR2V, for further information and samples.

Calendar of Events

January

- 4th - PCARA Meeting - 7:30 PM @ Hudson Valley Hospital Center
- 6th - Kid's Day - Blue Mountain Middle School 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM
- 27th - Boy Scout Klondike Derby @ Camp Smith

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 @ kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348. 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.

Membership Roster

The PCARA Membership Roster was distributed at the December meeting. If you weren't present and would like a copy, please contact Joe @ kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348. The PCARA Membership Roster is available to PCARA members only.

Member's Report

From: msgapple@att.net
Subject: Thank You
Date: November 28, 2000 10:06:28 AM EST
To: pcara@email.com

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The flowers were beautiful and helped to make this time a bit easier.

Having the membership present at the wake really meant a lot and made me very proud to be a member of an organization with such caring individuals.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Greg, KB2CQE

Kid's Day

Thanks to Bill-AA2NU - Blue Mountain Middle School ARC, the Blue Mountain Middle School, and the Hendrick Hudson School District, PCARA will be hosting a Kid's Day event station at Blue Mountain Middle School on Saturday, January 6, 2001, from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Please contact Joe at kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348 if you are able to attend and what equipment you can bring.

Klondike Derby

The Boy Scouts have invited us to participate in their Klondike Derby, which will be held at Camp Smith on Saturday, January 27th, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will be running an HF set-up(s) (indoors) as well as providing information to the scouts on disaster communications and the Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge. We will also be available should we be needed for emergency communications at the event. Please contact Joe at kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348 if you are able to attend and what equipment you can bring.

From the ARRL...

==>PRESIDENT SIGNS CB ENFORCEMENT BILL

President Bill Clinton has signed legislation that permits the enforcement of certain FCC Citizens Band regulations by state and local governments. Amateur Radio operators are exempt from the provisions of the law, now PL 106-521.

Congressional lawmakers saw the measure as a way to give a voice to those experiencing radio frequency interference resulting from illegal CB radio operation. The FCC will not yield its authority to regulate Citizens Band or other radio services, however.

In short, the measure authorizes states and localities to enact laws that prohibit the use of unauthorized CB equipment--consistent with FCC regulations. This would include the use of high-power linear amplifiers or equipment that was not FCC-certificated.

FCC-licensed stations in any radio service--including the Amateur Service--are excluded from such state or local enforcement, and state or local laws enacted under this legislation must identify this exemption.

The bill--HR.2346 is the House version; it was S.2767 in the Senate--actually is the old Senate "Feingold bill" from several sessions ago. The bill's sponsor, Rep Vernon Ehlers of Michigan says local hams asked him to support the bill because of the bad rap they were getting from illegal CBers using high-power linear amplifiers that resulted in TV and telephone interference while the CBers involved hid behind federal preemption.

As did Feingold before him, Ehlers asked the ARRL to review his measure to ensure that it would not unintentionally harm Amateur Radio.

A copy of the new legislation is available on the ARRL Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2000/11/29/3/cbbill.html>.

Election Committee

At the December meeting the following members volunteered for the PCARA Election Committee:

Rich-WZ2P, Gary-WB2HNA, and Jerry-WA2ZOA

Please contact Rich @ 845-788-0197 if you are interested in running for the position of President, Vice President, or Secretary / Treasurer. The cut off date is December 27, 2000.

The below members expressed interest in the following positions:

Greg-KB2CQE - President

Bob-N2CBH - Vice President

Joe-KR2V - Secretary / Treasurer

The election will be held at the PCARA *Annual Meeting* on January 4, 2001 @ 7:30 PM, Hudson Valley Hospital Center-Dining Room B.

PCARA On-Air Nets

At the December meeting the idea of resurrecting the on-air meetings / nets was discussed. As a result, the following schedule is presented and further discussion will take place at the January meeting:

The Second Monday of Each Month @ 7:30 PM:

448.725 Machine

The Fourth Monday of Each Month @ 7:30 PM:

449.925 Machine



Special Event Station

Commemorating the First Anniversary of the Peekskill / Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association

This Certifies that Amateur Radio Station _____ Completed a Contact with PCARA Special
Event Station W2NYW on the 7th day of April 2001:
UTC: _____, Frequency: _____, Mode: _____, RST: _____.

Confirmed by the Charter Members of this Fine Amateur Radio Group:

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PCARA - W2NYW First Anniversary Charter Member Special Event Station Certificate

Above is a draft copy of the QSL Certificate we will be issuing for our Special Event Station. It will be signed by PCARA Charter Members and color copies will be made for the event. Please use the below form if you would like to become a Charter Member in time for this Special Event.

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
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Voice & Fax: 914-737-0348
Email: pcara@email.com
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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:

21 Jan 2001 * NLI Section Convention North Babylon, NY
Great South Bay ARC
www.arrl-hudson.org/nli/hru2001.htm Email: n2mun@optonline.net
Contact: Phil Lewis, N2MUN Phone: 631-226-0698

25 Feb 2001 + Long Island Mobile ARC Hicksville, NY
www.limarc.org Email: hamfest@limarc.org
Contact: Ed Muro, KC2AYC Phone: 516-520-9311

Wanted

Information for the Update. Please send any suggestions, news, articles, etc. to kr2v@arrl.net.

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