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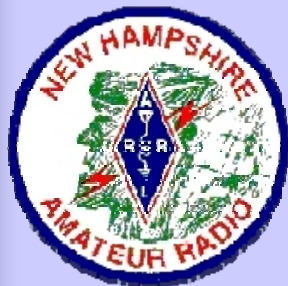
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The monthly newsletter for the Port City Amateur Radio Club

PCARC can be found on the web at <http://www.w1wqm.org> and <http://www.yahogroups.com/group/pcarc>

Presidents QSO - By Bob K1AX

Well it looks like the PCARC has another meeting coming up pretty soon. Boy how time flies.

There are a lot of other activities coming up too. The Boston Marathon on the 20th of April. It's still not too late to sign up to be a radio op. May 1&2 will be the NEARFEST in Deerfield, NH.

Let's see, Mike W1GEK, and Chris K1PRD will be our cooks for the May 6th meeting. Gee, I don't know what they are cooking. Whether you know or not it don't matter much. Your gona eat it anyway, right!

The tech topic for the evening will be given by K1PV, Roger about Field day. There will be a lot to talk about so bring your pad and pencil. It's a good idea to get this information started because June will be our last meeting for the summer.

73's and good dxing

Bob K1AX

A word from the Chef of the Month - By Chris K1PRD

This months premeeting meal will be Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!

Treasurers Report - By Dick KB1PXE

April 1st - 14th 2009

Income	
50/50 Raffle	47.00
Dinner	134.00
Repeater Fund	25.00
Membership Dues	54.00
Total Income	260.00

April 2009

Expenses	
Utility Fund	120.00
Food Cost	90.00
PF&G Donation	250.00
Total Expenses	460.00

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	2,334.33
Total Current Assets	2,334.33

Liabilities & Equity

Opening Bal Equity	2534.33
Net Income	-200.00
Total Equity	2,334.33

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Next Club Meeting May 6th 2009

Meeting Minutes April 1st 2009 19:00**Pre-Meeting Dinner/Donations: K1AX**

Dinner provided by WA1ZCQ.

Call to Order/Introductions: K1AX

43 attendees present. We welcome two new members: Kurt Kaiser AJ1Z and wife Kristen

Topic: Field Operations:WA1ZCQ

Presentation on outdoor QRP field op techniques by WA1ZCQ.

Secretary's Report: W1CBT

March report published in the Longwire. Motion to accept as posted and seconded.

Treasurer's Report: KB1PXE

March report published in the Longwire. Motion to accept as posted and seconded.

Balance for the month = \$2534.33

Revenues = \$436.00

Expenses = \$ 578.00

P/L= (\$142)

Public Service Updates: K1AX

Current Known Public Service Events:

Boston Marathon	WA1NH	APR 2009
Redhook 5K Race	AA1SB	MAY 2009
Tour de Cure	NOQKN	MAY 2009
Kittery Community Cycle	K1IPT	JUN 2009
Cycle for Shelter	KB1MGD	JUL 2009

2009 PCARC Field Day: K1RX

Briefing on coming event in June. PRH is loaning a field shelter. We will compete 5A. Start at 14:00 Local on Friday. FD Prep meeting to be determined. Logging class on 24 JUN

VE Program/Schedule: W1CBT

Tech class for PAEPT will commence on 08 APR @ Portsmouth Public Library. Six Week Course. Expecting Approximately 30-40 students. The next scheduled VE Session will be 30 MAY 09

Club Security System: W1GEK

Status Quo - no action from the PF&G.

ARES Update: W1CBT

The next ARES Meeting is currently scheduled for 15 APR 09. Net Operators needed for ARES Net.

Repeater Status: KA1GJU

Portsmouth Site is up. Batteries need charge. Durham site due for repair this month. D-STAR - N1HIT Stack in place.

Additional Information:

Club Elections: Carol Berg KB1QPN nominated for Secretary for next year. Nomination Accepted.

Seacoast Bike Ride - New event relocated from Hillsborough area. Club support will be needed. Appointed: AA1SB - Lead.

AB1CL: Nashua ARES - Hillsborough: Class for New Hams to cover operations and technical subjects. 18 April, 9-3 in Nashua.

**Remember to
keep the
Clubhouse
clean!
Anything you
bring in please
bring out, don't
leave it
behind!**

Meeting Minutes April 1st 2009 19:00 (continued)

AB1CL:Transfer switch: Tom has been investigating the installation of a transfer switch to allow for generator operation. Plan to replace panel with Transfer switch. Cost \$240.00 Motion made to appropriate by AB1CL, second by N1ZXZ to split cost with PF&G. Passed.

WW1V: Gave a brief on a web based Radar Course Video.

K1PRD – Volunteers needed for Exeter 'Get Fit 5K Run. Sat, May 16, 2008 – 08:00

Tour de Cure – Volunteers still needed for the event – Based in Kennebunk this year. 07 JUN 09. Contact Dale, NOQKN or Deuce, N1YI.

Boston Marathon – Volunteers still needed – Roll out at 04:30 on 20 APR. Contact Jason, WA1NH.

Bill KB1EOF mentioned June/July – Mount Washington events – Contact. N1RCQ for details.

Correction to prior month minutes – K1PV is named as PCARC Co-Chair for Field Day 2009.

Thanks from PF&G for Snow\Ice Removal at the club house. Utilities bills are back under control.

PF&G is looking for donations for the Special Needs Youth Fishing Event on May 22.. AA1SB motion to donate \$250.00 to PFG to assist with event. Seconded by K1PV. Passed Unanimously

Adjournment:

Discussion: Meeting adjourned @ 21:15

K1KI to visit Twin State Radio Club May 9th - By AI K1AKS

The Twin State Radio Club will welcome Tom Frenaye K1KI, ARRL New England Division Director to it's May 9th meeting in Hanover, NH. Tom will be bringing us current information on ARRL activities and will answering questions from the floor. Tom is President and Director of the ARRL Foundation that manages the scholarship and grant programs for the ARRL. He is also a very active contester and a member of YCCC.

Join us on Saturday, May 9th at Everything But Anchovies restaurant in downtown Hanover, NH and bring your questions and comments for Tom.

This is a breakfast meeting and the restaurant puts on a great buffet with eggs, bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, fruit, coffee, etc. Generally folks try to arrive about 8:30AM and eat breakfast just before the meeting begins.

For directions, please contact Bill Burden WB1BRE at william.burden@valley.net.

ARRL New Hampshire Section
Section Manager: Alan K. Shuman, K1AKS
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Club Auctions, it's a great way to help out the club raise funds and see to it your prized ham possessions end up in a good home! Contact AA1SB

**Next VE Exam 2:30pm
Saturday May 30th
Contact Deuce N1YI
n1yi@arrl.net**

Articles not submitted to the newsletter editor on time next month will require the lost of a limb.



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Amateur radio is an exciting hobby that can provide a lifetime of enjoyment. Radio amateurs or "hams" communicate around the neighborhood and around the world using state of the art equipment and antennas.

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Seeking the Origin of CQ - By Stan Horzepa WA1LOU from arrl.org

The language of Amateur Radio includes unique words and phrases; words and phrases hams use every day without thinking about them. A visit to AC6V's Jargon Web page <http://www.ac6v.com/jargon.htm> will show you most of it.

"CQ" is probably the most common idiom hams use. It is so common that even the civilians that populate a ham's family are familiar with the phrase. I can recall numerous occasions when my wife, daughter, sister, mother and/or father commented to someone or other that I was up in the ham shack "calling CQ, CQ, CQ..."

It always did my heart good to overhear those comments because it meant that they were paying attention to what I was doing – so much so that they were getting some ham radio into their system by osmosis.

Long ago, I came to the conclusion that CQ was a short way of sending the phrase "seek you" using Morse code and that its usage became so ingrained in the ham radio nation that hams used the letters for voice operations, too.

Yes and no.

I looked it up on the Internet, and Wikipedia does a good job describing the history of CQ. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CQ_\(call\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CQ_(call)) I will not steal their thunder and I will let you read it for yourself, but here is some interesting CQ trivia that Wikipedia mentions:

Did you know that Herman Munster called CQ <http://video.aol.com/video-detail/herman-munster-calling-cq/353314204> in an episode of The Munsters? http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Munsters

Until next time, keep on surfen'!

Editor's note: To communicate with Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, save a tree and send him e-mail wa1lou@horzepa.com instead or add comments to his blog, <http://horzepa.com/blog/>