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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

I'd like to say Happy New Year to all of the PCARC members. Hope that you have had a happy and safe holiday. WOW, look like another year has gone by. Where do they go. Barring a few bumps in the road in 2008, I thought that the year was successful. I hope that 2009 brings us new members and fresh ideas.. Or, old members with fresh ideas too would help. So keep your radio tuned for new people. Mention the club in your QSO, talk about the meeting date. Ya never know. Is there a subject matter that you would like to cover. Speak up. E-mail me. I do get e-mails when someone is not happy, but no e-mails from happy people. What I'm trying to say is, "do you know how a transistor works, a tube, an IC, etc.?". Can you teach a class about ham radio antennas? Ideas, ideasQRRR me.

Happy New Year,
Bob K1AX

Treasurers Report -

No treasurers report this month.

Next Club Meeting February 4th 2009

Meeting Minutes January 7th 2009 19:00**Pre-Meeting Dinner/Donations: K1RX**

Dinner provided by Dinner provided by K1RX.
Dinner donations of \$82.00 donated to Club coffers

Call to Order/Introductions: K1AX

21 attendees present.
Topic: W1WQm Repeater – Overview of Operations: KA1GJU
Overview and discussion of the Kensington Repeater – W1WQM. KA1GJU did a presentation covering the equipment, set up and functions of the repeater system.

Secretary's Report: W1CBT

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

Treasurer's Report: WA1NH

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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

VE Program/Schedule: K1YU

Next Exam Session on 31 January. Five groups have requested Technician level training. Next class will be in January, dates and location TBD. Instructors are needed.

Repeater Status: KA1GJU

Status Quo – Repair of remote site for Durham is still in process and currently off line. Batteries on 28 volt system are still weak and need replacement.

ARES Update: WA1NH

ARRL memberships can be renewed through the PCARC and this allows the club to retain 4 dollars of the membership fee. There is a new ARES membership drive started nationally and at the state level. Members are encouraged to register.

Additional Information:

- Motion made by WA1NH to front cost of new batteries (4) for \$280.
- Seconded by WA1WJC. Passed.
- NE Region League meeting to be held soon for feed back to national conference. See K1AX if interested in going.
- Assistance requested to install tower for the McAuliffe Planetarium radio club at the Planetarium. See KA1GJU if you can assist.
- N1YI – PCARC may need to add a line item to the budget for electricity to cover costs at the Greenland Fish and Game. Bills have seen a radical increase recently. The situation will be looked into. Current meter read” 15714. In addition, thermostats need to be watched and set back. There was also a review of the smoking policy.

Adjournment:

Discussion: Meeting adjourned @ 20:46

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

Upcoming 2009 Events - By Cliff N1RCQ

Events are open to all hams.

Amateur Radio Operators needed. If you would like more information on one of the events or to sign up to help out with safety communications, please contact name listed after the event.

Public service events make great training for emergency communications & are a good way to show the public what amateur radio can do.

- February 13/14/15, 2009 Laconia , NH - LRSDC World Championship Derby (Information contact Cliff Dickinson at n1rcq@cnharc.org)
- February 14th & 15th. 2009 New Hampshire QSO Party (Information at <http://www.w1fz.org/>)
- February 21, 2009 Sandwich Notch Sled Dog Races (Information contact Cliff Dickinson at n1rcq@cnharc.org)
- March 20th 2009 CVRC Indoor Ham Radio Flea Market & VE Session. (Information at <http://www.k1bke.org/>).
- April 20th, 2009 The Boston Marathon (Information at <http://www.bostonmarathon.org/Volunteering/BostonMarathonVolunteer.asp?bostonvolunteer=hamradio>).
- May 1st & 2nd 2009 Near-Fest (information at <http://www.near-fest.com/>).
- May 2nd & 3rd 2009 New England QSO Party (Information at <http://www.neqp.org/>) May 16 & 17, 2009 Breathe New Hampshire 's 2009 Seacoast Bike Tour (information contact Dave Megin at ka1vju@cnharc.org)
- June 20th. 2009 Mt. Washington Road Race, (foot Race). (Information contact Cliff Dickinson at n1rcq@cnharc.org)
- June 27th & 28th 2009 Amateur Radio Field Day (CNHARC information contact Dick Christopher at n1it@cnharc.org), Others Check with your local club or at <http://www.arrl.org/>
- July 11th 2009 Newton 's Revenge Bicycle Race up Mt. Washington . (Information contact Cliff Dickinson at n1rcq@cnharc.org)
- July 10th & 11th 2009 The Prouty Bicycle Century Ride Manchester & Hanover NH, Information at <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=289810>).
- August 1st 2009. TMCC Mt. Washington Century Ride (100 mile bicycle ride). Information at <http://www.tinmtn.org/century.cfm?CFID=47043487&CFTOKEN=43410336>).
- August 15th 2009 Mt. Washington Auto Road Bicycle HillClimb, Weather date August 16th. (Information contact Cliff Dickinson at n1rcq@cnharc.org)
- September 18th & 19th 2009 Reach the Beach Relay Race (Information at <http://www.rtbrelay.com/>)
- September 26th 20th 2009 Annual Fred Brown Lake Winnepesaukee Relay. (Information at http://www.northmedfordclub.org/winni/2009_winni_home.htm).



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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New sheriff in town - By Terry Graves K7FE Editor QRZ.COM

There is a new sheriff in town. The FCC has appointed Laura Smith to take Riley Hollingsworth's former position in enforcement. The FCC's "Special Counsel for Amateur Radio" slot has gone unfilled for 6 months thus she has a backlog of work ahead of her. Fortunately she is up to the task. Laura is a seasoned FCC veteran with a broad communications background at both the FCC and in the private sector.

The FCC has been slow to fill the position and for a while we wondered if Riley's successor would ever be named. It looks like they were waiting for the right person. Now that Laura is on the job, let's give her our full support. If you have an enforcement issue, she may be reached by e-mail at: laura.smith@fcc.gov

Amateur radio has always been somewhat "self policed" but when peer pressure is not enough to maintain civility, then a stronger hand is needed. The FCC has the muscle to demand compliance of the few wayward operators. We can help also. Our bands are not perfect, newer licensee's need guidance on how to properly share the many bands, frequencies and modes of operation that we radio amateurs are privileged to use. Reach out and guide (elmer) someone so that they do not become an "enforcement" issue. That is part of elmering also; it is not just about technical items.

I know that some of you are wondering, "Is Laura a ham?" No, not yet, but she does have the study guides.

If you attend the Dayton Hamvention 2009 - May 15-17, you will have a chance to visit with her.

We welcome Laura to this position and wish her success.

73,
Terry Graves, K7FE
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