



PCARA Update



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Meetings

Please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, February 1st, 7:30 PM, Hudson Valley Hospital Center

Future Meetings

Dates: (subject to change)

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

Get Ready for the W2NYW Special Event Station!!

PCARA - W2NYW First Anniversary Special Event Station

Our first anniversary Special Event Station is planned for April 7, 2001. QST and CQ magazines have been contacted for Special Event Station listings and a color Special Event Certificate to be signed by PCARA's Charter Members has been developed. Further details will follow and we would like to establish a committee for this event. Please e-mail me at 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.

The following information has been submitted to QST and CQ magazines:

Peekskill, NY: Peekskill / Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association, W2NYW, 1300 04/07/01 to 2100 04/07/01, PCARA 1st Anniversary Special Event Station, 7.260 14.245 21.375 28.350. Certificate. PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517.

From The ARRL Letter, Vol 20, No 2

Darlana D. Mayo, N2DB, of Mt Vernon, New York, died December 16. She was 36. An ARRL member prominent and active in the Westchester Emergency Communications Association, Mayo was the SKYWARN coordinator for Westchester County, manager of the Southern District Net, an active RACES and ARES member, and involved with the Red Cross emergency communications program as well as other aspects of Red Cross relief programs.

ARRL Volunteer Instructor Program

PCARA is interested in putting together a volunteer instructor group. Please register with the ARRL Volunteer Instructor Program if you would like to help teach an amateur radio class. For further information please visit www.arrl.org/FandES and contact Joe at kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348.

Amateur Radio Youth Events Calendar 2001

Keep the following dates in mind as we further plan our 2001 calendar:

School Club Round-up--- February 12- 16

GOTA--- February 17-18

Kids Day--- June 16

JOTA--- October 20-21

73,
Greg, KB2CQE

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

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.

Welcome New Member - Darius Tarsio-KC8PMK, the nephew of Bob-N2CBH.

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.**

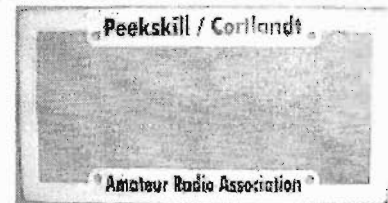
Upgrades

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 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.



Calendar of Events

January

27th - Boy Scout Klondike Derby @ Camp Smith

February

1st - 7:30 PM Meeting at Hudson Valley Hospital Center Dining Room B

ARRL Membership / Renewals

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 at 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.

Klondike Derby

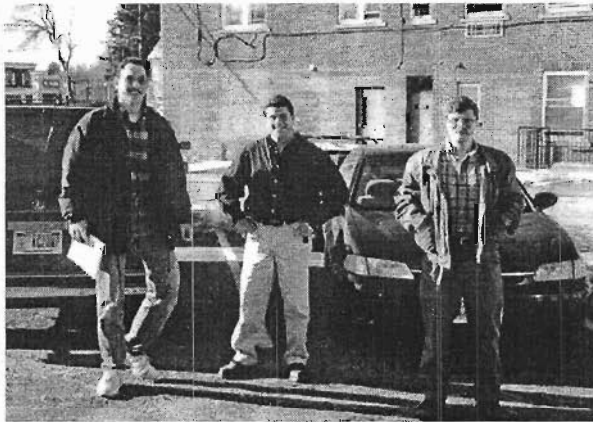
Volunteers are needed for the Boy Scout Klondike Derby to be held on January 27th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Camp Smith. PCARA will be participating with an HF set-up / demonstration in the Mess Hall, a presentation on Ham Radio, and a Simulated Emergency Test, which will combine amateur radio with an ice rescue, the boy scouts, and medical personnel. Note - The Ice Rescue SET will take place on the N2CBH and KB2CQE UHF Repeaters following ARRL SET guidelines.

PCARA VE Team

The ARRL **Prospective VE (PVE) Packets** are now available from the ARRL, both as a PDF file and through the mail. Please check the ARRL website (www.arrl.org) or contact Joe at kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348 for further information. For the members who are interested in participating in a PCARA VE Team, it is important to obtain the **PVE Packet**, and register with the ARRL. We hope to offer exams by this spring, thus filling a VE Session gap in Northern Westchester / Southern Putnam Counties.

CSMA Meeting

Last month, Bob-N2CBH, Malcolm-NM9J, Rich-WZ2P, and Joe-KR2V headed east to Connecticut for the CSMA (Connecticut Spectrum Management Association) meeting. This was a good trip and meeting, with a lot of information shared between CSMA, CARA, and PCARA. The next meeting is Sunday, January 28, 2001, and all PCARA members are welcome to attend. We'll setup a car pool and please contact Joe at kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348 if you are able to attend.



The CSMA Meeting Crew - Missing is Malcolm, our club photographer who was busy behind the camera.

PCARA Joins Metro-Cor / CSMA / UNYREPCO

In an effort to further protect our repeater interests, PCARA is now affiliated with the three frequency coordinating bodies that cover the area within and surrounding our service area. Note - PCARA signed on with Metro-Cor, the frequency coordinating body that is filling the gap left by the demise of TSARC, at their first meeting, which took place at the Hudson Division Convention.

Election Committee

At the January meeting, Rich-WZ2P, representing the Election Committee reported that no additional members expressed an interest in running for a club office. A query of the members present at the meeting yielded the same result, thus a motion was made and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for the following members who did inform the election committee of their desire to continue in their current positions:

Greg-KB2CQE - President

Bob-N2CBH - Vice President

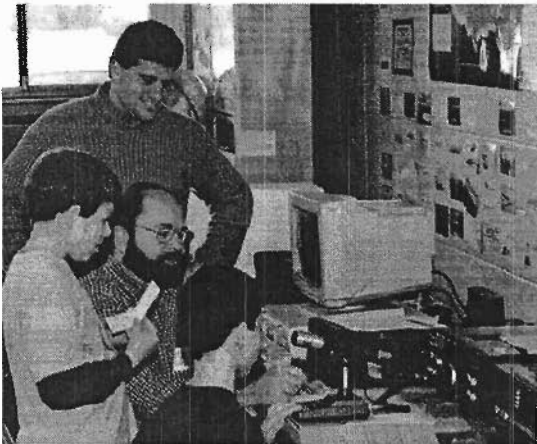
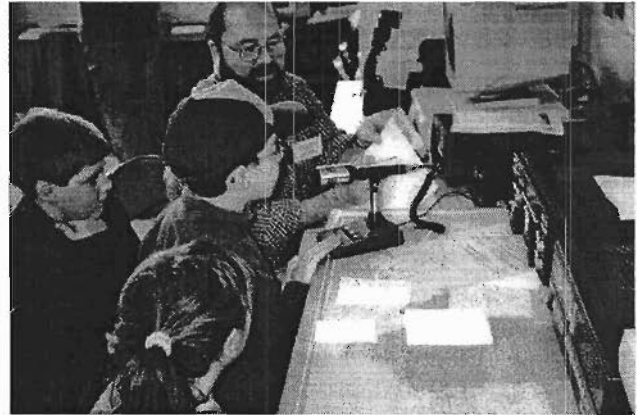
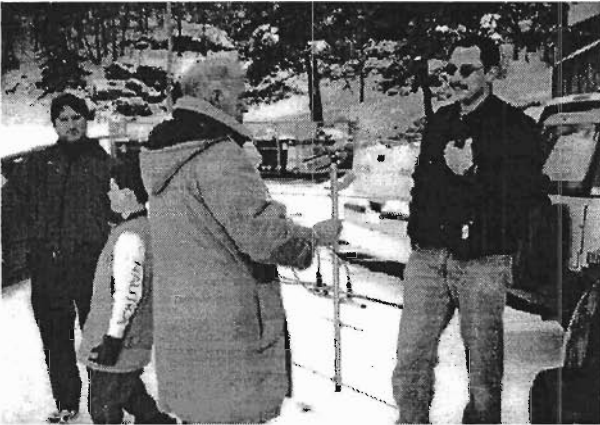
Joe-KR2V - Secretary / Treasurer

On behalf of Greg, Bob, and myself, I would like to thank the members of PCARA for their support in 2000. We look forward to continuing the work of this fine amateur radio association in 2001, and want you to know that if not for your help and support, PCARA would not have grown and developed as it has.

Joe - KR2V

Kid's Day - January 2001

Thanks to the many PCARA members who once again banded together to host an excellent youth program. In addition, special thanks go to Bill-AA2NU and the Hendrick Hudson School District for allowing us the use of the Blue Mountain Middle School Amateur Radio Club Station. Photos by NM9J & WB2HNA





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:

PCARA, Inc. PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517 • www.pcara.org • pcara@email.com

PCARA - W2NYW First Anniversary Charter Member Special Event Station Certificate

Above is a copy of the QSL Certificate 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. **The cut off date to sign the certificate will be the March 1st meeting, as time will be needed to have the certificate printed. Please contact Joe at kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348 to make arrangements to sign the certificate if you will be unable to do so at the February or March meetings.**

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:

Name _____ Call Sign _____

Donation Amount _____

Please mail this form along with your check to:

PCARA
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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:

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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