

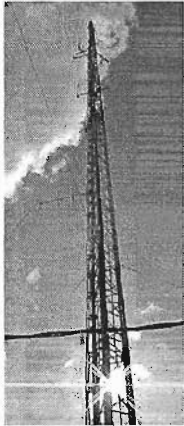
PCARA Update



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What's New...

Charters Members

In last month's edition of the *Update* I took the opportunity to thank the association members who have generously supported PCARA's **Member Assessment / Charter Membership Program**. The problem with such lists is the chance of leaving someone out. Well, we blew it when we failed to acknowledge **Malcolm, NM9J**, and his contributions to PCARA. Malcolm holds a couple of firsts, which include the first member application on file as well as the first contribution to the **Member Assessment / Charter Membership Program**. Thanks Malcolm!!

ARRL Club Affiliation

At the July ARRL Board of Directors meeting, PCARA was granted ARRL Club Affiliation. There are many great benefits that come with this designation, including the ability of PCARA to establish and renew ARRL membership, for which the ARRL will provide a commission to PCARA. Please consider this very easy means of supporting our association. Further details are available on page 4.

New Meeting Location

I am sure everyone at the August meeting will agree that **Hudson Valley Hospital Center** has provided us with a superb location for our membership meetings. We would again like to thank **Suzanne Bohrer**, the Vice President of Administration, for extending to us a very kind welcome.

On pages 4 & 5, the **PCARA Committee Sign-Up** form that was discussed at the August meeting appears. Please consider a position with PCARA.

73,
Greg, KB2CQE

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

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

Membership Report

PCARA has received **28** 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:

John Longyear—KA2TMU

Gerry Fleming—WA2GF

On-Air Meetings

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

On-Air Meeting Schedule:

September 3

November 5

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.

Please consider PCARA should you have any surplus radio or computer equipment. If we cannot directly use the equipment for the association, we will look to sell it at a hamfest in an effort to raise much needed funds for PCARA.

Upgrades

Joe Ellman - KC2DWP - Extra



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

Newsletter / Website Update

There have been some problems with the Adobe PDF file format of the PCARA Update on our website. Some members report being able to use the pdf version while others report the file won't open properly. I am in the process of converting the past newsletters to an HTML format and will soon have both available on the website.

Thanks,

Joe

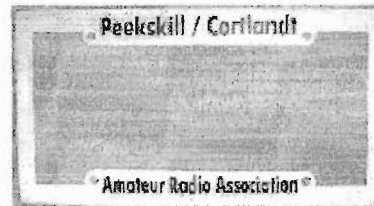
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PCARA Family Picnic

The PCARA Family Picnic was cancelled due to location problems. Armen, N2PLZ, is working on another date and location and we will update the membership as soon as this is in place.

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 Joe, kc2dwp@arrl.net.



Member's Report

Way to go Jay-N2TTL !!

On Sunday, July 23rd, at about 6:25 PM, I was in my car with my radio tuned to the 146.670 machine when I heard the following: "This is... can anyone hear this transmission?" I informed the calling station that their signal was weak and asked that they bump up their power if possible. At the same time, Bob-N2CBH, came on the air and said the station sounded like Jay-N2TTL, and Bob gave him a call. Jay came back with a good strong signal and asked for assistance in reporting a serious car accident on Route 9 in Croton. Bob suggested we bring up the autopatch so Jay could provide a first hand report. The autopatch was brought up and auto dialed to the State Police Cortlandt barracks. When the call was answered, Jay stated he was a mobile amateur radio operator and announced his call sign, and provided a complete description of the accident to the dispatcher. The State Police dispatcher was as professional as Jay was with this incident, understanding the type of communication and stated he would summon the appropriate authorities. The accident Jay reported was serious enough to warrant the call for a STAT Flight.

On behalf of PCARA I would like to commend Jay for his textbook style handling of this emergency report. I would also like to commend the State Police Dispatcher who handled Jay's call. A letter will be sent to his supervisor.
Joe-KC2DWP

Log-EQF - Update to Review

Subj: Re: Review
Date: 8/9/00 9:15:21 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: n3eqf@usaor.net (Tom Dandrea, N3EQF)
To: Kc2dwp@aol.com

Hi Joe,

Thank you for the very nice "plug" in your club newsletter!

BTW, I am close to acquiring a new domain name for my web server, and a secure order certificate.

73,

Tom N3EQF

JOTA 2000

Jamboree on the Air 2000 (JOTA 2000) will be held on October 21st and 22nd. Based on the success of our Kid's Day event we would like to run a similar set-up at another school in our service area. Please e-mail me at kc2dwp@arrl.net if you wish to sponsor JOTA 2000 at your child's school.

JOTA 2000 Information

(Adapted From the ARRL Website)

What: JOTA 2000

When: October 21-22

Who: Girl and Boy Scouts around the world

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 (soon to be added) 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.

Thanks, Joe KC2DWP

SKYWARN Training

It appears as though the NWS will not have any new training programs until the fall. 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 Saturday, September 16th WECA Fest at the Westchester County Center, which is also the Hudson Division Convention. Members are welcome to bring along any equipment they are looking to sell. We would like to promote 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 e-mail Joe @ kc2dwp@arrl.net if you are interested in helping out.

PCARA Committee Sign-Up

At the August meeting we discussed and passed around a committee sign-up form. This form appears on the following page and an empty box indicates an open position. Please consider a position with PCARA and please share your thoughts and suggestions on this program.

PCARA Committee Sign-Up

Repeaters & Equipment	Public Service	Public Relations	Kid's Day & JOTA	Field Day	Ham Fest	VE Team	Public Education
Director Bob-N2CBH	Director Greg-KB2CQE	Director Joe-KC2DWP	Director Joe-KC2DWP	Director Bob-N2CBH	Director Clint-KB2ZRJ	Director	Director
Greg-KB2CQE	Joe-KC2DWP		Malcolm-NM9J		Ray-W2CH	Joe-KC2DWP	Joe-KC2DWP
Rich-WZ2P					Greg-KB2CQE	Malcolm-NM9J	
Fundraising	Inventory						
Director	Director						

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:

PCARA
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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:

27 Aug 2000 + Yonkers ARC

Contact: John Costa, WB2AUL

Email: wb2aul@aol.com

16 Sep 2000 * Hudson Division Convention

Westchester Emergency Communications Association

Contact: Thomas Raffaelli, WB2NHC

Email: wb2nhc@weca.org

Wanted

Information for the Update. Please send any suggestions, news, articles, etc. to kc2dwp@arrl.net.

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