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PWARC Celebrates 11 Years



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Ralph Schuster KA0RER
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Stan Deyo KC0UZG
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Don Ryan KB0EWR
Brian Bell N7HGC
Chuck Rogers AF7RJ

President's Corner



August is here and I am glad to see that we have seen some moisture and cooler temperatures. It seems like for the first time this year the prairie is starting to green up a little bit and as I look outside, I see that I need to go and do a little trimming around my antennas.

Despite me rubbing the lucky rabbit's foot and crossing my fingers, I have received notice that the Library has extended their closure of the meeting rooms through the end of August. This means that we will continue to have our monthly meeting on the air and not in person. As I get more information, I will pass it along to you all.

I wish you all the absolute best of atmospheric conditions and Happy Hamming!

73 - Scott - NØELF

President ...	Scott Fanning NØELF	Ex-officio ...	Roger Ashcraft KE5CCJ
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Treasurer ...	Randy Linnen KEØGMS	Director ...	Jim McConnell NEØDA

ARRL

As of July 31, 2020, PWARC membership remains at 61%.

July 18 General Meeting via Repeater 447-450 Attendees

Officers/Directors

Scott - NØELF
Dan - WØOJW
Rita - NEØDB
Randy - KEØGMS
Jim - NEØDA
Dan - N3CMG

Members

Del - KDØRRH
Frank - KBØFD
Roger - KEØBAP
Trina - KEØPIE
Carlyle - NOARN
Don - ADØDC

Members

David - KDOZAO
Stan - NØOYO
Brad - KEØLLH
Phil - KEØJLD
Paul - KN4DX

Members In The News

New Members
No New Members in July

VE Session Report
Determined at designated locations.

Club Membership Rosters

As Club Rosters are printed quarterly, please update your Roster as follows:

David Williams (KB0ZA0): change phone number to: 719-251-7594 and birthday to: March 2
Stan Dorris (N00YO): change e-mail to: dorristanley24@yahoo.com



It's Net Time

Howdy, from ol' net manager W00JW

*PWARC July 2020
Tuesday Night Nets*

Based on what we hear on the Morning Connection and the weekly club net, it sounds like we're remaining safe and sane. Lately, I've been visiting a land where magic and mystery thrives right alongside fact and truth.

Yep, I've been messing with antennas! But finally ... from 80 meters to 900 megahertz ... I think we have everything working and playing well together now.

While our morning nets average 7 stations and 12 minutes, here are the final scores for our July club nets!

Date	Contol	Minutes	Stations
July 07	W00JW	20	10
July 14	KB0FD	19	09
July 21	W00JW	23	08
July 28	KB0FD	22	12

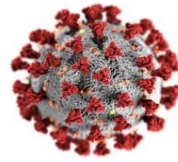
A big 73 to all!

PWARC Morning Connection Nets

Morning Connection Net - At the March general meeting, it was suggested that any members who wish to keep-in-touch and to say hello have a net get-together every other day at around 10:00 am ... very informal and to check if everyone is doing okay or needs anything. What started with a few precious few, the net rapidly grew in the first couple of months; however, it has once again dwindled to a previous few.

A Friendly Reminder

The repeater is capable of a three-minute conversation;
therefore, one does not need to break as often.



Ragchews

Stan N00YO has arranged with the Hen House for ragchews the first Saturday of each month; however, sitting is limited. Please contact Stan for your reservation.



Seven members submitted scores for ARRL Field Day. Jim **NEODA** and Dan **WOJW** worked CW and Frank **KB0FD**, Paul **KBOJIT**, Rick **KEOMSM**, Rita **NEODB** and Randy **KEOGMS** worked SSB via their QTHs for combined total contacts of 451. Highest score: 236 ... Lowest Score 0.

ZOOM

In April, the Board started meeting via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join the Zoom meetings. Just contact Scott N0ELF so that he can invite you via e-mail. You do not need to install ZOOM ... all you need is a camera connected to your computer.

Depending of our library restrictions for meeting rooms, Board meetings will continue via ZOOM until further notice. Next board meeting is September 5.

Memorial Fund

It was voted to establish a Memorial Fund to honor the Silent Keys. The Memorial Fund is designed to provide an inexpensive radio plus accessories for youth under 18 years of age who pass their FCC exam with the PWARC VE volunteer team. This honors the SKs as well as keeping the mission of supporting youth in amateur radio.

General Membership Meetings

As of this writing, the PW Library will remain closed until at least the end of August. General Meetings will continue via the repeater until further notice.

Scholarship

The 2020 scholarship was awarded to Garrett Wygle.

Repeater

A new repeater was installed on July 25 followed by a new solar charger.



Voting

As the club continues to strive during these epic times, it is important that members vote on issues presented to the general membership via Google Groups. Recent voting has been quite poor barely reaching a quorum. Make your vote count ... please vote.

Take a Trip down Memory Lane

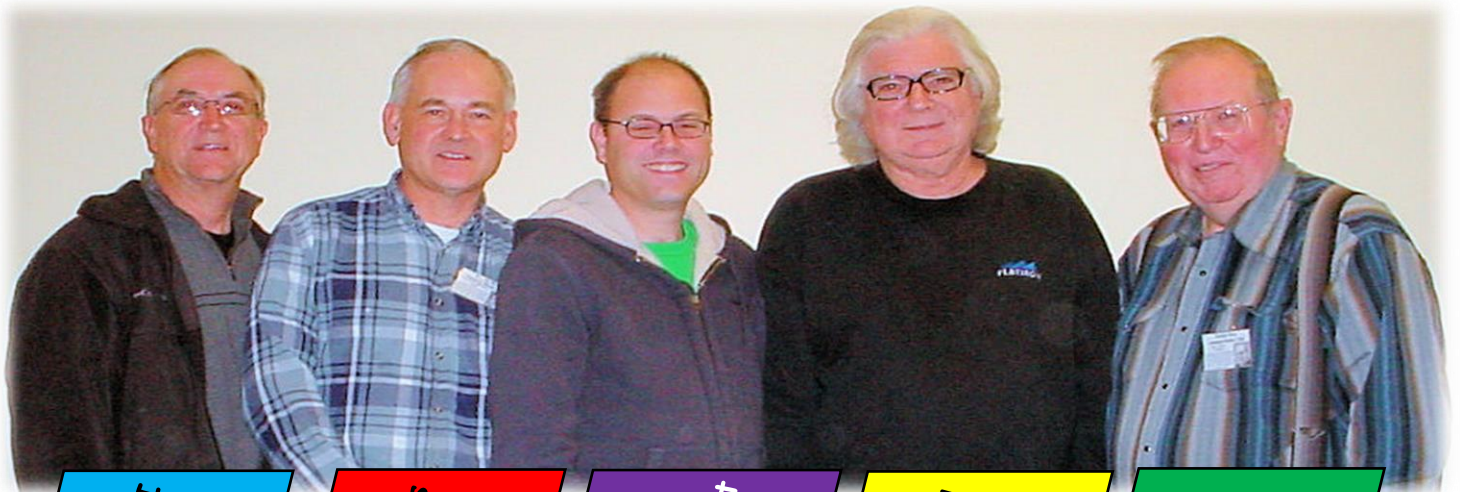
2010 ... First Officers

PWARC was founded upon Bill Ewing's WA0KAQ (now a SK) vision of a club open to anyone who had an interest in amateur radio communications in August 2009.

Bill sent a postcard to amateur radio operations in the 81007 zip code, and 17 individuals rallied. Thus, PWARC was on its way!

By word-of-mouth, others quickly followed ... and by year-end 2009, there were 19 members. By year-end 2010, the club had 24 members.

The Colorado Secretary of State approved its Articles of Incorporation on December 22, 2009. ARRL affiliation was granted in June 2010 and on August 30, 2011, the IRS granted PWARC a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.



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Club Events

Cancelled until further notice

August Contests & Special Events

see ARRL for upcoming contests and special events

Club Calendar

August 15 - General Meeting - 9:00 am via repeater 447.450

Please check for e-mails via PWARC Google Groups for announcements regarding board and general meetings.