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Pueblo West Amateur Radio Club

September 2020

Back to School

A B C ... It's easy as 1 2 3

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President's Corner

Hello all,

I hope that this finds you all doing well and in good spirits despite the trying times we are seeing around the country.



I have found great excitement in watching and following the developments of SpaceX and the Starlink satellites. There is a good article in the most recent ARRL QST magazine and lots of videos on Youtube about the Starlink satellites. Watching the launches and reading about the technology gets me excited to get out to my workbench and start tinkering with my electronics projects. Now I just need to clear some time on my schedule to do so.

I hope you all have some things that still spark your curiosity and creativity. I would love to hear about what piques your interest.

Scott
N0ELF

Board of Directors

President ...	Scott Fanning N0ELF	Ex-officio ...	Roger Ashcraft KE5CCJ
V-President ...	Dan Wantuck W00JW	Director ...	Dan Broadbooks NG0T
Secretary ...	Rita McConnell NE0DB	Director ...	Dan Bassak N3CMG
Treasurer ...	Randy Linnen KE0GMS	Director ...	Jim McConnell NE0DA

ARRL

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

Board of Directors Elects New ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA

08/27/2020 ... The ARRL Board of Directors has elected David Minster, NA2AA, of Wayne, New Jersey, as ARRL's new Chief Executive Officer, starting on September 28.

Minster is currently Managing Partner at Talentrian Partners, a management consulting firm serving the consumer goods and luxury goods industries.

Members In The News

August 15 General Meeting via Repeater 447-450 Attendees

Officers/Directors

Scott - NOELF
Dan - W00JW
Rita - NE0DB
Jim - NE0DA
Roger - KE5CCJ
Dan - N3CMG

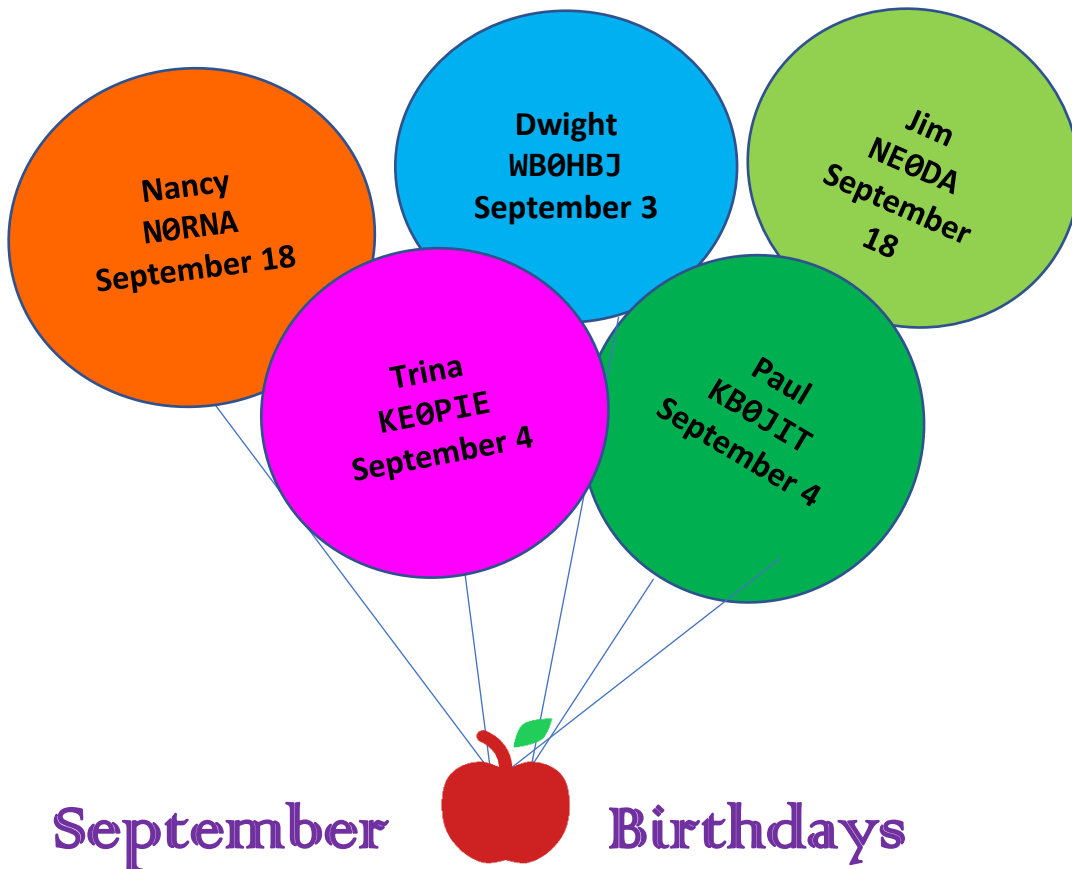
Members

Trina - KE0PIE
JJ - WR5E
Phil - KE0JLD
Carlyle - NOARN

Members

Stan - N00YO
Don - AD0DC
Frank - KB0FD

No, it's not a typo. Two pairs of duplicate birthdays this month.
Celebrating birthdays on *September 4* are *Trina & Paul*
and on *September 18* are *Nancy & Jim*.



New Members
No new members for August

PWARC August 2020 Nets

VE Session Report
Determined at designated locations.

Greetings all, from W00JW! We're out and about more now. But here's hoping we all remember precautions, even as we try and relax a little more.

The MorningConnection/Biscuits and Gravy confabs are still around, averaging a friendly 10 minutes and 7 stations. And here's how our weekly nets stacked up.

Date	Control	Min	Sta
8/04	W00JW	14	07
8/11	KB0FD	1	11
8/18	W00JW	20	12
8/25	KB0FD	27	16

This included two Bassaks and three Thompsons!
73 and keep of good cheer!

Take a Trip down Memory Lane

For those who remember, we're taking a little trip on



*There are places I'll remember
All my life, though some have changed,*

*Some forever, not for better
Some have gone, and some remain,*

All these places had their moments ...

Lennon & McCartney



It's all about the numbers and alphabet and the special 1x1 call signs starting

September 12 ... 0001 Z UTC

rev your radios, push the pedal to the power
and reminisce those magical moments of neon signs of

diners, drive-ins and dives



Education

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	<i>ITU</i>	<i>DX</i>	<i>DX Alternative</i>
A	Alpha	America	Amsterdam
B	Bravo	Boston	Baltimore
C	Charlie	Canada	Chili
D	Delta	Denmark	
E	Echo	England	Egypt
F	Foxtrot	France	Finland
G	Golf	Germany	Geneva
H	Hotel	Honolulu	Hawaii
I	India	Italy	Italy
J	Juliet	Japan	Japan
K	Kilo	Kilowatt	Kentucky
L	Lima	London	Luxembourg
M	Mike	Mexico	Montreal
N	November	Norway	Nicaragua
O	Oscar	Ontario	Ocean
P	Papa	Pacific	Portugal
Q	Quebec	Quebec	Queen
R	Romeo	Radio	Romania
S	Sierra	Santiago	Sweden
T	Tango	Tokyo	Texas
U	Uniform	United	Uruguay
V	Victor	Victoria	Venezuela
W	Whiskey	Washington	
X	X-Ray	X-Ray	
Y	Yankee	Yokohama	
Z	Zulu	Zanzibar	Zulu

For clear communications under all conditions, use a phonetic alphabet for spelling out critical information. Instead of "A B C", use "Alpha Bravo Charlie." Letters such as D, T and V can sound alike during noisy conditions, whereas Delta, Tango and Victor are more distinct.

The standard phonetic alphabet for amateur radio comes from the *International Telecommunication Union (ITU)*. This alphabet is also referred to as the NATO or International Aviation alphabet although the spelling of the words may change slightly.

This is the phonetic alphabet that should be committed to memory for ham radio use.

The Mother Road



The 21st Annual Route 66 On The Air Special Event

September 12-20, 2020 ... 0001 Z on September 12 to 2359 Z on September 20

Several years ago a handful of clubs got together to "Relive the Ride" of the most famous US highway of all times. Original idea of the Northern Arizona DX Association (NADXA), the event has become one of the most sought after special events each year where thousands of contacts are made from all over the world.

Additional information: www.w6jbt.org



Get Your Kicks on Route 66

NORTHERN ARIZONA DX ASSOCIATION

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W7YS
Bill Schuchman (SK)

ROUTE 66 On the Air! AWARDS

Call sign: _____
Operator: _____
Stamp endorsement: _____
Date: 9-17 September 2000

ROUTE 66

NADXA MEMBERS IN 2000

Minvin Bauer KA7EDH (K11YY)
Jerry Conover AB7H (NE7H)
Jeff Czabik KK7LA
Tim Durkin K6TIM
Nick Elias N6AU
Jerry Ellison W7ST (SK)
John High W7HW (SK)
Pete Koehler KJ7WY
Art Phillips NN7A
Bill Schuchman W7YS (SK)
Mike Sharp N6TS
Bill Sinton K17LS (SK)
Charlie Tyrrell KC7DQV
George Vagner KE7NN
Bill Webster WB7RYG (SK)
Bob Wertz NE7E

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS 2000 - 2019

K6L Podest Autobatch Association	K6K Gleno Beach Amateur Radio Club	K6J Barstow Amateur Radio Club	K6I Hacienda Amateur Radio Club	K6H Northern Arizona DX Association	K6G Northern Arizona DX Association	K6F Bouquet DX Association	K6E Panhandle Amateur Radio Club
K6A Six Meter Club of Chicago	K6B St. Louis Amateur Radio Club	K6C Tustin Amateur Radio Club	K6D Cochise Amateur Radio Club & Oklahoma City Autobatch Club				

W6T

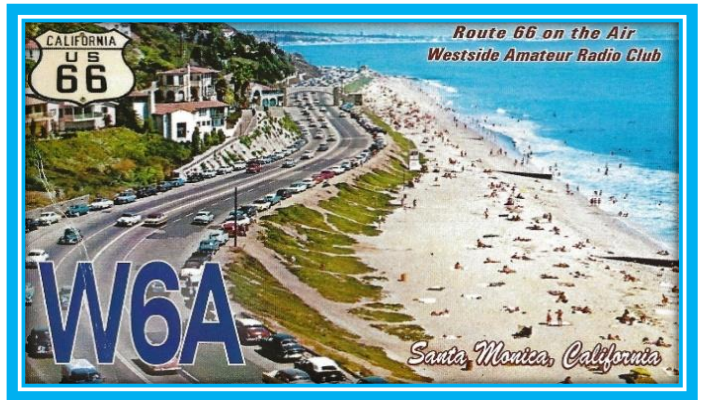
W6G

W6S

For 2019, the 20th Anniversary of Route 66 On the Air, the Northern Arizona DX Association offered three QSL cards.

W6S was the the official 2019 QSL. When lined up with the W6G and W6T QSLs, the front of the QSL forms a reproduction of the first event certificate from 2000.

W6S operated portable from the iconic town of "Don't Forget" Winona on Old Route 66, a few miles east of Flagstaff, Arizona.



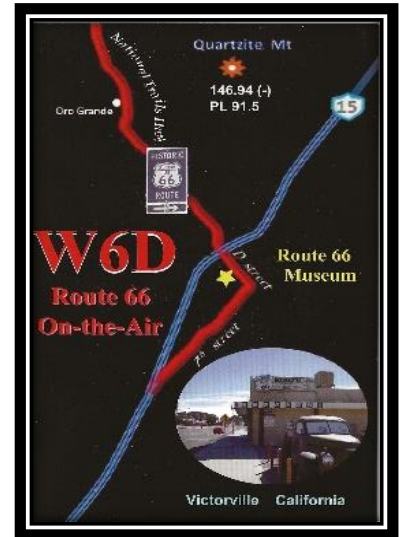
Many simply imagine that Route 66 just runs right into the Pacific Ocean. And while that may sound silly, that's pretty much exactly right. In an effort to end the epic highway on a high note, the Route 66 Alliance and the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation got together and on the 83rd anniversary of the highway's inception, declared the end of the Santa Monica Pier the official stopping point of



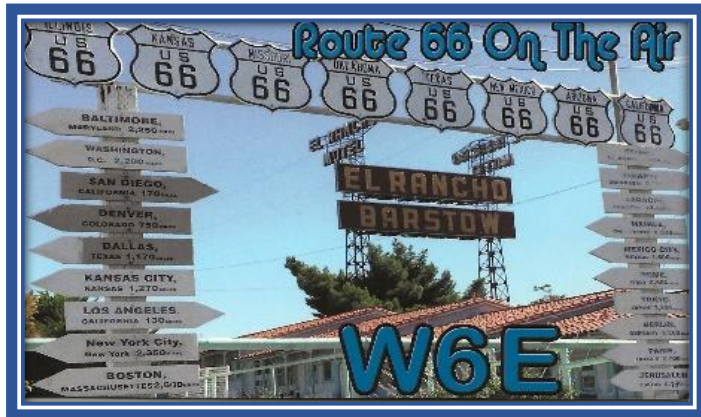
Bright yellow vintage 1973 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight outfitted like a rooster ...
 it even clucks through a loudspeaker under the hood.
 Westside Amateur Radio Club - Los Angeles



W6C - San Bernardino, CA



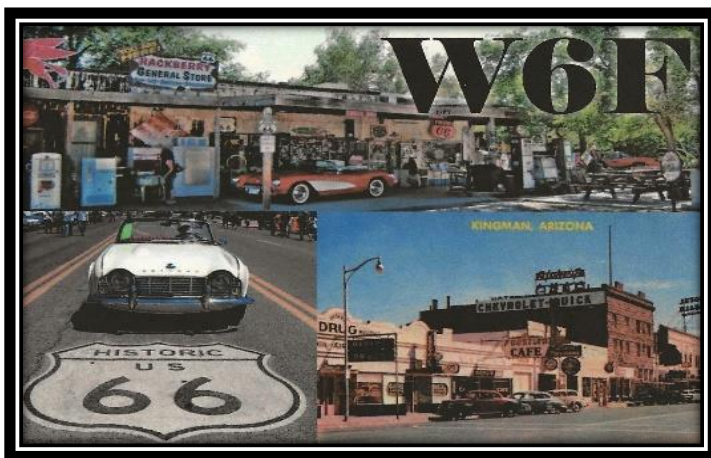
W6D - Victorville, CA



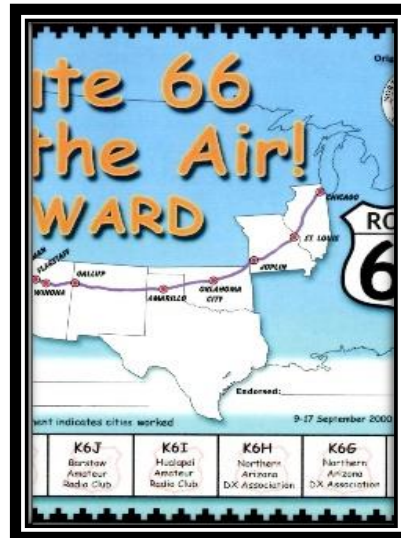
W6E - Barstow, CA



W6F - Kingman, AZ



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W6G - Flagstaff, AZ

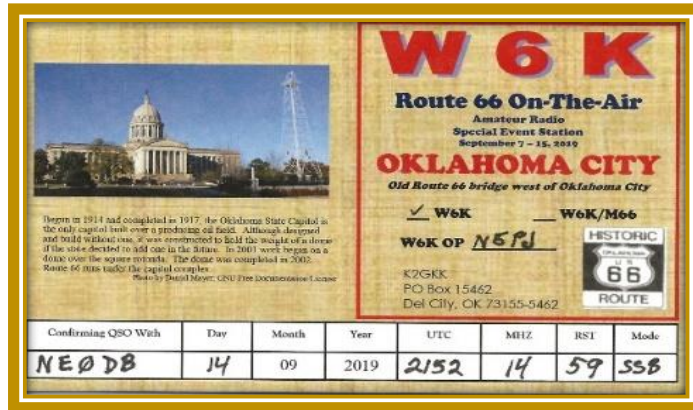


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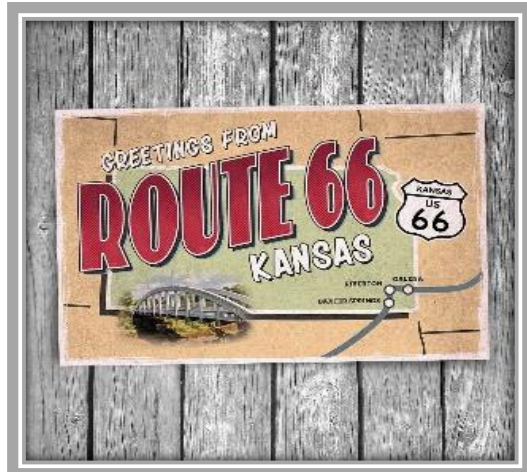


W6I - Adrian, TX  midpoint

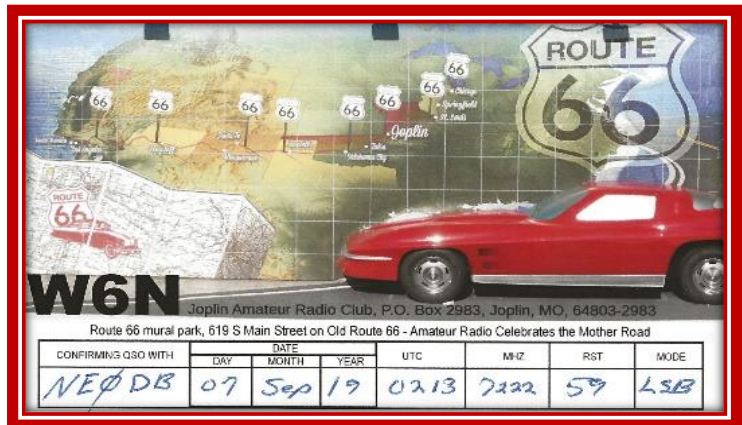
Many QSLs tell a story, and W6J is no exception. W6J's QSL card uses the logo of the Rock Cafe. Betsy and their grill have been there since 1939. The Rock Cafe was built in 1936 using rock from the road as Route 66 was being constructed. The current owner is depicted as Sally in the Pixar movie "Cars". It is the only original Route 66 business still being used as it's original self.



W6L - Tulsa, OK



W6M - Riverton, KS



W6N - Joplin, MO

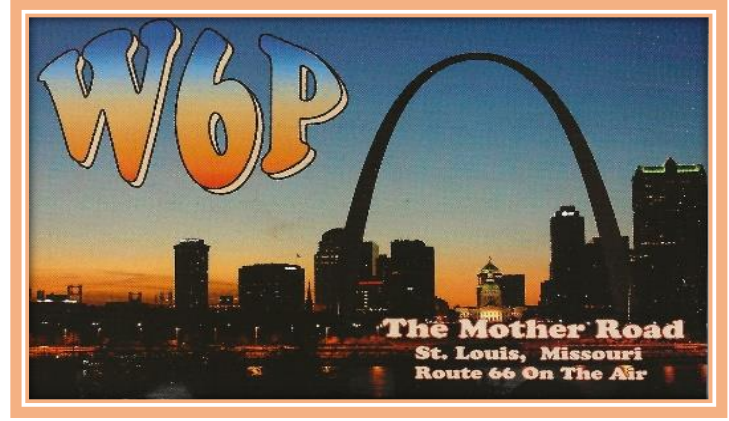
ROUTE US 66
W6O

Route 66 On The Air

CONFIRMING QSO WITH	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	UTC	MHz	RST	MODE 2-WAY
NE	9	9	19	15:43	14.271	59	SSB

PSE QSL TNX QSL

Laclede County EM 37



2019 ROUTE 66 ON THE AIR
SIX METER CLUB OF CHICAGO

W6Q



POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

TELEGRAMS TO ALL AMERICA

CABLEGRAMS TO ALL THE WORLD

DELIVERY NO. 55

SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI APRIL 30 1926

BUREAU OF PUB ROADS

CARE THOMAS N McDONALD WASHN DC

REGARDING CHICAGO LOSANGELES ROAD IF CALIFORNIA ARIZONA NEWMEXICO AND ILLINOIS WILL ACCEPT SIXTY SIX INSTEAD OF SIXTY WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE TO THIS CHANGE WE PREFER SIXTY SIX TO SIXTY TWO

AVERY PIEPUEIER

4PM

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The city of Springfield and all Radio Amateurs are proud to be a part this fun event which W6R operates from the actual birthplace of Route 66, the Mother Road of America. Here is a copy of the original telegram that, on April 30, 1926, was sent from the Continental Hotel in downtown Springfield. During a meeting with officials from several neighboring states, they set the name of what was to become the Mother Road of America, Route 66.

HISTORIC U S 66

NADXA MEMBERS IN 2000

Marvin Bauer KA7TDH (KL1YY)
 Jerry Conover AB7II (NE7I)
 Jeff Crabill KK7LU
 Tim Durkin K6TIM
 Nick Elias N3AIU
 Jerry Ellison W7ST (SK)
 John High W7DFW (SK)
 Pete Koehler KJ7WY
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K6F Albuquerque DX Association

W6S - Arizona Rover 1



The Gemini Giant is a landmark statue on U.S. Route 66 at the eastern entrance to Wilmington, Will County, Illinois. Standing outside the Launching Pad drive-in restaurant, the 30 foot tall statue is one of many giant "Muffler Man" advertising props found throughout the USA in the Sixties. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gemini_Giant)

Click link below for a fun experience at the Launching Pad.

<https://geminigiant.com/>

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K6L Pocket AutoPatch Association
K6K Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club

W6T - Arizona Rover 2



Radio Trivia

- (1) Which is the birthplace of Route 66? Chicago, IL or Springfield, MO
- (2) What is Relive the Ride?
- (3) Where is the midpoint of Route 66?
- (4) What Interstate Highways run parallel with Route 66?
- (5) How many ARRL districts does Route 66 traverse through?
- (6) In which ARRL district does Route 66 split from I-40?
- (7) How many ITU phonetics are in the Route 66 Special Event?
- (8) How many Route US 66 road signs appear on the QSL cards?
- (9) What is Route 66 also known as or called? (two possible answers)
- (10) **Bonus:** What was the original planned number(s) for the US Highway that would eventually be named US Route 66?

Club Events

Cancelled until further notice

Club Calendar

September 6 - Board Meeting - 9:00 am via Zoom

If you wish to join, contact Scott for an invitation. You will be invited via your e-mail.

September 19 - 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.



Radio Trivia Answers

(1) Birthplace

Most concur it is Chicago; but could be both depending on how one reads highway numbers, as there is some debate as whether the true Route 66 starts in Springfield, MO

(2) Relive the Ride is another name used to call Route 66.

(3) Mid-point of Route 66 is Adrian, TX ... 1,139 miles to Chicago and 1,139 miles to Los Angeles

(4) Interstate Highways that parallel Route 66 are: I-40, I-55 and I-44

(5) Route 66 traverses through five ARRL districts ...

starting with District 9 and meandering through 0, 5, 7 and ending in 6.

(6) Route 66 splits from I-40 in District Zero.

(7) There are 22 ITU phonetics.

(8) There are two US Route 66 road signs. The other signs are either state or historic signs.

(9) Will Rogers Highway and Main Street of America

(10) **Bonus:** US Route 60 and US Route 62



Pueblo West Amateur Radio Club Membership Application and/or Renewal

Name _____ New ____ Renewal ____


Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Call Sign _____ License Class _____

Phone (where you wish to be reached) _____

e-mail: _____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

What are your major interests in amateur radio? _____

Are you a member of ARRL (American Radio Relay League)  Yes ____ No ____

Membership Dues

Individual Membership \$ 20.00 ____

Youth (under 18 years of age) \$ 10.00 ____

Family Membership \$ 42.00 ____

(3 or more **FCC licensed** individuals residing in same household (each member must submit a separate membership form))

Signature _____ Date _____

Media Release

With your signature, you agree to allow Pueblo West Amateur Radio Club to use photos of you in the SPARKS Newsletters and PWARC Website.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail this application with your check to:
PWARC, PO Box 7486, Pueblo West, CO 81007

For further information, please contact pwarc@pwarc.com