

PWARC NEWSLETTER – July 10, 2014

Presidents Report:

In the span of one week our club participated in two major events: National Field Day and the Pueblo West 4th of July 5k run. A very big thank you goes to NE0DA for organizing the 2014 Field Day and 16 other club members who helped to make it a success. Club members participating were (in order of singing in): KC0OYO, W0ROG, KA0USA, KY6YYY, NG0T, NI5R, KD0WEA, KE0BAP, AH6OS, K9HBR, KE5CCJ, KE0AHM, KD0MBL, K0JMC, AND KD0TZO.

We were privileged to meet a number of visitors. They included Curtis Hubbell (KD0HIY) who joined PWARC during the exercise, John Goorley (KC0CWB) of Pueblo, Paul Rose of Pueblo West, Joe Thorn of Pueblo, Emit Hurdelbrink (W0UAW-- Colorado Ares, Asst. Sec. Eng. Coord.), Lisa Hurdelbrink (K0LMH) of Parker, Greg Pettis (N1GEP) of Parker, Dennis Watson (KB0YLK) of Security, JoAnn Watson, Matt Williams of Pueblo, and Chuck Goin of Pueblo and the Colorado Rural Water Department.

Ten of our club members provided communication for the United Way 4th of July Run/Walk in Pueblo West. Participants included KD0WEA, AH6OS, W0OJW, KD0MBL, KA5CCJ, NE0DA, KY6YYY, NG0T, KD0FBW, and KC0OYO. The event coordinator expressed her appreciation for our assistance and invited us to participate again next year.

July Birthdays: Don KC7JZV, Bill KB0RPD, William W0NHF, Terry KB0BZO, Tony KD0OXO.

ARRL Membership: We now have 48 members, 47 who are licensed. Of the voting members 15 hold Tech, 12 hold General, 2 hold Advanced, and 18 hold Extra class licenses. 26 belong to the ARRL, which gives us 54%.

July 5th, Ragchew: There were 11 members and 1 guest, those present signed a Thank You card to the Hen House for providing Chicken dinners for Field Day.

New Member: Curtis Hubbell KD0HIY passes his General at the June VE Session, and joined the Club after participating Saturday and Sunday at Field Day.

Events:

July 12th - Bill's Anniversary Remembrance – Potluck at Jane's
11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

July 16th – Mental/Dental 5 K Run/Walk, starts at 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 4th & 5th – Tanner Gun Show – we have a joint table with Pueblo Club

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES
If you would like information on ARES contact
Neal (KD0MBL), ARES 5 District 2
Emergency Coordinator.

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NEWS FROM MEMBERS

News from **Gary, ADØHC** - Following Field Day, I power-poled most of the remainder of the station to DC gel-cell battery back-up. As such, I can operate or NCS uninhibited during a power outage. Battery capability includes 35aH of club batteries that I am maintaining, and about 40aH of my own. Station 12v includes: 3) 2m and/or 70cm, TNC, HT charger, cell charger, scanner, HF receiver, SWR meter panel lights, and even two (2) desk lights. Three items awaiting conversion are laptop, weather radio, and LL cordless phone. All batteries are continuously trickle-charged (but not over-charged) using KBØJIT Paul's BYO system, which he plans to demonstrate at the August pre-meeting Program. Next "up" at this QTH is antennas, followed by solar panels. 73



Neal KD0MBL advise that Gary donated these items to the Club.

Bob KE0AHM sent in this news - I got some DX stations I thought was kind of neat. I don't know if they are that significant or not, but I enjoyed getting them. I received St. Kitts and Nevis Caribbean Islands on 17 meters `call: V47JA and Antarctica call: RT1ANT. Both on 7/5/14. This is old hat to some but new to me

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News from Dan, W0OJW: I enjoyed my second Field Day with PWARC; in fact, my second F. D. ever; and I've been licensed since the fall of 75! In all these years, I have never used a keyer. But at FD, we couldn't get my straight key hooked in--leaving me to try the keyer. And it worked, by and large! Since keyers is the way of CW things now, I bought a used keyer from a member. And I've made a couple QSO's with it! I had a better fist as a new Novice! But I am improving. And I've talked to some understanding hams. ditditdit dit

Also due to improvements in my "assistive technology" software--I can now read docx files much easier and quicker than before. Why, I can get to them almost as fast as anybody else! Plus: the fine N3FJP logging and contesting software has also been reworked in such a manner that it is dramatically more usable without sight. So guess what? If all works as it appears: I can even help with logging at next Field Day! 73.

Announcements:

Boy Scout Communication Badges – There are 16 Boy Scout troops that need help getting their Communication badges. Steve Worley KD0QDF is coordinating with them and the Pueblo Club, if anyone would like to help the Scouts contact Steve at 719-250-5152 or email to sworley.sw@gmail.com

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Announcements cont.

We have been asked to assist the **Mental/Dental 5 K Run/Walk** with communications on August 16th. Volunteer communicators are needed. This event is organized by Mountain West Dental Center and all proceeds will go to Mental Health America of Colorado to help those in need of mental health services, and Dentist of the Heart, a non-profit organization offering free dental work to people in financial need.

More information will be sent out in the next week or so. We will need 10-12 people to fully cover the route and assist run administrators. Let Frank (KD0WEA) know if you would like to help in this community service project.

Social Time:

Saturday, August 2, – 9:00 a.m. – Ragchew – Meet for coffee or breakfast, Dutch treat, at the Hen House Café, 53 Palmer Lake Dr. (c/s S. Joe Martinez Blvd.).

Meeting & Testing

Saturday – July 19th at the Pueblo West Library

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. VE session at the Pueblo West Library.

2:00 p.m.- Program – Field Day Followup/Power-pole Station Compatibility

3:00 p.m. – Regular club meeting

Nets:

Each Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. First session of the PWARC net on the Royal Gorge Ham Club repeater at Canon City (145.490 [-] PL103.5).

Each Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. Second session of the PWARC, 146.445 MHz FM simplex. Alternate frequency, 146.430 FM simplex.



No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. ~Author Unknown

On behalf of United Way of Pueblo County, I would like to extend my deepest thank you to you all for volunteering to serve at our 7th Annual 4th of July Liberty Point 5k. We had a record turn-out, and simply could not have done it without you. We appreciate you getting up early and taking the time to help us out on a holiday, no less. The event turned out well and we hope you had an enjoyable morning. Please know that we are so grateful for your help. Thank you very much!

Andrea Aragon
President/CEO
United Way of Pueblo County