

PWARC NEWSLETTER – February 2015

Presidents Report: Last month's attendance indicated that the new meeting time will work out well. The library is considering changing their policy of not unlocking the doors until 9:00 a.m. in order to allow us set up time for 9:00 a.m. meetings. That new policy could go into effect by our February meeting; if not I will set up the room on Friday afternoon and entrance will not be allowed until 9:00 a.m.

We are excited by the development of an Outreach Committee led by Curtis (KDØHIY). A number of good ideas of how we can encourage more youth and younger adult participation in our club and hobby have been suggested. This committee is charged with formulating a realistic plan of how to do this for our consideration. It is anticipated that implementation of a plan will take some time to work out. We are in need of several people to serve on the committee with Curtis. Please contact him if you are willing to work on this project or have ideas to share.

Lori (AH6OS) and I are in the process of discussing the scholarship presentation with Pueblo West High School officials. It appears that we will be able to insure a scholarship for 2015. We hope to have full details for our February meeting. We intended to have our Club shirts available at the February Ragchew, but a small glitch developed. The details were explained in a separate email. Contact me if you did not get that email.

It looks like 2015 is going to be an exciting year for the Club. Thanks for all you are doing to make that possible. A friendly reminder: 2015 membership dues are due.

73, Frank (KDØWEA)

Mark Your Calendar:

Saturday – February 7th – 9:00 a.m. Ragchew at the Hen House Restaurant, 394 S Joe Martinez Blvd. for breakfast or just coffee, it's up to you.

PLEASE NOTE, OUR MEETING TIME HAS CHANGED

Saturday – February 21st - at the Pueblo West Library

9:00 a.m. Meeting, Please remember to pay your dues to participate.

10:15 a.m. Program

11:00 – 1:00 VE Testing for all licenses.

SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP

1300 UTC Monday Feb. 9th
to 2359 UTC Friday Feb. 13th

- This year there will be separate categories for elementary school, middle school, high school and college clubs.
- SSB and CW are encouraged.
- Rules, logging sheets and other resources can be found at
- <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

• **Even though we don't sponsor a school club we can participate by making contact with any that we hear on the air.**

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Net Report:

There's a new PWARC net format in town; and it goes like this. We have just the one net--the old Repeater Net. It's at the usual time and place: Tuesdays at 7 PM Royal Gorge repeater. Immediately after the net, we head for simplex, for an informal Ragchew.

Net activity for January has been very low. This is likely due to the ham classes, and the involvement PWARC is having with those.

I have a Dropbox link to a simple text file, which shows the net stats for last year. And anyone can see that it wasn't all that bad a year--at least for the nets. On the personal side: I might encourage us all to be thankful for what we do have. For example, we may drool over certain pieces of ham equipment. But looking at it in the clearest light possible, we really find that what we have now may not be all that bad; and it may do exactly what we need to do!

I'll close with that Dropbox link--which I hope works. I'll leave it up till March, say; unless the info is worth printing in the newsletter.

73 from W0OJW!

Net:

Each Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. PWARC Net on the Royal Gorge Ham Club repeater 145.490 [-] PL103.5.

Following the Net will be a Ragchew on 146.445 MHz FM Simplex. Alternate frequency, 146.430 FM simplex.

ARRL International DX Contest

CW: Third full weekend in February (**February 21-22, 2015**).

Phone: First full weekend in March (**March 7-8, 2015**).

Contest Period: 48 hours each mode (separate contests).

Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2359 UTC Sunday.

Navassa Island
(the #1 most needed DXCC entity) in January 2015.



Thanks Jim for above the information.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/e52hwwprmce38tp/2014%20pwarc%20net%20stats.txt?dl=0>

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WANTED

Amateurs with an interest in weather and a desire to contribute during winter storm events and/or Monday Advisories
WILL TRAIN

Gain —

- ✓ An enhanced understanding of weather phenomena
- ✓ On-air experience within various relaxed formats
- ✓ Satisfaction through community service

The Southern Colorado Weather Information Network is seeking Additional volunteers to act as primary's and alternates during the winter months. Through informal scheduling, we are lessening the frequency of participation in storm events and the 12:30 Monday Winter Weather Advisory. Your involvement can lead both to Control and NCS positions during the summer storm season and SkyWarn operations.

Those interested in contributing to this vital, enjoyable and rewarding public service Please contact:

Gary ADØHC @ 320-9575

ad0hc.gary@gmail.com

Steve KDØQCF @ 250-5152

sworley.sw@gmail.com

Minimum—

- 2/70 FM, with a clean signal to .79 and Fun Machine repeaters
- Computer with internet
- Able to participate 5-9 AM and/OR throughout the day depending on timing of a weather event

Preferred, but not a necessity—

- Able to reach Walsenburg 730 & LaVeta 355 repeaters
- Club net NCS experience

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Wingfield	03
Jane Marie Sandberg	10
Frank Krutzke	20
John Conn	25

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Bieber	01
Jane Ewing	13

DUES NOTICE

We are now on a calendar year for dues, which puts everyone's dues payable in January each year. If you cannot attend the Ragchew or meeting please send your \$15.00 dues to:

PWARC

P.O. Box 7486

Pueblo West, Co 81007