

PWARC NEWSLETTER – May 2015

Presidents Report:

It's hard to believe that we are already into the 5th month of the year. That means we need to start serious preparation for our summer activities which include Field Day, two 5K races, setting up a booth at the Pueblo West July 4 Fair, our Founders Day Picnic and possibly working a special events station at the Chili Festival with the Pueblo club. Our board will start planning for these events at its May 7th meeting.

Thanks to Jim (NEØDA) for organizing our participation in the Pueblo West Parks and Recreation trail clean up last Saturday. Three of us (NEØDA, KDØMBL, and KDØWEA) were able to pick up trash on the east side of McCulloch Blvd between Highway 50 and Joe Martinez Blvd.

Hope see all you at this Saturday's Ragchew at the Henhouse and our Club meeting on the 16th.

73,
Frank Dunn, KDØWEA

New Fundraiser

At the last meeting Rada Cutlery catalogs were distributed. We are asking all members to take orders from friends and family, to be turned in to Lori by the July meeting. In addition to cutlery and accessories, there are cookbooks, mixes, stoneware, dips and rubs. If you need a catalog or order form call or email Lori AH6OS.

Mark Your Calendar:

Saturday – May 2nd – 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.

Fox Hunt - Following the Ragchew

Saturday – May 16th

Pueblo West Library

- **9:00 a.m. – Set up & Social**
- **9:30 a.m. – Club Meeting**
- **10:30 a.m. – Break**
- **11:00 a.m. – Program**
- **11:45 a.m. – Break**
- **12:00 p.m. – VE Session**

VE Testing for all licenses,
walk-ins accepted until 1:00 p.m..

ARES Region 5 District 2 Pueblo & Huerfano County FEMA CSEPP Exercise

will be held on:

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Please mark your calendars to set aside this date.

The exercise will be held in the morning hours this year.

This will be a topic of discussion at the meeting on March 29th

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Lincoln County Schools Get Ham Radio Donations in memory of SK

An anonymous donor has given \$10,000 to place amateur radio equipment and antennas at the public schools in Lincoln County, Oregon, and to train school staff to operate the equipment as needed during emergencies. The generous gift was made in memory of John Wilson, a longtime Newport resident and avid ham radio enthusiast who passed away in recent months.

John was a most valuable member of our club," says Joe Joncas, president of the Lincoln County Amateur Radio Club. "He was very generous and did a lot for the club and our members. We miss John greatly, but we are happy that his contributions to our community are being remembered through this gift." Amateur radio is often the only reliable form of communication during disasters and other emergencies, according to Joncas. "When towers fall, cells are jammed, and communications lines are ripped apart, amateur radio will function, even if zero power is available," he says.

Joncas describes amateur radio as a versatile hobby that appeals to a wide age range of people with varying interests, whether it be electronics, talking to people around the country and around the world, offering a "brain" sport, and other enticements. However, the focus of the agreement between the radio club and Lincoln County School District is to provide an ongoing program of emergency communications for schools and the community.

As agreed upon, the club will install an antenna at each school, provide a school-based radio and related equipment, provide training materials and exam fees for staff members willing to earn an amateur radio technician license, and provide a handheld radio unit for the school's designated volunteer ham operator. The club will retain ownership and responsibility for all radios and equipment.

(Wonder if we could do this in Pueblo West)

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.

OR - Our 70 cm repeater on frequency 449.275, – offset, 103.5 tone.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Carlyle NØARN	8 th
Phyllis KCØWYK	13 th
Lori AH6OS	21 st
Tim KDØTKM	21 st
Roger WØROG	29 th

DUES NOTICE

If you cannot attend please send your \$15.00 dues to:

PWARC
P.O. Box 7486
Pueblo West, Co 81007



PWARC is an ARRL-affiliated club. YES! You can join ARRL or renew your ARRL membership through our club!

Check out our website

<http://www.pwarc.com>

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Weather

Preparedness

146.790- Primary; Alt: 146.880- / 146.730- [88.5], 146.580x NWS 719-948-3838
NWS and ARES DOES NOT CONDONE FIELD SPOTTING. USE EXTREME CAUTION IF MOBILE

Weather Readiness Condition

146.790- {88.5}

Daily Spotter Information Statement:
1245, May 1—Aug 31, and as required.

We may casually assemble on the 79 repeater as we observe storms building. During this time we will function informally under **WRC**, with or without a Monitor. NWS may listen to transmissions. This is NOT A NET and the repeater is open to all use.

A non-ARES discussion medium—unrelated to Skywarn—it's for general weather observations. It can initialize preparation for a possible ARES Skywarn activation on the Fun Link System. Operators should key and wait 2 seconds before speaking. Allow the repeater to drop for 4 seconds so all traffic can break-in. We will announce that the repeater is open and there is no net at a minimum of every 10 minutes.

WRC may continue until Skywarn is activated or conditions improve. If conditions further deteriorate, we may upgrade with a Monitor and focus on specific elements of a worsening event. Traffic will likely become less informal with reports further restricted to certain parameters. This can enhance our readiness for a Skywarn call up. During WRC, listen carefully and follow Monitor guidelines closely, since conditions may be rapidly changing.

ARES Reg 4-5

Skywarn Activation

Primary 449.975- 100.0 KØJSC.com;
146.790- Alt; 146.580x Alt

When NWS-Pueblo calls us to ARES Skywarn Net Mode, any existing Condition will upgrade to a **Directed Skywarn Net**, with Net Control Operator(s). Operations will shift to the KØJSC.com 70cm Fun System with links driven by event location(s).

All informal traffic will cease. Strict ARES Skywarn protocol will ensue.

All Skywarn traffic will pass through NCS using ARES emergency traffic and Skywarn procedures (*Review all material included in Skywarn Packet*). Skywarn is for the sole purpose of reporting Skywarn-specific severe observations or emergencies. (Or, as may otherwise be directed by NCS or NWS-Pueblo).

This Skywarn Net is limited to NWS-Certified Trained Spotters with appropriate credentials. Spotters must be familiar with—and utilize—the ARES Skywarn reporting protocol. No exceptions. Reports must be precise, quick and concise. *No guideline or chart should limit or prevent reporting a definite hazardous or life-threatening observation.*

NWS will usually take reports by intercept. At times, they may call us for more information.

NCS will direct this activity.

Gary, ADØHC