

PWARC NEWSLETTER – November 2015

Presidents Report:

2015 is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a good year for our Club with the establishment of our Club repeater, joining the Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs (CCARC), a successful Field Day activity, promoting amateur radio in two Tanner gun shows, and the public service project for United Way's 5 k run and our booth at the 4th of July parade festival.

We are looking forward to the upcoming election process which will give opportunity for further growth. The Nominating Committee will give its report at the November 21 General Meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor, after which the nomination process will be closed and the election will take place at the December 19 meeting. Please make plans to be involved in this important process.

NEØDA, WØROG and I attended the regional meeting of the CCARC in Canon City last month. It was an extremely informative meeting regarding how difficult it is to coordinate repeater frequencies. Far more work goes into this than I ever suspected. It was also announced that a new Colorado repeater map will be printed soon.

During that meeting it was announced that the triannual Rocky Mountain ARRL Division Ham Com will take place in Keystone, CO. on May 13-15, 2016. This will be a full convention involving much more than a Hamfest. Jack Ciacera, WMØG, told us that there are now 2,625 ARRL members in the Rocky Mountain Division which is up 3.6%. 1,500 of those are in Colorado which is 45% of the division. If you have yet to join the ARRL I would

encourage you to do so through our Club. He also gave an update on the National Parity Act. See Parity Act Rescue-Radio.com for further details.

Five tests were administered to 3 attendees in last month's VE session. All 3 passed their initial test and 2 failed in an upgrade attempt. We are in need of more examiners, particularly for those with Extra class licenses. Lori has a study guide. Contact her if you would like to participate in this valuable service. In other news, Steve, KDØQCF, announces that there are 12 persons taking license classes on Tuesday nights. Contact him for more information. Also Jim, NEØDA, is now our Website Coordinator. All suggestions for additions or questions regarding the website should go to him, and he will communicate with our Web Master David Ewing.

73, Frank, KDØWEA

Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday – November 7th

RAGCHEW - the Hen House Restaurant, 394 S Joe Martinez Blvd. for breakfast or just coffee, it's up to you.

Saturday – November 21th

MEETING at Pueblo West Library
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Set up & Social
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Club Meeting
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 Program
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 Break
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. VE Session
VE Testing for all licenses,
walk-ins accepted until noon.

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Net Report:

Our nets have made an easy transition from the Royal Gorge to the PWARC repeater. Over the past month on our machine, we get at least 6 stations per net; and we run at least 15 minutes a pop. KD0WEA & W0ROG have been the first NCS'es on our repeater; and they've done a fine job. And it's good to know that the repeater is also used outside the nets!

I am honored to be Net Manager. I'll be pleased to serve there as long as you all can tolerate it!

In October of 1975, I was first licensed. In October of 2012, I returned to ham radio after almost a decade away. I also came into this club. These past three years as a ham have been my happiest and most productive. And of great value is the fellowship and assistance of this club.

Bestest of 73s. W0OJW, dit dit

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Grace Conn, Associate	11th
David Ewing, KCØRNI	25th
Bob Akins, WDØFBW	31th

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Devin Conn, KDØYZO	4th
Dan Wantuck, WØOJW	18th

Happy Birthday!

Net:

Each Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. PWARC Net on our own (NA0PW) repeater at 447.450 [-] PL 123. As we have full run of our own repeater, we no longer have a simplex net, per se. However, some folks stick around a tad after the net.

We have left the Royal Gorge repeater 145.490 [-] PL103.5 except as backup. They've told us we can use the repeater if ever we need to. We have informally and formally, thanked them for everything over the years. Some of us still get on that repeater, too.

We started the nets on our machine, back on Sept 29.

The 2015 CQ World-Wide DX Contest

CW: November 28-29
Starts: 0000 UTC Saturday
Ends: 2359 UTC Sunday

The CQ WW is the largest Amateur Radio competition in the world. Over 30,000 participants take to the airwaves on the last weekend of November (CW) with the goal of making as many contacts with as many different DXCC entities and CQ Zones as possible.

More information at <http://www.cqww.com/>

PWARC HISTORIAN

Rita McConnell has graciously volunteered to compile our photo's and articles about the Club. [People can send pictures and articles to Rita at \[vail_80@msn.com\]](#)

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