



PWARC "SPARKS"

NEWSLETTER OF THE PUEBLO WEST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Saturday, February 20 is going to be a big day with our club meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Pueblo West Library, a ragchew discussion as the program, VE testing at 11:00 a.m., and the area wide Ham Party with the pueblo club and ARES at 1:00 p.m. It will be a good day to "ham it up."

If you have yet to renew your 2016 club membership you may do so at Saturday's meeting or mail it in to the club address, P.O. Box7486, Pueblo West, CO 81007. We have had 2 new member applications since the beginning of the year, WBØYKO, Mike and N6OMM, Phil. If you or anyone you know is considering membership, we would love to hear from you—see last page of this newsletter for the membership application form. Our \$500.00 Pueblo West senior scholarship award is in process, and details will be available as the school receives applications and a candidate is selected. Upcoming events include the Tanner Gun show in April, Field Day at the end of June, and the Liberty Point 5K run and festival booth on the 4th of July,

73,

Frank
KDØWEA

NET REPORT

From WØOJW, Net Manager

2016,s nets got off to a pleasant start. Time and check-ins were fairly consistent. Conversation often followed for a few minutes after the nets. Following we'll see the date of each net; the NCS; the amount of stations (including NCS); any special comments.

1-5: KDØWEA; 8 stations; 16 minutes

1-12: WØOJW; 8 stations; 23 minutes

1-19: KEØAHM; 7 STATIONS; 15 minutes

Bob is newest NCS, and he's coming along just fine.

1-26: KDØMBL; 5 stations; 15 minutes

Net featured W7AWH, who moved to PW in October.

Happy New Year and Happy hamming! WØOJW

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY(S)

2/13 JANE KCØUSA

QUICK QUIZ # 2

1. To determine whether your hand-held can generate enough signal
To access a local repeater, you should ...
 - a. activate the transmitter for a second or to then listen for the squelch tail.
 - b. transmit while announcing your call sign followed by "testing"
 - c. call CQ several times and your call sign.
 - d. whistle into the mike several times and then say, "Hola...Hoooooooooola."

2. If you're a net control preparing to start a net session and a conversation is already taking place on the usual frequency, you should ...
 - a. ignore them and start the net anyway.
 - b. break in and demand that they change frequency.
 - c. politely request that they change frequency and, if they refuse, start the net on a nearby frequency.
 - d. transmit obscenities until they leave.

Quiz continued:

3. What is a calling frequency?
 - a. Where the DX station is listening.
 - b. Where the DX station is transmitting.
 - c. A frequency to make many rapid contacts.
 - d. A frequency to arrange or schedule contact on nearby frequencies.

4. If the FCC declares a communications emergency and designates a particular frequency for emergency traffic, how long is that frequency dedicated to emergency use?
 - a. 24 hours
 - b. 48 hours
 - c. until the FCC lifts the emergency
 - d. until FEMA is on the scene

5. If someone says your signal is “broken up,” what does that Probably mean?
 - a. Your audio is intermittent.
 - b. You are suffering from depression.
 - c. The power in your house is going on and off.
 - d. Someone is interfering with your signal.

Answers

1. b—Unidentified transmissions are quite annoying and illegal.
2. c—be polite and remember that no net “owns” a frequency.
3. d—Establish contact on the calling frequency, then move the conversation elsewhere.
4. c
5. a—A faulty mike cable or connectors are prime suspects for intermittent audio.

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PWARC REPEATER: 447.450 (-) PL 123.0

PWARC 'OFFICERS'

KDØWEA Frank Dunn President

NEØDA Jim McConnell Vice-President

KDØRRH Del Milne Secretary

KBØJIT Paul Sipes Treasurer

KE5CCJ Roger Ashcraft Director

KDØHIY Curtis Hubbell Director

KDØMBL Neal Tew Director

WØOJW Dan Wantuck Director

CLUB CALENDAR - MARCH

RAGCHEW – MAR 5 – Hen House, 394 Joe Martinez Blvd. 0900 HRS

CLUB MEETING - MAR 19, 0900, PW Library, Room A

PWARC NET: Each Tuesday – 1900 HRS – 447.450 (-) PL 123.0

FEBRUARY DOOR PRIZE

9" MAGNETIC SPIRIT LEVEL & MINI LED FLASH LIGHT

Donated by WØROG – Proceeds to the Club – Be There and Support your Club

FOR SALE / CLASSIFIEDS

This is a new service for Cub members. Send information to Secretary KDØRRH at milnedel@yahoo.com. PWARC assumes NO liability for any transactions shown in this space. This is purely informational only, and all transactions are between seller and buyer.

Must included phone and/or e-mail address.

Pueblo West Amateur Radio Club Membership Application / Renewal

PLEASE PRINT)

Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____
Renewals fill in name/call sign/any changes

Call Sign _____ Class _____ Expires _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

ARRL Member? _____ Birth (Month/Day) _____

What are your major interests in the hobby? _____

Bands & Modes operated _____

Other Interests _____

Membership: Individual _____ Family _____ If family, include separate application for each individual - Please enclose annual dues as follows:

Adult: **\$15.00**

Age 18 or younger: **\$ 7.50**

Family **\$32.00** (3 or more individuals of immediate family)

Questions? Email to info@pwarc.com or call 719-406-0617/547-9875. Send this application with check or money order to PWARC, P.O. Box 7486, Pueblo West, CO 81007 or drop it off at any club meeting.