



# *PWARC "SPARKS"*

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PUEBLO WEST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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February 2019

## **President's Corner**

I hope all of you had great Christmas and New Year holidays. A reminder that our rag chew breakfast will be this Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, aka ground hog day, 9:00 AM at the Hen House Restaurant. Remember also that our next meeting will be Saturday on the 16th, at 9:00 AM.

Our battery acquisition is nearly complete, but with mixed results. We picked all the available batteries and there were only enough to supply the club and 2 individuals. Regrettably the demand exceeded the supply and I apologize to anyone who didn't get any. The club batteries were installed and charged. As of 25 Jan the only remaining work was fabrication and installation of the wire run to the repeater. A complete report will be provided the club meeting.

If you have items that should be placed on the meeting agenda, please call, text, or email me no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> (before the meeting).

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# Net Report

## From Dan WØJW, Net Manager

Greetings, from WØJW! Winter doldrums didn't affect January's nets. Check-ins included some brand-new hams, plus some returning to the air. Here's how things went.:

1-1: NCS KØFD; 23 minutes; 13 stations.

1-8: NCS WØJW; 23 minutes; 10 stations.

1-15: NCS KØFD; 14 minutes; 10 stations.

1-22: NCS WØJW; 25 minutes; 11 stations.

1-29: NCS WØJW; 14 minutes; 10 stations.

(But this night: the repeater voltage began dropping, making for unstable operations. But by keeping transmissions short, we got a comment from everyone.)

Should the repeater go out on us during a net, try moving to our old simplex frequency of 146.445. Though it isn't a repeater, and you may be using a small HT--you might be surprised who can hear you. And a little note about the number of stations in each net. This includes the NCS (or Net Control Station.) Wishing all A FANTASTIC FEBRUARY, from old Net Manager and new Veep: Dan, WØJW.

## Birthdays 2019

### **February**

2/6 Paul KEØLLK

2/10 Spike KEØQKB

2/13 Jane KAØUSA

### **March**

3/1 Mike WBØYKO

3/7 Jim NØØBV

3/13 Stan NØØYO

3/13 Chris KEØMOQ

## February Club Calendar

**RAG CHEW:** 9AM SAT Feb 2 at the Hen House in PW.

**GENERAL CLASS:** every Thursday this month, 6:30 – 9 PM at Fire Station #3, East Gold and McCulloch; **Instructors please arrive at 6PM**

**CLUB GENERAL MEETING:** 9AM Sat Feb 16 in Room A PW Library

**SPECIAL EVENT (FYI):** Orlando Hamcation Feb 8-10 in Orlando FL

## Ham Thoughts

### Here are some Great Things About Ham Radio:

From CQ Amateur Radio Magazine – here is the middle third of them (to be continued):

22. A good way to bridge the generation gap
23. A good way to keep tabs on elderly/infirm people
24. People named Joe (Walsh, Rudi, Taylor)
25. How many of your non-ham friends have actually talked to someone in some remote place such as Cape Verde or the Seychelles?
26. How many of your non-ham friends might have talked to an astronaut aboard the space station?
27. How many of your non-ham neighbors might have a satellite uplink station in their basements—or in the palms of their hands?
28. How many of your non-ham neighbors might have a TV studio in their garage?
29. What other hobby group has designed, built, and had launched its own fleet of communication satellites?
30. Where else can you play with meteors?
31. Moonbounce
32. Informal way to improve technical skills
33. Informal way to improve communication skills
34. Introduces a variety of career paths
35. Offers unparalleled opportunities for career networking
36. Opportunities for competition in contesting and foxhunting
37. A good way to collect really cool postcards from around the world (despite the growth of electronic confirmations)
38. Nearly endless variety of different things to do, on and off the air
39. Hamfests
40. Dayton
41. Field Day

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### **PUEBLO WEST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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**PWARC REPEATER: 447.450 (-) PL 123.0**

### **CLUB OFFICERS 2019**

KE0HLU Bob James President  
W0OJW Dan Wantuck Vice-President  
KE0GMS Randy Linnen Treasurer  
KE0MSM Rick Stiphout Secretary  
N1TEW Neal Tew Director  
N3CMG Dan Bassak Director  
NG0T Dan Broadbrooks Director  
KE5CCJ Roger Ashcraft Past President

## Remaining Meetings For 2019

### CLUB MEETINGS (Room A)

February 16

March 16

April 13

May 18

June 15

July 13

August 17

September ??TBD

October 19

November 16

December 14

### BOARD MEETINGS (Lamb Room):

March 6

May 8

July 3

September 11

November 6

RAG CHEWS will continue the first Saturday of every month at 9AM in the back room at the Hen House, PW

## Remaining Club Events For 2019

GENERAL LICENSE CLASS SESSIONS: Thursdays at 6:30PM – Jan 31; Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 (instructors at 6 PM)

MEMORIAL 5K RUN: TBD in April

FOX HUNT: TBD

LIBERTY POINT 5K RUN: JULY 4

ARRL FIELD DAY: June 23 morning – June 24 afternoon

JOTA: TBD

MAKERS FAIRE: TBD

# Pueblo West Amateur Radio Club Membership Application / Renewal

(PLEASE PRINT)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New: \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ (Renewals fill in name/call sign/any changes)

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Primary: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_

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: **\$20.00**

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

Family **\$37.00** (3 or more individuals of immediate family)

Questions? Email to [info@pwarc.com](mailto:info@pwarc.com) or call 208-244-1296. 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.