



## **PWARC "SPARKS"**

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

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February 2018

### **President's Corner**

I am writing this on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, and glad to see some snow and glad we have no Club functions to drive to today, hi hi. Hope you will be able to attend our meeting next Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, and a gentle reminder that some of you may still need to pay your membership dues for the new year. Please consider your possible participation in a Fox Hunt this spring, and we will set a date for sure at this meeting. We will probably also get an update from our Trailer/Tower Committee.

I came across a link to a website where the writer does a good job of explaining and comparing the digital voice modes, D-Star, Fusion, and DMR. After our meeting, I would like to have a round table discussion of who in our club has used any or all of these modes, which has worked best for you, and any info any of you have on what is being used by other clubs and/or individuals throughout Colorado. My close friend who works for HRO in their Plano, TX store tells me that D-Star and DMR use has really increased in the North Texas area, with Fusion being a very distant third.

Here is the contact: [www.mikemyers.me/blog/2016/2/19/d-star-dmr-fusion-which-is-right-for-you](http://www.mikemyers.me/blog/2016/2/19/d-star-dmr-fusion-which-is-right-for-you)

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## NET REPORT

From Dan W0OJW, Net Manager

Happy 2018, from Net Manager W0OJW! And the year's nets got off to a very fine start! As proof, I give you January:

1-2: KB0FD/NCS	20 minutes	11 stations.
1-9: W0OJW/NCS	23 minutes	13 stations.
1-16: KB0FD/NCS	20 minutes	12 stations.
1-23: W0OJW/NCS	27 minutes	11 stations.
1-30: W0OJW/NCS	21 minutes	10 stations.

It has also been a kick, having a couple folks checking in to the R5D2 Simplex Net (all but the last monthly Thursday; 7 PM; 146.580), right from the General Class course. 73 and good hamming to all, from W0OJW.

## BIRTHDAY(S) 2018

### **February**

2/6	Paul	KE0LLK
2/13	Jane	KC0USA

### **March**

3/1	Mike	WB0YKO
3/7	Jim	N0OBV
3/13	Stan	N0OYO
3/13	Chris	KE0MOQ
3/14	Nate A.	(pending)

## February CLUB CALENDAR

**GENERAL CLASS:** Thursday nights through March 1; 6:30 – 9 PM at Fire Station #3, East Gold and McCulloch; Instructors please arrive at 6 PM

**CLUB MEETING:** Feb 17, 2018 P.W. LIBRARY 9:00 AM

## 'HAM HUMOR'

W6: JY1, this is W6ANON -- How did you get such a fancy call sign?  
You must have some political pull  
JY1 -- It helps when you're King!!  
(King Hussein of Jordan - true story)

Ham 1 -- Hey I hear Old Megawatt is retiring from Ham Radio  
Ham 2 -- Yeah I heard him say that before  
Ham 1 -- I know, but this time the FCC said it!

GREAT DX BOOKS - By AC6V  
Antennas Revealed -- By Ms Clipbord of the HOA  
Seven Years Before The Mast -- A no-rotor station  
The Rise And Fall of The Sun Spot Cycle  
Gone With The Wind -- A Quad Story  
Much Ado About Nothing -- DXing Exposed  
War and DXing  
Don Quadotee -- Attacked a 160 Meter Quad  
Of Man And Mouse -- Computer Fiction  
The Sound and the Fury -- Pileups Explained  
Atlas Shrugged  
Casey At The Mike

### PUEBLO WEST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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### CLUB OFFICERS

KE5CCJ Roger Ashcraft President  
KN4DX Paul Gurka Vice-President  
KE0MSM Rick Stiphout Secretary  
KE0GMS Randy Linnen Treasurer  
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NØARN Carlyle Rowland Director  
N1TEW Neal Tew Director  
KBØFD Frank Dunn Past President

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**RAGCHEWS – 0900 – HEN HOUSE, P.W.**

MAR 3, APR 7, MAY 5, JUN 2, JUL 7, AUG 4, SEP 1, OCT 6, NOV 3, DEC 1

**GENERAL MEETING DATES – ROOM A – 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM –  
SATURDAYS**

FEBRUARY 17	JULY 21
MARCH 17	AUGUST 18
APRIL 21	SEPTEMBER 15
MAY 19	OCTOBER 20
JUNE 16	NOVEMBER 10 (change)
	DECEMBER 15

**BOARD MEETINGS – ROOM C – 1:00 PM TO 3:30 PM - WEDNESDAYS**

MARCH 14  
MAY 9  
JULY 18  
SEPTEMBER 12  
NOVEMBER 7

**CLUB EVENTS FOR 2018**

GENERAL LICENSE CLASS SESSIONS remaining: **THURSDAYS** - 8, 15, 22; MAR 1

MEMORIAL 5K RUN: APRIL 7

LIBERTY POINT 5K RUN: JULY 4

ARRL FIELD DAY: JUNE 23 – 24

JOTA: OCTOBER 20 ??? TO BE FIRMED UP LATER

MAKERS FAIRE: SEPT OR OCT - TBA

## 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 903-227-1547/582-1937. 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.