



# PWARC "SPARKS"

NEWSLETTER OF THE PUEBLO WEST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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January 2019

## President's Corner

**Happy New Year!** I hope all of you had great Christmas and New Year holidays. A reminder that our rag chew breakfast will be this Saturday, January 5th, 9:00 AM at the Hen House Restaurant. Remember also that our next meeting will be Saturday on the 19th, at 9:00 AM, back to our customary time.

Our Holiday Brunch was a raging success! Special thanks to the organizers especially Trina and Dan Bassak (always the last to leave, and Trina always has an inexhaustible supply of zip locks), Carol Berg and Karen Stiphout, and anyone I may have overlooked.

If you have items that should be placed on the meeting agenda, please call, text, or email me no later than next Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> (before the Board meeting).

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## NET REPORT

From Dan W0OJW, Net Manager

You know, it seems like only yesterday, when early hams were using lighter fluid as linears for their spark gap transmitters. And just like that, it's 2019!

While nobody really knows what propagation will be like in the coming year, we can be sure that our nets will have a good index. Here's how 2018 wrapped up:

12-4: NCS N1TEW; minutes 27; stations 13.  
12-11: NCS KB0FD; minutes 16; stations 11.  
12-18: NCS KB0FD; minutes 18; stations 10.

12-25: NCS's KB0FD, N1TEW, W0OJW!; minutes 21; stations 6.  
Frank started the net but had rig troubles. Neal took it, but he was only on an HT. He passed it to Dan...  
A big 73 to all, from W0OJW

## Birthdays 2019

### **January**

1/2	Mike	KE0SQE
1/10	Jane-Marie	KE0LCH

### **February**

2/6	Paul	KE0LLK
2/10	Spike	KE0QKB
2/13	Jane	KA0USA

## January Club Calendar

**RAG CHEW:** 9 AM SAT Jan 5 at the Hen House in PW.

**GENERAL CLASS:** begins Thursday Jan 10, 6:30 – 9 PM at Fire Station #3, East Gold and McCulloch; **Instructors please arrive at 6 PM**

**BOARD MEETING:** 1 PM Wed Jan 9 in the Lamb Room PW Library

**CLUB GENERAL MEETING:** 9 AM Sat Jan 19 in Room A PW Library

**SPECIAL EVENT:** “Setting up your Ham Shack” by DXEngineering 6:30-8:30 PM Mon Jan 14, at the Pueblo County Emergency Services Center, 101 W. 10th St, Pueblo

## Ham Thoughts

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

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

1. It works when nothing else does
2. It makes you part of a worldwide community
3. The opportunity to help neighbors by providing public service and emergency communications
4. Some of the nicest people you'll ever meet
5. Some of the smartest people you'll ever meet
6. Some of the most interesting people you'll ever meet
7. Some of the most generous people you'll ever meet (along with some of the cheapest!)
8. Lifelong friendships
9. Friends around the world (including those you haven't met yet)
10. The opportunity to go interesting places you might not otherwise go to
11. The opportunity to do interesting things you might not otherwise get to do
12. The opportunity to expand your knowledge of geography
13. The opportunity to expand your knowledge of earth and space science
14. Practical uses for high school math
15. Practical uses for high school physics
16. A good way to practice a foreign language
17. A good way to keep in touch with faraway friends and relatives
18. A good way to get driving directions when visiting someplace new (with or without GPS)
19. A good way to find the best places to eat when visiting someplace new (with or without GPS)
20. Finding "non-touristy" off-the-beaten-path places to stay, eat, visit, etc.
21. A good way to learn about virtually any topic

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### **CLUB OFFICERS 2019**

KE0HLU Bob James President  
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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

**Meetings For 2019**

**CLUB MEETINGS (Room A)**

January 19

February 16

March 16

April 13

May 18

June 15

July 13

August 17

September ??TBD

October 19

November 16

December 14

**BOARD MEETINGS (Room C):**

January 9 (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

**CLUB EVENTS FOR 2019**

GENERAL LICENSE CLASS SESSIONS: THURSDAYS - JAN 10, 17, 24, 31; FEB 7,  
14, 21, 28

MEMORIAL 5K RUN: TBD

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 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.