



PWARC "SPARKS"

NEWSLETTER OF THE PUEBLO WEST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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May 2019

President's Corner

We had a busy month. We erected one antenna and removed another. We put up an antenna for Dan - N3CMG and removed a surplus tower and antenna for another friend. It was a great turnout for both but we couldn't have done it without Chris – KEØMOQ and his mega bucket. Thanks to all.

Remember our rag chew; Saturday, 0900 5/4/2019 at the Hen House

Remember also that our next meeting will be Saturday on the 18th, at 9:00 AM. see you then.

If you have items that should be placed on the meeting agenda, please call, text, or email me no later than May 14thth (before the meeting).

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Net Report

From Dan W0OJW, Net Manager

April saw five fine PWARC nets. Among the check-ins, we had some newcomers to the hobby, some returning to the hobby, and some newcomers to the area. Here are the month's numbers:

- 4-2: NCS W0OJW; minutes 27; stations 11.
- 4-9: NCS N1TEW; minutes 34!; stations 17!.
- 4-16: NCS W0OJW; minutes 28; stations 14.
- 4-23: NCS W0OJW; minutes 25; stations 12.
- 4-30: NCS W0OJW/ minutes 30; stations 13.

Thanks and 73, from Net Manager W0OJW!

Birthdays 2019

May

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| 5/8 | Carlyle | N0ARN |
| 5/26 | Scott | N0ELF |
| 5/28 | Bob | KE0SIO |
| 5/29 | Roger | W0ROG |

June

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| 6/5 | Del | KD0RRH |
| 6/8 | Richard | KD8WJ |
| 6/17 | Frank | KB0FD |

May Club Calendar

RAG CHEW: 9AM SAT May 4 at the Hen House in PW

CLUB GENERAL MEETING: 9AM Sat May 18 in Room A PW Library

Ham Thoughts – more CW and Me

I've been a ham since 1975. And the Novice license back then was limited to CW. But once I attained mic-handling privileges, I kept with the code all the way to today--and I hope beyond.

A neat challenge in sending code is being as descriptive as possible in as few words as possible. We have special abbreviations and Q-codes (the ham equivalent of 10-codes) to help us. We can also take some liberties with spelling. That's especially if you're ragchewing; or, in a QSO.

Being a simpler tone-on/tone-off kind of deal, CW doesn't require the same degree of wattage and antenna height as a good phone signal would want. I never had a powerhouse station. My present one is 100 watts and a multi-band dipole up about 15 feet. With this, I've had more than my share of good-quality phone conversations. But I've had many steadier contacts in poorer conditions on code than voice. And late at night, should the ham bug bite, I can grab a headset and get on the air without the risk of waking up the house.

There are various ways to send Morse code. Each has its pros and cons. None are by-law right or wrong.

I'll share my adventures in CW sending next time--all the while realizing that others can share even more adventures than I will. By Dan W0OJW

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NG0T Dan Broadbrooks Director
KE5CCJ Roger Ashcraft Past President

Remaining Meetings For 2019

GENERAL MEETINGS SAT 9AM (Room A)

May 18 ←

June 15

July 13

August 17

September ??TBD

October 19

November 16

December 14

BOARD MEETINGS WED 1 PM (Lamb Room):

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

ARRL FIELD DAY: Sat June 22 morning – June 23 afternoon

LIBERTY POINT 5K RUN: JULY 4

FOX HUNT: TBD in September

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 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.