



### President's Message

Greetings to the members and friends of PAARC as fall begins to chill the air. Our club has completed another Superfest and welcomed hundreds of visitors to Peoria. As soon as we figure out the results of the 'fest, we will tell you what it looked like when we saw the outcome of our planning, painting, and sweat.

From my perspective, it was pleasant to hear from W9XA, Kermit Carlson, what is going on in the world of ham radio. Added to his news was the commentary from AD9I, Ron Morgan, our ARRL Section Manager for Illinois. We heard a lot about regulatory matters and operating opportunities. K9CT, Craig Thompson, has a passion for DXpeditions, and that excitement permeated the room when he described the coming trip to Pitcairn Island (think "Mutiny on the Bounty").

Don Wilbanks revealed a lot about the inner workings of Ham Nation while he was introducing Newsline's Young Ham of the Year, Dhruv Rebba, KC9ZJX. The audience interaction was fun to witness, and I'm certain we will hear much more in the years to come about this young man (now age 15).

There is something that all of us need to consider: Looking toward 2020, our board of directors will change quite a bit. While you're enjoying your breakfast (and lunch – and dinner), consider whether you wish to become a member of PAARC's board. Truth in advertising compels me to mention that there are many times board members find themselves working, and few of those are covered by board meeting hours. Here are some particular positions that may be open: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, repeater chair, and Superfest chair. If you feel the urge to serve, please consider standing for one of these positions.

You will hear more about these topics at the next membership meeting in October. Meanwhile, let's ensure that we keep up the habit of communicating in all the ways that ham radio makes available to us. Pick up new friends, and let people know we're always willing to help when our communities need it.

Jon A. Dainty, Sr., NM0O

President, PAARC

### October Club Events:

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Board Meeting

October 10<sup>th</sup>: Club Meeting

October 16<sup>th</sup>: ARES Meeting at Red Cross

October 24<sup>th</sup>: Superfest Meeting

### November Club Events:

November 7<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting

November 14<sup>th</sup>: Club Meeting

November 20<sup>th</sup>: ARES Meeting at Red Cross

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## Peoria County ARES

<u>Date/Time (CST)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 2th 8:00 pm	NET	075 Repeater
October 8th 8:00 pm	NET	075 Repeater
October 16th <sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm	Meeting	Peoria American Red Cross
October 25-26 <sup>th</sup> 8:00-4:00pm	Statewide Fall Set	EMA Bunker near Kickapoo

Meeting Agenda: 2019 Fall SET, Halloween Watch, ARES Show & Tell, Winlink Tip of the Month, Area Repeater Survey, Volunteers wanted for various jobs

Rich Holtman, KD9ANU, Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Peoria County ARES email: [kd9anu@arll.net](mailto:kd9anu@arll.net)  
Winlink: [kd9anu@winlink.org](mailto:kd9anu@winlink.org) Cell: 309-256-4272 ARES website: <http://www.peoriacountyares.org/>

### Club Sunday Night Net

The club holds a weekly net on Sunday Evening at 8:30 PM Local Time on the 147.075 repeater. All Amateurs with 2-meter privileges are invited to check in.

The Sunday Night W9UVI Net check-in results for the month are shown in the table below.

September- 1	September- 8	September 15	September- 22	September-29	Total
20	24	22	25	20	111

September 1<sup>st</sup> Check-Ins: KD9HVC N9SJZ AE9DM KB9ATO W9WGN K9RCS NM0O W9WTF K9JLX KD9AER KD9JXR N9LFE K9HJZ KD9LHA KD9NTP KD9LSV KB9VVM W9GLO KD9DRF KD9BRV Submitted by W8NWG 73

September 8<sup>th</sup> Check-Ins: KD9JXR N9SJZ KC9YTT KD9IBC W8NWG NM0O W9TGO KD9IVV N9FAM KD9AER W9JDP KD9ERS N9ZA KB9VVM KD9BRV K9HJZ KA4DEB KB9YYD KB9ATO W9WGN KB9SF W9GLO KC9RAV KD9LSV Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

September 15<sup>th</sup> Check-Ins: W9WTF KD9JXR N9LFE N9SJZ KD9BRV KD9IBC KD9HZS W9JDP NM0O KA4DEB W9TGO N9FAM KD9NTP K9JLX W9GLO KC9YTT KB9VVM N9GZ KB9SF KD9LSV KD9LQL K9CEW Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Check-Ins: KD9JXR W9WTF KD9IBC K9TNT W8NWG KD9BRV W9WGN KD9LQL N9SJZ N9FAM W9TGO KD9MJA KA4DEB KN9ANU KD9AER K9CEW N9NDS N9LFE KB9ATO KB9VVM KC9YTT KC9RAV N0XOH KJ4OHR KD9LSV Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

September 29<sup>th</sup> Check-Ins: KD9JXR N9SJZ KD9HZY KD9IVV W9WGN W8NWG KD9LQL NM0O K9HJZ K9JLX KD9ANU N9FAM KB9VVM KB9ATO K9CEW KC9YTT KD9BRV W9TGO KT9TB W9GLO Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

### Club Directors

President Jon Dainty, NM0O; Vice President Corey Ressler, KC9RAV; Secretary, ; Treasurer Deb Suhs, KA4DEB; Directors Neil Hubert, KC8FYI (1 year); Melinda Hubert, K9GOA (2 years); Trustee Tom Hunt, W8NWG, Repeater Chair Steve Grob, KD9AER; Superfest Chair Deb Suhs, KA4DEB.

# Minutes of PAARC Board Meeting – September 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by PAARC Club President John NM0O at 7:09 pm. Others present were Tom W8NWG, Deb KA4DEB, Corey KC9RAV and Rich KD9ANU, plus via telephone Neil KC8FYI and Melinda K9GOA.

Treasure Report: Club Treasurer Deb KA4DEB presented the Treasurer Report. Tom W8NWG made a motion to accept the report, and Corey KC9RAV seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion passed. Deb KA4DEB made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes from the August meeting, which was seconded by Corey KC9RAV. A vote was taken, the motion passed.

SuperFest: Tom W9NWG reported that Ticket sales are progressing. Deb KA4DEB reminder everyone that SuperFest is only 2 weeks away! She also reported talking with the Food Concession folks. Further, she plans on having treats from Trefzger's Bakery on Friday for the set-up crew and vendors. On Saturday there will be 4 sheet cakes from Walmart, plus 2 sheet cakes on Sunday. Bottled water and doughnuts are planned for the gate crew. Hotel reservations have been made for guest speakers Joe and Don. The Kit Building session is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Corey KC9RAV will contact Craig regarding retrieving the Club Trailer from Trivoli, which Neil KC8FYI will pull to Expo Gardens with his truck. Jim Rodewald KD9JXR confirmed that he is setting up the sound system with the help of his son and grandson. Finally, Deb KA4DEB announced that the speakers will be taken to dinner Friday evening at Lariat Club, at approximately 7 PM. Interested club members are invited to attend, recognizing that each must pay for their meals and drinks – contact Deb KA4DEB to be included in the reservation.

Repeater Updates: Steve KD9AER was absent and there was no official report. Tom W8NWG did mention a discussion with Patrick W9GLO about the possibility of using a repeater for slow-scan TV (SSTV) – Tom W8NWG plans to discuss with Steve KD9AER about the possibility of using the Glasford repeater for this. Rich KD9ANU also mentioned the possibility of placing a Digipeater/Packet Node in Peoria at Firehouse 16. MS Walk Support: The MS Walk will be held this Sunday the 8th of September, at Junction City at 11 AM.

Social Media: Melinda K9GOA reported that our Facebook page has had many interactions with viewers in the most recent reporting period.

Melinda K9GOA made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb KA4DEB seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. Submitted by Rich KD9ANU Past-Secretary, filling in at tonight's meeting.

## Repeaters

The PAARC operates three 2-meter repeaters, which are open for all amateurs with 2-meter privileges. The 146.250 (input)/146.850 (output) (K9PEO) repeater is located in Glasford. The repeater uses a 103.5 Hz input tone. The 147.675 (input)/147.075 (output) (W9UVI) repeater is located in Groveland. This repeater is used for the Sunday night net. This repeater uses a 156.7 Hz input itone for CTCSS squelch control. The W9PIA D-Star 144.505 (input)/145.105 (output) repeater and 448.46875 (input)/443.46875 (output) repeaters are located in Groveland.

## Membership Information

Membership in the Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club is available to any licensed amateur and is administered as follows: Voting Membership: \$25 per calendar year. Ages 18 and under, or 65 and older are \$20 per calendar year. Family Membership: Voting membership for first

## Minutes of the PAARC General Meeting – September 12, 2019:

The meeting was called to order by PAARC Club President Jon NM0O at 6:59 p.m. Tonight's program was a presentation regarding DMR by Tim Ylinen KT9Y and Nick Mishler KB9YVN.

Following the presentation, a short business meeting was held. A motion was made by Corey KC9RAV to accept the minutes as published in Bandbits, and that motion was seconded by Mark W9WGN. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Deb KA4DEB. A motion was made by Steve W9FYR to accept the Treasurer's Report, and that motion was seconded by Bob W9WTF. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Boy Scout JoTA: Club President Jon NM0O read a letter from Steve Lehman, N9SL, who is looking for amateur radio operators who would be interested in helping man the Jamboree on the Air ham radio station October 19th in Bloomington at the Heartland Community College. Steve hopes to demonstrate various modes such as digital and voice communications. Anyone interested should contact Steve at [steve@noizenet.net](mailto:steve@noizenet.net) or via his cell phone (309) 251-7716 (text or voice is fine).

SuperFest: Corey KC9RAV spoke about the sign-up for SuperFest jobs, and passed around a book of jobs for folks to pick times and sign up. He also had available handouts containing a list of radio frequencies we will be using during SuperFest.

Motion to adjourn by Dion KC9UCJ, and seconded by Craig K9CEW. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. Submitted by Rich KD9ANU Past-Secretary, filling in at tonight's meeting

### Repeater Updates

147.075 - The 075 continues to run well. Investigating linking possibilities.

146.850 – The 85 continues to run well. Still waiting for a signed updated agreement document from the Timber Hollis Fire Dept.

D-Star – Gateway, Controller, VHF and UHF repeaters are running fine.

There have been no new updates delivered or problems brought to the club's repeater chairman.

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Steve

KD9AER, PAARC Repeater Chairman

member and \$15 for each additional member in same household. Non-voting Membership: \$10 per calendar year for amateurs who are interested only in occasional participation. Honorary Life Memberships: are free and are awarded by a vote of the general membership after recommendations from the Board of Directors. Dues are payable by February 1ST of each year.

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## PAARC 2019 Superfest

**Attendance:** Sadly, due to the weather conditions attendance was decreased from the years past.

**Forums:** Special guests at Superfest: Don Wilbanks AE5DW, Craig Thompson K9CT, and ARRL Young Ham of the Year Dhruv Rebba, KC9ZIX.



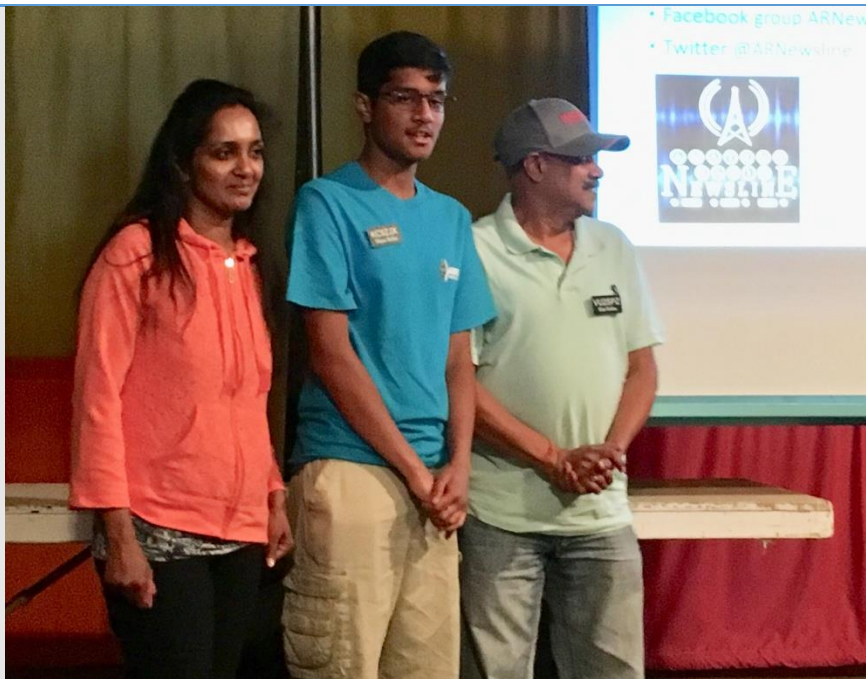
Don Wilbanks, AE5DW, discussed his part in Amateur Radio Newsline and how they interview the Young Ham of the Year, annually. He then brought this year's Young Ham of the Year on stage to speak.



Craig Thompson, K9CT spoke about his upcoming Pitcairn Island Dxpedition.

any contribution. Articles are welcome and can be sent to: BANDBITS Editor – P.O. Box 3508 Peoria, IL 61612-3508 or via E-mail at w9uvi@arrl.net Articles for BANDBITS must be received by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.

Operating Practices  
*Before calling for another station on a clear frequency: Listen and ascertain that the frequency is not in use. This means listening for more than just a couple of seconds – listen for at least as long as one would expect an average transmission to last, for the type of activity on the band. Just to be sure, say “Is this frequency in use?”. Only proceed if no reply is received.*



Dhruv Rebba KC9ZIX and his parents. He was named ARRL Young Ham of the Year, he resides in Bloomington.



Ron Morgan, AD9I, Deb Suhs, KA4DEB, and Kermit Carlson, W9XA, present the club with a plaque celebrating the club's 100<sup>th</sup> year, during the ARRL forum.





Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB, assists with a wall wart tamer kit build.  
(Forum photos were taken by Ron Garber, N0XOH.

**ARRL Testing Session:** The amateur radio community welcomed new HAMS following the testing session on Saturday. The totals were as followed 10 new Technicians, 1 general, 2 extra and 1 no upgrade. Some of the new HAMS were so excited they were posing with their certificate with a huge smile of relief.

Patty Martinez, is smiling and breathing a sigh of relief after passing her technician's license.  
Photo submitted by Patty Martinez.



## In Memory of a Fellow Ham, K9AEQ



Albert Franklin Worrick (Frank) Born March 22 1948 Peacefully called home 9/24/2019 Son of Hartzell & Lydia Pauline Worrick (Long) Born at Proctor hospital in Peoria. A Vietnam war veteran proudly served his country in the US Navy. He was proceeded in death by his paternal parents, and Brother Donald Worrick and Sister Peggy Thanos. He married Marilyn L. Bertonolle at Olivet Missionary Church in Peoria Heights on October 18, 1975. Surviving are his Wife of 44 years Marilyn, Sister Carol S. Worrick of Peoria Heights and Brother John E. Worrick of Peoria, and Son Craig E. Worrick of East Peoria. As well as several nieces and nephews and special sister in law Carol Downey, friend Steve Roberson. Frank had many friends and was a Chicago Bears fan. He also enjoyed spending time with his wife, going fishing, camping, working on cars with his son, Craig. He participated with the Boy Scouts of America with Troops 11 & 217. He was also amateur radio operator callsign K9AEQ, and was a past member of the Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club. His greatest joy was spending time with family.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Family would like to extend a special thank you to he's hospice care team Peg

and Greg.

### AREA FCC EXAMS

**Morton:** FCC Amateur Radio Exams are held at the Morton Public Library, 315 West Pershing at 12:00 noon the third Saturday of even numbered months or as noted: Oct 19th and Dec 14th. If no one is there at that time the examiners will leave as they are all volunteers. Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring your original Radio License (if any) and a copy, and the original and a copy of any of any Certificate of Completion (CSCE) not already acted upon by the FCC. Copies are needed to send with your license application. Fee for 2019 is \$15.00. You will also need identification such as a Driver's License, and a Social Security Number. Contact Bob Bush W9WTF at W9WTF@ARRL.net for more information.

**Bloomington:** The schedule for W5YI-VEC Amateur Radio testing dates for 2019 are: 11/9 is a tentative date. Testing is held at the Bloomington Public Library Community Room located at the intersection of E. Olive St. and S. East St. Entrance is off S. East St. People should contact Keith a week prior to the test for date and location. Testing begins at 1:00pm. Bring two forms of identification. You will need a copy of your current license plus and CSCE you want to apply. Contact Keith Hanson AC9S at ac9s@hotmail.com (preferred) or (309) 378-4416 for more information. Note on testing – A Social Security number is now required for all FCC exams.