



President's Message

When I was a kid sitting cluelessly in an 8th grade classroom, I remember thinking about an important point in the future. It was 1967, and I contemplated how long I might be around. My conclusion was that I could not imagine ever exceeding 30 years of age. Clearly, I fell victim to a miscalculation; you are reading this, and I'm still ticking

We could all have believed a thousand incorrect things before we were out of school. Without the aid of another person, many of us would have taken an ill-considered path or simply fallen short of our aspirations. Life is like that, and so is our hobby. This is one of many reasons Fritz Bock spent so much time mentoring children in STEM, and it remains a meaningful investment for us to consider for 2020. Not only children, but newer amateur radio operators find many stumbling places as they learn how to fit into their new privileges. We are obligated by neighborliness and good manners to help every operator who wants to, to succeed. It won't always go as well as we wish; most of the time, it will improve our own operating skills and our new relationships.

In 2020, we will continue to add new members (older ***and*** younger) to our ranks. We will assimilate each (more gently than might the Borg!), and all of us will work together to demonstrate a commitment not only to "getting it done" but to "doing it the right way." This mandate is for the Board of Directors, but it's also for those who might think they are too old, too tired, don't have the time, or any one of a hundred other excuses. No weasel words, folks; let's get this done. We are now the adults, so it's our responsibility to act equitably, finish what we start, and ensure that we start really good, amazing projects.

Enjoy what remains of 2019. It's been quite an interesting year. In December, we will take time to enjoy one another's company, reflect on what has transpired this year, and support those who will carry the load for the next cycle.

Jon A. Dainty, Sr., NM0O

President, PAARC

December Club Events:

December 5th: Board Meeting

December 12th at 6:30pm: Christmas Dinner at Fairview Farms, Please contact Deb if planning on attending.

December 18th: ARES Meeting at Red Cross

December 21st: ARRL testing at Morton Library

January Club Events:

January 2nd: Board Meeting at ARC

January 9th: Club Meeting at ARC

January 15th: ARES Meeting at ARC

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Peoria County ARES

<u>Date/Time (CST)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 4, 2019	NET	075 Repeater
December 11, 2019	NET	075 Repeater
December 18, 2019	Meeting	Peoria American Red Cross

Meeting Agenda: 2020 Planning Discussion, Winlink Peer-to-Peer VHF Net, ARES Show & Tell, Winlink Tip of the Month, Volunteers Wanted, more

Rich Holtman, KD9ANU, Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Peoria County ARES email: kd9anu@arrl.net
Winlink: 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.

November- 3rd	November- 10th	November- 17th	November- 23rd	Total
23	25	29	23	100

November 3rd Check-Ins: KD9JXR

N9SJZ KC9YTT KD9IVC W9WGN KD9IVV W9GLO K9HJZ NM0O KD9W K9TNT W9WTF N9FAM KD9ERS N9N DF W9TGO K9CEW WW9DLM KD9ANU K8ROY KD9NTP KD9HZZ KD9NYN Submitted by W8NWG 73

November 10th Check-Ins: K8ROY KD9HZZ KD9JXR KD9IBC KB9ATO W9WGN KD9IVV KD9AER KD9NYG NM0O W9GMK N0XOH N9FAM KB9SF K9JLX W9GLO KD9ANU KD9NYN K9CEW W9TGO KD9NYE KC9YTT KD9ERS KD9LSV KD9MJA Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

November 17th Check-Ins: KD9JXR N9SJZ W9JDP KD9BRV K9PSM KD9IBC W8NWG W9WGN KD9IVV KD9AER K9TNT KC9YTT KA4DEB KD9LQL N9NDS K9JLX KD9NYE KT9TB KD9NTB W9TGO N0XOH NM0O K8ROY N9FAM W9GLO KD9NYN KD9ANU K9CEW W9GMK Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

November 23rd Check-Ins: K9TNT KD9HZZ N9SJZ KB9ATO KD9IVV W8NWG W9WGN NM0O KD9AER KC9YTT KD9JXR K8ROY KD9BRV KD9NYN W9TGO KD9ANU KD9NYJ KD9NYE N9GZ KT9TB W9GLO WB9UMM KC9RAV 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

Date: 11/7/2019

The meeting was called to order by Jon Dainty, President, at 7:05 pm.

Discussion:

Jon Dainty, President, reviewed the club mail with the Board.

- The club received a \$50 check from Chris Melon, for the memorial weather balloon launch fund for former PAARC President, Fritz Bock.

Deb Suhs, Treasurer, delivered the Treasurer Report.

The president Jon Dainty discussed the upcoming PAARC meeting on November 14th, 2019, in which elections will take place to approve the slate of directors for the upcoming calendar year. The slate to be approved is as follows:

President – Jon NM0O

Vice President –

Treasurer – Melinda K9GOA

Secretary –

Director – Craig K9CEW

Repeater Chair Steve Grob gave the Repeater Report update and that spare repeaters in his possession were now being stored in a heated space at the Red Cross.

Motion to approve the Repeater Report was made by Trustee Tom Hunt. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Deb Suhs. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Tom Hunt raised the question of the Groveland tower lease renewal. We have to have a copy in our files for our club. If no objection, Trustee Tom Hunt proposed we approve and sign lease, Director Neil Hubert Seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. President Jon Dainty will sign the lease and it will be delivered to the Lessor.

Treasurer Deb Suhs informed the board that the December 12th, 2019 Club Meeting will be the club's Christmas Dinner and will begin at 6:30pm at Fairview Farms, 5911 W Heuermann Rd, Peoria, IL 61607. She will inform the club members at the meeting on Thursday, November 14th, 2019 to contact Deb Suhs @ KA4DEB@arrl.net with #

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 tone 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 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

attending and meat choice – Chicken, Roast Beef, Ham or Alaskan Whiting.

Motion was made by Repeater Chair Steve Grob to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Trustee Tom Hunt. A vote was taken. Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm. Minutes were taken by Patty Martinez, KD9NYG, acting Secretary.

Minutes of PAARC General Meeting

Date: 11/14/2019

The meeting was called to order by Jon NM0O at 7:05 pm.

Program Notes:

Tonight's program was a presentation regarding the Tarheel antenna by Craig K9CEW.

Business Meeting:

Following the presentation, a regular business meeting was held. A motion was made by Tom W8NWG to accept the minutes as published in Bandbits, and that motion was seconded by Corey KC9RAV. A vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously approved.

SuperFest: Corey KC9RAV distributed a survey about Superfest and collected responses from attendees. Corey informed the meeting attendees that the next Superfest meeting will be held on Thursday, November, 21st, 2019 at 7 PM.

Treasurer Report: Corey KC9RAV delivered the Treasurer Report.

December Meeting: Corey KC9RAV informed the club that the December 12th, 2019 Club Meeting will be the club's Christmas Dinner and will begin at 6:30pm at Fairview Farms, 5911 W Heuermann Rd, Peoria, IL 61607 and instructed attendees to contact Treasurer Deb KA4DEB @ KA4DEB@arrl.net or Jon NM0O with # attending and meat choice – Chicken, Roast Beef, Ham or Alaskan Whiting.

Incoming Board of Directors: Rich KD9ANU made a motion to approve the slate of directors for the upcoming calendar year. Steve KD9AER seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The slate was approved as follows:

President – Jon NM0O

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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Vice President –
Treasurer – Melinda K9GOA
Secretary –
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An individual named Bob Moser donated the following radio to the club:



Tom, W8NWG, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Corey, KC9RAV, seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm. Submitted by Patty, KD9NYG, acting Secretary, filling in at tonight's meeting.

Repeater Updates

147.075 - The 075 continues to run good.

- Wires-X project underway.

- Proposed Midwest2Way agreement signed and returned to Midwest2Way. This covers the 075, D-Star VHF and UHF repeaters and their respective antennas to reside at the Midwest2Way facility.

146.850 – The 85 continues to run good.

D-Star – Gateway, Controller, VHF repeater and UHF repeater all running fine.



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- Polyphaser for VHF D-Star antenna/coax installed.

73

Steve

KD9AER, PAARC Repeater Chairman

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: Dec 21st. 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: 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.