



President's Message

My fellow communicators, we members and friends of Peoria-Area Amateur Radio Club have seen some unique activities in 2020. When, on February 29th, I finished leading my father-in-law's memorial service, I guessed that nothing strange or unwelcome would happen soon after. In fact, my wife and I boarded two airliners on March 1st to get from Rhode Island to Peoria, actions that brought almost immediate consequences when we arrived home. Our crowded aircraft provided a perfect trading place for the coronavirus, and Karen and I were sick for the next two and one-half weeks. Someone on one of our flights was sick ... and overly generous!

Reviewing the next couple of months, we found the TV news populated with people in face masks. Some folks thought it was nothing to be concerned over, but then all the schools emptied out their loads of students. This happened at all grade levels, and suddenly large numbers of children were no longer at their accustomed places, but rather found themselves being home-schooled. Doctors and nurses were hailed overnight as heroes of the day, because the specter of infection was difficult to escape – and they kept on going to work (even though many of them sickened and died in their dedication).

There are signs of change now that summer has arrived. Many citizens of the U.S. are clamoring to venture out and visit restaurants, see movies, and enjoy more of the benefits of being free agents in a bountiful nation. Gov. Pritzger and state health authorities caution us, though, that the “first wave” of the pandemic has not yet finished with us, so we should be careful with our social distancing and continue to wear face masks. Only in this way will we be able to shorten the most difficult parts of the infections and death that stalk the unwise/unbelieving. Of course, the main ones at risk are those who are in that group called “humans.” If you're not human, you may have larger problems, though it is nice that you can read this newsletter.

The rubber is scheduled to meet the road in July 2020 for PAARC; American Red Cross has given the club their permission to use the meeting rooms at the chapter house again. Our next club meeting, barring unforeseen circumstances, should occur on the second Thursday of July. I'm not saying that everything is free and clear (masks may still be recommended), but it's a start on the road back to normalcy.

The health department and Expo Gardens are on our radar, mainly because we are still making plans for Superfest 2020. This will be the club's 101st year, and celebration is in order. We can go ahead if both the authorities and Expo Garden's management allow us to schedule a meeting that draws over 2,000 ticket holders to have fun with radio, electronics, computers, and crafts. We're keeping several eyes on the news; we will announce what happens sometime in the next month to month and a half. Stay tuned right here for more news.

Take stock of the sounds coming from your radios, whether there is one of them or you happen to have 25 sitting in your shack. It's good to make a lot “RF pollution” in the summer, so find a band or two that you've not used recently and go find some operators to talk to. It's fun, and it is always worth the effort. Enjoy being a licensed communicator with wide-ranging privileges. There's nothing else like it.

July Club Events:

July 2nd: Board Meeting

July 9th: Club Meeting
(TBA)

July 23rd: Superfest
Meeting (TBA)

August Club Events:

August 6th: Board
Meeting

August 13th: Club
Meeting (TBA)

August 15th: FCC License
testing (TBA)

August 27th: Superfest
Meeting (TBA)

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President, PAARC

Peoria County ARES

| <u>Date/Time (CST)</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| July 1st/ 8:00pm | NET | 075 Repeater |
| July 8th/ 8:00 pm | NET | 075 Repeater |
| June 15th/ 7:00 pm | Meeting | Zoom Meeting (Watch Email for invite) |

Meeting Agenda: Teleconference Agenda includes: APRS, Repeater & Simplex Testing, ARES Training Task Books, Winlink Peer-to-Peer VHF Net, Winlink Tip of the Month, more

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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.

| June 7 th : | June 14 th : | June 21 st : | June 28 th : | Total: |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 28 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 100 |

June 7th Check Ins: KD9ERS AD9I KD9JXR W9WTF W9WGN W8NWG N9NDF NM0O KD9IBC K9TNT KD9AER WB9UMM KD9LQL N9FAM K9HJZ W9JDP KC9YTT W9GMK KB9KAX N9WX KB9ATO KB9TNZ KT9TB KD9IVV K9CEW KD9ANU KC9RAV KD9NYE Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

June 14th Check Ins: KD9ERS W9WTF W8NWG N9SJZ W9WGN KB9ATO NM0O W9GMK W9JDP KD9AER WB9UMM KC9YTT N9FAM KT9TB N9NDF KB9TNZ KD9JXR KD9IBC KC9UJQ KD9NYE KB9KAX K9CEW KD9ANU Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

June 21st Check Ins: KD9ERS KD9JXR K9TNT N9SJZ W9WGN W8NWG W9JDP N9NDF NM0O KD9IBC KD9MOA KD9AER KD9IVV KD9NYE KB9TNZ K9HJZ K9XJT KT9TB KB9ATO WB9UMM KD9NYE KC9RAV N9FAM KD9HZX W9WTF Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

June 28th Check Ins: KD9ERS W9JDP N9NDF KD9IBC W9WGN KB9ATO KB9SF NM0O KD9AER N9WX K9HJZ W9GMK KB9TNZ K9XJT W8NWG KD9JXR K9TNT KD9ANU K9QZ KC9UTQ KT9TB WB9UMM KD9NYE K9CEW Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

Club Directors

President Jon Dainty, NM0O; Vice President Craig Worrick, K9CEW; Secretary, Melinda Hubert, K9GOA; Treasurer Melinda Hubert, K9GOA; Directors Neil Hubert, KC8FYI (1 year); Jim Polson, W9JDP (2 Year) ; Trustee Tom Hunt, W8NWG; Superfest Chair Deb Suhs, KA4DEB.

Repeaters

Minutes of PAARC Board Meeting

Meeting: June 4th, 2020

The June PAARC Board Meeting was held via zoom and was called to order at 1936 by club President, Jon Dainty, NM0O. 7 Board members were present for the meeting.

Treasurer Report: Melinda, K9GOA submitted the treasurer report before the board for approval, Tom, W8NWG, proposed approval with a second vote from Deb, KA4DEB.

Repeater Updates: We are waiting to hear from tower climber, Mike McGee on when he is able to complete the requested tower climb. UPDATE: This climb was completed and repairs made.

Superfest Updates: PAARC Board members are still consulting as to the annual Superfest.

Field Day Updates: Field Day is planned to happen at Wild Life Prairie Park. Wild Life Prairie Park is consulting with PAARC for emergency communications for upcoming events at the park, if you are interested in helping please contact a board member.

Bandbits Approval: Deb, KA4DEB proposed an approval for Bandbits publication this was supported with a second vote from Craig, K9CEW.

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 and are awarded by a vote of the general

The meeting was adjourned at 20:46 with a vote from Jim, W9JDP, and Deb, KA4DEB.

Minutes of PAARC Club Meeting

The June club meeting was held on the repeater in a round robin style of check ins and traffic.

PAARC Repeater Committee

Steve Grob, KD9AER; Craig Worrick, K9CEW; Neil Hubert, KC8FYI; Matt Behnke, KC9ERS; Corey Ressler, KC9RAV; Tom Hunt, W8NWG (Repeater Trustee)

Superfest 2020 Statement

With deep concern for the health and safety of all amateur radio operators in Central Illinois, the Board of Directors of the Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club announces the cancellation of Superfest 2020.

We know that this comes as a disappointment for our exhibitors and attendees, but Phase Four requirements regarding limits of the number of people allowed indoors, extra sanitation and indoor face masks make this decision necessary.

We will miss you this year, but we look forward to seeing you September 18 and 19, 2021.

For our exhibitors who have a prepaid reservation, it will be carried forward to Superfest 2021.

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membership after recommendations from the Board of Directors. Dues are payable by February 1ST of each year.

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Craig E. Worrick, K9CEW

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Date of Appointment

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AREA FCC EXAMS

Morton:

August 15th

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. 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:

Please stay tuned for more dates

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. 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.