



### President's Message

October 2020! Can this be real, or have we somehow offended the space-time continuum? However the rest of this year shakes out, most of us will have experienced a sense of displacement – even unreality – with regard to this Year of the Pandemic. Most of us have missed our restaurants, our barbers and stylists, and, most of all, our large public gatherings.

The Peoria-Area Amateur Radio Club (PAARC) has persisted for 100+ years; membership and leadership have melded to face changing societal conditions and developing technologies that were trumpeted as "the end of Amateur Radio." Yet the club is still here, and we still have a place in Peoria and the surrounding region. You and I will not be around for as long, or in as useful condition, but we are still making our mark.

Next week's club meeting hosts Craig Thompson, K9CT, as he tells us of some of the other aspects of radio communications. What happens when you're in a foreign country where power, operating space, and antennas must be self-delivered in order to exist at all? How do the indigenous people view what we do, if they do not usually participate in its wonders themselves? We will find out how some pretty savvy operators sign up for the trip and the excitement of a DXpedition, how it gets paid for, and what pitfalls may be discovered along the way.

At present, our meetings are of necessity held via Zoom; this is because the American Red Cross is being abundantly cautious about opening its meeting rooms to the public. They have cooperated with PAARC over the years, and I think we can continue to rely on their trust until, at some point in the near future, we're again able to hold meetings that happen in one physical location. I look forward to that time, and I know that you do, as well.

While we're waiting to come back together here in Illinois, think about others you've watched (sometimes for money) and the problems they have displayed. When was the last time you saw a full night's TV schedule with your usual top-level programs? Have you seen a full season of professional sports in 2020? Even the Olympic Games for 2020 have been postponed until 2021, and that's a real problem if you have been working toward a spot on your country's team for most of your life.

I call again for people to be thinking about the November club meeting. Whom do you think ought to be on the board of directors of this club? Would you like to run for a particular position yourself? Now is the time to talk with a present board member and let it be known that you will throw your hat into the ring for leadership of the club. It probably will not kill any of us, and that's really how it should work: Let someone know, and make sure you talk to your friends about the possibility that they ought to be voting for you. Who knows what might happen?

Stay (radio) active and safe,

Jon A. Dainty, Sr., NM0O

President, PAARC

### October Club Events:

October 1<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting

October 8<sup>th</sup>: Club Meeting at American Red Cross

October 14<sup>th</sup>: ARES Meeting (TBA)

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Fundraiser Meeting

### November Club Events:

November 5<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting

November 12<sup>th</sup>: Club Meeting (TBA)

November 11<sup>th</sup>: ARES Meeting (TBA)

November Fundraising TBA

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## Peoria County ARES

<u>Date/Time (CST)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 2nd/ 8:00pm	NET	075 Repeater
October 9th/8:00pm	NET	075 Repeater
October 16th/7:00pm	Meeting	Zoom Meeting (Watch Email for invite)

Teleconference Agenda includes: Repeater & Simplex Testing, Winlink News, & more!

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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 6 <sup>th</sup> :	September 13 <sup>th</sup> :	September 20 <sup>th</sup> :	September 27 <sup>th</sup> :	Total:
28	29	24	28	110

September 6<sup>th</sup> Check Ins: KD9ERS, KD9JXR, W9JDP, NM0O, AE9DM, K9TNT, N9GUE, KB9YYD, KD9AER, KD9IVV, N9JFG, KD9MPI, KB9TNZ, N9SJZ, W9WGN, KA4DEB, KD9PXZ, WW9DLM, K9HJZ, K9QZ, KD9NYE, KB9ATO, K9CEW, W9DAY, N9WFT, KD9DBQ, WB9UMM, K9JXT Submitted by W8NWG 73

September 13<sup>th</sup> Check Ins: KD9ERS KD9JXR AE9DM W8NWG N9SJZ W9WGN NM0O K9TNT W9JDP K9HJZ WB9UMM KD9IVV KD9PXZ KD9AER KD9ANU KD9PZQ N9GZ KD9IBC KA4DEB KD9MPI N9WFT KB9ATO KB9SF WW9DLM KB9KAX N9GUE N9JXT K9CEW N9NDF Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

September 20<sup>th</sup> Check Ins: KA4DEB KD9ERS K9TNT KD9JXR KB9TNZ KD9MPI KC9YTT KD9IVV NM0O KB9ATO W9WGN WB9UMM KC9WRK W9JDP KD9NYE WW9DLM N9NDF KD9MJA KD9ANU KB9SF KD9PXZ N9GUE KD9HZZ K9JXT Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

September 27<sup>th</sup> Check Ins: KD9AER KD9ERS KD9JXR N9SJZ N9NDF K9TNT W8NWG W9WGN NM0O KD9IBC KB9ATO W9JDP N9WX KC9PZQ K9JXT KB9TNZ KC9PXZ KD9IVV KD9NYE W9FYR KD9MPI N9GUE KB9SF WB9UMM N9SJZ KC9YTT KD9MJA K9HJZ 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: September 3, 2020

Location: ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Jon Dainty, NM0O.

The Board Members discussed the topics of fundraisers and there were bill more information released once more decisions are finalized.

Melinda, K9GOA, submitted the current figures of the treasury report, Tom, W8NWG, and Deb, KA4DEB gave motions to approve as submitted.

Tom, W8NWG, reported there were no current updates for the repeater. The repeater committee is looking for more members if you are interested contact a board member. The committee is also looking into a possible ID issue, more information to follow.

Next year's Board Members is currently being selected if you are interested in joining the board and help support your club please contact a board member.

Bandbits was approved by Tom, W8NGW and Deb, KA4DEB.

The meeting adjourned at 20:12 by Deb.

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

## Minutes of PAARC Club Meeting

The September club meeting was held via Zoom.

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### PAARC Repeater Committee

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

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#### AREA FCC EXAMS

##### Morton:

Please stay tuned for more dates.

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.