



January 2021 Bandbits Volume 34 Edition 1

President's Message

Greetings All

Happy New Year! 2020 is finally over. Maybe we can get back on track to some sort of normalcy.

The program is...You!

I believe our club is at a crossroads, times and situations have changed, Coronavirus has had a definite impact on all of us, We're all in this together !

The greatest concern perhaps, is assuring growth of the club to all generations of hams, We want the club to be fun and vibrant.

So let's have a serious discussion, we want to hear from you the members !

What can be done to revitalize the club. What changes are needed. What engaging, fun things can we get into ?

Can we get teams for contests as well?
What hands-on "clinics" would you like?
What presentations would you like best?

It is your club, tell us what you like about it, what you don't like, what is not working, what you would want to change.

Craig K9CEW

January Events

January 7th: Board Meeting

January 14th: Club Meeting

January 20th: ARES Meeting

January 30th: Winter Field Day

January 31st: Fundraising
Meeting (TBA)

February Events

February 4th: Board Meeting

February 11th: Club Meeting

February 20th: License Testing
(TBA)

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Peoria County ARES

<u>Date/Time (CST)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
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January 6th/ 8:00pm	NET	075 Repeater
January 13th/8:00pm	NET	075 Repeater
	Online Conference	Zoom Meeting (Check Email for more information)

Teleconference Agenda includes: Roster updates, Training Opportunities, Winter Mini-SET, Winlink News, & 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.

December 6 th :	December 13 th :	December 20 th :	December 27 th :	Total:
24	26	29	--	79

December 6th Check Ins: KD9JXR KB9TNZ N9NDF W9JDP K9TNT W9WGN KD9PXZ NM0O W8NWG N9GUE N9WFT KD9IVV KC9YTT KD9AER WB9UMM KB9ATO N9SJZ KD9MPI K9XJT KC9GRQ KB9SF KD9ERS KD9NYI KD9QQT Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

December 13th Check Ins: KD9ERS KB9TNZ KD9IBC KB9ATO K9QZ W9WGN N9NDF KD9PXZ W8NWG KD9MPI KD9NYE KB9SF KD9AER K9XJT N9WFT K9HJZ KD9JXR N9GUE KC9YTT KD9IVV N9GZ KD9HZZ K8ROY K9TNT KT9TB KD9UQQ W9JDP KD9QQV Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

December 20th Check Ins: KD9HZZ/AG KD9JXR N9SJZ KD9ERS N9NES NM0O W9WGN KD9NYN K9HJZ K9PXZ KD9QQU N9WFT N9GUE KD9QQV KC9GRQ KD9AER K9TNT W8NWG KD9IBC N9NDF K9RCS K9XJT KD9NYE W9TTX KD9IVV W9FYR K9CEW KT9TB KD9MPI Submitted by KD9DBQ 73

Club Directors

President Jon Dainty, NM0O; Vice President Craig Worrick, K9CEW; Secretary, , K9GOA; Treasurer; 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

The PAARC operates three 2-meter repeaters, which are open for all amateurs with 2-meter privileges. The

There were no minutes submitted from the Board Meeting.

Minutes of PAARC Club Meeting

The December Club Meeting was held via Zoom for it's members

PAARC Repeater Committee

Steve Grob, KD9AER; Craig Worrick, K9CEW; Neil Hubert, KC8FYI; Matt Behnke, KC9ERS; Rich Holtman, KD9ANU; Tom Hunt, W8NWG (Repeater Trustee)

Final President Message

Welcome to 2021! As communicators, we want to continue operating our radios (sometimes in concert with our computers and other assorted gear) and meeting new people. We'd also be pretty jazzed about making contacts with interesting people and taking part in public service activities. Well, all of that is going to be easier in a few months, say, around March or April 2021. Why? Because we will have access to vaccines that promise considerable protection from COVID-19.

Nothing that I have written above is meant to imply that we can simply relax, let down our guard, or be in any way un-careful about our health. If you're like me, you would like to attend Thanksgiving 2021 and Christmas 2021. I want to go back to having lunches with local hams on a frequent basis and attending meetings where we can see guests and have fun – together. So keep the masks in place, socially distance from everyone other than people with whom you share living space, and keep clean. Of course, hams are always clean, right?

I've been watching NASA as they plan for lunar missions and the Lunar Gateway. Hardware is being developed as I write this that will allow commercial corporations to deliver cargo to the Moon's surface. The various pieces of the Gateway Station are already being designed and perhaps even cast, all to be ready to be transferred to vehicles that will put them in orbit around the Moon. Anyone who thinks there won't be a communications opportunity for any of us is, I believe, just incorrect in the assumption. There will be ***more*** chances, not fewer, for hams to make ourselves useful.

Look at your calendar: The month of January could be tricky because we have had few emergency situations involving weather for the past year, and I suspect that's about to change. Winter has treated us suspiciously well, and we need to ensure that our handhelds, warm clothing, and relationships with public agencies are all in good shape. Be ready to lend a helping (communications) hand in the event of ugly weather.

Hey, I see that we're still creating new hams and upgrading others to higher-class licenses. Most of you know that either of those is a happy event; let's be sure to help out new folks by giving them the benefit of the doubt in operating practices that aren't carved in stone, maybe even lingo that's sometimes used in other services but not commonly in the Amateur Radio Service. We will be one large family of effective communicators, striving to make better what is already pretty good. Enjoy!

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.

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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.