



PCARA Update

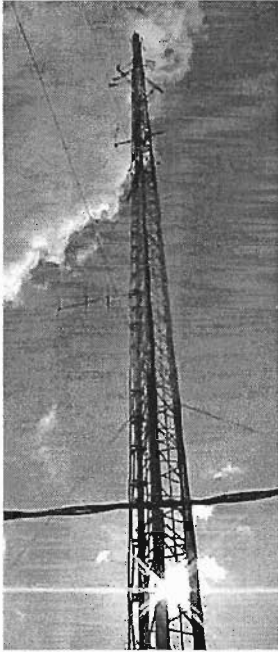


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COMMUNITY SERVICE



As amateur radio operators, there are times where it may be easy to forget why we're allowed the freedom to operate our equipment through the many different modes available to us. Whether our format of choice is packet, CW, satellites, contesting, repeaters, etc., we need to remember that the amateur radio service is "a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications." By law, this is why we're allocated spectrum and issued licenses; and is what we're required and obligated to do.

One way in which we can fulfill this responsibility is through service to the communities in which we live. This service can be in the form of helping to provide communications during large community activities such as festivals, fairs, walkathons, marathons, school activities, parades, etc. Of course, we also need to be prepared to provide emergency communications at a moments notice when natural or man-made disasters strike.

As we progress as an organization, my hope is that we don't lose sight of our responsibilities and that community service will always remain paramount among our goals and objectives.

Meeting Location

We are in the process of obtaining a new site for our meetings, more information to follow...

73,
Greg, KB2CQE

Meetings

Please join us at our next meeting on Sunday, August 6th, 3:00 PM, location TBA.

Future Meetings
Dates: (subject to change)

October 1st, December 3rd

Please see the **On-Air Meetings** schedule on page 2.

Membership Report

PCARA has received 24 membership applications to date. Applications are available on our website @ www.pcara.org. Completed applications should be mailed to: PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, New York 10517

Welcome New Members

PCARA would like to welcome the following new members:

BOB "RADAR" CASINO	N2GDY
RAYMOND NAHL	W2CH
DON BRANDES	WA2EWP
ED BUB	WA2AXP

On-Air Meetings

On-Air meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 3:00 PM (subject to change) on the VHF machine.

On-Air Meeting Schedule:

July 9 (Note - Date Change Due to Holiday)

September 3

November 5

Donations

PCARA, as a 501 (c) (4) organization, is able to accept financial and equipment donations, which are tax deductible (as allowed by law) for the donor. We encourage our members to look into whether their employers offer grant / donation programs.

Many thanks to PCARA member **Bill Venezia, WB2MKQ**, for his donation of Motorola Micor radios. Bill still has a very nice assortment of radios for sale. See the PCARA Swap-n-Shop webpage for further information.

We would also like to thank **Frank DeNardo of Reliable Communications** for his ongoing support of PCARA and our mission of public service.

Upgrades



Please share your upgrade news with us. Send an e-mail to kc2dwp@aol.com.

Newsletter

The PCARA Update is now available on our website as an Adobe PDF file. At the last meeting the idea was discussed of having members decide on how they would like to receive the newsletter, either by regular mail, or by e-mail notification that the current newsletter has been uploaded to the site. Please drop me an e-mail (kc2dwp@aol.com) if you would like to discontinue receiving the paper mailed version.

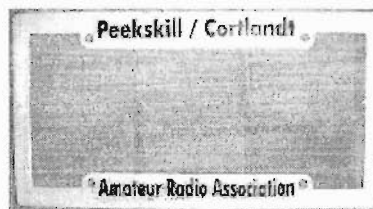
Thanks,
Joe

PCARA Family Picnic

PCARA's first annual picnic is in the process of being arranged thanks to the efforts of Armen, N2PLZ. The tentative date (we are waiting for confirmation from the Westchester County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department) is Sunday, August 6th, at George's Island Park in Montrose. More information will follow as it becomes available.

PCARA License Plate Frames

PCARA License Plate Frames are available for 5.00 a pair. This is a great way to get the PCARA name out there and to support our club. To order, please send your check to PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517, or contact Joe, kc2dwp@aol.com.



QRZ Announces eLogbook - The Online Logbook Application

May 28, 2000

Scottsdale, AZ - QRZ.COM today introduces eLogbook an online logbook application that is available free of charge to radio amateurs worldwide. eLogbook provides for both private and publically viewable amateur radio contact logbooks online with electronic QSL's (eQSL's) via email.

Available to both Clubs and Individuals, eLogbook works with any web browser and is capable of storing an unlimited number of contacts per individual. All contacts are fully cross referenced to the QRZ database and most fields are auto-filled when entering new records.

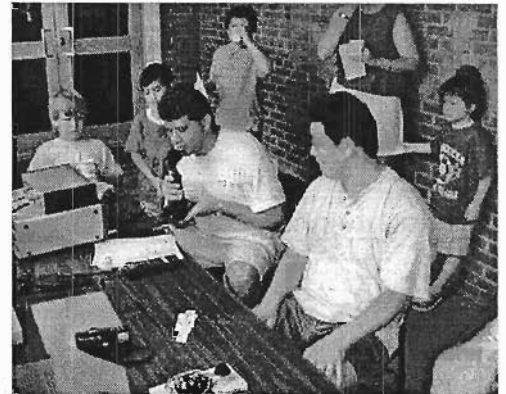
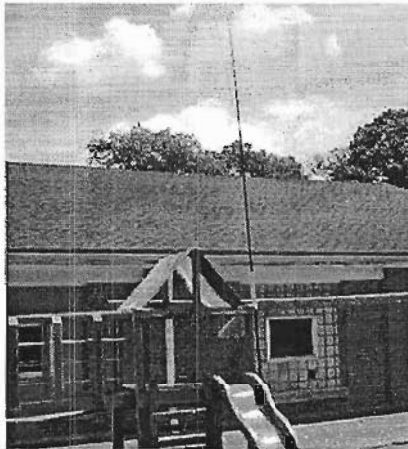
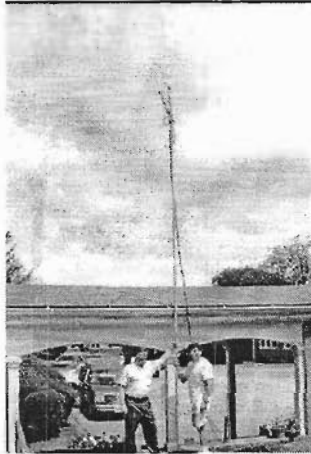
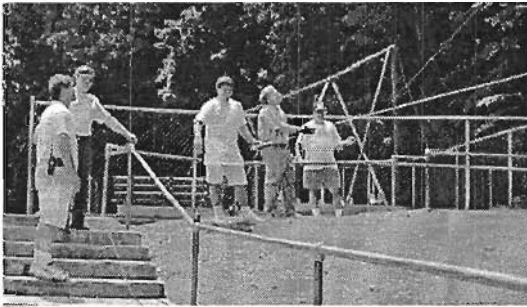
eLogbook was developed exclusively for QRZ.COM by Eric Goforth, N6GOF and QRZ's founder, Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ.

For more information see:

The eLogbook Home Page
<http://qrz.com/logbook>

Kid's Day—June 2000

Our first public service event was a huge success. We had 34 participants, not including parents, who completed 38 contacts. Feedback from the parents has been very positive! Thanks to all the PCARA members who contributed to making this a great day!



SKYWARN Training

Unfortunately, the NWS does not have an up to date schedule of training on their SKYWARN webpage. Information will be posted on the PCARA webpage and listserver as it becomes available.

Brookhaven National Weather Service—SKYWARN
Web Page: <http://www.nws.bnl.gov/spottertraining.html>

Public Service Contacts

PCARA has sent out letters to most of the municipalities, fire departments, ambulance corps, police departments, utilities, etc., located within our coverage area. To date we have met and/or further corresponded with the following agencies:

- Peekskill / Cortlandt Chamber of Commerce
- New York Power Authority at Indian Point
- Putnam Valley Ambulance Corp
- Peekskill Ambulance Corp
- Hudson Valley Hospital Center
- New York City Department of Environmental Protection Police Department (Watershed)

We are continuing to follow up with other agencies in an effort to further develop our public service role.

Member Assessment

At our April 2nd meeting we discussed the association's need of a voluntary member assessment. This is necessary in order to help PCARA get up and running at full strength. The level of enthusiasm among our members is phenomenal and we have some great plans in the works to make PCARA the best it can be for our members and served communities. However, our current financial situation cannot support our goals.

There are several things that we ask of our members:

- 1 - Please let others know about our club. Member packets are available for licensed amateurs, or persons interested in amateur radio (Associate Membership).
- 2 - Please consider donating your surplus radio, computer, etc., equipment to PCARA. Items we are unable to use could be brought to a hamfest to help raise funds for the association.
- 3 - Please consider a voluntary contribution to help offset our club expenses (repeater upgrades and maintenance, equipment insurance, incorporation costs, etc.) Any member who donates 50.00 or more during our first year will be considered a charter member of PCARA. The below form can be used for contributions and returned to the PCARA address:

Name _____ Call Sign _____

Donation Amount _____

Please mail this form along with your check to:

PCARA
PO Box 32
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VE Sessions:

WECA

Emergency Operations Center

Contact: Sandy Fried N2SF - (914) 273-2741

YARC First Sunday of Every Month

Yonkers 1st precinct

Contact: Emily AC2V (914) 237-5589 or Dan AA2HX (914) 667-0587

Call in 146.865

W5YI

Pelham Doronco Town House

Contact: Mike W2MAC (914) 738-5775 or Dan AA2HX (914) 667-

0587

Call in 145.495

Ham Fests:

27 Aug 2000 + Yonkers ARC

Contact: John Costa, WB2AUL

Email: wb2aul@aol.com

16 Sep 2000 * Hudson Division Convention

Westchester Emergency Communications Association

Contact: Thomas Raffaelli, WB2NHC

Email: wb2nhc@weca.org

Wanted

Information for the Update. Please send any suggestions, news, articles, etc. to kc2dwp@yahoo.com.

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