



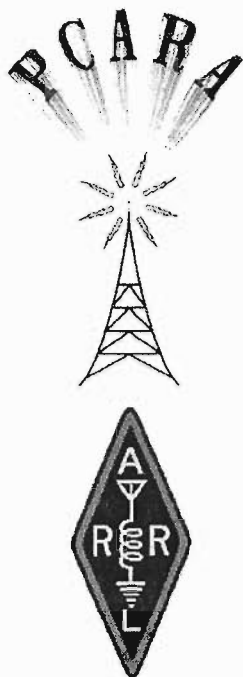
PCARA Update



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Field Day 2001

I would like to thank the PCARA members who took part in Field Day 2001. It was a tough run on the first day with the weather and my thought is, given our Field Day success, I truly believe PCARA is readily capable of handling communications for any type of emergency or public service event. I would also like to thank Malcolm - NM9J, and Joe - KR2V, for putting together the computer logs and preparing the submission package for the ARRL.

We are planning a **VE Session** for Thursday, August 23rd, contingent on having VE's available for this evening. Please contact Joe (kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348) as soon as possible if you can help out.

73,
Greg, KB2CQE

To: PCARA Technician class participants, Volunteer Examiners and members...

PCARA's first VE test session on Thursday June 21 brought success to four candidates. According to the ARRL web site (<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/fcclook.php3>), licenses were issued by the FCC on Monday July 9 as follows:

Mark Dugan -- upgraded from General to Extra -- new call AB2ML (old call KC2HYS)

Rahuel Caban -- new Technician, new call KC2IFG

Bruce Wilson -- upgraded from Novice to General -- same call KC2CXY

Marc Lewy -- upgraded from Novice to Technician w/HF -- same call KA2YFI

Congratulations to Ray and Bruce, graduates of the first PCARA Technician class. We should also include **Monica Wilson, KC2IAY** and **Sean Ellman, KC2IDN** in our congratulations. Monica and Sean took part in the PCARA class and passed their Technician tests prior to the June 21 PCARA session. And congratulations to Mark, AB2ML on reaching Extra.

- 73 de Malcolm, NM9J

Meetings

Please join us at our next meeting (on-air) Sunday, August 5th, 3:00 PM, 146.670 Repeater

Future Meeting Dates: (subject to change)

09/09 10/07

****Note - The July / August meetings will be on-air meetings.**

Thanks for Renewing your Membership!

Bob (Radar) - N2GDY (2 Yrs.)

Jon - N2JLK

Ed - WA2AXP Thanks for your generous donation!!

PCARA Membership Renewals

Please check your mailing label on this newsletter for your PCARA membership renewal date. Also, please keep in mind our One for One in 2001 Program, where each member who brings in a new member will receive a free year of PCARA membership.

Welcome New Members -

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.**

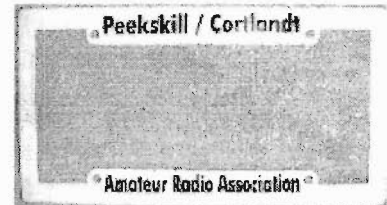
Upgrades & New License Holders

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

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 and to support our club. To order, please send your payment to PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517, or contact PCARA at pcara@email.com. License plate frames are also available at PCARA meetings.



Calendar of Events

JOTA - October 20 (Yorktown Girl Scouts) October 21 (Ossining Boy Scouts)

ARRL Membership / Renewals

PCARA, through the ARRL Club Affiliation Program, is able to assist PCARA members in establishing and renewing ARRL memberships. This is a great way to support PCARA, as we are provided with a commission from the ARRL for offering this service. You can obtain the appropriate forms from a link off the PCARA website or contact me direct at kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348. Below are the steps for this program:

- 1 - Please return your completed ARRL Membership/Renewal form, along with your ARRL dues check **made out to PCARA** to: PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517.
- 2 - PCARA will forward a check along with your application and the Affiliated Club form to the ARRL.

Received from the Hudson Division

Please bring the following message to the attention of your local amateur radio friends and club members as soon as possible. They may not have received this important information. You may want to help them receive it on the local repeater, a local net, or via e-mail. If they did not get this e-mail they need to tell the membership software on the ARRL web site that they elect to receive bulletins from their director and section manager to receive future updates.

The New York State Legislature will wrap up the 2001 legislative session next week. We need your help now to get our antenna bills passed. We can do it if everyone contacts the three key people listed below via telephone and e-mail. Letters, at this point, will take too long. These legislative leaders need to hear from you NOW! Even if you have contacted them before, please do so again. We must act quickly and flood them with calls. Please encourage others to do the same.

Please immediately telephone, and e-mail the following legislators asking them to bring our bills to the floor for a vote:

Senator Joe Bruno - Senate Rules Committee
Majority Leader Telephone - 518-455-3191 E-mail - bruno@senate.state.ny.us

Assemblyman - Herman D. Farrell, Jr.
Chairman Assembly Ways and Means Committee Telephone - 518-455-5491 E-mail - farrelh@assembly.state.ny.us

Assemblyman - Sheldon Silver
Chairman Assembly Rules Committee Telephone - 518-455-3791 E-mail - speaker@assembly.state.ny.us

Our message to them: "Please bring these bills to the floor for a vote so New York State Amateur Radio operators can continue to serve their communities, at no cost to the state, in times of communication emergencies like those now taking place during the Texas and Louisiana floods."

For those who can do more there will shortly be two lists on the Hudson Division Website, <http://www.arrlHUDSON.org>, which have the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the members of the Senate Rules Committee and another with those on the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. Please call the Senate Rules Committee list first. It is shorter and at this point more important that they hear from us.

Current Status of the bills:

Apparently not enough letters and e-mails have yet been received from New York State Amateurs to move the bills. You did write didn't you? If you have not already contacted your local legislative representatives - New York State assemblyman and senator - please do so with a telephone call and e-mail. See <http://www.arrlHUDSON.org> for more information.

Senate bill S.2893B is currently in the Rules Committee and can immediately be brought to the floor for a vote.

Assembly bill A.1565B is in the Ways and Means Committee and must be "reported out" or moved to the Rules Committee before it can be brought to the floor for vote before the session ends. Our Assembly bill A.1565 recently gained a co sponsor, Paul D. Tonko of Amsterdam, NY and multi-sponsors Robin Schimminger and Richard A. Smith both of Erie County, and Harvey Weisenberg of Long Beach on Long Island.

We feel that if the Senate votes for the bill that it will then quickly be moved in the Assembly and brought to the floor for a vote. Please help us make this happen before the 2001 legislative session ends next week.

Thank you for your efforts in accomplishing this important task.

73 de

Frank Fallon ...N2FF ARRL Hudson Division Director
Bernie Fuller.. N3EFN ARRL Atlantic Division Director

Subj: **KC2FYY - Now an Extra**
Date: 6/15/01 11:51:37 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: *pcara@email.com (PCARA)*
To: *peekcortara@listbot.com (PCARA)*

Greetings:

I was just informed by Will (Wires) - KC2FYY, that he passed his **Extra Class** exam last night at the WECA VE Session. For those of you who may not know Will, he's 14 years old, almost an Eagle Scout, and a very enthusiastic amateur radio operator.

Congratulations Will!!

Joe
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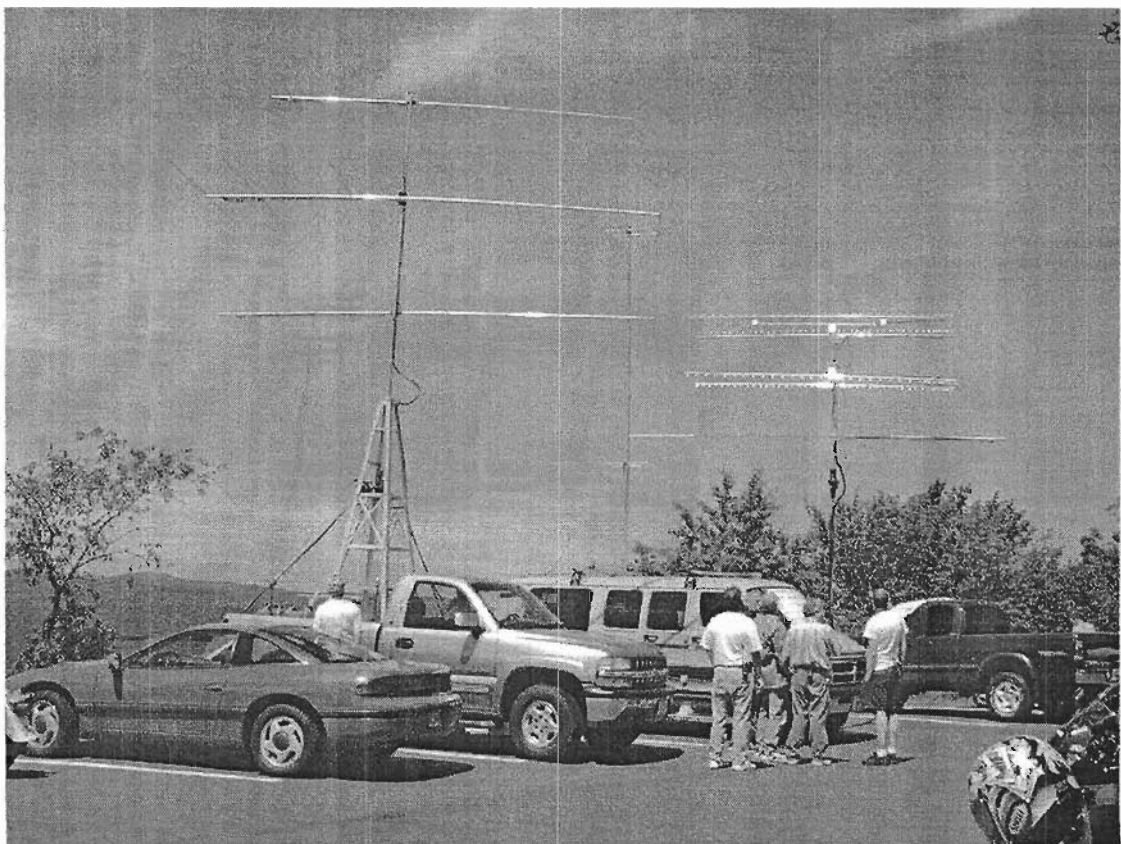
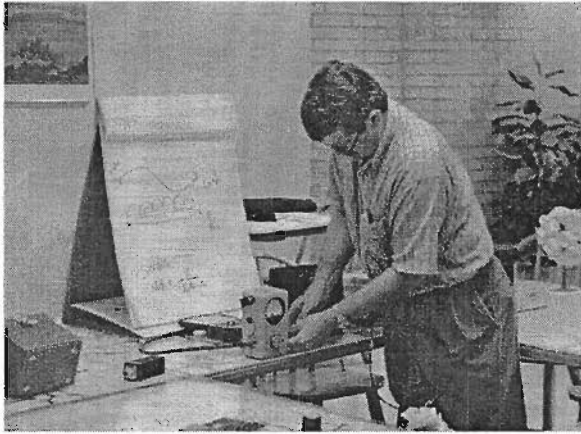
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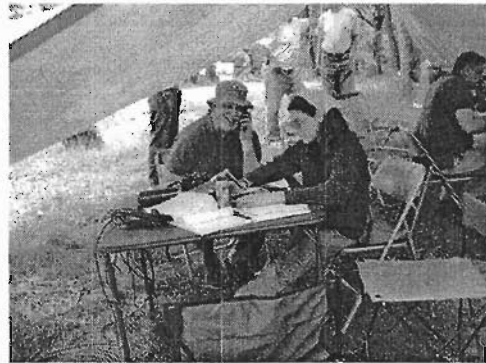
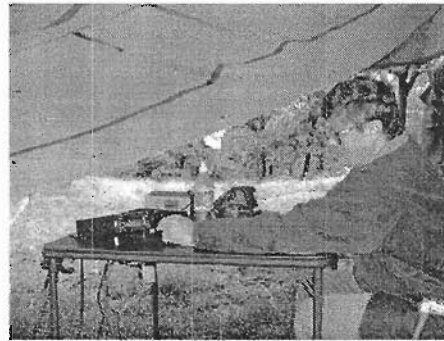
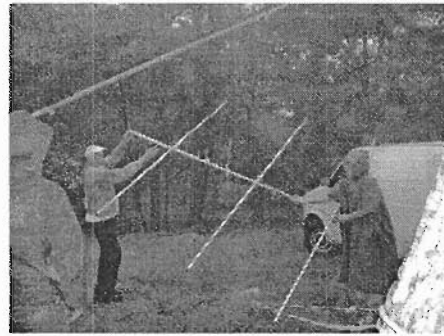
You no longer recognize the human voice.
When people speak to you, your wrist wiggles in reply.
Your only recognition of people is by their fists.
You are no longer fluent in English.
Most everyone cannot remember your voice and believe you are mute.
In person, you give people RST reports.
You carry a pocket oscillator and paddle to communicate with others.
You have twins named "Dah" and "Dit".
Your cats are named Sam, F.B., Buzz, Sparks or (worst case) Vibro.
Your wife is a former ship telegrapher. Her father was a railroad telegrapher.
Your father was known as "Sparks." Your mother is called "Bugs."
You were married in a Western Union office.
During the day, you translate spoken English to Morse.
At night, you dream in code.
Your closest friends converse in American Morse.
You make weekly pilgrimages to Locust Grove to pay your respects.
You can send with both hands and both feet. "QLF – send with left foot"
You do not own a microphone. You vehemently believe phone is cheating and wasteful.
You know FM will never catch on.
In e-mail, you often use phrases like "CUAGN" "ES" "FB OM" and "BTU".
Your telephone answering machine's message is in Morse.
You are strictly nocturnal.
You believe you can work Heaven on 40 meters.

- **Karl Zuk N2KZ**

PCARA Members Only VHF / UHF Contest Proposal

While reading the June 2001 issue of CQ magazine, I noticed a small piece about a VHF Simplex contest that was run by a Pennsylvania club for its own members and thought it would be fun to run a similar contest for PCARA members. My proposal follows and is open to suggestions, etc., from the membership:





1. Date - 3rd Weekend in September
2. Time - Any Continuous 6 Hour Period
3. Bands - 6 Meters / 2 Meters / 440
4. Mode - Any Allowed within the given Bandplan - No Repeater Contacts
5. Single or Double Operators Only
6. Home QTH or Mobile / Portable w/in a 15 Mile Radius of Peekskill City Hall
7. Scoring -
 - a. First QSO in a Zip Code = 3 Points
 - b. Second = 2 Points
 - c. Third, etc. = 1 Point
 - d. QRP = .5 Point Additional Per Contact
 - e. Non-Commercial Power Station = 5 Points
 - f. Photo of Station = 1 Point
8. Certificates will be issued for the following categories:
 - a. Single Operator 1st and 2nd Place
 - b. Double Operator 1st and 2nd Place
9. Submitted Logs to Include:
 - a. Date / Hours of Operation
 - b. Name and Call of Operators (Max. of 2)
 - c. Station Worked (Call & Zip Code / Time / Frequency / Mode / Signal Report Sent & Received / Power Output
 - d. Operating Location and Power Used (Home QTH, Park, etc., & Commercial Power, Vehicle, Solar, etc.)

**PCARA
Membership Application**

___ NEW ___ RENEW ___ FULL (\$20/year) ___ STUDENT (Free up to 18) ___ FAMILY (\$30/year)
 ___ ASSOCIATE (\$15/year) ___ AUTOPATCH (\$20/year)

NAME _____ CALL SIGN _____

ADDRESS _____ Include on Roster*

HOME # _____ Include on Roster*

WORK # _____ Include on Roster*

OTHER # _____ Include on Roster*

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ Include on Roster*

PERSONAL WEB PAGE _____ Include on Roster*

* THE ROSTER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLY.

THE BELOW TWO ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS:

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR WEB PAGE LINKED FROM THE CLUB PAGE? _____ YES _____ NO

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS LINKED FROM THE CLUB PAGE? _____ YES _____ NO

ARRL MEMBER _____ YES _____ NO

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:

CALL: _____ NAME: _____

CALL: _____ NAME: _____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: PCARA, and mail with your application to: PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517

DATE _____ AMOUNT OF CHECK _____

Voice & Fax: 914-737-0348

Email: pcara@email.com

www.pcara.org



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VE Sessions:

WECA (Thursday, June 14th - 7:00 PM)

Emergency Operations Center-Sub Basement. 148 Martine Ave., White Plains

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

W5Y1

Pelham Dorouco Town House

Contact: Mike W2MAC (914) 738-5775 or Dan AA2HX (914) 667-0587

Call in 145.495

Ham Fests:

12 Aug 2001 + Tri-State ARA

Matamoras, PA (Exit 53, I-84) Airport Park

Contact: Paul - KD3L 570-491-4808

Wanted

Information for the Update. Please send any suggestions, news, articles, etc. to kr2v@arrl.net.



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