

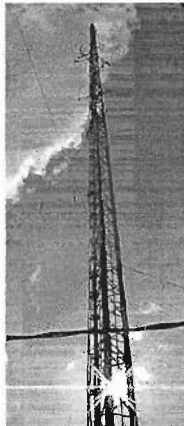
PCARA Update



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Meetings

Please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, November 2nd, 7:30 PM, Hudson Valley Hospital Center**

Future Meetings
Dates: (subject to change)

December 7th
January 4th

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

Our Niche...

Last month I wrote about our "Path Forward" and as I reexamined the accomplishments of PCARA, coupled with our upcoming events, it appears that as a club, we are taking an educational approach to the hobby. This is an excellent path for us to follow, especially when considering the dwindling number of new hams in the United States. It was recently written, that if every ham introduced just one new person to the hobby, our ranks would swell, and the threats to our valuable spectrum would diminish. It is very clear that many of our members are already responsible for introducing new hams to the hobby, and as a club we can only learn from your efforts as mentors and elmers. I propose that we set further goals for PCARA which include the following:

- Continue to reach out to school and scout groups by combining ham radio and education. There is a very fine example of this taking place at Blue Mountain Middle School through the hard work and guidance of Bill Machonis, AA2NU.
- It was suggested we contact Northern Westchester Putnam Board of Cooperative Educational Services with the idea of running an adult education course for persons interested in obtaining their technician license. The ranks of PCARA include several experienced teachers.
- We are waiting for the appropriate paperwork to register PCARA as an ARRL VEC and our ranks include several experienced VE's who can provide valuable guidance for this effort.
- We are in the process of seeking ARRL "Special Service Club" status and will have more to report on this at the next meeting.
- We are also beginning to explore educational grant opportunities that exist and can be applied to our goals and objectives.

I encourage your input on the above.

Upcoming Events

Please see the calendar on page 5 for a list of upcoming events. Volunteers are still needed for the events listed.

Monthly Meetings

At our last meeting we discussed the idea of moving to monthly meetings where we would rotate between business work sessions and guest speakers / club projects. As a result, our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2nd 7:30 PM @ Hudson Valley Hospital Center. Please share with us your ideas for speakers and club projects.

73,

Greg, KB2CQE

Membership Report

PCARA has received 32 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

New Charter Members

Thank you to the members who have so generously donated to PCARA's Charter Membership Program. If you haven't already, please consider a small gift to PCARA to help us meet our operating expenses.

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.**

On-Air Meetings

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

On-Air Meeting Schedule:

November 5th / January 7th / March 4th / May 6th

New this Month

On your membership label you will notice a date has been added. This is the date that your PCARA membership will expire. If your label doesn't contain a date, it means we are anxiously waiting to have you join our ranks as a member.

pcara.org

Recently added to the PCARA website is a section titled *Authors Among Us*. The first article to appear is one written by Mike - N2HTT, who has had three articles published in QST. Please e-mail kr2v@arrl.net if you have an article (published or not) that you would like to see posted on the PCARA website.

Galls Catalogue

Please contact Greg (kb2cqe@arrl.net) if you would like to order a PCARA shirt or Jacket.

Upgrades

Armen - N2PLZ - General

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



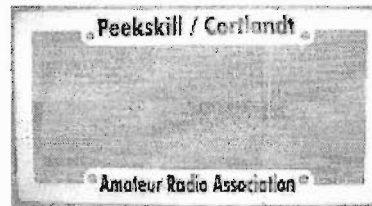
New Call Sign / E-mail Address

Thanks to the FCC's Vanity Call Sign program, my new call sign is KR2V. My new e-mail addresses are: kr2v@arrl.net and kr2v@aol.com

Thanks,
Joe - KR2V

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 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.



Member's Report

Subj: From the ARRL Letter...
Date: 9/15/00 9:36:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: pcara@email.com (PCARA)
To: peekcortara@listbot.com (PCARA)

PCARA - <http://www.pcara.org>

* Coordinator steps into the void in New York, New Jersey: A new, independent agency has been formed to provide Amateur Radio frequency coordination for the New York City/Long Island, Northern New Jersey, and downstate New York region. The Metropolitan Coordination Association Inc--or MetroCor--was organized by a volunteer group of concerned Amateurs.

MetroCor intends to address spectrum usage issues in one of the most densely populated areas of the country, which has been without such services for several years. MetroCor has notified the FCC, the National Frequency Coordinators' Council Inc, the ARRL, and the spectrum management councils in adjacent states of its intention to voluntarily provide coordination services for facilities operating on frequencies above 29.5 MHz. The ARRL's Brennan Price, N4QX--the League's point man for repeater and coordination issues--says MetroCor is the only entity that has notified the ARRL of its intention to provide coordination services for the region. But he points out that the ARRL does not certify frequency coordinators.

"Frequency coordinators derive their authority from the voluntary participation of the local amateur community that they serve," he said. MetroCor has defined its service area to include Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties in New York, and the Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties in New Jersey. These areas, along with Dutchess County in New York, and the entire state of Connecticut, formerly were served by the Tri-State Amateur Radio Club. TSARC has been inactive for several years. Additional details are available on MetroCor's Web site, <http://www.qsl.net/metrocor> or by calling MetroCor evenings before 10 PM at 973-875-4772; e-mail metrocor@qsl.net .--MetroCor news release; ARRL

**Note - PCARA is a member of MetroCor

JOTA 2000

Jamboree on the Air 2000 (JOTA) will be held on October 21st at Blue Mountain Middle School from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The BMMS Amateur Radio Club, under the direction of Bill-AA2NU, has an excellent Ham Shack setup in the building and we have been offered full use of the station and facility where it is located. JOTA will involve a similar setup as Kid's Day and we welcome any suggestions the membership may have for this event. PCARA volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please contact me at kr2v@arrl.net, or on the air if you plan on attending and what equipment you will be able to bring.

PCARA QSL Card Printing Service

PCARA is pleased to announce our new QSL Card Printing Service. Arrangements have been made with a local printer, which allows us to offer 500 cards, black ink on white or color index / postcard quality stock suitable for mailing per USPS standards, for 45.00. This is a great way to support PCARA and have a fresh supply of cards on hand. Please contact Joe - KR2V, for further information and samples.

The following e-mail was received on the PCARA e-mail server:

From: Mike Kendall <ke6cvh@the-i.net>
Subject: new g5rv antennas \$18
Date: September 5, 2000 11:20:46 PM EDT
To: pcara@email.com

Hello,

I'm an Electronic Technician Chief in the Navy manufacturing antennas in my spare time. If you have a classified section on your web page or newsletter or a email reflector that you'd be willing to post this info. to...here's the info. I feel it's a really good deal. Thanks, Mike

New fully assembled g5rv antennas \$18. Center insulator is extremely rugged made from 1/2inch thick dupont plastic with proper wire stress reliefs, twinlead stress reliefs, and weatherproofing. End insulators with 14awg stranded/insulated copper wire. I can substitute end insulators for commercial Budwig fiber filled units for an extra \$1.25. Vertical section is 29.5ft of 300ohm twinlead terminated with UHF(SO-239) connector with protective cover. I can make either the 10 thru 80 meter or the 10 thru 40 meter version for you. I can accept credit card payments over paypal or accept money order/cashier's check at Mike Kendall, 869 Victoria Ave., Taft, TX, 78390. My webpage is at <http://my.cybersoup.com/ke6cvh/> email me at ke6cvh@the-i.net with questions. Thanks, ETC(SW/AW) Mike Kendall USN

ARRL Affiliation

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 of the PCARA website or contact me direct @ kr2v@arrl.net or 582-0760. 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.

3 - The ARRL allows Affiliated Clubs to earn 5.00 per new ARRL membership and 2.00 per ARRL membership renewal. While this is a relatively small amount of money, it will help to offset some of our association expenses.

Calendar of Events

October

14th - Thunderbird Games @ Croton Point Park. WECA has asked that we provide communications support for this scouting event and has informed us that all time slots are available.

17th - Cub Scout Antenna Building @ St. Patrick's School from 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM in preparation for JOTA and to help the scouts meet their "Radio" and "Electricity" achievements.

October 21st - JOTA @ Blue Mountain Middle School - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM—See the previous page for further information.

November

4th - Boy Scout Trekoree @ Bear Mountain and Harrimon State Parks. WECA has asked that PCARA handle this event. More information to follow.

5th - NYC Marathon - Please contact Armen, N2PLZ @ armenb1@ix.netcom.com for further information.

Member Assessment / Charter Membership Program

At our April 2nd meeting we discussed the 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 we ask of our members:

- 1 - Please let others know about PCARA. 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 will be brought to a hamfest to help raise funds for the association.
- 3 - Please consider a voluntary contribution to help offset our association 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

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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:

Wanted

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

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