



PAWA Lines

Portland Amateur Wireless Association Newsletter

Portland Amateur Wireless Association Repeaters

Falmouth: 146.730MHz (-600KHz) (T 100.0Hz)

Scarborough: 444.100MHz (+5MHz) (T 82.5Hz)

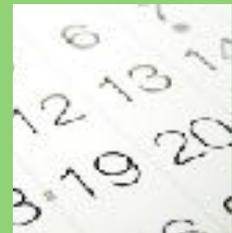
Portland Amateur Wireless Association Board of Directors

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Ham of the Year

Please help
nominate PAWA's
next ham of the
year.



Upcoming Events

Take a look at some
upcoming events.



Club Elections

Consider running
for office, and
please vote!



Club Birthdays

No November Birthdays

On The Web

Please visit us on the web! We have pages on Twitter, Facebook and the world wide web. Check out our addresses at the top of the newsletter's first page, follow us on Twitter, and like our page on Facebook to stay up to date on club activities. If you have something to add, please let us know!

President's Message

It's getting near the end of the year (in a couple of months). We still have some work to do before the new year starts.

At the November meeting we will be nominating one of our full members for the 2017 PAWA Ham of the Year. If you are unable to attend the meeting you may email Jack, KC1UX on or before November 10th. Be sure to send the name and call sign and the reason you feel they should be chosen as the 2017 PAWA Ham of the Year.

In December we will elect a new Board of Directors. We already have a proposed slate. We are looking a Treasurer for 2018/2019. Jack, KC1UX will be stepping down after years of service to the PAWA. If you are interested in volunteering to be Treasurer send me an email.

Bryce Rumery - PAWA President

Secretary's Report

There was no quorum for the business meeting in October, therefore no voting took place. The meeting program was a review of the PAWA bylaws.

Jason S. Cote - Member at Large

October Exam Session Report

We had a very successful exam session at the Legion hall in South Portland.

We had seven candidates in attendance and everyone came away with something!

We had five new Technicians, three new Generals and one new Extra. Congratulations to all the candidates!

Thanks goes out to all the attending VEs for their efforts. John, W1JLB, Bryce, K1GAX, Jack, KC1UX, Don, KA1WAL and Mike, N1GRO.

Treasurer's Report

October 2017	
Beginning Balance	\$1321.16
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$300.00
Ending Balance	\$1021.16

Thanks,

73, Jack

UPCOMING EVENTS:

✱ Next meeting:

Wednesday, November 1st 2017 - 7pm

Stuart Morrill American Legion Post #35 - 413 Broadway, So Portland

✱ November Contests:

4-5 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

4-6 Nov. Sweepstakes - CW

18-20 Nov. Sweepstakes - Phone



Chief Operator's Report

There was no report available at press time.

Club Elections

Ariel Cote - KC1CCB

Elections are coming up in December! Anyone interested in running for office is strongly encouraged to do so. All positions are available for nomination.

October Storm

Jason Cote - W1WDW

As you know, we experienced a severe wind storm on the evening of the 29th into the morning of the 30th with hurricane-force winds in places that resulted in widespread damage and power outages that topped 400,000. CMP Spokesperson Gail Rice says that the number of outages surpasses the number of outages in the 1998 ice storm. As of press time, over 279,000 CMP customers were still without power. There are a number of community centers open for people to charge their devices. CMP says it could be Saturday before most people have service restored. The good news is that the PAWA repeater continues to be served by emergency power and is on the air for use.

Being a Good Ham

Jason Cote - W1WDW

I want to take a moment to discuss and address a growing problem in our hobby. This is a problem that has plagued ham radio for a long time and like a virus, infects other aspects of our lives as well, the problem is negativity.

I was a member of a ham radio group on facebook that was comprised of ham radio operators from around the world. The group's topic of discussion was always something new each day, but what I quickly noticed that did not change from day to day was the ability for some ham radio operators to tear down and insult others.

A couple of examples include what I call "Radio Snobs". These people are the people that only use radios from high-end manufacturers such as Motorola, Yaesu, Icom or Kenwood. These "radio snobs" condemn anybody using or even asking about what they refer to as "Chinese radios", even though the majority of all radio equipment made today is not made in the US. New or prospective hams who are looking for advice on their first radio purchase often ask about Baofeng or Wouxoun radios because of their low cost are met with sharp criticism from these so-called snobs saying such thing as *"I'll pay you \$30 to not buy one"*, or *"Enjoy your welfare radio, too cheap to afford a real radio?"*, this is incredibly insulting to any person, especially somebody who is either looking to break in to the hobby or has just earned their ticket.

Another type of negative ham are the one who target women, young people, disabled hams or those who are "no-coders". This is flat out discrimination and from my point of view it's disgusting behavior, ham radio operators are better than this. Recently, a woman joined the aforementioned facebook group expressing that she was interested in earning her license and

asked where she should start looking for training materials. Her facebook photo was that of a young, attractive woman probably in her 20's or early 30's (though I'm a terrible judge of age) and she was immediately criticized for being "fake". Several people wrote comments to the effect of "*Attractive women don't do ham radio*", it upset the woman so much she immediately left the facebook group, I did as well.

I am appalled and disgusted by the behavior and attitude of those hams who choose to represent our hobby like this. Ham radio operators are there to function as a lifeline for those in need in times of emergency and disaster and - as the saying goes - "when all else fails". It isn't a "good ol' boys club", We're better than this, in our hobby and in our everyday lives.

These are my opinions, and while you may not agree with my point of view I encourage you to reflect on how you, as a person, a new or prospective ham, a young person, a woman, or a disabled person would feel if somebody from our hobby confronted you and treated you that way.

So with that said, I will leave you with The Radio Amateur's Code:

The Radio Amateur is

CONSIDERATE...He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his/[her] country, through which Amateur Radio in his/[her] country is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/[Her] operating practice is above reproach.

FRIENDLY...He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice

and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

- adapted from the original Amateur's Code, written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928

Thank you.

We Need Your Support!

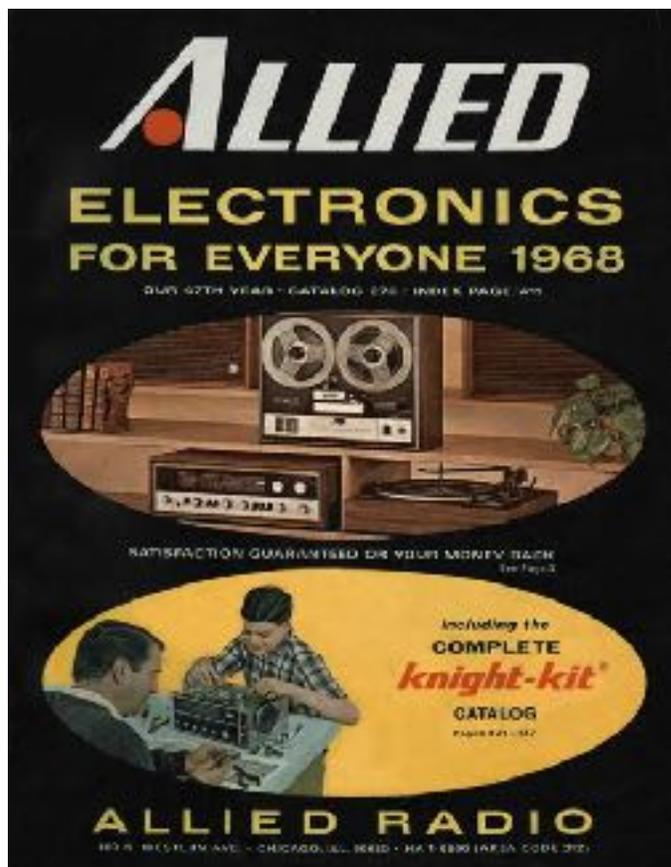
Jason Cote - W1WDW

Back in May and June of 2016 a small group of PAWA members including George NX1C, Ross KB1OND, Jack KC1UX, Mike N1GRO, Steve KB1YBT, Ariel KC1CCB and myself went out to the farm and got the trailer ready for field day. We noted some problems with the trailer that should really be corrected, including the condition on the hoist cables, trailer lights, wiring, tires and some other things. I compiled a list of needed items and the approximate costs associated with the work. We have not yet identified the costs specific to the tires and suspension as they are very old parts and replacements are not readily available. I would like to ask members of the club to see what they can contribute to offset the costs of supplies in a "trailer maintenance fund". The PAWA antenna trailer is a valuable club asset and we as a group are lucky to have it. It is in the club's best interest to continue to maintain the trailer especially as it is stored outdoor in the elements. Can you help us? Do you have ideas to contribute? Let us know! Thank you very much for your support.

Catalogs are about possibilities

Dan Romanchik - KB6NU

When I was a kid, I used to regularly get catalogs, such as the Allied Radio and Lafayette Radio catalogs shown below, and pore over them for hours. Even if I couldn't afford to buy the latest Knight-Kit or Lafayette shortwave radio, I could imagine what it would be like. These catalogs were chock full of possibilities.



I spent many hours poring over the Allied and Lafayette catalogs as a kid.

These two are from 1968, when I was 13 years old.

So, you can imagine how I felt when, last Thursday, I found both the Autumn/Winter 2017 DX Engineering catalog and the 2018-2019 Newark Electronics/element14 catalog in my mailbox.

[DX Engineering](#) has really taken the amateur radio world by storm over the last ten years or so. I probably don't have to tell you about that. If you're an active amateur radio operator, I'm sure that you have heard about—and probably ordered from—DX Engineering.

I think that DX Engineering did a very smart thing by investing the money in a print catalog. There's something about browsing a print catalog that is just more satisfying than browsing online.



DX Engineering has just about everything you need to have fun with amateur radio. The one glaring omission? They still don't carry my study guides!

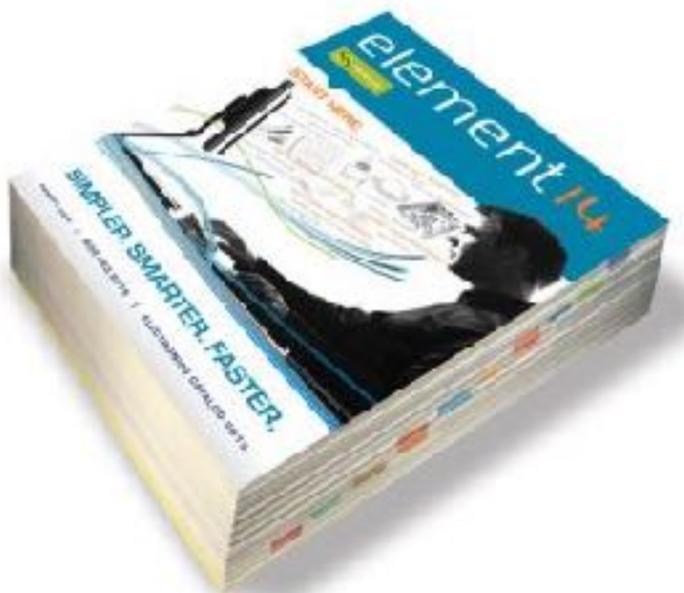
The [Newark/element14 2018-2019 catalog](#) is a completely different beast. Amateur radio operators are only a small part of Newark/element14's market, but one nonetheless. They have, for example, attended the Dayton Hamvention for many years.

As such, the catalog is not a "ham radio" catalog, but if you build stuff at all you'll find something of interest in its 1,799 pages. It includes nearly any kind of electronic part that you might need.

The section that might you might want to start with is the "makerspace" section. In this section, you'll find Raspberry Pis, BeagleBones, and even micro:bits. They really have everything, though,

including passive and active components, connectors, cable, and enclosures.

Like I say, these catalogs are all about possibilities.



You can search each company's website and find the parts they carry quickly and easily, but that experience is just not the same as browsing a print catalog and daydreaming about what you might find there.

So, get your own copies—they're free—and page through them. I'd be surprised if you didn't run across something that you didn't know about before, and it gave you some ideas about your next amateur radio project.

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