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Portland Amateur Wireless Association Newsletter

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Growing wiser?

Send us your birthday to include in the newsletter!



New Home for 2019!

We are in need of storage space!



New Website!

We have launched a new website!

Club Birthdays

No January 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

Jason Cote - W1WDW

Happy New Year!

2019 has arrived and our first meeting of the new year will also be the first at our new home. As many of you already know, we have struck a deal with the folks at the Southern Maine Chapter of the American Red Cross to meet at their facility at 2401 Congress Street in Portland. I hope everybody can make it to the meeting so we can tour the facility and have a look at our new meeting space.

This move represents a new lease on life for our club and I hope the membership can manage to turn it around and make a showing. It would be good to see the attendance and membership numbers climb again.

- Jason, W1WDW - President

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PAWA MEETINGS NOW BEING HELD AT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, 2401 CONGRESS STREET IN PORTLAND.

Treasurer's Report

December 2019	
Beginning Balance	\$189.45
Income	\$137.50
Expenses	\$148.00
Ending Balance	\$178.95

A reminder that dues are due for 2019! Remember, the club operates because of the income provided by the yearly dues. Your timely payment can ensure that we have the funds to continue to operate. Thank you.

Now Recruiting!

Jason Cote - W1WDW

Our current treasurer Jack Ney, KC1UX has served our club faithfully for many years in multiple roles, but is looking to retire the office of treasurer to someone else. If you are interested in holding office and being responsible for paying the bills, please contact any one of our board of directors. All we ask is that you be a regular at our meetings and participate in club activities and business. We very much need a club treasurer, so please consider volunteering your time, thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 - 7pm
2401 Congress Street, Portland
American Red Cross - Southern Maine Chapter

Contests:

1 [Straight Key Night](#)
5 [Kids Day](#)
5-6 [RTTY Roundup](#)
19-21 [January VHF](#)



Secretary's Report

Ariel Cote - KC1CCB

Wednesday, December 5th, 2018

Board of Directors Meeting

The criteria for a quorum was met.

Due to our impending move to the Red Cross, a work party was planned for 12/8 to clean out the radio room. The bank was kind enough to grandfather our account so that we won't be charged a monthly 50\$ fee for having under 500\$ in our account. We need a volunteer to run for treasurer.

General Membership Meeting

A quorum was not met for the general meeting.

A reminder that dues are due! Starting in January, the club's monthly meetings will be held at the Red Cross, 2401 Congress Street in Portland. Jason, W1WDW, suggested we make a classified add or email to advertise the equipment the club is looking to sell. It was also suggested we attempt to store the repeater at Blackstrap. There was talk of moving the annual potluck to February or March since we did not have it in December. In addition, a conversation was had regarding using the test sessions to promote the club. If you have any other suggestions to bring in new members, please reach out to any board member.

May you all have a healthy and joyful Holiday!

Chief Operator's Report

No report was available.

Got Storage?

Jason Cote - W1WDW

Our move from the legion hall left us with a truck load of club property that is now just sitting at our very small apartment. In addition to that, there are also a few containers of equipment in a temporary storage unit. We are hoping that somebody has space to store all of this equipment for the club. Maybe you have some extra room in your basement, or a spare room? With the help of Jack, Mike, and Ross, Ariel and I cleaned out what was left of the radio room and I would like to find a safe home for it until we have a use for it, or sell it off. If you have space to donate, please let me know!

Make ham radio a habit

Dan Romanchik - KB6NU

Every week, I get an email newsletter from Penguin Random House called *Signature*. *Signature* includes links to articles about books and writing. Being a writer, I clicked on the link to "5 Good Writing Habits You Need to Learn Now." As I was reading the article, it occurred to me that the advice could also apply to amateur radio.

So, with apologies to the author, Lorraine Berry, here are five things you can do to make ham radio a habit:

1. To get on the air more, or to do more building, set up a time to do it.

If you enjoy getting on the air or homebrewing, but never seem to be able to find the time to do it, you need to put it on your schedule. Set aside the time a couple of days, or a week, or even a month in advance, and you'll be more likely to do it. If you set up a regular time every week, pretty soon it will be a habit.

2. If ham radio is important to you, create an environment that encourages you to do ham radio.

To make ham radio a habit, you really need a place that's set up to do ham radio. If you have to dig out and set up your equipment every time that you want to get on the air, you're just not going to do it. You need a "shack" that makes it easier for you to engage in the hobby. Richards, K8JHR, gave me some great advice back in 2012 on where and how to set up a shack (<https://www.kb6nu.com/building-a-new-shack/>).

3. Create temptations that reward you for your new habit of ham radio.

For me, being able to make interesting contacts, or building some new gizmo, is reward enough, but you may want to reward yourself with a beer or some ice cream after an operating session.

4. Make it easy to do what you like to do.

This is related to #4. Your shack should have everything you need to easily do whatever ham radio activities you enjoy doing. If you enjoy operating, then it should have a nice operating desk. If you enjoy building, then set it up so that all of your tools are readily accessible. The easier it is to do, the more likely it is that you'll do it. If you enjoy operating portable, then build up a kit that has all the stuff you need, and have it ready to go when you're ready to go.

5. Start with the Two-Minute Rule for new habits and continue from there.

The "two minute rule" (<https://www.lifehack.org/articles/productivity/how-stop-procrastinating-and-stick-good-habits-using-the-2-minute-rule.html>) is a tool to help you overcome procrastination. The idea is to allot just two minutes to a task that you'd like to complete or a skill that you'd like to develop. It's a small commitment, but enough to get you started, and the idea is that once you're started on a particular task or project, continuing work on that task or

project becomes a lot easier. Those two minutes could easily become a half hour or an hour once you've gotten the ball rolling.

Armed with this advice, I'm expecting you to be a more active ham in 2019. I'll be listening for you on 40 m.

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