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Portland Amateur Wireless Association Newsletter

Portland Amateur Wireless Association Repeaters

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Club Birthdays

4th - Jack Ney, KC1UX

16th - Bob Coakley, KX1E

10th - John Bogner, W1JLB

17th - Robert Thing, W1ZW

12th - Chuck Talbot, W1JKL

22nd - Richard Coffin, KB1IAY

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!



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!

President's Message

Jason Cote - W1WDW

Hello and Happy March,

March is here and I would ask the membership to start thinking about the array of public service events coming up this year that we have the opportunity to take part in. The MS Walk, Freeport 4th of July 10K, Beach to Beacon 10K, Boston Marathon and others. If you have ideas for other public service events that we have not previously been involved with, please bring them up at a meeting. These events are obviously a public service, it helps get the club's name out there and it's a great training opportunity.

As the weather starts to improve we will also be doing some work on the Red Cross radio room. I am anxious to get that project completed.

Thank you very much and I hope to see you at the meetings!

- Jason, W1WDW - President

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

PLEASE COME TO THE BACK DOOR AND KNOCK IF IT IS LOCKED

Treasurer's Report

February 2019	
Beginning Balance	\$338.95
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$338.95

The treasurer's report for February was unavailable at press time.

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, March 6th, 2019 - 7pm
2401 Congress Street, Portland
American Red Cross - Southern Maine Chapter

Contests:

2-3 International DX - SSB
10 North American RTTY Sprint
30-31 CQWW WPX SSB Contest



Secretary's Report

Ariel Cote - KC1CCB

Wednesday, February 6th, 2019

Board of Members Meeting

The requirements for a quorum were met.

Things from radio room still needs storage! Please let Jason or Ariel Cote know if you have some space in your garage or basement!

General Membership Meeting

The requirements for a quorum were not met.

The club needs a treasurer! Please consider helping the club by stepping into this role!

There is no HamFest scheduled at this time - may be a possibility to hold one at Red Cross. Additionally, Jim Frazier checked out the community center in South Portland which might also work.

Need to get exam sessions going. Ideally quarterly. Jason recently had two inquiries about taking tech exams. We would also like to see if Red Cross members would like to take an exam.

Since we are now going to be holding meetings at the Red Cross, it would be great to finish the radio space that already exists here.

Ariel suggested we have a pot luck next month. The attending members agreed! **Postponed until April to allow more members to be made aware.**

There was a question posed if we need to lower the quorum requirements to be able to conduct business?

Some ideas were tossed around about increasing attendance at monthly meetings. Maybe we need a interesting presentation? Possibly a Skywarn weather spotting class or Weather 101? Since we have radio space, maybe some inclusive contesting?

The question was posed if we are we doing the MS Walk? March of Dimes? LL Bean 10k? Additionally, there are some other walks in the area that might be in need of some hams including Mary's Walk, Boston Marathon, Maine Children's Cancer Program Walk, and Maine Audubon Society (Scarborough Marsh).

It might also be helpful to do some promotional events at places like the Yarmouth Clam Festival, MS Regatta, or regional community events.

Chief Operator's Report

No report was available.

Got Storage? (Urgent)

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!

Classifieds

A note from Jack:

I received a call from NX1I Bill Armstrong who lives I believe on Chebague Island. He said he is getting out of amateur radio and he has a TS-140 and I believe a TS-80. He wants to give them away

to a ham. You would have to go down on the boat to the island and he would meet you at the boat. Tel Bill @ 846-4737 if interested or for more info.

If any club members are interested in purchasing any club equipment, please let Jason know. We are selling off select items to reduce clutter and boost the treasury. I will be cataloging and posting a detailed list soon. We have a couple radios, a repeater and various other items up for sale.

Celebrating your club's Elmers might encourage others

Dan Romanchik - KB6NU

Sam, W5KF, recently sent me a link to the Elmers' page on the Norman, OK South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) website. Not only is it a listing of the club members who have stepped forward to Elmer new members, but also provides ways to honor current and past Elmers. This is from the SCARS newsletter:

"Elmer List on the W5NOR.org website

"This week we talk about a brand new feature on the W5NOR web site. In the amateur radio community, an experienced amateur radio operator who mentors a new or prospective ham is commonly called an "Elmer". In our hobby, that seems to be a great way for knowledge to be transferred.

"Yes, we all have taken an FCC test to receive our license, however that's only the starting point. Remember that person that helped you set up your first radio, or gave you the courage to press the PTT button, or answered endless questions about a radio, or an antenna? That's the kind of thing we're talking about.

"Thanks to a great suggestion from Gary Skaggs WB5ULK [not sure it was my idea. - Editor], we've

created the SCARS Elmer Page, located at <http://w5nor.org/elmers>, for us to celebrate Elmers; past, present, and future. We provide a place for Elmers to list their specialty, and contact information, which allows new hams to find someone they can ask questions of.

"Since this is a new section of the web site, this list is rather short. If you're willing to help others on a given topic, send a message to n5hzz@arrl.net and you will be added to the list. Right now we need lots of different categories, like antennas, radio setup, HT programming, contesting, satellite operation, high power operation, test gear, building your own gear, repairing radios, APRS, D-Star, DMR, CW, logging, etc. oh well, you get the idea.

"You don't need a PhD to be listed here. You just need a willingness to help others in a given area. It's OK to be a new ham, and be listed here. You may have just struggled through your first space contact, but you'll have infinitely more knowledge than the person who's been a ham for 40 years, and has never tried that portion of the hobby.

"Also, there is a link to the "ARRL Elmer Award" page of the American Radio Relay League's web site. Here, you can enter your favorite Elmer's name and callsign. The ARRL will print a nice certificate, and mail it to the address you enter. Yes, for FREE! This certificate can either be mailed to your favorite Elmer, or you can mail it to yourself so you can present it to them personally. Feel free to order an Elmer certificate, and present it to your Elmer at an upcoming SCARS meeting. Talk with one of the officers before the meeting to get your place on the agenda. What a great way to recognize these people for their extra efforts.

"Finally, we've got a place to list YOUR favorite Elmer in our SCARS Elmer Hall-of-Fame. This is the place to memorialize your Elmer, whether they are SCARS members, Silent Keys, or not. I've already listed a few Elmers on the list from my own travels

through the hobby. We'd love to list the people that help us all succeed.

"So, please help make this page useful, visit the SCARS Elmer page at: <http://w5nor.org/elmers> and be listed as an Elmer, and list your favorite Elmers."

I think this is a wonderful idea, and I hope that you will consider doing something similar in your club. A little recognition could go a long way, and we need all the Elmers we can muster. And, if you're already doing this, please send me a link. I'll add that link to my website, KB6NU.Com.

When he's not Elmering new hams, you'll find Dan building kits and working CW on the HF bands. He is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides, and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com. You can contact him by e-mailing cwgeek@kb6nu.com.