



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)

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Club Birthdays

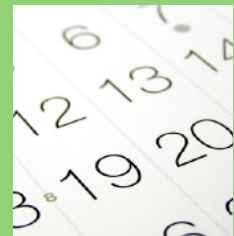
KM4HOJ, Cindy Stark - 4th
KB1OND, Ross Drivas - 14th

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!



Exam Session
Come join the hobby or upgrade that license!



Upcoming Events
Take a look at some upcoming events.



Talkin' Ham
How do you really refer to our hobby?
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President's Message

Despite the lower floor of the Legion hall being completely torn apart due to renovations the PAWA was able to "innovate, adapt and overcome"! We made the "welcome back BBQ" a success! At the next meeting (October 4th) we will be forming a committee to seek a new place to meet. If you are interested, please volunteer.

Remember, we will be taking nominations for the 2017 PAWA Ham of The Year at the November meeting. Give it some thought. The Ham of The year will be presented at the December meeting.

At the December meeting we will be electing officers for 2018/2019. Right now we have a new candidate for President, a new candidate for Vice President and Secretary. All positions are open. If you would like to serve, let me know.

Bryce Rumery - K1GAX

President

Treasurer's Report

May 2017	
Beginning Balance	\$1524.39
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$203.23
Ending Balance	\$1321.16

Thanks,

73, Jack

October Meeting Program

The program for the October meeting will be a brief review of the PAWA By Laws. There are a fair number of PAWA members that don't really know the rules that govern club operations.

Here's your chance to better understand the PAWA By Laws.

73, Bryce, K1GAX

President

UPCOMING EVENTS:

✱ Next meeting:

Wednesday, October 4th 2017 - 7pm

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

✱ October Contests:

7-8 ARRL EME Contest

7-8 California QSO Party

16-20 ARRL School Club Roundup



Secretary's Report

PAWA meeting convened at 7:40p by Bryce Rumery, K1GAX - President

12 people in attendance.

Secretary's report accepted by vote

Treasurer's report accepted by vote

Chief op's report accepted by vote

Business:

- Bryce discussed that the club will be taking nominations for ham of the year, and in December elections will be held. Bryce stated all positions are open, and we are soliciting nominations.
- Discussion was presented to the club regarding the construction that was taking place in the hall. The club was not told about the renovations and the result was some inconvenience.
- Jack suggested to the club that we consider securing another location to hold meetings and move the club's base of operations. Ideas for locations are requested to be written down and presented at the next regular meeting.
- Megan suggested the Woodford's club, or a church such as 1st Congregational in Scarborough.
- Bryce advised the club he would be contacting the legion regarding the recent problems. Jason asked if the club has a lease agreement with the legion, Bryce stated the club does not have a lease agreement. Bryce also suggested the Portland Legion hall.
- Peter advised the club that his van is available for ARES use if needed.
- Jason promoted the York County EMA open house on Thursday Sept 21 and invited all to attend.
- Bryce is soliciting ideas for programs for the upcoming meetings and reminded the membership of the December pot-luck.
- Joe Shortill also offered his residence for an emergency meeting location if needed.

Motion to adjourn by Jason W1WDW, multiple seconds. Vote passed.

– Jason, W1WDW Member at Large

October Exam Session

The next exam session sponsored by the PAWA will be on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the Legion Hall. The doors open for testing at 5:30 PM, exams start promptly at 6:00 PM and door close for testing at 6:15 PM.

Here's your chance to upgrade that license!

Hope to see you there!

Chief Operator's Report

Antenna Trailer Status

The PAWA antenna trailer is back at the Turkey Hill farm. Tom Hogan came up with a great solution to our problem. It turns out there is an axle insert that is designed to be welded into the inch and a half square tubing that our trailer uses for its axle. (See the picture of the trailer tubing for a better idea, the white panel on the right is the wheel guard)



http://www.northerntool.com/shop/tools/product_200365118_200365118?cm_mmc=Google-pla&utm_source=Google_PLA&utm_medium=Trailers%20%2B%20Towing%20%3E%20Trailer%20Axles%20%3E%20Hubs&utm_campaign=Tie%20Down&utm_content=128008&gclid=Cj0KCQjw0K7NBRC7ARIsAEaqLRHKdNJOv4E3_xLMypxBm6lLb2vydTltg0LGiB7jOK-QxJLVHGKGzEaAmUREALw_wcB

This will allow us to replace the existing old axle and install new rims and tires. The remaining issue is finding a welding shop close by that will do it. The existing tires and rim limit the area in which we can reasonably attempt delivery. There are a few businesses locally that create trailer and commercial bodies for trucks and I was thinking they might be a good start.

Once we determine who will do this we will need to purchase the inserts, rims and tires. We will need to pay particular attention to the rim selection to ensure it's not too wide relative where the axle sits now. I am sure we can discuss that with whoever we find.

Ham radio continues to be in the news with in the aftermath of the hurricane season, it is one of the few operational modes of communication in Puerto Rico according to CNN, NBC and other broadcasters.

From the Swling.blog - A Short Wave radio enthusiast's site --

<https://swling.com/blog/2017/09/cnn-ham-radio-operators-are-saving-puerto-rico/>

<https://swling.com/blog/2017/09/amateur-radio-playing-key-role-in-puerto-rico/>

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Ross KB1OND

We Need Your Support!

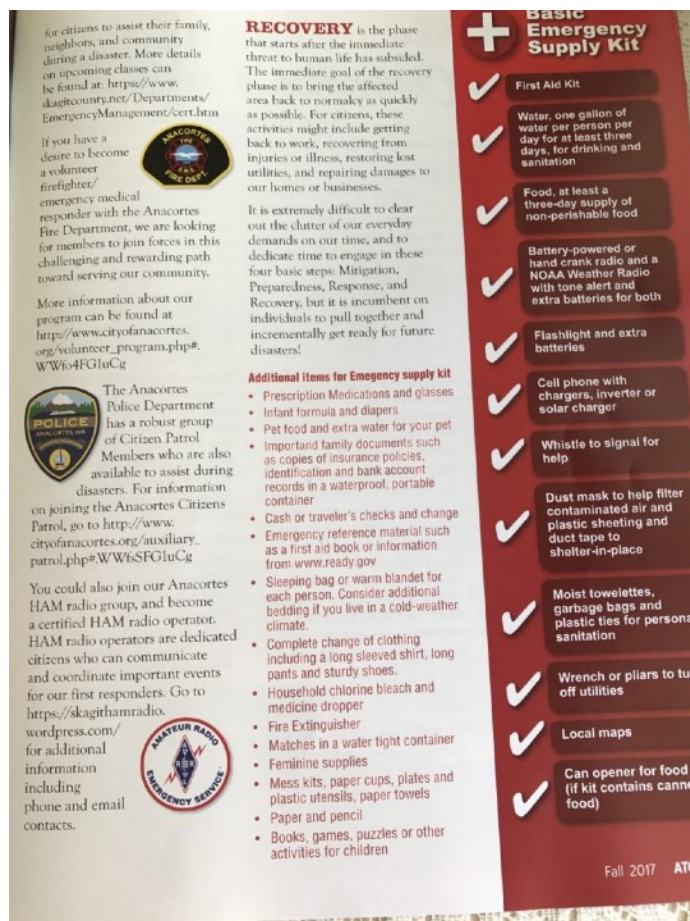
Jason Cote - W1WDW

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.

HAM? HAM radio? ham radio? Amateur Radio? amateur radio!

Dan Romanchik - KB6NU

On the ARRL PR mailing list, we've been discussing the proper way to refer to amateur radio. What brought this up was an email from one list subscriber, Richard, WB6NAH, who was (rightfully) proud of the work that his club—the [Skagit Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Club](#)—was doing. He noted that they were even featured in the police department's emergency preparedness brochure:



As you can see, the brochure refers to "HAM radio" and "HAM radio operators."

Referring to amateur radio in this way just drives me crazy. "Ham radio" is just a nickname for

amateur radio, and "HAM" is certainly not an acronym for anything. I congratulated Richard on getting his club included in the brochure, but noted, "...it's not HAM radio! It's either 'amateur radio' or 'ham radio' (ham is not an acronym). I hate to be nitpicky about this, but as a professional writer, this usage just drives me crazy." He replied, "I agree on Amateur Radio, that was the city's call."

That kicked off the discussion.

One ham replied to me privately, "Thank you...I am continually trying to explain that it is not an acronym or abbreviation."

Another replied to the list:

The most correct term is "amateur radio" or alternatively "ham radio", both written in normal case. If using "ham radio", it is a best practice to first write "amateur (ham) radio" in the first non-header/non-title occurrence.

Some will write "Amateur Radio" in proper noun format (first letters in caps) and while this may be acceptable to many and in certain venues, anyone using a style handbook will say it is incorrect. Less correct is to write "Ham Radio" in proper noun format as this is a slang term, albeit a popular one.

Of course either term may be written as proper nouns when part of a title or name of an organization.

Least correct is to write "HAM" in all caps; as stated by others, ham is not an abbreviation or acronym. Writing it as "HAM" is completely wrong, will drive many people bonkers, and should be avoided at all costs.

Ward, N0AX, offered this explanation:

To clarify where the capitalization originated, there is a long-standing ARRL Board Directive, decades old, stipulating that the words "Amateur Radio" be capitalized in ARRL publications and documents.

Most non-amateur publications return it to the lower-case style that is used for non-proper nouns.

One guy got a little miffed that we were wasting our time discussing this at all:

You know, I've been reading this thread and I think people are getting too hung up on very minor details. The bottom line they got PR. So something wasn't spelled right or capitalized, so what. The message got out and IMHO that's the bottom line. Let's not waste any more bandwidth on this.

I agreed that it was great that they were included in the brochure, and that we were probably beating this topic to death, but I don't think these are minor details. I said that PR professionals pride themselves on getting the details right. So should amateur radio PR people.

I'll give the final word to Dan, AI4GK. He wrote:

I don't think that standardizing what we call ourselves qualifies as getting hung up on minor details. If we don't have a standardized way of referring to us, how can we expect a public, who already is confused, to understand who we are?

I don't think that you can argue with this. Let's avoid confusion by using "amateur radio" when writing about our hobby/service. I'd even urge the ARRL to rethink their use of "Amateur Radio." Sometimes, it may be OK to use "ham radio," but it's just not correct to use "HAM radio" or just "HAM."

Dan, KB6NU, is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com. When he's not picking nits about the name of our hobby, he teaches ham radio classes and operates CW on the HF bands. You can email him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.