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Mosquito Season Is Upon US! NØQJS Has The Answer

John Roth, NØQJS, knows all about the mosquito problem here in the Colorado Springs area. So he sent us the Missouri answer to the mosquito problem.... ***The Official Missouri Mosquito Trap!*** He indicated it works very well in Missouri and wishes us well in the battle with the little pests.



Ham Breakfast May 2nd 2009

Country Buffet
751 North Academy
(Citadel Crossing)
8:00 am - 9:30 am

May Club Meeting

: The next regular club meeting will be the second Wednesday, 7 PM, 13 May 2009, at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

MARC MAY VE SESSION

The Mountain Amateur Radio Club VE Team will be conducting a VE session at 10 am on Saturday, May 2nd, in the Community Meeting Room of the Woodland Park Library, 218 East Midland Avenue. The MARC VE Team is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC and examinations for all classes of license will be offered.

Full information, including driving directions to the Woodland Park Library, is available under "VE Sessions" on the MARC website at <http://www.nx0g.org/ve.html> or contact Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) at k0hbx@arrl.net or call (719) 687-8758.

If attending, please BE SURE to bring the following items to the session:

1. A valid PHOTO ID, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
2. Your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (now required – this includes children).
3. Your ORIGINAL amateur radio license (if any) AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.
4. The ORIGINAL of any relevant CSCEs you may have AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.
5. Cash, Check or Money Order for \$15 (standard ARRL VE Fee). Checks and

money orders should be made out to "MARC" and cover all different exams you wish to take at the VE session.

MARC VE Team policy, as with many VE Teams, is to not allow same day retests on failed exams.

For already licensed hams, MARC members should be monitoring the MARC repeater system 146.820- or 448.650- (both 107.2 Hz) if you need help with talk-in.

73 Wes KØHBZ
MARC VE Team

NONPROFIT STATUS

The PPRAA is a federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and welcomes all contributions. Your contributions or donations may be tax-deductible.

PPRAA Club Meeting 8 April 2009

President Doug Neilsen N7LEM called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM at Panera Bread, followed by introductions around the room.

Silent Keys: None.

Minutes: Dennis/Henry moved/seconded that the March meeting minutes be approved as corrected. Passed. Correction: there was an error in PPRAA Forum link.

PPRAA Lifetime Achievement Award for 2008 – Doug presented this to Doc WØMCT.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Rosas ACØIV reported that we had a \$7345.71 total balance in our three accounts as of 8 April 2009.

Committee Reports

CMRG Report – all D-STAR components have been received and are being tested prior to installation. Installation will be undertaken when weather permits.

HamCon 2009 – Dan WØRO reported that the event will be held May 29, 30, & 31, 2009, in Estes Park. See www.hamconcolorado.org for more info and to register. You must call the hotel to book a room. PPRAA is responsible for the talk-in for the event. Operators are needed for this activity, for HamCon QSL contacts, and for antenna setup on Friday morning.

Field Day 2009 – Doug stated that we still need a location and a coordinator for this event. If you can help or have a location suggestion, contact a club officer or board member. Date is June 27 & 28, 2009.

MegaFest 2009 – Megafest Chairman Rob Roller N7LV. This event will be Saturday, July 18, 2009, at Lewis Palmer High School in Monument. We still need volunteers for recruiting vendors and other communications. We will also have a table at HamCon 2009 that we need volunteers for.

Boy Scout Camporee - Saturday April 25 Dan WØRO is still seeking assistance for this event at the Calhan Fairgrounds. Contact Dan if you are interested.

Colorado QSO Party – Doug N7LEM still needs some help with this year's event. It will be the first weekend in September, on the 5th and 6th, 2009. Contact Doug if you can help.

VE Exam Session – as scheduled, this weekend (Sat) at CO Tech.

Meeting Night Change – a survey of preferred meeting nights resulted in a variety of opinions. This will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting. One additional suggestion was to have more operating or building events on weekends.

Program

Dan WØRO presented a slide show on HamCon 2009. We also had presentations on several pieces of members' test equipment. This included oscilloscopes, function generators, and multimeters.

Thursday Night Net - Every Thursday night, 7PM, Doc's Glow Net on 28.4 MHz SSB. Also at 8PM on

145.55 MHz, AM 2M net. See www.ppraa.org for details.

Next Club Meeting: The next regular club meeting will be the second Monday, 7 PM, 13 May 2009, at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

Next Board Meeting: 7 PM, on the Monday following the club meeting, 18 May 2009, at the Stetson Hills Police Substation, 4110 Tutt Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by:
John Wishart KCØJFH
PPRAA Secretary
23 April 2009

PPRAA Board Meeting

13 April 2009

Attendees: Dennis ACØIV, John KCØJFH, Doug N7LEM, Bill KDØJU, David KØDAM, Dan WØRO, and Dennis NØABC.

President Doug N7LEM called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Stetson Hills Police Substation.

Minutes – Dennis/David moved/seconded that the April minutes be approved as printed. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis reported that we have \$7345.71 total in our accounts as of 13 April 2009.

Committee Reports

HamCon 2009

Dan WØRO reported that advance registrations are doing well. They are still looking for a main speaker. Volunteers are also needed for our talk-in station setup/operating/takedown. Contact Dan if you'll be there to help.

Field Day 2009

We are still looking for possible locations and a coordinator for this event.

Megafest 2009

This will be July 18, 2009, at Lewis-Palmer High School in Monument. We still need to sell more raffle tickets at area hamfests prior to the event (in particular, at Hamcon 2009). Contact Rob N7LV if you can assist.

COQP

Will be taking flyers for this event out to the ARRL Convention in Dayton. If you are going to HRO, please take some of these up to the store.

Picnic

August 22. Still need to set a location.

Worked All CO Counties Award

Checking with the CO QRP Club to see what their take on it is. They have a QRP WAC award.

Meeting Day of the Week

Responses from members surveyed varied across the week with Tues, Wed, & Thur appearing to be most popular. Another suggestion is to have an operating event or an antenna-building workshop on a weekend on a quarterly basis.

New Business: None

Around the Table

Dennis - at VE session last weekend, 12 candidates, all passed.

Dan - Boy Scout Camporee event on April 25. Needs to borrow the PPRAA projector for this activity.

Dennis - would like to know if we should get a spare bulb for the projector. Dennis/Dan moved to buy a replacement bulb for the projector. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next PPRAA Board meeting: 7PM, Monday, 18 May 2009, at the Stetson Hills Police Substation on 4110 Tutt Blvd.

Submitted by:
John Wishart KCØJFH
PPRAA Secretary
23 April 2009

Ditz and Bitz

Would like to trade pk-900 for a tri-band 3 or 4 element HF Beam antenna. The pk-900 is in original box and used only a few hours.

Don W7FFD

w7ffd@arrl.net

1) Yaseu FT-980, matching speaker SP-980, desk mic MD-1 Asking \$850.00

2) Motorola BC-120 commercial 2m capable HT.
\$100.00

3) Siltronix 500 watt 10m rig, no mic.
\$125.00

4) Unknown make 2m HT, box, mic, software
\$120.00

Harland WØYP

navel.sealteam@comcast.net

Have something to sell or just want to see get to a good home. Send it in to WV7T@ARRL.NET.

Jess Miley KØTAA

719 W. 7th, Florence, CO 81226
Amateur & Hobby Radio Products.
We Trade.

Excellent Tech @ \$35 per hour
Commercial rates higher / 719-784-3040
Please call before you drive.

May Contests

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW 0001Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3

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7th Call Area QSO Party 1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3

Indiana QSO Party 1600Z, May 2 to 0400Z, May 3

New England QSO Party 2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3

VOLTA WW RTTY Contest 1200Z, May 9 to 1200Z, May 10

50 MHz Spring Sprint 2300Z, May 9 to 0300Z, May 10

Feld Hell Sprint 1200Z-2200Z, May 16

EU PSK DX Contest 1200Z, May 16 to 1200Z, May 17

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z, May 30 to 2359Z, May 31

Kids Roundup 1400Z, May 30 to 2200Z, May 31

Articles always welcomed!

If you have a funny story, a ham achievement, do you have an interesting QSL or certificate, or just something you think the club members would find interesting just send it in to WV7T@ARRL.NET and see it in the pages of Ø-Beat.



Coming soon to a city near you!



Has Colorado been issuing CB license plates? 3 letters beginning with "K" then 4 numbers. What do you think?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are up for renewal at the end of the year. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please use the form at the bottom of this page, and fill out all of the appropriate information so that the Membership Committee can update the records. Include your family so they can share the value and the fun. If you know someone interested in joining, make a copy for them or have them visit PPRAA on the web and download a copy of the PDF file at www.qsl.net/ppraa/membership.html.

Membership Application for the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc. P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-6521			
Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	In which activities would you like to participate?
Name: _____			Field Day <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: _____			Demonstrations <input type="checkbox"/>
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____			Nets or round tables <input type="checkbox"/>
Call: _____ Class: N T + G A E Phone: _____			Organize activities <input type="checkbox"/>
Mbr of ARRL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No E-mail: _____			Teach ham classes <input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Family Members to Join/Renew:			Full Member \$15: <input type="checkbox"/>
Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____			Family Membership \$18: <input type="checkbox"/>
Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____			Over 65 \$10: <input type="checkbox"/>
Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____			Over 65 Family \$12: <input type="checkbox"/>
			Associate \$12: <input type="checkbox"/>
			Ø-Beat Only \$12: <input type="checkbox"/>
			Donation to Club: \$ _____
			Total Enclosed: _____
<u>MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PPRAA"</u>			
Please indicate how you'd like your Ø-Beat delivered: <input type="checkbox"/> Standard hardcopy via U.S. Mail (Defaults to standard hard copy in the event that NO check boxes are checked) <input type="checkbox"/> As a PDF file attachment via e-mail, to help save a few bucks <input type="checkbox"/> I'll save the club a few bucks and download it from the Web!			
Circle your interests ⇒ HF / V/UHF / FM / SSB / Digital / DX / Contests / Technical / Hardware / Other _____			
New and renewing members must submit a completed application form along with your check to the Treasurer. Please Type or Print Clearly!			

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