

PPRAA May Meeting Minutes

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PPRAA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Overview

PPRAA, at over 70 years of existence, is the oldest Amateur Radio club in the Pikes Peak region.

The PPRAA General Membership meeting is held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This meeting is intended to discuss club activities, upcoming events both club sponsored and external to the club (ARES, RACES, and other clubs)

Currently the location of the meeting is the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) located at 5749 Stetson Hills Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO.

Although the meeting is scheduled to start at 7:00, many members arrive starting at 5:30 allowing time to order, eat, and enjoy camaraderie of fellow hams

Meeting Specifics

Call to order: 7:12

Presiding officer: Pam Scott, W0PRS (treasurer)

In attendance were over 30 of the 120 paid members.

Members in attendance introduced themselves.

Silent Keys

Unfortunately, one silent key was announced as well as the son of a local ham.

KC0GMI - Joanie VerDuft - A key playing in all the HAMCON Colorado conventions to date.

Sean, the son of Chuck - K0MV.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of these wonderful people.

General Business

Meeting Minutes

April meeting minutes:

Tom - W0TOM moved to accept the April minutes as published on the PPRAA.org web site.

Doug - N7LEM seconded the motion

Membership - Approved the motion

Treasurer's Report

Currently the PPRAA treasury contains \$7,262 across the 3 accounts.

Pam requested people start donating to the 2014 scholarship as the 2013 scholarship fund has closed.

Membership

Please renew your membership. Check with Pam if you suspect your membership is about to lapse and you have not received an email, or log into the membership section of the PPRAA.org.

Officer News

Jim Rader has volunteered to be the acting Vice President.

0-Beat

Please continue (start) to send articles for inclusion in the 0-Beat to Mike, WV7T. Mike receives email at WV7T <at> aol.com

Mike discussed his upcoming resignation of being the 0-Beat editor. Mike has been a PPRAA member for 42 years and an officer for the last 17 years, 3 years of which were as 0-Beat editor. Mike discussed some really neat ideas for getting into kit building.

HAMCON Colorado 2013

N7LEM - DX University

This year, the day prior to HAMCON Colorado 2013, DX University organization will be holding their sessions in association with HAMCON Colorado 2013. Information can be found at www.hamconcolorado.org

N7LEM - HAMCON Colorado:

HAMCON Colorado is back in Estes Park starting June 28th and concluding June 30th. A huge lineup of forums lead by subject experts will be available for your taking. Information can be found at www.hamconcolorado.org

Volunteer Examiner

The next VE session is June 8th.

[ED comment: If you have not already done so and you are a General or Extra class licensee, please check into getting your VE certification so you can participate with examinations. Information can be found at www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners

PPARES

The PPARES has a busy schedule. Especially busy on June 22nd with 4 activities. Please visit www.wavelinedata.com/ARESPSE/default.asp for events schedule, event communications needs, and signing up to help.

Bill KC0ET discussed the need for many operators June 22 for the Tour de Cure bike race. The race has moved from Woodland Park to Colorado Springs and needs many volunteers.

The Light Houses event was discussed by Dan KC0SMP. This activity has turned into a pilot project for what is turning into a national communication project. It may have both local and national press involved. This is also on June 22nd. The Garden of the Gods Amateur Radio club is lead on this project.

Club Station

We will be meeting at the club station this coming Saturday, May 18th. The goal of the meeting is to evaluate the trailer and antenna positioning.

Upcoming Events

- Megafest** Due to Hamcon Colorado 2013 ending June 30th, the Megafest was moved back 2 weeks to July 27th. Please mark your calendars, plan on attending, and if you are available to help please contact Jim Bishop KD0KQL.
- Field Day** The PPRAA Field day event will be held at the club station location. See the PPRAA.org web site for driving instructions.
- Club picnic** The club picnic is scheduled for August 17. We are looking for someone to head the committee. Please volunteer by sending an email to boardmembers@ppraa.org.
- COQSO party** The Colorado QSO party is Labor Day weekend. This is a great opportunity to be on the receiving side of some mini pileups. Also, it is a great time to get into the field and check your mobile and portable operation readiness.
- Dick W0RAA mentioned that he is picking up the sponsorship for the PPRAA memorial plaque for the highest scoring PPRAA member.
- Ham Breakfast** The next Ham Breakfast will be held Saturday, June 1st at the New Day Cafe on Delmonico Road.

Next Meetings

The next board meeting is Monday June 10th. See the PPRAA.org web site for location and directions.

The next membership meeting is Wednesday June 12th. See the PPRAA.org web site for location and directions.