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ARRL AFFILIATED-SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB



Dick, WØRAA sets a standard in contesting.

November Ham Breakfast

LOCATION

Susie's Westside Café

1686 South 21st Street

Saturday, 3 November 2012. Time is from 8:00-9:30 AM. All are warmly invited to come on down and join us!

November Club Meeting

The November 14th club meeting will be at the IHop on Stetson Hills Blvd (just west of Powers Blvd). 5749 Stetson Hills Blvd.

PPRAA Club Officers

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| President | Mike Derbort | KCØELG |
| Vice President | Dan Scott | WØRO |
| Secretary | Diana Nordstrom | KCØNPP |
| Treasurer | Pam Scott | WØPRS |
| Board | Tom Brereton | WØTOM |
| Board | John Wishart | KCØJFH |
| Board | Doug Neilsen | N7LEM |
| Board | Jim Bishop | KDØKQL |
| Board | Virgil Yost | NØXRS |
| Board | Kerrianne Dixon | KDØIPR |
| Ø-Beat Editor | Mike Anderson | WV7T |

All officers can be contacted at:
boardmembers@ppraa.org

PPRAA FACE BOOK

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/PPRAA-Pikes-Peak-Radio-Amateur-Association/185833894769325?v=wall>

TECHNICAL



Mike Anderson, WV7T
wv7t@arri.net
719-229-8610

Licensing

The present Extra class will be the last license class until April 2013.

PPRAA Apparel

Both **Silk Screen and Embroidered** (Shirts, T-Shirts, Hats, Badges, etc.), members pay for individual shirts. Embroidered - Club logo = \$7. Call sign and name ordered together = \$7, Call sign or name ordered separately = \$5 each. The number to call to order is: (719) 591-6151. Monograms by Jane.

Silkscreened - T-Shirts with a one color left chest logo only no name or call sign: Small thru Xlarge: \$8.75 ea. T-Shirts with one color logo on left and name with call sign on right side: Small thru Xlarge: \$9.60 ea. for XXlarge add \$2.00 per shirt.

POC Dick Thompson, WØRAA
719-520-0288

Ø-Beat November 1982

November 1982:

Rosie reports the passing away of "Butch" Clare Schisler WØGBX. There will be an estate sale. Butch had been a ham for over 65 years. New officers were elected last month: Dave Vierling NØDV is our new president. The November program will be by Bill Uberecken who will play an ARRL movie, and present some myths and misconceptions about antennas. The club Christmas party is tentatively set for the Flying W Ranch. Cost will be \$12 per person. The club is still considering trying to find a location for the club station.

CONTESTS

November 2012

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± NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 2
± ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Nov 3 to 2359Z,

Nov 4
± IPARC Contest, CW 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 3 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 3
± Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 3 to 1200Z, Nov 4
± ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 3 to 0300Z, Nov 5
± IPARC Contest, SSB 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 4 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 4
± High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1100Z, Nov 4 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 4
± DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Nov 4
± ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Nov 6
± NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 9
± WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
± 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital 0001Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
± JIDX Phone Contest 0700Z, Nov 10 to 1300Z, Nov 11
± OK/OM DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Nov 10 to 1200Z, Nov 11
± Kentucky QSO Party 1400Z, Nov 10 to 0200Z, Nov 11
± CQ-WE Contest 1900Z, Nov 10 to 0500Z, Nov 12
± SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 0000Z-2359Z, Nov 11
± NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint 1800Z-2000Z, Nov 12
± CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Nov 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 15
± RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 14
± NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Nov 15
± NCCC Sprint 0215Z-0300Z, Nov 16
± YO International PSK31 Contest 1600Z-2200Z, Nov 16
± CQ SA SSB Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Nov 17
± SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Nov 17 to 1000Z, Nov 18
± LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 17 to 1200Z, Nov 18
± Feld Hell Sprint 1600Z-1800Z, Nov 17

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| + All Austrian 160-Meter Contest | 1600Z, Nov 17 to 0700Z, Nov 18 |
| + RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW | 2100Z, Nov 17 to 0100Z, Nov 18 |
| + ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB | 2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19 |
| + EPC PSK63 QSO Party | 0000Z-2400Z, Nov 18 |
| + Run for the Bacon QRP Contest | 0200Z-0400Z, Nov 19 |
| + NCCC Sprint | 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 23 |
| + CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW | 0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25 |
| + SKCC Sprint | 0000Z-0200Z, Nov 28 1300Z-1400Z, Nov 28 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 28 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 29 |
| + CWops Mini-CWT Test | 0000Z-0600Z, Nov 29 |
| + QRP ARCI Topband Sprint | 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 29 |
| + RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW | 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 30 |
| + NCCC Sprint | 2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2 |
| + ARRL 160-Meter Contest | |

SIX Meter Net

Thursday evenings after the 10 meter net on **50.125** Mhz USB.



**PPRAA / Pikes Peak Ten Ten
Thursday Evening Net**

Please join us for the Thursday Night 10-meter net. We meet at 7:00 PM (Local) on or near **28.390 Mhz** USB. The goal of the net is for Technicians through Extra class operators to enjoy a weekly on-the-air chat, and experiment with various transmission modes. The outcome of the net has been a great success. It gives new operators a better understanding of radios, filter usage, mic gain, transmission line..etc.

We give out 10-10 numbers!



MARC November VE Exam

The Mountain Amateur Radio Club VE Team will be conducting a VE session at 10 am on Saturday, November 3rd, 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 k0hzbz@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 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 covers all the 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

PPRAA October Club Meeting Minutes

10 October 2012

Call to Order - 7pm

Introductions (Around the room) – Name –
Call Sign

Silent Keys - Frank Drake, KL7IPV. Ed Sommerfield, W2FJT. Stanley Andrews, WØNNO

ELECTIONS

President: Mike Derbort

Vice President: Dan Scott

Treasurer: Pam Scott

Secretary: Diana Nordstrom

Officer positions motioned to be accepted by Dennis Major, seconded by Tom Brereton. The club approves.

Board at Large:

Jim Rader

Tom Brereton

Doug Nielsen

Kerriane Dixon

Jim Bishop

Virgil Yost

Board positions motioned to be accepted by Dick Thompson, seconded by Dennis Major. The club approves.

Approval of the September club meeting minutes - Pam Scott motions, Gordon Dixon seconds to approve Sept minutes, club approves

Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report** - \$12,062, Can accept paypal credit cards at meetings starting next month, as well as online

- **Club Station update** - Trailer for station building has been approved and is awaiting arrival, will need to plan design and building out the work spaces. Always looking for antennas, towers, and/or radios. Looking for volunteers to help

build out the shack as well as grounding and electrical work. Have an offer for 8x16 custom built shed, but is on hold until shack is out and in place

- **Electronic Media** - no new update

- **Scholarship Fund** – Have given out the first award to Megan KDØNSS, need a few more dollars for the next year and \$30,000 for a renewal fund. Can be donated via check or paypal through the club website. Please donate for the 2013 school year. – We are now up to \$900.

- **Tech Ed** – Extra on Tuesdays, high pass through for licensing. Hands on classes on Saturdays. Code class on Monday nights, contact Mike, WV7T, for information. Crutch-zilla in the latest QST. WØTLM Tech Day - we co-sponsored and it went well. Anna WØANT presented a few times that day. Doug, N7LEM, has morse code teaching CDs, contact him for copies.

Upcoming Events

- **Tech Fest** - November 3rd, 9-4, \$10 at the door. In Denver.
- **Megafest 2013** – Looking for volunteers for planning and working the event. Please keep this event in mind! Motion by John to approve \$3500 max for prizes, Tom seconds, club approves. Send prize ideas to boardmembers@ppraa.org
- **Christmas Party** – Doc motions for IHOP, John seconds. club approves.
- **VE Session location** - 10/13 at Colorado Tech room 102, 9am.
- **ARES** - Thanksgiving: Thursday, 11/22/2012, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM, Need 6 volunteers, Have 4 Volunteers. Christmas: Tuesday, 12/25/2012, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM, Need 6 volunteers, Have 3 Volunteers

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Ham Breakfast, Susie's Westside Café, 1686 South 21st Street, Saturday, November 3 2012, Time is from 8:00-9:30 AM

Thursday night net: Every Thursday at 28.390. Doc update.

Program

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2012. LOCATION: IHOP

Ditz and Bitz

For Sale or Wanted

Have something to sell or trying to find something or just want to see something get to a good home? end it in to wv7t@arrl.net and see it in Dits and Bits. Also, visit the PPRAA Forum's online Ditz and Bitz at www.ppraaforumotion.net !!

FOR SALE

1. TO BE SOLD AS A PACKAGE: PRICED AT \$300 by ED

KENWOOD TR 9000 ALL MODE 2 MTR BASE / MOBILE TRANSCEIVER
VISTA X-R REGULATED POWER SUPPLY
MIRAGE B108 2MTR 10-80 WATT AMPLIFIER
COMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS TE-32 CTCSS ENCODER
DRAKE 1525 EM MICROPHONE W/KEYPAD
MOBILE MOUNT
MANUALS

2. ICOM W32A DUAL BAND (2MTR / 70 CENTIMETER) HANDY TALKIE W/ MAHA MH800 SPEAKER MIC

NO CHARGER BATTERY WON'T TAKE A CHARGE COPY OF MANUAL

INCL.

3. DRAKE WV-4 WATTMETER

4. MICRON TA 0-50 MICROAMPERE METER MOUNTED IN METAL BOX

5. QTY 2 3 GANG UNDER DASH MOUNT ACC PLUG (CIG LIGHTER TYPE)

6. DUAL ADAPTER ACC PLUG 1MALE / 2 FEMALE

7. HOLDER FOR 8 C CELLS WITH WIRES

8. 4 FT CABLE W/BNC CONNECTORS

9. ICOM HM36 MICROPHONE

10. REALISTIC 19-310 MICROPHONE

14. NUMARK DH158 EARPHONES

POC Ron WBØWLO

Wb0wlo@msn.com

FOR SALE

5 element 10m beam.

Can be modified for 6m.

\$125

2m/440 J antenna

\$30 Mike WV7T@ARRL.NET

PPRAA September Board Meeting Minutes

10 September 2012

Call to Order – 6:34pm Members present were Mike Anderson, Rhoda Anderson (guest), John Wishart, Kerrianne Dixon, Tom Brereton, Mike Derbort, Doug Nielsen, Diana Nordstrom, Dan Scott, Pam Scott, Virgil Yost, and Jim Bishop

2012 Goals and Objectives

- New Website with Members only area and integration between Forums site and calendar
- Membership - Goal 150
- Club Station – Online and available
- 0-beat – At least one technical article per month
- Scholarship fund – Officially established and first award given out. Dan & Pam made contact with winner during COQP

Approval of the August board meeting minutes
– Pam moves, Doug seconds, Board passes

Committee Reports

- Treasurer's report - \$12,409.96
 - Financials – Megafest expenses have been finalized
- Building committee
 - Shed & Station Building – Update? - Doug motions for \$500 to be spent on station building. Jim seconds, board approves
 - Lastly 40 ft for of Rohn 80 tower – Out at club site
- Electronic Media – Update? - No new Facebook likes, Large international following for COQP/G+, internationals

attempting to register for the website

- Megafest – Vendor comment cards? Send out thank yous
- VE – Last session, the package sent to ARRL was damaged but all but 8 applications have been recovered. Mike Anderson volunteers a scanner/printer/copier for backups

New Business

- Colorado QSO Party
 - o How did it go? - Lots of good comments, only one negative concerning local MD weather

Unfinished Business

- **HAM Breakfast? Do we have conflicts?**
 - 6 Oct - Diggies on Voyager, no known conflicts

Around the table

- Doug – CCARC meeting – Oct 20 in Glenwood Springs. They are in need of a Frequency Coordinator
- Diana – UCCS is having a Cool Science Fair on Oct 13. Club should consider a booth or event like a fox hunt
- Dan – TLM Techfest on Sept 15, needs banner. Anna is presenting multiple times
- Pam – BARCfest - 23 Sept, Fall Techfest – Nov 3, Anna is presenting. Conflicts with Club breakfast
- Virgil – Needs inventory list in order to do audit
- Mike Anderson – Will not be starting new classes until the beginning of the year. Intending on starting a code course on Mondays

- Kerrienne – tower needs sanding and painting
- Tom – Looking to sell or donate equipment

Board adjourns at 7:47pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2012. LOCATION: DANIELS TACO SHOP.

Adjourn – Doug moves, Tom seconds.

PPRAA October Board Meeting Agenda

8 October 2012

Call to Order - 6:46pm Members present Mike Derbort, Dan Scott, Pam Scott, Jim Bishop, Virgil Yost, John Wishart, Tom Brerton, Doug Nielsen, Diana Nordstrom, Kerrienne Dixon

Approval of the September board meeting minutes - Tom moves to approves, John seconds. board passes

How did we do? - Seems we were fairly successful

2012 Goals and Objectives

- New Website with Members only area and integration between Forums site and calendar -achieved
- Membership - Goal 150. – Where are we? - 114
- Club Station – Online and available - progress has been made
- O-beat – At least one technical article per month - Need to try harder
- Scholarship fund - Established, and handed out first award, well on the way to second \$1000
- Megafest - well done
- Field Day - well done
- Picnic - need to plan further out
- Tech Day - co-sponsored
- COQP - well run

Committee Reports

- Treasurer's report - \$12,062.37
 - Financials - paypal has really helped, need club station fund
- Building committee
 - Shed & Station Building –Update?
 - Thursday Jim Rader KDØNQM and I delivered three sections of Rohn 45 HD tower to the club site. They were donated by Roger Lapora KØKRG. The grade five bolts are in a box in Jims truck. – Are the owners okay with us dropping off equipment?
 - He also has two H-P commercial power supplies in excellent shape, washed and oiled. They are variable and with a voltage sensor at usage point to maintain correct voltage, switching and low voltage standby when not in use. They are 19 inches wide, for a rack. He would like to donate one to the club for usage if it is used by the club and not given away to be sold. He wants \$100.00 for the other. Would we be interested in both? - Need technical specs before considering buying the second one.
 - I have a gentleman that will build a 8 x 16 shed with a four foot door in the end, bolted hinges and lock hasp, brake in resistant, no windows for \$1800.00 plus \$50.00 delivery charge to the site from Pueblo. Build on 2 x 6s for set up on blocks. - On hold until we place the station trailer.
 - Tower Maintenance - before they go up, sand, paint, de-rust them
- Electronic Media – Update?

- Megafest 2013 - tentative dates for the 13th or 27th July, Tom motions for a tentative date of the 27th, Doug seconds, the board approves. Approach the club on Wednesday for \$3500 budget and ideas for prizes

New Business

- Awards - Pam & Dan have prototype for idea for special club awards
- Christmas Party - IHOP, Country Buffet, or Great Wall
- VE Session location - need location! Falcon Sub-station?

Special Events

- Events for the coming year? Hamcon! Maybe special events station

Unfinished Business

- **HAM Breakfast? Do we have conflicts?** Susie's Westside Cafe, 1686 South 21st Street, Saturday, 3 November 2012, Time is from 8:00-9:30 AM -Techfest Conflicts, no reason to cancel
- **THANK YOU**

Around the table

Virgil - Dan Beals claims he has no list and may have some property. Doug will look for an old list so that we can start the audit.

Pam - New vendor for name tags, see the 0-Beat for more information

Jim - ARES - Thanksgiving 22nd and Christmas 21st dinners for Salvation Army. Still need volunteers - 2 for T and 3 for C

Adjourn Tom motions, Kerri seconds, board adjourns at 8:06pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2012. LOCATION: GREAT WALL SEAFOOD BUFFET

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Membership Application
Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80935

Date: _____ ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Call: _____ License Class: _____ Telephone: _____

Are you an ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Name: _____ Call _____ Class _____ ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Name: _____ Call _____ Class _____ ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Name: _____ Call _____ Class _____ ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E-mail address: _____

☐ Full Member - \$15.00
☐ Full Member over 65 - \$10.00
☐ Free - VE Signature Required:

☐ Family Membership (same address) - \$18.00
☐ Family Membership (both over 65) - \$12.00

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