

ZERO BEAT

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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QSL cards from USS Pueblo museum ship contacts

Diana/KCONPP has been managing QSL card responses to our USS Pueblo special event station NOK on museum ship weekend, and she wanted to share some of these QSL card comments with the club:

As with all things ham, thoughts must be shared. Working Museum Ships Weekend was no different, but the tragedy of the USS Pueblo made the comments all the more touching:

- KH2AR/W4: Tks for putting this stn on the air for MSW. I was a Navy CT & knew a couple of the Pueblo guys. 73, Jim.





QSL USS Pueblo Cont.

- NIFAM/NIS (USS Nautilus ship-to-ship contact): Thanks for the QSO. So glad to see the Pueblo on the air and in our log. I am old enough to remember the incident. In fact, post release of the crew I served with one of the crew members while stationed at the Naval Reactor Testing/Training station in Idaho. He had been a CT so he was forced to change rating. When I met him, he was a DK (Disbursing Clerk).
- Those guys did a good job, and our country could have done better by them. In captivity for that long was unacceptable. I always thought more could have been done to get them released.

Take care, hope to work you again next year. 73, Harrison

KA4PJZ

BRUCE PEARCE
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(HORRY COUNTY)

PSE QSL TNX QSL

CONFIRMING QSO WITH	DATE			UTC	MHz	RST	2-WAY
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR				
NOK	02	06	24	20:42	14.290	57	SSB



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QSL USS Pueblo Continued

- KA4PJZ: Thank you for the QSO during the ships on the air weekend.
- Several years ago I ran into a crew member of the Pueblo who was taken prisoner by North Korea. I really enjoyed talking to him (CTAC Donald Richard Peppard). Thanks for having a station on the air to honor the crew of the USS Pueblo.
- Please QSL, and hope to work you again. 73, Bruce
- KA5VZG: Tnx for activating USS Pueblo Memorial during Museum Ships Weekend 2024. I was in basic training when the USS Pueblo (AGER-2) was attacked and captured. 73, Alan

FREE Radio Licensing Test Sessions
Second Saturday of every month at 10 am
Pikes Peak Regional
Office of Emergency Management
3755 Mark Dabling Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
ve@ppraa.org

Megafest in Monument

AUGUST 2024



The Megafest came back to Monument in 2024! Lewis-Palmer High School was back in business hosting the PPRAA Megafest on July 27, after they had been unavailable for want of staff the previous year. The school proved to be a suitable venue for over 100 vendors and several clubs from throughout the region, with exhibit space sprawling beyond the gym and into the atrium and entrance halls.

Boy scouts earned their radio badges in one adjacent classroom, while prospective hams tested for their licenses in another. A taco truck out front served up breakfast and lunch, while hundreds of hams prowled the rows of flea-market tables looking for good deals... and found them! There were transceivers old and new, antennas poking their elements in all directions, meters and tuners, inductors and caps, creating a steady flow in through the vendor entrance and out through the front door all day.

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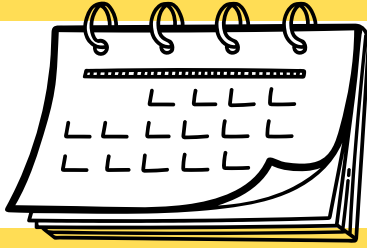
Megafest Continued

The raffle was an exciting attraction, as always. Door prizes had been awarded throughout the event, but for the culmination, a large crowd assembled to see who would win the Icom IC-705 go-kit complete with backpack and Chameleon antenna. Congratulations go to Joshua Moore/WG6C for claiming this fun first prize! Several other radios and kits were given away as well; the complete list can be found at <https://ppraa.org/megafest>

PPRAA would like to thank the many volunteers who made this event possible. An event of this scale does not happen without a lot of effort, and Leianna/N7ZOO, Derek/K0ATV, and Doug/N7LEM expended that effort and also did a great job organizing, coordinating, and putting the volunteer team to work. Much appreciated!



Save the Date



General Membership meeting (11 September 2024) will be both in-person and virtual

Location: Golden Corral, 1970 Waynoka Rd, Colorado Springs
The business meeting starts at 7 PM, but get your dinner and beverage of choice and check in any time after 6 PM for a social hour. Club members check your email for info or email Officers@PPRAA.org to receive the Zoom information.

PPRAA Club Christmas Party

Wednesday December 11, 2024 (1800 / 6PM)
Edelweiss Restaurant 34 E Ramona Ave, Colo. Spgs., CO 80905

This will be in lieu of our normal December Membership Meeting, All club business will be considered at the January 8, 2025 Club Membership Meeting.

Additional details and RSVP information at PPRAA.ORG

Send RSVP to xmas@ppraa.org

Contact Zero Beat

Do you have photos of PPRAA events you'd like to share, or news from the ham radio world that the club might like to hear? Please email zerobeat@ppraa.org to share your ideas and pictures.