

# **PAMLICO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (PARC) NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE 2016**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This Newsletter is usually published monthly depending on member input of note-worthy news of the Club Membership and/or items of interest to the general membership and "friends" of the Club. It is "unofficial" in nature and intent. Editorial comments are mine alone and should not be construed to be taken as official Club business. - Editor, Lee Hemink/WD4JFR

## **Subject: May 2016 meeting minutes**

The last regularly scheduled meeting of the Pamlico Amateur Radio Club was held on Thursday night, May 19, 2016 at the Zion Episcopal Church Annex on Rt. 264 Hwy East, Washington, NC.

President Al Mullis K4GOE called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with 11 members and no guests present.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Old Business**

April Minutes: Dave W3DET made a motion that the April minutes be accepted as published, and Frankie KA4APA & David KK4SEP second the motion.

Treasures Report: David KK4SEP stated there was \$1342.41 in the checking account

Two meter net: The last 2mtr net was held on May 5 and had 10 check-ins including net control. The next 2mtr net will be held on June 2, 2016 at 8pm

EC update: EC Marcian KC4TOI announced there was a demonstration on May 8, 2016 at the Beaufort County EOC on the latest version of software for state wide emergency management. Anyone interested in future training sessions should contact Marcian for details [mbouch@earthlink.net](mailto:mbouch@earthlink.net) . Training sessions are usually held in the afternoon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4pm at the EOC. For FEMA ICS Classes, AuxComm & ARES, Marcian suggested the link [www.ncarrl.org/ares/training](http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/training) for explanation on whats happening in the general world of amateur radio emergency services in NC and includes training information, and online classes that are listed along with a link to the FEMA website. Marcian reminded everyone that Tarheel Emergency Net meets every night on 3923KHz at 7:30pm., Marcian requested club participation on Monday nights which is the ARES night for the Tarheel net. As always Marcian welcomes questions and can be reached at 252-327-6151 or [mbouch@earthlink.net](mailto:mbouch@earthlink.net) .

Bath 2mtr. Repeater: No comment made

Chocowinity 2mtr. Repeater: Al K4GOE presented a summary of items done to this repeater over the past month by himself and Wayne KJ4GDW which included,

reducing hang time after un-keying transmitter, lowered beep volume, adjusted duplexer, installed new 125 watt amp which was adjusted to put out 70 watts into the duplexer which provides approximately 50 watts out of the duplexer and into the antenna. Al said our fellow club member Sam KK4TOM (Registered Civil Engineer) surveyed the tower and he determined our antenna is at 224 ft. level and the total tower height is 496 ft. Al then listed items to be done in the future on this repeater such as; Finish building and install the controller (purchased as a kit), Construct a table/platform to hold all of the repeater components in the tower control room, electrically wire in emergency propane generator. After discussion regarding the new controller and it possibly needing a RS 232, a motion was made by Dave W3DET to purchase a new RS 232 interface cable to connect the CAT controller to a computer if required, and seconded by Frankie KA4APA, the motion received a unanimous approval.

Hunters Bridge 450 MHz Repeater: No comment was made

Quarterly Breakfast: Al K4GOE stated the quarterly breakfast with our XYLs had not been scheduled, due to his being unable to find a location and he asked for help. Frankie KA4APA volunteered to assist Al in finding a suitable place that could hold our large crowd. Marcian KC4TOI offered to investigate if the Washington Country Club could handle our breakfast at a reasonable price

## **New Business**

Field Day: An open floor discussion was held regarding where should the club hold this years field day. After discussing problems with the Boy Scouts not responding in a timely manner regarding the Bodine Scout Camp, and the possibility of the United Methodist Disaster Team who control the Scout Camp located on Harvey Road having a possible conflicting prior commitment, a motion was made and unanimously agreed, to hold 2016 Field Day at the home of Dave W3DET. A decision was also made to run two stations at 100 watts output, and not QRP as had previously been discussed.

Extend offer : Al K4GOE stated he had heard that the Roanoke Club in Plymouth were not having a Field Day outing as a club, but instead they are going to the homes of several of their members.

Al proposed that we contact the Roanoke club and invite them to join us at our Field Day thereby giving them the opportunity of operating in a club atmosphere. A unanimous vote of approval was expressed by PARC members present.

Next Meeting: Will be held on Thursday June 16, 2016

### Contests:

May 28 CQ WW WPX / CW

June 11 - 13, ARRL VHF

June 18 Kids Day

June 25 - 26 ARRL Field Day

Additional contest listings can be found in June issue of QST pages 86 through 93

### Ham Fests:

May 28 - 40th DurHamFest, Durham Public School Staff Development Center, Durham, NC additional info [www.dfma.org](http://www.dfma.org)

June 11 Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest, Summit School Dining Hall, 2100 Reynolds

Road, Winston-Salem, NC additional info

[www.w4nc.com/ws\\_classic\\_hamfest\\_2016.htm](http://www.w4nc.com/ws_classic_hamfest_2016.htm)

June 19 Manassas Hamfest and Maker Tech show, Manassas, VA additional info

[www.manassashamfest.org](http://www.manassashamfest.org)

July 9 The 31<sup>th</sup> Annual Firecracker Hamfest at Salisbury Civic Center, Salisbury, NC

additional info [www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest](http://www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest)

July 16 Mid Summer SWAPFEST, Cary, NC additional info [www.qsl.net/n4nc](http://www.qsl.net/n4nc)

July 30 WCARS Hamfest at Waynesville, NC additional info [www.wcars.org](http://www.wcars.org)

August 6 - Roanoke Hamfest at William Byrd High School, Vinton, VA additional info

[www.w4ca.com](http://www.w4ca.com)

August 13 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Fear ARS Swapfest, Fayetteville, NC - additional info

[www.cfarsnc.org](http://www.cfarsnc.org)

September 3 - Shelby Hamfest at Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Shelby, NC -

additional info [www.shelbyhamfest.org](http://www.shelbyhamfest.org)

May Refreshments: Were provided by Marcian KC4TOI and Kirk N5NC

June Refreshments: Will be provided by Marcian KC4TOI and Larry N8EWW

50/50: Was won by Al K4GOE in the amount of \$18.00 which he donated back to the club.

Meeting adjourned: At 8:10pm a motion was made by Dave W3DET and second by Frankie KA4APA to close the meeting.

Meeting Program: Presented by Al K4GOE about two short films of past DXpeditions to Navassa Island which is located off the coast of Haiti and is claimed by both the US and Haiti.

Respectfully,

Dave Tabbutt W3DET

PARC Secretary

**(Editor: Dave Tabbutt deserves a big round of applause for his excellent note-taking at our monthly meetings. He also keeps us up-to-speed on various hanfests and other meetings held in our area. Thank you, Dave, W3DET!!!)**

## **MEMORIAL DAY (MONDAY OBSERVANCE, MAY 30TH)**

- IF YOU CHOOSE TO FLY OUR NATION'S FLAG ON MONDAY, THE PROPER WAY TO DO SO IS TO FLY IT AT "HALF-STAFF" UNTIL NOON.. TO INITIALLY PLACE THE FLAG AT HALF-STAFF, (HALF-MAST ON SHIPS), HOIST IT TO ITS PEAK FOR AN INSTANT AND LOWER IT TO A POSITION HALFWAY BETWEEN THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE STAFF. AT NOON THAT DAY, RETURN IT TO ITS PEAK. (Editor: If you are able to do this, thank you in remembrance of all who gave their all for our protection and freedom.) **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!**

## **THE PURPOSE OF TODAY, MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30TH**

- There is often a great outpouring of emotion on days like this one, Memorial Day. Many wish to honor all our veterans; many want to honor those who currently serve in our military services; and many more want to recognize and honor the men and women who served and died while serving their country. These, and others, are excellent reasons for recognizing the members of our military, both past and present.

To be more precise, there are three days during the year which people often confuse as to their purpose:

**ARMED FORCES DAY-** THE 3RD SATURDAY IN MAY IS MEANT TO HONOR ALL WHO WHO ARE **CURRENTLY SERVING**

**MEMORIAL DAY-** THE LAST MONDAY OF MAY IS MEANT TO REMEMBER THOSE **WHO DIED WHILE SERVING**, THOSE WHO PAID THE "ULTIMATE SACRIFICE" FOR THEIR COUNTRY

**VETERANS' DAY-** THE ELEVENTH OF NOVEMBER IS MEANT TO HONOR ALL THOSE WHO SERVE OR SERVED IN OUR MILITARY

Anytime we stop to recognize or remember all of these groups, that is a good thing. I just wanted everyone to remember the purpose of each day. Thank you.

## **A SHORT NEWSLETTER**

So, that does it for this edition. Short and aimed at a very specific point in our lives. I will return with more for the SEPTEMBER Newsletter due to numerous summertime activities for everyone. Remember to send me items for inclusion in future Newsletters. Enjoy yourselves, safely, and as a family if you are able. 73's,

Lee Hemink/WD4JFR