

PAMLICO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (PARC)  
E-NEWSLETTER  
February 2017

If you are reading this Newsletter you are either a paid-member (paid thru December 2016) of PARC or a Friend (F) who has expressed an interest in possibly joining the Club or knowing what we are doing. Welcome to all. Thank you for your support.

2017 Club Officers: Gary Faust, N4PIR, President; Al Mullis, K4GOE, Vice President/Immediate Past President; Dave Tabbutt, W3DET, Secretary; Sam Norris, KK4TOM, Treasurer. Congratulations and thank you for your leadership.

Publisher's Request: For this Newsletter to be informative, useful, and interesting to read, it must have material to write about. If you know of an event or activity, an item of interest, news within the Ham world PLEASE contact Lee/WD4JFR at this email address or by phone (945-0993). The Newsletter cannot be published without material. Thank you for your help.

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Reminder: FEBRUARY IS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

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VHF Net Activity Chart: this chart is something new for 2017. It is intended to provide a record of check-ins for our leadership to use in case they would like to recognize those who are able to participate. Some day in the future, the Choco repeater may be involved in the Net Night activity, but for the time-being, it will be held on the Bath machine, 146.955, pl 82.5, on the first Thursday of each month 8pm.

Dustin (KK4ZAZ) and I feel that we can benefit from a regular sharing of the Net Control Operator responsibilities by keeping our skills sharp for the day when we might have to really use the system to make a true difference. Thanks for your participation.

Date	PrimeOpr	Rptr	#CkIns	Calls Checking In (* = Mobile)
Jan5	WD4JFR	Bath	11	WD4JFR, KA4APA, W3DET, KM4MXL, KF5ZHH, KK4SEP, N4PIR, KC4TOI, KK4ZAZ*, NC4WW, KM4ROB
Feb2	WD4JFR	Bath	17	WD4JFR, KN4AHX, KA4APA, W3DET, KJ4GDW KF5ZHH, KU4JD, N5NC, KN4MXL, KM4ROB, N4PIR, KC4TOI, KK4SEP, KK4ZAZ, KK4VMI, KA3ZVC, N2DYN (on the Outer Banks!)
Mar2	KK4ZAZ			
Apr6	WD4JFR			
May4	WD4JFR			
Jun1	KK4ZAZ			
Jul6	KK4ZAZ			
Aug3	WD4JFR			
Sep7	WD4JFR			
Oct5	KK4ZAZ			
Nov2	KK4ZAZ			
Dec7	WD4JFR			

The February 2nd Net appears to be a record number of checkins. At least as far as several people can remember. Thanks. This shows us that we can produce a fair number of people who might be able to help out in case of emergencies here in the Beaufort County area. Congratulations for making the effort. Let's see if we can give Dustin, KK4ZAZ, the same or more support on March 2nd when he is Net Control. Dustin, thanks for the Link with Williamston.

### ON BEING A "SEENAGER"

I just discovered my age group! I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50-60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long. Why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Teenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for.

It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

**SO THERE!!**

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

So, please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.

I intend to live forever. So far so good.

FROM OUR HAM FRIENDS IN ORIENTAL "PARS" (January 9th Newsletter issue)

CLUB LOG DXCC MOST WANTED JANUARY 2017

Even though long distance propagation may be heading south, particularly on the higher bands, courtesy of Club Log here are the top 30 most wanted entities as of yesterday, January 8, 2017. This list is rebuilt once a month. For more information and to generate your own list go to

<https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

Rank	Prefix	Entity Name
1.	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2.	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND
3.	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND
4.	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS
5.	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF
6.	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS
7.	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
8.	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND
9.	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND
10.	KH7K	KURE ISLAND
11.	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND
12.	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND
13.	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND
14.	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS
15.	YV0	AVES ISLAND
16.	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS
17.	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI
18.	VP8S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS
19.	EZ	TURKMENISTAN
20.	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND
21.	VP8O	SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS
22.	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND
23.	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA
24.	KH5	PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS
25.	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS
26.	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS
27.	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA

28. VP8G SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND
29. YK SYRIA
30. VK9M MELLISH REEF

### A POSSIBLE HUMOROUS THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

If a woman responds saying "first of all" during an argument, run away!  
Because she has prepared research, data and charts, and will destroy you!!

### FOR SALE or WANTED

None listed this month. If you have an item for sale or if you are looking for something, let me know and I will run an add until you tell me to stop (within reason). Send me an email to this address and I will edit it as necessary but will use most of what you send.

### New Voices Heard (or Heard again)

Recently heard on the Choco repeater: KM4FJL, Aarron, Winterville and Skip, KA3ZSC, Bath and Wayne KN4AHX, Williamston

Aarron is usually on the air around 7:30am on his way to work as a Nurse for chemotherapy patients in Greenville and then is often on later in the afternoon on his way home to Winterville. His son, PJ, an 11-year old elementary grade student at WH Robinson in Winterville is studying to get his Technician license in February. Aaron is going to get his Extra license, too. Wow and best of luck. Aarron quizzes him on the way to school often and thinks he is about "ready". The young man's grandfather, Bob, is W0AMJ and has promised him a uhf/vhf/6mtr rig if he passes. Good incentive.

Skip has been in the Bath area for about 2-3 years. I first talked with him soon after he arrived, but we lost track of each other. He is an ex-IBMer and lives near the old Bath Grocery Store on Route 92. He and his wife own the old grocery property and the house next door. He is a Honda Goldwing rider (trike). He has experience and an interest in websites/pages development and things like that.

Wayne just got his license the week of January 22nd and I talked with him on the Choco machine 1/24. So, he is active and wanting to meet more of us on the air. So, listen for his call and get to know someone new. I signed him up as a "Friend" of our club so he can receive the Newsletter.

Welcome to all three of you. And when PJ gets his license, let's listen for him on the air and make him feel "at home" and comfortable in his new hobby. Three generations of hams is awesome in my opinion!

### Welcome New Club Members in 2017

Joe Thaxton, KF4ZHH, Williamston joined PARC in January. Thanks for your support and we hope you will be active with us and meet many other local hams. Reminder that all Club Member dues for 2017 were due in January.

More from our PARS friends in Oriental via the January 23rd Newsletter (for all you "contesters")

### CLASSIC EXCHANGE (CX)

From Al Parker, W8UT--

Thought you might be interested in a neat operating activity, and maybe mention it in the newsletter? It takes place twice a yr, each time there's one weekend for CW & one for fone. It's not really a contest, tho' there is scoring... a lot of ragchewing goes on. The main idea is to get as many classic old rigs on the air as possible, with a multiplier being the age of each transmitter and receiver in your rig. To "qualify" a rig, it has to be used in at least 3 QSO's during the event. You are encouraged to use more than one rig if you have more. Recently they've added time on Tuesday to follow the time on Sunday.

Al adds: I've been playing at it for 10-15 yrs, maybe spend 5 or 6 hrs total at it. Take a look at the website: [<http://classicexchange.org/>](http://classicexchange.org/)

The CX is a celebration of those classic rigs we revered decades ago. It is a low key contest where describing your vintage gear is an important part of the exchange. Modern gear can be used but it has a distinct scoring disadvantage. The Winter CX will begin with the CW only session in two weeks on Sunday January 29th. The CW CX continues on Tuesday January 31st. The Phone

only CX will be on Sunday February 19th and Tuesday February 21st. Full details are available on the CX website. Be sure to read the newsletter from the Fall 2016 CX to get an idea of what fun the CX can be. --From Mac Aulay, WQ8U.

## January 2017 PARC Club Meeting Notes

The last regularly scheduled meeting of the Pamlico Amateur Radio Club was held on Thursday night, January 19, 2017 at the Zion Episcopal Church Annex Building on Rt. 264 Hwy East, Washington, NC

Newly elected President Gary Faust N4PIR, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with 14 members and 3 guests present.

### Pledge Allegiance:

Introduction of newly elected officers: President Gary Faust N4PIR announced the new offices for 2017, in addition to himself as President, Vice President Al Mullis K4GOE, Treasurer Sam Norris KK4TOM and Secretary Dave Tabbutt W3DET

Presidents statement: Gary N4PIR stated that he looked forward to the challenge as club president and said that in view of the various anticipated programs/ projects for this year, he could not do it all without support from the membership. In closing Gary said he was great full of the members trust to be elected President.

### Old Business

November Minutes: A motion was made by Al K4GOE to accept the November Minutes as previously published, which was second by Wayne KJ4DGW

Treasurers Report: In absence of the Treasurer, Gary N4PIR announced the checking account total was \$1651.34 per last bank statement received.

EC Report: Marcian KC4TOI, stated that he attended an advisory meeting early this month in anticipation of a requirement to man a shelter and the EOC due to anticipated severe winter weather. Fortunately, other arrangements were made and the shelter was deemed unnecessary. Marcian reminded the members about FEMA ICS Classes, AuxComm & ARES and explained that the link below explains whats happening in the general world of amateur emergency services in NC and includes training information: <http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/training.html>. Marcian explained online classes are listed along with the link to the FEMA website, and certification is not required for ARES participation but is required for participation in state emergency activities. Beaufort County EOC operates under the Incident Command System and its good to understand the concepts and speak their language. Marcian also reminded the members about the

Tarheel Emergency Net which operates every night; 3923 KHz at 7:30PM. All properly licensed hams are welcome to check-in. Marcian said he would especially like to see more (or even some) participation on Monday nights, the ARES night for the Tarheel net. Marcian urged anyone having questions or concerns to call him.

Two meter net: Held on January 5, 2017 and had 11 check-ins, next Two meter net will be held on February 2, 2017.

Bath 2mtr. Repeater: Al K4GOE reported that there is a problem with the repeater, and he recently was able to make contact with County representative and set a date to gain access to the repeater site.

Insurance: Dave W3DET reported that as of January 1, 2017 the Chocowinity repeater was covered by fire, theft & vandalism insurance. He also reminded everyone that the clubs liability insurance was still in force and will be up for renewal in June 2017.

### New Business

Delegation of duties: Gary N4PIR announced:

Net Control: Our 2m net control will be performed by Lee WD4JFR as primary net control operator and Dustin KK4ZAZ as secondary net control operator.

Repeater Technicians: Wayne KJ4DGW and Al K4GOE will continue to perform these duties.

Website/FB Page: To be announced at a later date.

Monthly News Letter: Lee WD4JFR will continue as publisher, and Gary urged anyone with information worthy of publishing or items for sale etc., should submit their information to Lee.

Emergency Coordinator: Marcian KC4TOI will continue as the clubs EC.

Club Bylaws: Will be administered by the President and Vice President.

Field Day Coordinator: To be selected in the near future.

VE Coordinator: Will be Kirk N5NC and supported by VE testers, George WG8AR, David KK4SEP, Gary N4PIR and Al K4GOE.

Event Coordinator: To be announced at a later date.

Race Communications: Gary N4PIR announced that the club has been asked to provide communications for the Epilepsy Race/Walk on February 25, 2017 in Washington, NC from 7:30am to 10:30am. Gary asked the membership for volunteers for which 8 people volunteered.

Quarterly Breakfast: Gary raised the question of where do we want to hold our quarterly breakfast, to which those present indicated that we should return to the Washington Yacht Club. It was further agreed the breakfast would be held on Saturday March 18, 2017 at 9:00am. Marcian KC4TOI agreed to make arrangements with the Yacht Club.

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA): George WG8AR suggested that anyone interested in the QCWA program should contact him.

Contests:

Winter Field Day Jan. 28/29, which will be held at Daves W3DET shop.

International DX-CW Feb. 18/19

Next Meeting: Will be held on Thursday February 16, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Ham Fests:

Feb. 4 - Frost Fest Richmond, VA

Feb. 10/12 - Orlando Hamcation, Orlando FL

Mar. 10 - Charlotte, NC

Apr. 15 Rarsfest, Raleigh, NC

January Refreshments: Were provided by Marcian KC4TOI and Al K4GOE

February Refreshments: Will be provided by Marcian KC4TOI and Gary N4PIR

50/50: Was won by George WG8AR in the amount of \$21, which he donated back to the club.

Meeting adjourned: Dave W3DET made a motion to close the meeting, which was second by Joe KF5ZHH at 8:00pm.

Respectfully,

Dave Tabbutt W3DET

PARC Secretary

Editor: Thanks Dave for taking such complete Minutes of the meeting.

### PARC Website Info

If you go to the PARC WEBSITE page, [www.k4bch.com](http://www.k4bch.com), you will see the latest updates made by Marcian, KC4TOI. There is also a clear link to the FACEBOOK page at the beginning of the website page for convenience. Thanks, Marcian.

### PARC FaceBook Page Info

If you would like to join the PARC FACEBOOK Page, contact Wynn Parkinson, KM4OZX, [wparkinson4@gmail.com](mailto:wparkinson4@gmail.com), or Dave Tabbutt, W3DET, [pungo179@gotricounty.com](mailto:pungo179@gotricounty.com), for approval to join the group. Here you will see pictures of event activities and learn more about our members and the hobby. Go to Pamlico Amateur Radio Club K4BCH on Facebook to look at the Club's home page. At last check we have 29 members of the Group on FB.

If you already are on FaceBook, in the "search block" at the top of the FB page, type: Pamlico Amateur Radio Club K4BCH to bring up the ACTIVE Club Facebook page. From there, you should be able to access Dave or Wynn to approve you getting into the Group.

## Winter Field Day Jan 28/29 2017

In preparation for this year's contest, a group gathered Saturday morning at the QTH of W3DET near Belhaven to set up the antenna(s) and equipment to operate in this 24 hours contest. During the setup phase, the following were available to help, thank you: Dave W3DET, David, KK4SEP, Frankie, KA4APA, Wayne KJ4GDW, Lee WD4JFR, Al K4GOE, William KU4JD, William NC4WW, and Gary N4PIR. Others were scheduled for operating after the 2pm start. Lunch was pizza with hot dogs/hamburgers scheduled for dinner, and typical breakfast of eggs, bacon, etc, etc. maybe more pizza/dogs/burgers for lunch on Sunday.

Number of pounds of food consumed in 24 hours: > a few pounds, at least! Ha!

Number of contacts/QSOs in 24 hours: 284 contacts, 7 multipliers, 2058 claimed points (subject to official results)

Thanks for everyone's help and hope it was fun for those who were able to attend. A big thanks to Dave Tabbutt for hosting this event, again, at his excellent location and radio "shack". Wayne, KJ4GDW, has posted some WFD pictures on Facebook. Thanks Wayne.

## RACE FOR EPILEPSY

Check out the Link below for all the details of this first-ever in Beaufort County race/walk on February 25th. PARC details for volunteers to help with race communications are being handled by Cheryl, KJ4RGP (945-8220), and Gary, N4PIR. Watch for more emails about how and where to be if you want to help with this event. So far, 8-10 have indicated a willingness to help, but more are needed to cover the full 1/2 marathon race route for safety. Thank you Cheryl and Gary for leading this effort.

<http://www.raceforepilepsy.org/>

2017 is also the Chinese New Year of the ROOSTER.  
"You Feel Stuck With Your DEBT if you can't budge it."  
"Acupuncture is a job well done."

I hope to hear you all on the air one of these days. Lee/WD4JFR