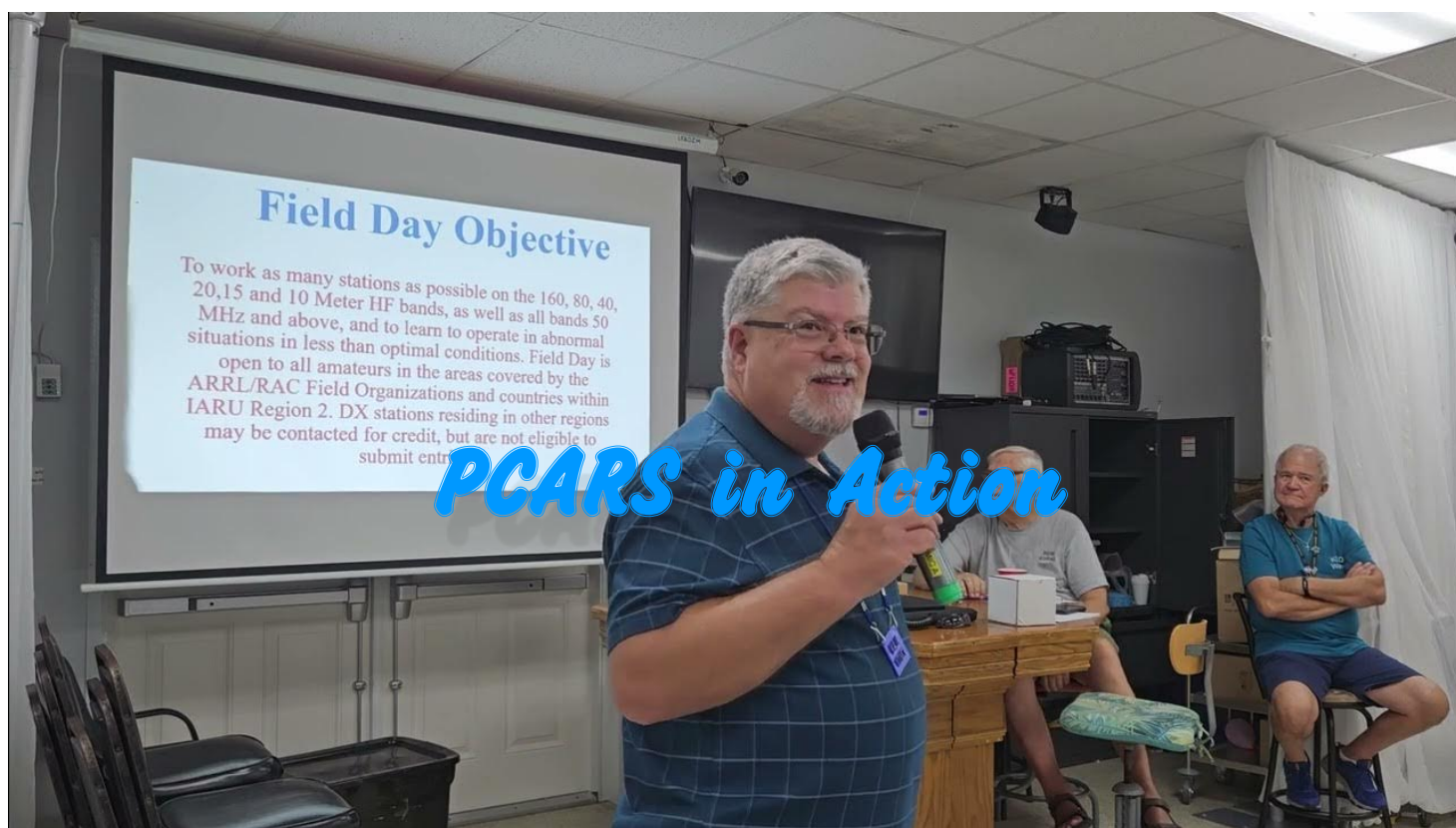


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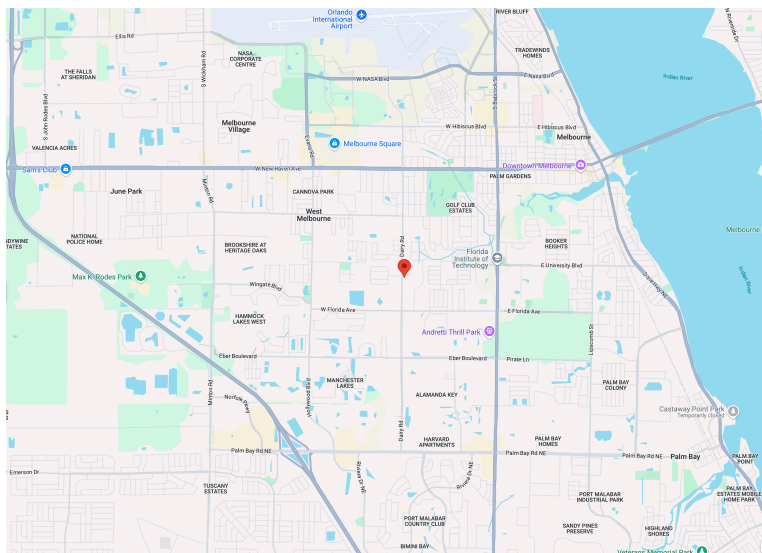


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QST de PCARS President Walt, K5LD

We are at the halfway point of our club year. It's hard to believe Field Day is in a few weeks!

Speaking of Dayton, several PCARS members attended the Hamvention again this year. PCARS always makes a good showing at Dayton. Also, our own RFI Committee did a forum presentation at Dayton. I was in another meeting/activity, at the time & therefore unable to attend. But other members of PCARS attended the session. The team of Gary NQ4V & Dan AI4GK did great & their presentation was well received.

And also speaking of Dayton, did you know that there is yet another PCARS?? The "other" PCARs is known as the Portage County Amateur Radio Service, located in Kent OH. Looking at their website however, they only formed back in 2005. So our PCARS is the original !!!

Even though Field Day is our highly featured activity this month, other things are taking place as well. On June 7th / 8th, PCARS will operate in the ARRL International Digital Contest. This is a very easy contest, operating FT4 / 8 & possibly some PSK, with no mic needed. On June 21st, PCARS will host Kids Day at 2PM at the club station. This is a great time to get youth attracted & involved in Amateur Radio. Even though the GOTA station will be available on Field Day, this is an opportunity for kids to come take part on their own day. I'll be putting out a call soon for volunteers to assist with Kids Day.

As mentioned previously, our June General Membership Meeting will be dedicated to Field Day. FD Chairman Vince K4JC has an excellent program planned. As always, next to the Hamfest, Field Day is our biggest operating activity of the year. We hope that many members will come out & participate. We look forward to seeing Families & friends come by as well. And don't forget, if you have been licensed since last year's Field Day, you are eligible to operate the GOTA station this year, with Amy KQ4NVU coaching.

Several members have asked about the June ARRL VHF contest on June 14th. At this time, there are no plans to participate in this one as a club, with other activities going on .

In July, another favorite contest takes place, the NAQP RTTY QSO Party. This is a nice easy one & it will fill up fast! Be on the lookout for the Sign up Genius sheet. Also in July, there will be the IARU HF World Championship. We competed in this last year & we'll see if we can get a team together again.

Hope to see many of you at the General Membership Meeting & Field Day as well!!

73

Walter
K5LD

Committee Reports

Membership

Steve Melachrinou, (W3HF)

"The current membership total is 248, which includes three members who have joined since the May general meeting.

For future reference, members can send dues (renewal or new membership) electronically via either PayPal or Zelle. The recipient for either method is the same: treasurer@pcars.org. (Note that this is .org, NOT .com.) PLEASE include a note with the payment that has something like "W3HF dues" (but YOUR callsign!) so the treasurer knows what it's for. Alternately you can send a separate email at the same time to the same address with that information. Since PayPal charges our account almost 5% for an incoming \$20 payment, we would appreciate if you included an extra dollar to cover that fee."



SteppIR Communication Systems will cease production of consumer antennas and accessories on August 31, 2025.

The company will accept and fulfill all consumer antenna and spare parts orders placed by August 31. There will not be any changes in terms of warranty service or technical support inquiries. A notice on the company's Facebook page states the change was made due to several emerging factors and is not taken lightly, but is necessary for ongoing operations. The first SteppIR antennas for amateur radio were demonstrated at the 2001 Dayton Hamvention®.

"I am often asked how radio works. Well, you see, wire telegraphy is like a very long cat. You yank his tail in New York and he meows in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? Now, radio is exactly the same, except that there is no cat." -Attributed to Albert Einstein

TIPS FOR NEW HAM'S

Monitoring a Repeater

The way you announce your presence on a repeater is by saying, "A0NEW." (replace A0NEW with your call sign.) However, it is much more useful if you pause a couple seconds or indicate which repeater you're on because some operators listening have a radio that scans through a number of repeaters. They'll hear you but might not know what repeater you are on, especially if they're driving and can't look down to see where the scan stopped momentarily.

It is more useful to key up and pause a couple seconds, then say, "A0NEW, 147.000." (replace A0NEW with your call sign and 147.000 with the frequency or repeater name." Now any Hams that are scanning through repeaters will know where you are. It's not required but increases the probability of a response. As another example, when on the simplex calling frequency you could say "on 52 simplex." Furthermore, some hams sometimes say "monitoring or listening." If you use clear language, this will imply you just want to listen. Older Hams simply state their call sign and what repeater they are on. If they are mobile they might even include the fact by saying, "A0NEW on 147, mobile."



The Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) will host a two-day on-air Special Event to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. During this event, our members will operate using the callsign WX5HWN.

Operations will take place on, or near, 14.325 MHz and 7.268 MHz at the following times:

- **Saturday, June 7:** 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM EDT (1400–0100 UTC)
- **Sunday, June 8:** 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM EDT (1400–2100 UTC)

Note: Operations on 7.268 MHz will conclude at 3:00 PM EDT (1900 UTC).

Special Certificate Available:

To receive a commemorative certificate, please email your request to wx5hwn@hwn.org no later than **June 30, 2025**.

Certificates for confirmed contacts will be sent **via email only**. Please, no QSL cards or postal requests.

For more details about this event and the Hurricane Watch Net, visit: www.hwn.org

Club Activities

PROPOSED AMENDMENT for ARTICLE V

Change From:

OFFICERS

SECTION 5: NUMBER OF OFFICERS.

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Change To:

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The officers of the Corporation shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Custodian, Hamfest Chair, Technical Chair

This proposal changes the Technical Chair from a committee position to an officer of the corporation. Since PCARS is essentially a technical club, and the Technical Chair is an essential position within the structure of the club, it follows that the Technical Chair should be an officer of the corporation.

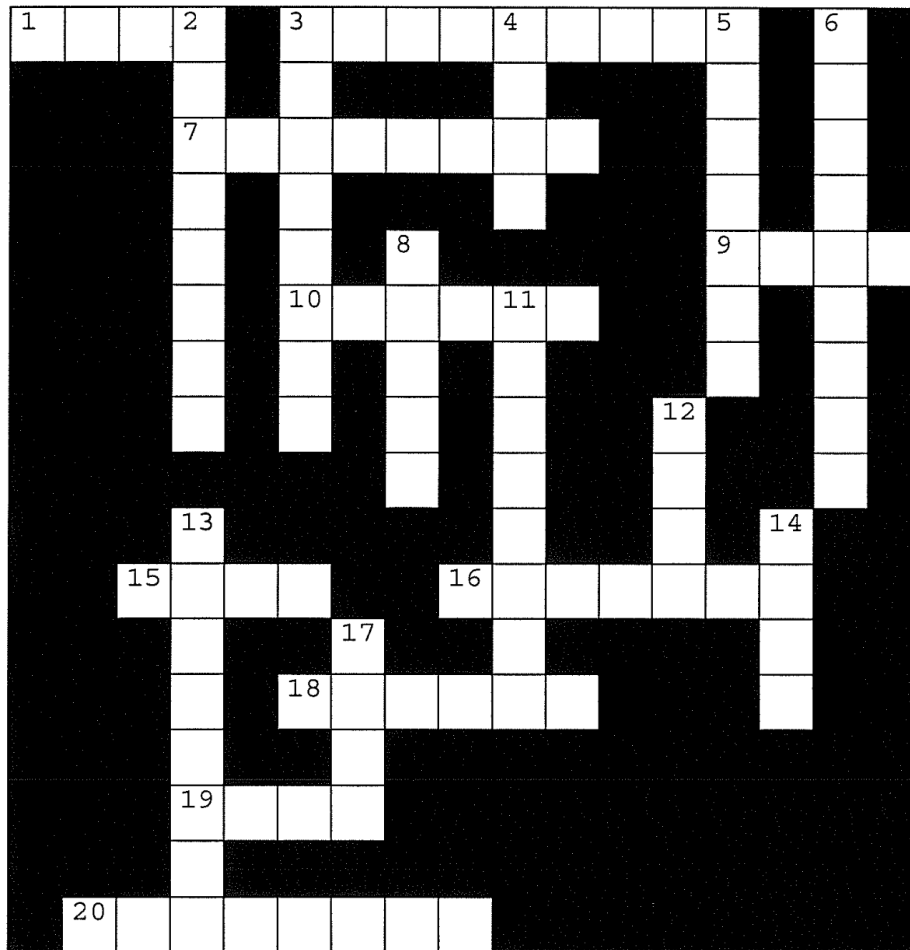
Respectfully submitted,
Vince Weal K4JC



- Ham Operators who bring the trash they learned on CB to the hobby
- Operators who ignore the rules about music and cussing
- ID after every transmission
- Giving your Callsign, then say monitoring or listening. If that's all you're doing, then just listen. Just announce your call and the repeater you're on. You can also just pause a few seconds, this will stop a radio from scanning prior to you giving your call.
- Use the phrase "for ID". There is only one reason to give your callsign and that is to ID your station. You don't have to tell us that, we know it.
- Putting out your callsign, then saying "nothing heard" when no one answers you. (maybe I should answer a call like that more often, so they won't say "nothing heard")

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Antennas and Feedlines



ACROSS

1. Directors, reflectors and a driven element
3. A UHF dish
7. Omnidirectional radiation pattern antenna
9. The resistive or reactive measure of an antenna
10. Equal lengths of wire either side of feedpoint
15. The amount of signal increase measured in an antenna
16. Made of a flat disk and a cone used at VHF & UHF
18. Element of beam antenna connected to feedline
19. A type of direction finding antenna
20. Antenna electrically 1/2 wavelength long, 2 words

DOWN

2. Common form of the VEE antenna
3. Similar to a Yagi but based on logarithms
4. Highly directional multi-element antenna
5. An antenna tuner used to match antenna and feedline
6. The type of angles that show the maximum RF output in a particular direction
8. A 2 meter fold up antenna
11. From one to several wavelengths in length
12. Has a heavenly pattern on 6 meters
13. _____ conductor feedline, ladder line and twinlead are two types
14. First used on dirigibles and blimps
17. Don't get caught by this dipole type

Answer on Last page (page 19)

Minutes for the May 12, 2025 General Meeting

The Meeting called to order by PCARS President Walter Aucoin K5LD at 7:00 PM.

Introductions were made for all members present. Welcome to visitors Russ KD4IGK, Lisa, and new members Tim K6OFM and Dominick W4SFB.

Treasures' Report – Phil W7TSO read the May report. Motion was made by Bob NB4C to approve the report and seconded by Clyde KD8AN. The motion was approved and carried.

A call for the approval of the April General Membership Meeting minutes was made by Walter. Motion was made by Dave K8SSN to approve minutes, seconded by Bruce WB2ADF, voted upon and carried.

The night's program was introduced by Keith KQ4YJG. Jim N4KCT gave an interesting presentation on his development and construction of Glove Antennas for POTA. The club thanked Jim for his excellent presentation.

*****B R E A K*****

Committee Reports:

- All committee reports, unless otherwise noted, will be listed prior to the General Membership Meeting, in the monthly Club Newsletter. Members are highly encouraged to read the reports prior to the General Meeting and be prepared to ask any questions of the various Chairmen at the meeting. This is an effort to shorten the time for reports & be able to get to more business during the meeting.

Contesting – The Florida QSO Party took place on April 26th and 27th. A big thanks to Al K1ALC, Jeff KX4NM, and Greg N4KES for running the contest. Walter K5LD worked the contest mobile, operating from a van with Chuck AD4ES's group. A great time was had by all.

Hamfest – Chuck AD4ES reported that a group of PCARS members will be attending Hamvention. They will be taking a closer look at youth activities and vendors to explore opportunities for bringing them to our Hamfest. There will be no paper tickets this year; tickets must be purchased online. This can be done using a PayPal account or by using PayPal as a credit card processor. Jim W4EE reported that about 80 prize requests have been sent out, with approximately 10 positive responses received so far. Some vendors have indicated they will respond by September.

Technical – Clyde KD8AN. During the Florida QSO Party, one of the circuit breakers at the generator transfer switch was tripping, cutting power to the entire station. The breaker enclosure will be replaced with a proper transfer switch before Field Day. During the installation, station power will be down for approximately one day, which will include the 85 repeater.

Minutes for the General Meeting (Continued)

A new station status display is being developed by Daniel AI4QX. This display will show the band and mode for each station and will generate an audible alert if both stations are operating on the same band.

SKYWARN - Rodger AK4MI. There will be a special event commemorating the Hurricane Watch Net's 60th anniversary. The event will take place on:

- **Saturday, June 7**

14.325 MHz - 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM EDT (1400-0100 UTC)

7.268 MHz - 5:00 PM EDT to 10:00 PM EDT (2100-0200 UTC)

- **Sunday, June 8**

14.325 MHz & 7.268 MHz - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM EDT (1400-2100 UTC)

Sunshine – Mark W9MGB. Paul Gray N0JAA is in rehab. A card has been sent.

Membership – Steve W3HF – The current club membership stands at 245. We had three new members attend tonight's meeting.

Emergency - Tony KD2GAZ – There are 20 days until the start of Hurricane Season. Please review your generator safety procedures. Florida is currently offering a hurricane supply tax-free week, which includes pet food.

Tony mentioned a YouTube video featuring ham radio operators in Spain who operated during a national blackout.

There have been numerous brush fires in the area, as we are still in the dry season. Tony will be testing our portable Go-Kits during the MREN and Weather nets.

Education – Bob W3RDL – The General and Extra classes are ongoing. A Technician class is tentatively planned for June.

RFI Committee – Not present – Gary and Dan will be going to Dayton to give a presentation.

Custodian/Field Day - Vince was not present; he is traveling to Dayton and working POTA along the way. The old Icom 746 Pro has been sold, and the DX3000 has also been sold for parts.

A Field Day meeting is scheduled for June. Next month's meeting will be dedicated to Field Day. Vince also conducted a phone interview with Florida Today, and photos from last year's Field Day were submitted.

Minutes for the General Meeting (Continued)

Newsletter – Dave K8SSN – In the last newsletter, Dave proposed naming the newsletter and is accepting nominations for names until the end of the month. He will be creating a SurveyMonkey poll, with a link included in the next newsletter, so members can vote on the proposed names. The results will be presented for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Old Business – A discussion was held regarding last month's suggested amendment to make the Technical Chairman an officer of the club. The proposed amendment needs to include a written description of the duties of the Technical Chair. This will be drafted at the next board meeting and presented to the membership at the next general meeting.

Bob NB4C presented a proposal to move the Custodian, Technical, and Hamfest Chair positions from officer roles to committee positions, retaining only the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary as officers. This proposal will be discussed further at the board meeting.

New Business – Clyde KD8AN – During the investigation into the transfer switch circuit breaker tripping issue, it was discovered that the current generator does not have enough capacity to power the station. It can only deliver 20 amps, while the station's measured current draw is 28 amps.

Clyde proposed purchasing a 13 kW generator for \$1,300. Funds are available in the equipment fund. A motion to purchase the generator was made by Baylor KF0DND, seconded by Rodger AK4MI, voted upon, and carried.

With the proceeds from the sales of the Icom 746 Pro and DX3000, Vince K4JC proposed to the board the purchase of a fifth IC-7300. A new IC-7300 will be purchased, rather than a used one. This may occur at the Dayton Hamvention if a good deal is found. A motion to purchase the IC-7300 was made by Ed KK4ZWC, seconded by Rob K8RAR, voted upon, and carried.

The old generator will eventually be sold. It will be kept temporarily as a backup until the new generator is fully tested.

There is also an old nonfunctional generator stored at Chuck's AD4ES QTH that will be sold.

Announcements – Laurel VE testing will be held on May 17th at 9:30 AM.

The monthly Sarno Pizza Lunch will be held at Sarno Pizzeria, located at the corner of Croton Road and Sarno Road, at 11:00 AM. This is normally scheduled for the first Saturday after the general meeting; however, it will be postponed one week to May 24th due to Hamvention. Come join us for a slice and good company! Breakfast is also served.

Minutes for the General Meeting (Continued)

Phil W7TSO mentioned that the Arduino class will begin on May 27th. It will be a full class with 15 to 16 attendees. All kits will be supplied by Rob KC9LGS. Attendees only need to bring their own laptops.

Every Friday is our PCARS weekly lunch at Crystal's Buffet, at 11AM, on the corner of Wickham and 192. All are invited! Come join us. W7TSO

Motion was made by Ed KK4ZWC to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Phil W7TSO. Motion carried.

KX4NM Jeff Stewart, Secretary PCARS

June 28 - June 29

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Time: Sat. June 28, 2PM through Sun. June 29, 2PM.

For more information: <https://pcars.org/wp/arrl-field-day/>

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE







PCARS BoD May 20, 2025 Minutes

The Meeting called to order by PCARS President Walter Aucoin K5LD at 7:00 PM.

Attendees: K5LD – President, KQ4JYG – Vice President, KX4NM – Secretary, W7TSO – Treasurer, Past President, AK4MI - Director, W3HF – Director, N4KES – Director, KK4ZWC – Director, K4JC – Custodian, AD4ES – Hamfest Chairman, KD8AN – Technical Chairman.

Walter K5LD asked for approval of the April BOD minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Vince K4JC, seconded by Keith KQ4JYG, voted upon, and carried.

Treasures' Report: Phil W7TSO read the April report. Motion was made by Clyde KD8AN to approve the report and seconded by Rodger AK4MI. The motion was approved and carried.

Committee Reports: NOTE: Reports were given at the General Meeting last week. Unless there are updates to the reports, they will stand as reported at the General Meeting.

Contesting: K5LD (Temporary Chair) – There are no new contests we plan to participate in until Field Day. Possible upcoming contests in June include the ARRL International Digital Contest on June 7th, the ARRL VHF Contest on June 14th, and ARRL Kids Day on June 21st.

Hamfest: Chuck AD4ES. At Hamvention, vendors were contacted about possibly attending our Hamfest. There were several positive responses, including the possibility of HRO attending. The youth section was also visited for ideas on youth activities for our Hamfest, which could include kit building. There will be a Hamfest Zoom meeting on Thursday, May 22nd. Walter K5LD contacted the POTA organization about participating in our Hamfest, and they seem very interested.

Technical: Clyde KD8AN – The newly purchased IC-7300 will be put into service at Station #1. The IC-7300 at Station #3 is still exhibiting intermittent power switch issues, but it remains functional with the right touch on the power switch.

A new generator has been purchased and is now stored in the storage shed. A new generator transfer switch for the club station will be installed on Saturday, May 24th. This will replace the existing circuit breaker, which has had tripping issues. Additionally, utility outlets will be installed to allow for charging the generator battery and general use outside the station. During the installation station power will be down, which will include the 85 repeater.

The new station status display, developed by Daniel AI4QX, is now functional. We may also have a solution for Internet access to the Fusion repeater using ARDC 44Net.

RFI Committee – Gary NQ0V. Gary and Dan AI4GK gave an RFI presentation at the Dayton Hamvention. It was very well received, and they have been invited to present again next year in a much more favorable time slot. Gary NQ0V will email a YouTube link to the presentation. They received one request for RFI location assistance and were able to trace the source of the noise to a next-door neighbor.

PCARS BoD Minutes
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Gary NQ0V requested reimbursement for the RFI team's presentation expenses from the remaining ARDC grant funds, which total \$651.30. A motion to approve the reimbursement of \$651.30 was made by Rodger AK4MI and seconded by Chuck AD4ES. The motion was approved and carried.

Greg N4KES inquired about a short tutorial on identifying RFI. Gary NQ0V will write a tutorial for publication on the website.

SKYWARN: AK4MI – There will be a special event commemorating the Hurricane Watch Net's 60th anniversary.

Membership: Steve W3HF – We have had four new members join as a result of Al K1ALC's direct mail campaign. Our current membership count is 248. It was discussed that when paying dues via PayPal, members should indicate in the comments that the payment is for dues and include their call sign.

Emergency: Tony KD2GAZ – Not present, Tony emailed his report to Walter K5LD. Tony KD2GAZ has been testing the Go-Kits. The Florida tax-free program for hurricane supplies runs from May 15th through May 31st. Walter K5LD mentioned the possibility of PCARS participating in JOTA; a decision will need to be made soon.

Custodian/Field Day: - Vince K4JC – The Icom 746 Pro and DX3000 radios have been sold. The Ameritron amplifier will be sold once it is repaired. The old, nonfunctional generator at Chuck AD4ES's QTH will be given away.

There will be a Field Day Zoom meeting on June 19th at 7:30pm. Vince will send out the Zoom meeting link. We will be using all five IC-7300s. The GOTA station will be set up at the opposite end of the smokehouse and will use a vertical antenna.

Clyde KD8AN proposed purchasing driveway cable protection covers to protect coax cables running across pavement during Field Day. These would also be useful for other events, such as Skywarn Recognition Day. A motion to purchase the cable protection covers for \$169 was made by Rodger AK4MI and seconded by Ed KK4ZWC. The motion was approved and carried.

Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the wording of an amendment to the Bylaws to make the Technical Chair an officer position. This amendment has already been approved by the board and presented to the general membership. The wording needs to be refined to accurately reflect the changes to the Bylaws. Vince K4JC and Phil W7TSO will draft the proposed changes and send them out to the membership for a vote at the next meeting.

PCARS BoD Minutes
(Continued)

A discussion was also held about Bob NB4C's proposal to change the number of officer and board positions in the Bylaws. It was decided that Bob should present his proposal to the board for discussion at the next meeting.

Station Trustee: A discussion was held on replacing the Station Trustee. During the last board meeting on April 21st 2025, a motion was made and approved to changed the Station Trustee if the current Trustee did not relinquish the password to the LOTW website.

A motion was made by Vince K4JC to petition the FCC to change the W4MLB Station Trustee to Clyde KD8AN, this was seconded by Chuck AD4ES. The motion was approved and carried.

Reminder: No commercial activity, which includes kit building, or assembly of products for sale should take place at the Club Station. This could jeopardize our status with the Fire Department and our 501(c)(3) designation.

New Business:

Phil W7TSO mentioned that the Arduino class will begin on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:00 PM. There are 18 kits provided by Rob KC9LGS. The first class will focus on setting up the IDE and covering some basic topics. Attendees must bring their own laptops and possibly an extension cord.

Clyde KD8AN noted that our 501(c)(3) status will expire in September. We need to provide our 501(c)(3) documentation to potential Hamfest vendors.

June's General Membership Meeting program will be dedicated to Field Day.

An ARRL VE test session will be held on June 11th at 7:00 PM at the Fire Department Training Center.

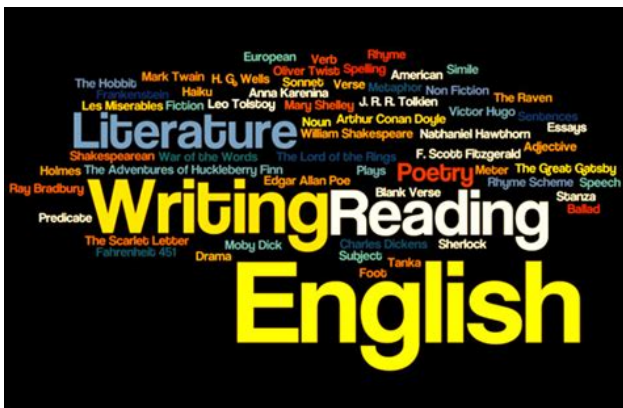
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed KK4ZWC, seconded by Vince K4JC, voted upon and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

KX4NM Jeff Stewart, Secretary PCARS

DX Happenings . . .

June																					
2025 Jun01	2025 Jun10	Faroe Is	OY	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240619	By WB2REM W9MK W2WCM G6TFL VO1IDX K3BAB K4LT W4VKU as OY6FRA OY6A OY7W9MK OY4KLT; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; QRV for ARRL VHF Contest; QSL via Club Log OQRS or WB2REM															
2025 Jun04	2025 Jun18	St Martin	FS	LoTW	TDX 20250125	By K9EL as FS/K9EL; 40-6m; holiday style operation; QSL via Club Log OQRS															
2025 Jun06	2025 Jun11	Palau	T8	See Info	DXW.Net 20250303	By JH1MLO as T88HR and JR1FKR as T88TJ fm Koror I (OC-009, PJ77f); 80-6m; SSB FT8; QSL via JH1MLO & JR1FKR respectively (B/d), LoTW OK for T88TJ															
2025 Jun11	2025 Jun27	French Polynesia	FO	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241210	By G0VJG as FO/G0VJG fm Bora Bora I (IOTA OC-067); HF + 6m															
2025 Jun11	2025 Jun28	Vanuatu	YJORS	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250322	By ZL1RS; 6m, perhaps 10m; FT8 EME; QSL via ZL1RS															
2025 Jun14	2025 Jun16	Ogasawara	JD1BQP	JP1IHD Direct	OPDX 20250401	By JP1IHD fm Chichijima I (IOTA AS-031 QL17cb); mainly 6m; SSB FT8 FT40															
2025 Jun19	2025 Jun23	Palau	T88PB	LoTW	OPDX 20250417	By JA0JHQ fm Koror I (IOTA OC-009, PJ77f); HF; QRV for All Asia DX CW Contest; QSL via JA0JHQ direct															
2025 Jun26	2025 Jul10	Kosovo	Z6	LoTW	I2YSB 20240307	By I1FQH I1HJT I2PJA I2YSB IK2CKR IK2HKT; 80-6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8															
2025 Jun28	2025 Jul14	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW	TDX 20241219	By KV1J as FP/KV1J fm Miquelon I; HF + 6m; mainly SSB FT4 FT8, some CW; QSL via KV1J (B/d) or Club Log OQRS															
July																					
2025 Jul05	2025 Jul15	Grenada	J38DX	LoTW	OPDX 20250213	By GM5RDX and J38LD fm Calliste (IOTA NA-024, FK92ca); 80-10m; 100w; QSL via Club Log OQRS															
2025 Jul11	2025 Jul25	Iceland	TF	VE2XB	TDX 20250203	By VE2XB as TF/VE2XB; 160-6m															
2025 Jul14	2025 Jul23	Svalbard	JW0V	I8KHC	DXW.Net 20250408	By OK2WX; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8															
RSGB IOTA Contest (Jul 26-27, 2025) Check here for pericontest activity too.																					
August																					
2025 Aug18	2025 Aug22	Palau	T8 <small>NEW!</small>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250425	By JH6GFY as T88GF and JK6DXD as T88XD; HF; QSL via JH6GFY and JK6DXD respectively															

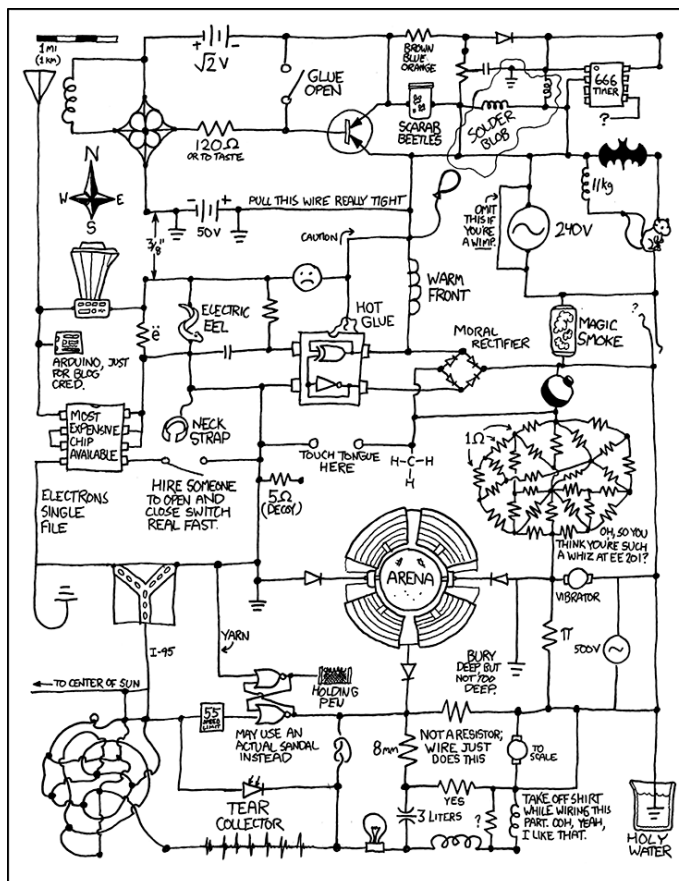
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The English Language is hard to understand

For Example

Read rhymes with Lead
Read rhymes with Lead
But Read does not rhyme with Lead.



2025 PCARS Club Calendar

June 2025

June 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jun 09 Monthly Meeting Program - Field Day Planning - Field Day Chairman Jun 11 ARRL-VEC FCC Exams - Vince K4JC Jun 7-8 ARRL International Digital Contest	2	3	4	5 Oct 13 Monthly Meeting Program - OPEN Oct 8 ARRL-VEC FCC Exams - Vince K4JC Oct 11 ARRL-VEC FCC Exams Hamfest - Vince K4JC	6	7
8 Jun 21 ARRL Kids Day Jun 28-29 Field Day FT4-8/CW/SSB	9	10	11	Oct 10-11 Melbourne Hamfest Oct 17-18 Jamboree on the Air Oct 25-26 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	12	14
15 Jul 14 Monthly Meeting Program - National Weather Service's annual weather awareness program on hurricanes by Will Ulrich Jul 19 Laurel-VEC FCC Exams - Gary W4GAL Jul 12-13 IARU HF World Championships Jul 19-20 North American QSO Party, RTTY	16	17	18	Nov 10 Monthly Meeting Program - OPEN Nov 15 Laurel-VEC FCC Exams - Gary W4GAL Nov 22 Swapfest (Saturday, 8AM) Nov 1-3 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW Nov 15-16 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	19	21
22 Aug 11 Monthly Meeting Program - Jim Grebey, The HF Glove Antenna for POTA Aug 13 ARRL-VEC FCC Exams - Vince K4JC Aug 16-17 North American QSO Party, SSB Aug 17 ARRL Rookie Roundup RTTY Aug 30-31 Worldwide Digi DX Contest	23	24	25	Dec 08 Holiday Party (In lieu of Monthly Meeting) Dec 10 ARRL-VEC FCC Exams - Vince K4JC Dec 5-6 SKYWARN Recognition Weekend Dec 13-14 ARRL 10 Meter Contest, CW/SSB	26	28
29 Sept 08 Monthly Meeting Program - Hamfest Planning - 2025 Hamfest Chairman Sept 20 Laurel-VEC FCC Exams - Gary W4GAL Sept 20 Swapfest (Saturday, 7AM) Sept 27-28 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	30	1	2	3	4	5

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Please note: The Calendar is subject to change. Dates listed are intended to help members know what is going on, on the bands. Decisions will be made throughout the year regarding club participation in contests.

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

ARRL Exams

*Fire Training Center
1980 Hughes Road
Melbourne, Florida
7:00PM*

June 11, 2025
August 13, 2025
October 8 2025
October 2025 - Hamfest
December 10, 2025

Exam Information can be found at
<http://www.w4gal.net/ARRL>

Laurel Exams

*Suntree/Viera Library
902 Jordan Blass Drive
Melbourne, Florida
9:30 AM*

July 19, 2025
September 20, 2025
November 15, 2025

Exam Information can be found at
<http://www.w4gal.net/Laurel/>

Webpages of Importance to Members of the PCARS

Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society.....www.pcars.org

PCARS on Facebook.....www.facebook.com/w4mlb

PCARS on YouTube...<https://www.youtube.com/@ko4ceq/videos>

American Radio Relay League.....www.arrl.org

Southeastern Division-ARRL...www.facebook.com/ARRLSoutheasternDivision/

Northern Florida Section - ARRL.....www.arrl-nfl.org

Orlando HamCation.....www.hamcation.com/

Dayton HamVention.....www.hamvention.org

Shortwave listening Guide...www.naswa.net/swlguide

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We had a fairly good response to our Newsletter survey. I have turned the results over to the Board for a final decision. There were some good write ins, so the Boards will have a wide choice of names.

I will be in Tennessee during Field Day. I plan on working portable along with my wife's cousin, KC8DEO. Not sure what bands we will be on, depends on which antennas we put up. I look forward to being able to put a few of you in my log.

73, de K8SSN
k8ssn@pcars.org

JOIN or RENEW PCARS MEMBERSHIP

Send to
PCARS Membership
PO BOX 1004
Melbourne, FL 32902

Or email to membership@pcars.org

You can also take it to the Meeting
and personally give to the Membership Chairman

Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society

New Member Application



Date: ____/____/____

Please Print Clearly

FCC Call _____ Not Licensed _____

License Expiration Date (yyyy/mo) _____

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business: _____ Cell: _____

Note: PCARS will only post your name and FCC callsign on our PCARS website public access roster. Our complete membership roster with additional member information is password controlled for members only.

Email Address: _____

FCC License Class: Tech__ General __ Advanced __ Extra__

PCARS yearly dues are \$20. They are pro-rated as follows for new members: Join Jan-Mar \$20, join Apr-Jun \$15, join Jul-Sep \$10, and Oct-Dec \$5, plus \$20 for the entire following year (\$25).

NOTE: New members who attended a PCARS Technician license class, and pass the FCC exam, and want to join PCARS, please contact your instructor for a special membership opportunity.

Family members, licensed or unlicensed, living in the same household as the applicant, and desiring PCARS membership pay a total of \$10 for each family member per year, which is also pro-rated as follows: join Jan-Mar \$10, join Apr-Jun \$7.50, join Jul-Sep \$5, join Oct-Dec \$2.50, plus \$10 for the entire following year. Family members FCC callsign(s): _____

Unlicensed members are Associate Members, and do not have club voting priveleges, nor can they hold office.

For those who are licensed, and who desire, Associate Membership is available by paying half of the full-member dues outlined above. This applies to all categories, including family members in same household, and at the same pro-rated dues as stated above. Licensed Associate Members do not have voting priveleges, nor can they hold office.

My amateur radio interests are: Emergency/Public Service __ DX __ Contests __ Instructing __

CW__ Phone (SSB) __ RTTY __ Satellite __ Other _____

Check if you are a member of: ARRL __ LOTW __ QRZ __

Please return this application, along with the appropriate dues payment, to one of the following club officers: Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chairperson, or send to PCARS, P.O.Box 1004, Melbourne, FL 32902-1004 (Do not send cash through the mails).

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ANSWER TO THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE

