



## Portage County Amateur Radio Service



*Welcome* we're **PCARS**, an ARRL Affiliated, Special Services Club. We are a group of Amateur Radio hobbyists located in Portage County, Ohio who believe that the whole point of being in the hobby of Amateur Radio is to **have fun** with it. Whether you are a new ham or an "old timer", PCARS has something to offer you.

The PCARS monthly meeting is held the second Monday of each month and the meetings start at 7:00 PM. We meet at The American Legion Post 496 - 1945 Mogadore Rd, in Kent. The monthly club meetings are *not* a business meeting. We always have a presentation on a current Amateur Radio related topic. Recent topics have included "go" kits, vintage radio restoration, ham radio legal issues, a member's trip to and operation from contest station PJ2T and NVIS antennas. A live presentation with Bob Heil, K9EID via Skype about Heil microphones. Tim Duffy's K3LR Super Contest Super Station and more. The monthly meeting topics are meant to be an entertaining look at a topic without getting too technical.

If you want to get more technical and/or "hands on", our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) meet weekly on Tuesday evenings in the PCARS club site located at 705 Oakwood St. in Ravenna. SIG topics include QRP/CW, Antennas, DX/Contesting, Digital Communications and Linux for hams. SIGS are usually smaller groups with participation by those who are interested in that certain area of the hobby. It's a good place to ask questions and get help with your particular issues. The club site also has a number of stations set up for members to use anytime the club site is open, or upon request.

**PCARS**

**ARRL Volunteer Examiners:**  
serving the Amateur Radio community

First Saturdays 10:00 am  
at the club site in Ravenna

February, April, June, August,  
October, December



Additionally, we offer license and upgrade classes, we have a team of Volunteer Examiners and have regular license exams. There are operating events or building projects on a monthly basis. Some of these include our "Freeze Your Acorns Off" QRP operating event in February, Field Day in June, our Amateur Radio "Cruise In" in August and the Ohio State Parks on the Air contest

in September. There is usually a Fall and Spring Technician licensing class, along with a Winter General upgrade class. PCARS has had many building projects which include antennas, power pole distribution boxes, a "spud gun" style antenna launcher and an interface box for Digital operations. No matter what your Amateur Radio interests are, you will find others in our group with similar interests. We have FUN with Amateur Radio !





I want to personally invite you to join us. Whether at our monthly meeting, an event, or even on our weekly 2 meter net (Thursday nights at 8:00 PM local on the K8IV repeater, 146.895 MHz), you will find a great bunch of people who are having a ball with their hobby! If you are a new ham, then having a group to call on will help you move forward faster than you ever could on your own. Likewise, if you've done it all, then we have many members who would like to hear what your experiences have been and would value the experience you bring to the group.



73,

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