

**Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc, (PCARS) Meeting
Minutes 8/13/2018**

August 13, 2018 meeting: Held at The American Legion Post 496, 1945 Mogadore Rd., Kent, OH 44240. Opened by President Jim Wilson – AC8NT at 7:00 PM. Jim introduced our evenings speaker, Tim Duff – K3LR, and also introduced two guests – N8FTY – Tom and KC8FOS – Elaine, visiting from North Olmstead. They had been invited tonight by Tim – K3LR.

Sign Ins- WB8LCD, KD8SKL, N8FDY, KC8FOS, KA8TOA, WB8VYW, KC8RKD, W8NET, K8SWJ, WA8UWV, N8GXD, KD8JN, KE8KBJ, KD8WCK, LILLIAN, W8IFM, WILMA, KD8VT, N8HUC, KB3OQV, KC8GSF, WA8AR, KD8SOP, WA8GCF, KB8CLH, NR8W, K8NYM, W8KNO, WA8SAJ, KB8SK, K3GP, KB8UUZ, K3LR, W8PT, N8QE, K8IV, KC8YSU, KA8OAD, KE8JFP, N8FUM, KC8YYS, KD8WHA, W3COG, N3BSN, KB8ZWT, AC8QG, BETH, BERNADETTE, AGNES, DOMINIC, KE8JUZ, KB8AMZ, K8FEY, N8QZ, N8WCP, AE8YL, WA4WGA, WB8AVD, WB8OVQ, N8PXW, W8EZT, AC8NT, K8CAV. 63 Total.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report – Amy – KD8SKL

Total Expenses for July \$994.23 (included \$500 donation to Freedom Park, our FD Site)

Total Income for July \$268.00

Total Balance all accounts \$12,156.12

Trustees Report

The trustees had nothing to report this month

President's Report – Jim – AC8NT

Gene – W8NET has been appointed the new PCARS Secretary and will be working with Tom – WB8LCD to make it a smooth transition. Thank you Gene!

Jim listed the upcoming PCARS activities: 8/23 – Cruise In at A&W, 8/25-BBQSO Party at the clubsite, 9/08-OSPOTA, 9/15-K3LR Contest SUPER Station tour.

Jim then passed the meeting to the Trustees, Erica AE8YL took nominations for the vacant trustee seat. KB8AMZ was nominated by KA8TOA, N8QE was nominated by K8CAV, KB8UUZ was nominated by K8IV. W8PT moved that nominations be closed. Paper ballots were distributed and Parky-KB8UUZ was declared the new PCARS Trustee.

Vice-President's Report – Tony – WA8AR

Tony had nothing to report this month

Secretary's Report – Tom – WB8LCD

There was one new membership application: Steve Hannah – KC8YSU. Motion to accept was made by Terry – KB8AMZ, seconded by Ed – K8IV and Steve was accepted to membership by unanimous vote of those present. Steve is member #376.

Upcoming meetings for 2018:

September 10th: Mike Kirkhart – KD8QBA - \$50 Satellite that made it into Space!

October : Nancy Rabel-Hall – KC4IYD – NASA / Ham Radio

November : Election of Officers and the Center of Hope benefit 50/50 drawing

December : PCARS Annual Christmas Dinner

Special Interest Groups

DX/Contesting – Chuck – W8PT

8/25 OH QSO Party – from the Clubsite

9/08 ARRL VHF Contest

10/06 CA QSO Party

10/13 AZ QSO Party – This QSO party does not typically get any M/M entries from out of state!

WA4WGA can always use a ride to and from the operating events at the clubsite and would certainly appreciate anyone who can help him out.

Digital – Rick – K8CAV –

Still needs a few more volunteers for the Mantua Potato Stomp Race

Always looking for additional members for the Portage County Comms Unit

QRP – Terry – KB8AMZ –

Get on the air from the clubsite night! Next month a CW sprint contest from Fred Fuller Park in Kent. Next Linux meeting is in September.

Antennas – Tony – WA8AR –

Working with the 4AC2 antenna modeling software – a FREE package!

PCARS Thursday Night 2-meter Net – Greg – KA8TOA – Awarded Net Check In certificates to KC8RKD and KE8IED.

Portage County ARES – James – KD8VT –

James has accepted the position of Portage County EC. He will be looking to build a roster of members and start a Portage County Sky-Warn Net. Please contact James if you are interested in participating.

There was a motion from Tom – WB8LCD to close the meeting, seconded by Rick – K8CAV – and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at approximately 7:55 PM.

The 50/50 was won by Aaron Long III – KD8WHA. \$80.00

The evenings presentation was given by Tim Duffy – K3LR – on the K3LR SUPER Contest Station. He also had a very interesting presentation on the 2018 WRTC held in Germany.