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**Greg, KA8TOA**  
PCARS President



Hi Everyone

I hope everyone has a great Easter and is healthy. Tom and i are still struggling with the learning curve and functions of our offices. John has been a great help along with Gene and Ken.

Dates have been set for roast your acorns off and our Trunk fest. I will be meeting up with our landlords this week to confirm the layout for the trunk fest and some other issues involving the club site. Please check the club calendar for functions.

Our SIG Captains are doing a great job along with the newsletter Editor J.C. I am trying to highlight a club member every month, but i need your participation for that. One last thing i will schedule a club site clean up after Easter. For now 73's Stay healthy, safe and enjoy your family, and keep prayers and wishes for our members who are dealing with illnesses.

73's Greg KA8TOA



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### Tom, WB8LCD

PCARS Vice President



Welcome to April! Most folks contributing to the Radiogram will try to put some sort of an April Fools! Spin on it. We've had some good articles in past issues for April Fools Day. Our first year of operation as a club, 2006, was pretty plain vanilla. What the heck, we were still trying to put ourselves out there as a serious Amateur Radio Club. But, by our second year, 2007, Parky really cut loose! If you want a couple of good giggles, go back and read through the April 2007 issue. It's on the PCARS website under the "newsletter" tab.... You'll find this article to be pretty "straight-laced", after all, I'm really not that funny anyhow.

As the weather starts turning nice, I'm suggesting that you get out there as soon as possible and get your antennas back in good order after the winter snows and the high winds we just experienced. Get that antenna work done early so that you can spend the rest of the summer On The Air! If you've got a bigger antenna project, send out a note on the PCARS Groups.IO ( [PCARS@groups.io](mailto:PCARS@groups.io) ) and you'll probably be able to get some PCARS members to come out and give you a hand. When doing any kind of antenna work – please make sure to practice good SAFETY protocols in the process.

#### Coming up for our next 3 months meeting presentations:

April 13<sup>th</sup> : Grace Papay – K8LG will be presenting via Zoom (she lives near Holland, MI) and will be talking on the topic of "Amateur Radio Satellite Communications". You may remember a number of years back when her Grandfather, John Papay – K8YSE, gave us a presentation on satellite operations out at the "On Tap" restaurant in Stow. Most recently, Grace participated in the March 2026 ARRL DX Contest (SSB) as part of the PJ2T team which finished with a total score of 8,800,320. This was a World #2 claimed score behind CN3A.

May 11<sup>th</sup> : Mike Bryce – WB8VGE will be with us (in person) presenting on the topic of "Ham Radio Equipment Repair". Mike is a past presenter at many events I've participated in, most notably at the QRPARCI "4 Days In May". Mike is personally responsible for keeping hundreds of pieces of equipment "on the air" over the years. He's also an avid "home-brewer" building lots of gear of his own design over the years. You can see one of his most recent projects in the April 2026 issue of QST.

June 8<sup>th</sup> : A PCARS "Roundtable" led by president Greg – KA8TOA. I'm sure there will be plenty of discussion regarding the upcoming Field Day operation. This will be an "open forum" for anyone with questions, comments or concerns regarding PCARS, how we operate, what we've got on our agenda for the second half of 2026 and beyond. When making suggestions, please don't start them with the phrase "I think you should be doing....." What we really need to hear is "what WE should be doing is..... and here's how I'm willing to help plan and or execute by doing....". What I'm really saying here is we want PCARS to be a "collaborative" effort with all of our members participating in the process.

After saying what I did above, I realize that PCARS would not be the club it is if we didn't have the support and participation of the membership. It is one of the things that really sets PCARS apart from lots of other clubs. As a PCARS member myself, as well as being an officer of the club I really *appreciate* the teamwork that makes PCARS function as it does.

And that's no April Fools joke!  
73, Tom WB8LCD PCARS VP



**The 2026 Awards team is pleased to announce the Hamvention Award Winners. It is always difficult to make our final decisions as we receive many excellent nominations. Please join us in congratulating these very deserving winners.**

**Michael Kalter  
W8CI Award Chairman 2026**

## **Technical Achievement Award Robert Famiglio K3RF**

Robert B. “Bob” Famiglio, K3RF, has spent almost 60 years in amateur radio, blending technical expertise, legal knowledge, and leadership in emergency communications. Licensed at 13, Bob earned a BSE in electrical engineering and a doctorate in law, now admitted to practice in several states and before federal courts and agencies while working in the technology sector. For more than 40 years he has served as Volunteer Counsel, advising hams on PRB 1 matters, zoning, and antenna ordinances, RFI enforcement, and club governance; his technical understanding of station engineering and interference resolution has informed effective legal strategies and regulatory comments.

Elected to ARRL leadership for multiple terms (EPA Section Manager, Atlantic Division Vice Director, and later Director), he championed member rights, transparency, and representative governance. Previously, Bob served several terms as Vice President & General Counsel of the Radio Club of America and functioned as corporate counsel for the board.

In emergency communications he served as ARES District Emergency Coordinator for Greater Philadelphia, supporting regional response agencies applying technical expertise, message handling, and interoperability between amateur and public safety systems; his formal training as a professional firefighter enhances his ability to align ham radio technology with operational needs of served agencies.

A long-time mentor, Bob supports on-air training nets and club programs stressing technical competence, regulatory literacy, and readiness for public service. He believes that amateur radio’s core value lies in the skills, service, and technical capability of operators, not merely spectrum access, and he has worked to translate complex technical issues—spectrum coexistence, interference mitigation, and regulatory compliance—into clear, actionable recommendations for policymakers. Bob’s blend of engineering, legal acumen, and emergency response experience has encouraged continuous training, lowered barriers to participation, and inspired new generations of ham radio operators.



## Amateur of the Year Award Dr. Jose “Otis” Vicens NP4G

First licensed at the age of sixteen, Otis, known to friends and fellow operators on the air as NP4G, developed a passion for amateur radio. Born and raised in Humacao, Puerto Rico, he is the only amateur radio operator in his family.

Otis later moved to the United States to study Biology at Purdue University, where he became active with the W9YB Amateur Radio Club. One of his early memories of service through amateur radio was in 1998, when he helped provide communications support in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Georges. In Puerto Rico he graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine. He then completed a specialty program in Pediatric Dentistry at Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. In 2008, Otis returned to his hometown of Humacao to begin practicing orthodontics.

Early in his ham career Otis attended the DX Forum at Dayton Hamvention, where presentations on major DX-peditions inspired him to someday be a part of future adventures. He has now participated in many DXpeditions from all over the world including the very rare Bouvet Island (3Y).

Otis is very active in Puerto Rico ham radio. He is Past President of the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (PRARL) in 2012 and during the 2017 Puerto Rico hurricane disasters NP4G helped coordinate amateur radio emergency communications across eastern Puerto Rico following Hurricane Georges.

NP4G is now President of the International DX Association (INDEXA) and most recently was part of the all KP4 team to activate the very rare Desecheo Island with amazing technology as KP5/NP3VI.



## Special Achievement Award Martha Fell N3QBE and Joe Fell W3GMS

Martha and Joe Fell's journey began in 1966 when Joe earned his Novice license (WN3GMS) at the age of fourteen. Shortly thereafter, he met Harry I. Davis, W3FDY (SK), who mentored him for four years. Harry taught him to think critically, design circuits, and execute projects with precision. His guidance was life-changing, and Joe pledged to honor his request to give back to others just as Harry had done for him.

To fulfill this promise, Joe chose to retire at age 56, following a 34-year corporate career and the successful launch of his own company. The success of this mission is thanks to his wife, Martha, whose dedication to overseeing administration and logistics has greatly benefited their students.



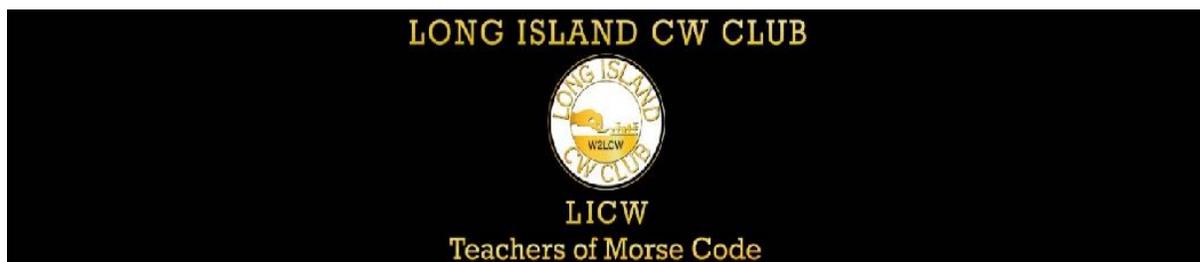
Picture by WA3VEE Ron Medykiewicz

Their program's reach has grown significantly over the decades. In 1976, Joe designed and built a repeater for his mentor's radio site which remains operational 50 years later, serving a group of approximately eighty-five operators. Their weekly technical net has become a primary resource for both new and seasoned amateurs, including many professional electrical engineers.

Today, they mentor students of all ages and interests. While their first student is currently pursuing a PhD in Electrical Engineering at MIT, their youngest started at just eight years old.

## Club of the Year Long Island CW Club

Long Island CW Club (LICW) is an online Morse code training community built to help everyday hams become confident and proficient CW operators. We combine high standards with a welcoming culture: we teach real operating skills, we treat people with respect, and we keep learning for fun. LICW offers structured classes from beginner through advanced, a wide range of topical forums, and practice resources that help students move from "copying characters" to true conversational flow. Our instructors are volunteers who remember what it felt like to be new, and who coach students through plateaus with clear, effective teaching methods, encouragement, and accountability. LICW is also proud to be a diverse community, with strong participation and leadership across generations - including more than four hundred women who serve as instructors and club leaders - along with programs that support youth and hams with disabilities. LICW is a community - people who show up for each other, celebrate progress, and share the joy of CW on the air.



# Happy Birthday PCARS Members



AD8IR	Agnes
KE8WZP	Mike
WB2DFC	Dave
K1HTQ	Royal

K1ZZ	David
N8OQQ	Bryan
N8QE	Bob
KD8GHB	Joe

KE8EGG	Alice
KC8FQV	Mark
KW8K	William

# From Around The World...



Martin F. Jue: Life and Legacy. A documentary about MFJ Enterprises, ingenuity, legacy, and community.  
<https://www.prestonboothcinematography.com/mfj-documentary>

Canada to Shut Down Its VHF Weather Radio Service  
<https://www.radioworld.com/news-and-business/headlines/canada-to-shut-down-its-vhf-weather-radio-service>

Activity is up for POTA - roughly 40% overall!  
<https://pota.news/opinion/big-numbers-for-pota/>

DLARC: The Radio Geek's Doomscrolling Antidote  
<https://www.radioworld.com/news-and-business/news-makers/dlarc-the-radio-geeks-doomscrolling-antidote>

FCC orders ban of all Baofengs because too many hams accidentally transmit that awful siren tone on local repeater  
<https://hamhijinks.com/fcc-orders-cease-and-desist-of-all-baofengs-because-too-many-hams-accidentally-transmit-that-awful-siren-tone-on-local-repeater/>

HamTV now transmitting color bars on 13 cm.  
<https://amsat-ca.org/2026/01/15/the-iss-returns-to-s-band-hamtv-now-transmitting-color-bars-on-13-cm/>

## PCARS Member Spotlight KD8WCK and KE8KBJ



Richard KD8WCK and Mara KE8KBJ :

I (KD8WCK) passed my tech license at PCARS in Dec of 2013 and joined the club in Jan 2014. 13 years of membership has reinforced my choice of being a member. I am very fortunate that my lovely wife (KE8KBJ) is a ham also. She enjoys getting on the nets and puts up with all the radio activity in the house.

Learning CW at age 73 is not the easiest thing, but I enjoy this hobby. I started playing with fldigi and digital modes in 2024 after I got my General license. I really like Olivia 16/500.

I think PCARS is quite a special organization, with a great variety of activities Tom WB8LCD told me, "There are numerous activities in amateur radio and you are bound to find your niche." I did and so will you.

I got good advice and I encourage members to talk with others and jump into the fun and don't be afraid to experiment, ask questions, and enjoy the hobby. I am retired so i have a lot of time and share it with music.



## PCARS is on YouTube

That's right - PCARS is on YouTube. So what does that mean? Hey, we have a place to put all kinds of videos that are about PCARS for the world to see.

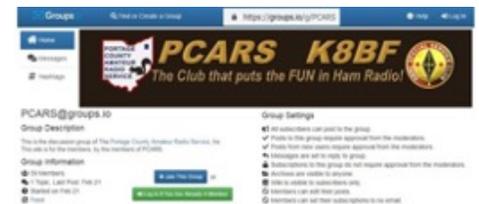


<https://youtube.com/@portagecountyamateurradios1933?si=09-NxUpDOoqdgTzc>

## PCARS IO Group

Members are reminded that PCARS has a IO Group site dedicated to PCARS. It's a great site to sign up for and get on the mailing list for important PCARS information.

Check out the PCARS IO Group at:  
<https://groups.io/g/PCARS>



## PCARS Patches & Stickers

PCARS logo patches (**iron on**) & stickers (stick on) are now available!

Put the patch on your hat, your shirt, your jacket and show off that PCARS logo! The patch is about 3". The embroidery on the white patch is Red, Black, and Blue. Cost for a patch is \$2.00 each and can be obtained at any PCARS meeting. There are 2 types of stickers available - a 4" x 6" oval and a 3" x 10" bumper sticker. Stickers are \$1 each. Reach out to the club treasurer for details.



PCARS T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Jackets, Hats, etc. can be obtained from:  
Villager Business Solutions - attn. Michelle Zivoder - [michelle@villagerbusiness.com](mailto:michelle@villagerbusiness.com) - 330-472-7304.

**John, WG8X**



Hi everybody — Spring is here! Woo-hoo! Time to get out and activate some parks. The last month has been pretty intense, and the popularity of POTA continues to grow.



In just a few weeks we'll be heading out for the POTA Support Your Parks (SYP) weekend. This isn't a contest, but rather an activity weekend where activators make a special effort to get out into nature and enjoy themselves. During SYP weekend, the normally busy ham bands become even more active. And it's not just CW, SSB, and FT8 either. Word has it that POTA Man has now begun activating using PSK-31. Wow!

It's been a busy month in my world. Thanks to a couple of trips, I've been able to add a few new states to my totals.

First came the weekend of the Toledo Hamfest in Perrysburg. While hanging out the day before, I managed to light up my first Michigan park by heading over to Erie State Game Area. Unfortunately, band conditions were pretty rough. I wound up activating the park twice but still didn't reach the magic 44 contacts needed for a valid activation in the WWFF program. Luckily, there's a good chance I'll be back next year to finish the remaining 20 contacts.

A few days later, my wife asked for a lift to Myrtle Beach, so on the way back I tried to hit as many parks as possible. But you guessed it — the band conditions were still stubborn. In fact, I didn't really get a good run going until Sunday the 22nd. By then I had landed at Hungry Mother State Park (US-1303) in Marion, Virginia, and happened to be in a rare county for the Virginia QSO Party (VAQP). Unfortunately, the logger let me down, and the best I could do was submit a check log for the contest.

Finally, a few friends and I recently spent some time activating at Wingfoot Lake. One of the things I enjoy most about these outings is seeing the variety of gear everyone brings to the park.

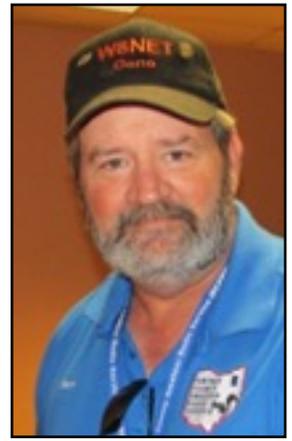
So how about you? What are your plans for this month? I hope propagation is strong and your problems are few.

73 de WG8X

## 3905 Century Club Takes on Juneau

### Snow, Antennas, and Amazing Propagation

Gene, W8NET



There are no words.

On March 11, 2026, eleven members of the **3905 Century Club** converged on Juneau, Alaska, traveling from across the U.S. and Ontario, Canada, for a week of radio, record-breaking snow, and great company.



### The Journey North

The trip started in Kent, Ohio. Rich (**AC2MT**) and I had planned to fly out of Cleveland (CLE) early Wednesday. On Tuesday night, Rich, my XYL Jackie, and I headed for **Mike's Place**—a Century Club favorite—only to find it closed for cleaning! We settled for Applebee's before prepping for the long haul. [Applebees trio]

The travel wasn't without its hiccups. Massive storms in the Chicago area made a "ground stop" in ORD. A delay in Chicago caused us to miss our connection, turning the final leg into a "milk run" from Seattle to Juneau. We had a 3 hour layover at Sea-Tac. Throughout

the journey, the whole group was constantly texting to coordinate arrival times and navigate the travel snags.

### Settling In

By Wednesday night, we were all settled into a spacious AirBnB. Thursday was all business: we spent the morning setting up antennas and the afternoon getting the rigs online. We ran a true "community kitchen" during the trip, with (almost) everyone pitching in to prepare meals. Kudos to Doug, N3VEJ, and Kirk, AA1NA, for their culinary prowess for a few great meals!



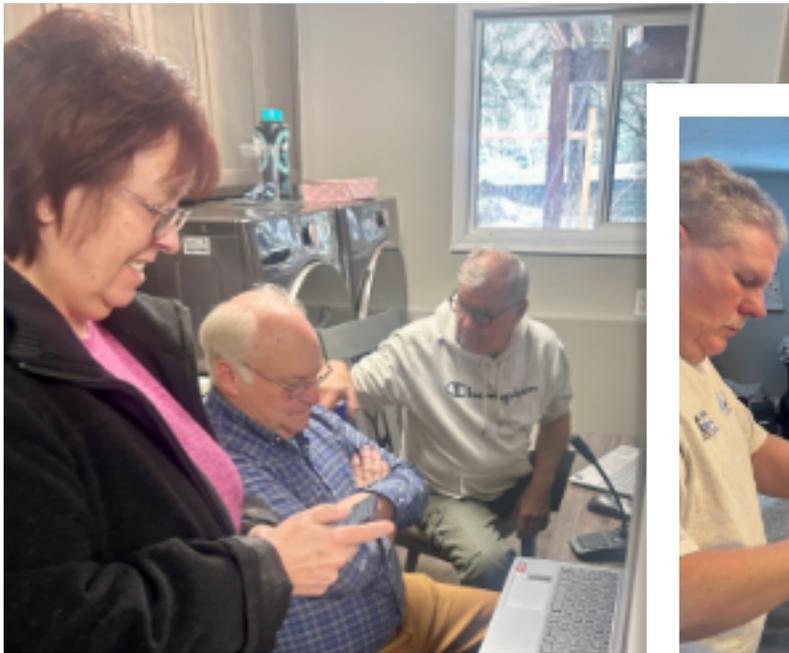
We had a pair of bald eagles in the trees in our yard. We had a close view of them every day. Magnificent birds!



Juneau greeted us with a **record-breaking winter**. The snow was relentless, providing a beautiful (if cold) backdrop for our HF mobile, portable and POTA operations.



Throughout the week, we enjoyed each company, had great conversations, played radio, and even took a nap when needed.







### **Century Club and POTA Success**

I managed to get out for some POTA work on 20m and 30m. Using my **Yaesu FT-710**, a **JPC-12 vertical**, and 50' of RG-316 thin coax, I had a blast on FT8.

- Total QSOs:** 137

- Countries worked:** USA, Canada, Russia, Japan, China, and Taiwan.

On the nets, we found 20m and 40m to be in good (not great) shape. But, we had a bunch of contacts. 75m was a struggle for most of the week—until our final night.

## Glacier Views and Club Legends

Friday gave us a lucky break: the only clear day of the trip. We took the opportunity to visit the stunning **Mendenhall Glacier**. Photos (even great ones) do not do it justice. It is massive and beautiful.



A major highlight was spending time with 97-year-old **Jim Cummins, KL7IYD**. A long-time 3905 Century Club member, Jim is a wealth of knowledge and a true legend in the hobby. I have known Jim for 33 years – ON the radio. What a pleasure to meet him in person. Jim's antennas are down.



We also welcomed our newest Club RoadRunner, **Clay, WA2JIM**, into the fold during the trip. If you didn't know, a 3905 Century Club RoadRunner is someone who has operated FROM EVERY state! A rare accomplishment! Great work, Clay!

We also went to downtown Juneau (pier area). What scenery!



And that is our group (left to right):

Doug, N3VEJ; Clay, WA2JIM; Debbie, K9DBB; Mac, W6PNY; Dave, AI4K; Rich, AC2MT; Gene, W8NET; Craig, VE3CMB; Mike, KU1V; Mark, W5PLZ; Kirk, AA1NA.

## A Strong Finish

After days of difficult band conditions, the ionosphere finally smiled on us for our last night in Alaska. The **75m propagation was absolutely amazing**, allowing us to end the trip on a high note before heading back home.

As a result of their work this trip, Kirk, AA1NA and Mike, KU1V, both need only HI for their RoadRunner. Hawaii, here we go?

Special "thanks" to Dean, KL7OR, and Joe, KA0BMX, for their NCS and relay duties. We couldn't do without you, guys!



Despite the "milk run" and the record snow, we left Juneau with full logs and great memories. This group is a special group of very good friends. We are family. I love all of you.

See you on the nets!



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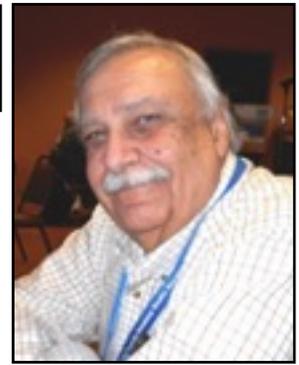


## *DX/Contesting SIG*

PCARS Contesters and DXers:

**Chuck, W8PT**

DX & Contesting SIG  
Coordinator



Just a short report on our recent meeting. We held our DX/Contesting Special interest Group meeting Mar. 24 at 7PM at our World Famous HQ.

We had 11 attendees either in person or by way of ZOOM.

We had a review of our participation in the Idaho and Wisconsin QSO Parties. Conditions were not very good and we fell fairly short of previous years in the Wisconsin contest. This might have been due to that state being hammered by a severe blizzard during the contest. However, some states south of us said they were doing well. So the sigs might have just been skipping over our part of the state. We discussed that we might look at the Oklahoma QSO Party next year since we heard many OK stations and the contest is on the same dates.

We then reviewed the Florida QSO Party rules for the contest coming up near the end of April. This is one of the split contests where they run two days but split the operating times so we old codgers can get some sleep. This is also a contest where they will penalize you for a busted call, incorrect exchange or even if we do not appear in the other stations log.

Finally, we discussed our plans to have a companion QRP event to our FYAO. Namely the Roast Your Acorns Off QRP Event. It will take place on July 25 at Lake Milton State Park, Harry Meshel Park pavilion. We have already reserved two of the pavilions in this park area. There will be more regarding this event as we get nearer to the date in July. Looks to be an exciting event.

For now, 73 and keep your rigs humming.

Chuck, W8PT

## *POTA Special Interest Group*

Hi POTA fans!

Our next POTA SIG meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 @7:00PM at PCARS World Headquarters in scenic Ravenna, OH. We will be discussing options for the Spring POTA Event, and others. I will discuss my Alaska trip and the POTA activities I did there.... and any other topics you may have.

Watch for QSTs!

73 de W8NET, Gene

**Gene, W8NET**

POTA SIG Coordinator



## PCARS Custom Coffee Cups - LIMITED EDITION! - Get One Now!

PCARS has obtained a limited number of special, custom-made coffee cups that are available only to members.

**Supply is limited.** If you are a current (PAID) member of PCARS you get one coffee cup for **FREE!!** The only catch is that you have to claim it from the **Treasurer**. There is a list of current members and the treasurer will check off your name when you get your **FREE** PCARS coffee cup.



There are a *very limited number of extra coffee cups* for sale at \$5.00 each. **Contact the Treasurer for details:** [treasurer@portcars.org](mailto:treasurer@portcars.org)

### Swap-N-Shop

**FOR SALE WANTED FOR SALE WANTED FOR SALE**

**For Sale:** Yaesu FT-2000 160 - 6 Meter Transceiver with FH-2 Remote Control Keypad and CT-119 Programming Cable \$750 for everything. Original boxes are available. Geocron GEO-4K-COMP2 new in the box \$125. MFJ-931 Artificial Ground \$75. MFJ-4906S Duplexer \$50. The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications Version 101 \$50. Will consider reasonable offers. Local sales only. Contact Bob Hajdak N8QE at (330) 807-5903 or [rhajdak@aol.com](mailto:rhajdak@aol.com) [06/26]

**For Sale:** Astron VS-50M 12 Volt D.C. 50 Amp power supply - \$300, MFJ-1112 Multi D.C. outlets - \$30, MFJ-1117 high current D.C. outlet - \$50, MFJ-1118 high current multi D.C. outlet with switch and meter - \$75, Drake MN-2000 matching network - \$200, Heathkit HM-2140 HF dual reading "peak" wattmeter, with power supply -\$100. Contact: Jeff, WA8SAJ by home phone at (440) 9516406. [05/26]

For Sale or Want Ad policy reminder: This is a PCARS **members only benefit**. Please don't ask to list items for a friend, relative or SK estate unless they are/were a member of PCARS. Requests come in from all over the USA (and beyond) to list items for sale or wanted items and we just cannot dedicate that much space to non-members. Listings are good for 3 months unless canceled or changed earlier. The date listed after the contact information tells you when the ad expires - example: [01/26] indicates the ad will run until the end of January 2026.



## Charlie the Tuner's DX High-Lites for April 2026



**Chuck, W8PT**  
aka "Charlie the Tuner"

Greetings to all DXers:

Hello and welcome to this column again. There are a lot of great DX opportunities this month and that is not an April's Fool joke. We have islands on the air as well as some well-known DXpeditioners out there wanting to make a lot of contacts. So, make a list of what you find below and see what you can work. Keep in mind that these folks are doing this so you can put a rare call in your log. So have some fun and work some DX.

**As always, big Thank You to:** The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites; DL5ON; The DX News Letter, DXNews.com, DX-World.Net, 425 DX News.

This report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know, so... - "**Work First, Worry Later**".

**Here's ClubLog's Top 10 Most wanted DXCC entities:**

1. **P5 DPRK (NORTH KOREA)**
2. **BS7H SCARBOROUGH REEF**
3. **CE0X SAN FELIX ISLANDS**
4. **BV9P PRATAS ISLAND**
5. **KH7K KURE ISLAND**
6. **KH3 JOHNSTON ISLAND**
7. **3Y/P PETER 1 ISLAND**
8. **FT5/X KERGUELEN ISLAND**
9. **YV0 AVES ISLAND**
10. **3Y/B BOUVET ISLAND**

**April...**

**3B9N – RODRIGUES IS.** - Following on from his [3B8G activity](#), look for Suvarna VU3OPT to be on air from Rodrigues island as 3B9N during early April to mid-May 2026. Again QRV on 20-10m, CW. Location: MH10qh. QSL via VU3OPT or QRZ logbook.

**3XFSG, REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.** Look for far-travelled DXpeditioner Elvira, IV3FSG to be active from Rooma (Roume) Island, AF-051 – Guinea as 3XFSG during April 11-25, 2026. QRV on 160-6m; using two low power stations and vertical antennas. Modes: CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 & FT2. QSL via t.b.a.

**5W0, SAMOA.** Jacek, SP5EAQ informs DX-WORLD that he plans to activate Samoa for a period of three weeks until around April 12 operating SSB exclusively. Operations will cover all bands from 10 to 40 meters, with a possibility of limited activity on 80 meters. As with his previous operations, this will be a single-operator activation using my former callsign, 5W0AF.

**7P8WR, LESOTHO.** Paolo IZ0EVI, Diego IZ0EWJ and Luca IZ6DSQ will be active from Lesotho as 7P8WR during April 23 to May 1, 2026. QRV on 40-10m; SSB & FT8. QSL via IZ0EWJ.

**9G, ABOKWA IS. (GHANA)** Silvano I2YSB lets us know that the Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Abokwa Island (AF-084), Ghana, during April 2026. More details including callsign will be announced soon.

**9V, SINGAPORE. Reminder** - Eric, KH6WI, is QRV as 9V1EO for the next two years. Activity is on Satellite QO-100 using FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

**CE0, EASTER IS.** Markus, DJ4EL will be active from Easter Island as () CE0Y/DJ4EL during until April 11, 2026. QRV mainly on SSB (800w). Follow Markus on [X](#) for news updates. QSL via LoTW.

**H44MS, SOLOMON IS. Reminder** - Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active as H44MS from Manakwai village, Malaita Island, IOTA OC - 047, Solomon Islands, during January - April 2026. He will be operating on 40 - 6m SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**JG8NQJ/JD1 – MINAMI TORISHIMA** - Take JG8NQJ will again be active from Minami Torishima as JG8NQJ/JD1 starting February 26 and lasting through until mid-May 2026. QRV when time permits. He runs mainly CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**TL8, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Reminder** - João CR7BNW reports that he will be operating from the Central African Republic as TL8BNW until June 2026. QRV on 40-20-15-10M using a dipole in SSB and FT8. Exact operational dates to be announced closer to start date. QSOs uploaded to LoTW and QRZ logbook.

**TX9, MARQUESAS IS.** A team of 6 operators, four from the Oklahoma DX Assn (OKDXA), one from New Mexico and one from France, K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV, and F6BCW will be active as TX9W from the village of Atuona on the island of Hiva Oa, Marquesas Islands beginning 19 April through 30 April, 2026. They plan to operate 6 stations on all bands 160 through 6 meters using the CW, FT8, FT4, SSB, and RTTY modes. An emphasis will be made on CW and SSB QSOs.

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**V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Reminder** - Randall, KX4QD is QRV as V73HW for the next two years. Activity is in his spare time on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

**VK0, ANTARCTICA. Reminder** - Tom, VK2TBC is going to be based at Casey Station, Antarctica and plans to be operational as VK0TBC between February and December this year. He will be running with a Flex-8400 and DX Commander plus other wire antennas. QRV when time permits on SSB & FT8.

**V4/SP9FIH, ST KITTS & NEVIS.** Janusz, SP9FIH (recently QRV as [VP2EWE](#)) will be active from St Kitts & Nevis as V4/SP9FIH during March 22 to April 18, 2026. He plans to QRV on 30-6m; SSB, FT8, FT4 and maybe RTTY. Will also run as V47K in contests, ie CQ WPX. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**YJ1JXZ – VANUATU.** Aki says he will be active from Port Vila, Vanuatu as **YJ1JXZ** until April 6, 2026. QRV on 80-6m; on weekdays I will be active after 5pm Vanuatu time and all day during the weekend of my stay.

### Looking Ahead & Other Reminders...

**3G0Z & XR0Z, JUAN FERNÁNDEZ ISLANDS.** Felipe XQ7IR will be QRV as 3G0Z from Robinson Crusoe Island (Juan Fernández Islands) for approximately three weeks during May 2026. Operation will be from 160 to 6m in FT8 – CW – SSB modes, focusing on low bands.

**5H3DX – TANZANIA.** Look for Chas, NK8O to again be active from Dodoma, Tanzania as 5H3DX during June 8 to July 2, 2026. QRV on 30-10; CW, SSB & DIGI. QSL via NK8O, LoTW & Club Log.

**AU2M – ARNALA IS., AS-169** - Sarath, VU2RS, will be reactivating the Arnala IOTA Activation. This activation was postponed last year due to heavy rains. Following many requests, they have decided to move forward with the reactivation of Arnala IOTA from May 1st, 2026, to May 3rd, 2026.

**FS, ST. MARTIN.** From June 10-24, 2026, John K9EL will be visiting Saint Martin on a family vacation and plans to be active as **FS/K9EL** during quiet times. Activity will focus on 6 meters when it is open and limited activity on other bands (40-10m). Operating times will be sporadic and often short. Daily Club Log and LoTW uploads are planned, possibly Club Log livestream. QSL via K9EL – Club Log OQRS preferred

**HK4/PY8WW – TUTUMATE IS., SA-093** - Renato, HK4WW has announced the soon activation of IOTA SA-093 – Tutumate Islands, located in the Chocó Province, in the Darién region of Colombia. The tentative call sign will be **HK4/PY8WW**, and the operation is scheduled from May 9th to May 15th, 2026. The station will operate using solar panels and stored energy with an EcoFlow power system.

**Z66SP, REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO.** With full details to follow, Z66SP is going to be a Polish DXpedition to Kosovo in April 2026. QTH: Grashtice, near Pristina, Republic of Kosovo. QSL via SP2ZIE. QRX for more..

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND.** Members of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters are QRV with special call sign ZL100C until August 2026 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the club's founding. QSL via bureau.

**Disclaimer:** As you know, these DX events can change due to various reasons that sometimes are out of the control of those who are doing the planning. Be patient. I'm hoping that you use this info to hunt down your ATNO or simply to work some DX before your rigs become boat anchors or you become a boat anchor yourself!

**WOBBLE THE ETHERS!! Keep the airways going by working some great DX. Get on the air!! If we don't use it, we may lose it. 73 for now....Chuck W8PT aka Charlie the Tuner**



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## Linux and Raspberry Pi Special Interest Group

**Gene, W8NET**

Linux & Raspberry Pi SIG Coordinator

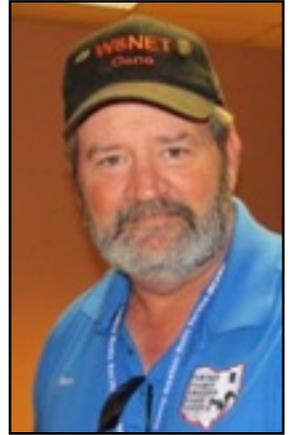
Greetings all!

Our next Linux & Raspberry Pi SIG meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 @7:00PM at PCARS World Headquarters in Ravenna, OH.

In this session, we will be configuring a Linux SAMBA share at the club house This will be for all OS images and software. SAMBA is a way to use Windows shares.

ALSO, I will have a thumb drive for Lubuntu Linux and Mint Linux. Bring your old laptop and we will bring it back to life!

73 de W8NET, Gene



## PCARS Flex Net

**Mike, N8WCP**

Flex Net Coordinator

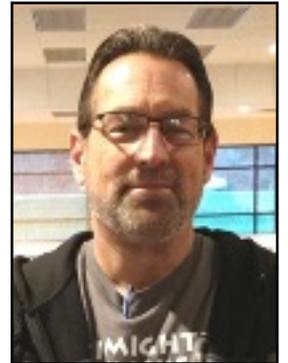
March's Flex Net was held on 28.314 USB. Six stations participated in the net; W8KNO, KA8TOA, K8IV, KB8TUY, N8QE and N8WCP. As the net was closing, we had a call from JJ0SNQ who heard the net.

April's Flex Net will be held on Wednesday the 15th at 8:00PM on 3.895 +/- LSB. If you have a suggestion for the next Flex Net, please send an email to [n8wcp.us@gmail.com](mailto:n8wcp.us@gmail.com).

Looking forward to hearing you on the net!

73

Mike - N8WCP



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# The American Radiator Delay League

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"Of, by and for" the delayer, it numbs within its ranks practically every worth-while amateur delayer who ever successfully delayed a radiator, and has a history of glorious achievement as the radiator-bearer amongst delayed amateurs.

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see it above, it's—

## APRIL FOOL!

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Messages of the following type may be filed with any of The American Radiator Delay League Stations: CQ CQ

Main Delaying Headquarters:  
(For answer, see to-morrow's instalment)

# Charlie the Tuner's April 2026 Contest Update



**Chuck, W8PT**  
aka "Charlie the Tuner"

Greetings to My Fellow PCARS Contesters and anyone else interested in Contesting:

## K8BF Scheduled Contests for 2025

Minnesota and British Columbia QSOPs	Feb 7-8	Completed
Freeze Your Acorns Off	Feb 21	Completed
Idaho and Wisconsin QSOPs	Mar 14-15	Completed
Florida QSOP	Apr 25-26	
7th Call Area QSOP	May 2-3	
Indiana QSOP	May 2-3	
Delaware QSOP	May 2-3	
New England QSOP	May 2-3	
ARRL International Digital Contest	June 6-7	
Field Day	June 27-28	
NA QSOP RTTY	July 18-19	
Ohio QSOP & BBQ	Aug 22-23	
OSPOTA	Sep 12	
Washington Salmon Run	Sep 19-20	
California QSOP	Oct 3-4	

## In March we have the following for those interested in participating on their own\*:

Louisiana QSO Party	Apr. 4 -5
QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party	Apr. 11
New Mexico QSO Party	Apr. 11 - 12
Georgia QSO Party	Apr. 11 - 12
Ontario QSO Party	Apr. 18 - 19
Quebec QSO Party	Apr. 19

73 for now and hope to hear you on the bands in 2026. Charlie the Tuner.

*\*Other contests decided upon by the contest committee might be run from Members' QTHs using the club call with our License Trustee's prior permission. Of course, they will also have to adhere to their specific station license requirements.*

\*Contests that appear in BOLD are ones in which K8BF will participate.

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### PCARS February 2026 Schedule of Events

April 4th	VE Test Session
April 6th	PCARS Board Meeting
April 13th	PCARS Monthly Meeting
April 18th	World Amateur Radio Day
April 23rd	Net Night at the Club

### Special Interest Groups at the Club Site

1st Tuesday Odd Months	Digital Special Interest Group - Moderator: Rick, K8CAV
1st Tuesday Even Months	Linux & Raspberry Pi Special Interest Group - Moderator: Gene, W8NET
2nd Tuesday	Portable Ops Special Interest Group - Moderator: Gene, W8NET
3rd Tuesday	Antenna Special Interest Group - Moderator: Ken, WA8LRW
4th Tuesday	DX & Contest Special Interest Group - Moderator: Chuck, W8PT
5th Tuesday	Could Be Anything Special Interest Group - Moderator: Rick, KD8WCK

## Hamfest Calendar

04/11 - Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 70th  
Hamfest  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
<https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org/>

04/26 - Athens Hamfest  
Athens, OH  
<http://ac-ara.org/>

05/14-05/17 - Four Days In May  
Fairborn, OH  
<http://qrparci.org/fdim>

05/15-05/17 - Hamvention, 2026  
Xenia, OH  
<https://hamvention.org/>

06/06 - FCARC SummerFest  
Delta, OH  
<https://k8bxq.org/hamfest>



# March Meeting Pictures



# Idaho and Wisconsin QSO Parties



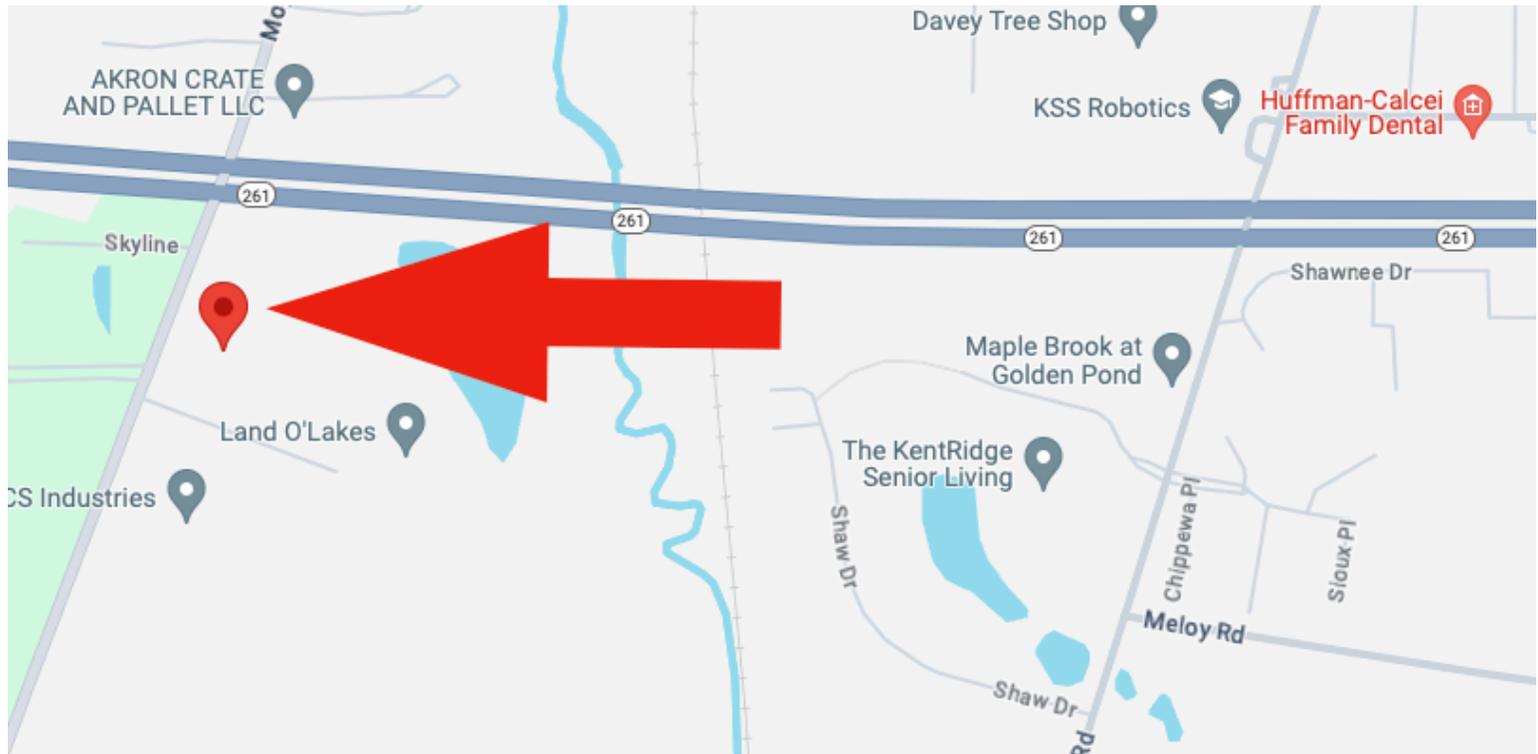


# PCARS Meetings



The Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) in-person meetings are held the **2nd Monday** of each month and start at **7:00 PM**.

**The meetings are held at The American Legion, Post 496  
1945 Mogadore Road in Kent (Just South of Route 261)**

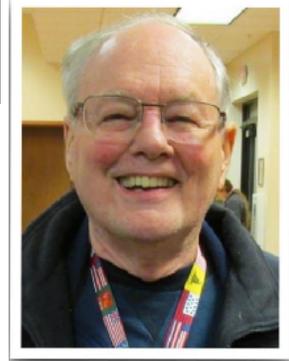


The American Legion Post 496 is located on the southeast corner of State Route 261 and Mogadore Rd. The driveway is on the south side of the building and as you enter you will pass through a parking lot on the south side of the building. Please do not park in this lot but instead continue on to the parking lot on the east side of the building which is the near the rear entrance into the Post 'Canteen'. As you enter the post from this entrance you'll see a bar to the left and a dining area to the right. The meeting area we'll be in is on the right, to the rear of the dining area.



The menu consists of your basic burger / dog / chicken sandwiches, wings, fries, onion rings, and salads. There is also an appetizer selection as well. Adult beverages are available and costs are in line with what you would expect at most bar-restaurant facilities.

If you are a member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion, bring your ID card as you get a substantial discount on adult beverage pricing.



**Jim, AC8NT**  
PCARS VE Team Liaison



**Future Dates:**

- April 4th
- June 6th
- August 1st
- October 3rd
- December 5th

**Check the website for the latest information**

On behalf of the VE team at PCARS, we all look forward to seeing you at the PCARS club site in Ravenna so you can take your license test or an upgrade to your existing license. All tests will be given using Exam Tools. This new process will provide instant grading and tells examinees whether they passed or failed immediately after finishing the exam. Most will receive their calls and upgrade within three business days of passing the test. However, it does change what is needed for testing.

1. Examinees must go to <https://hamstudy.org/>. On the right side of the page, click "Find a Session". Select one of our PCARS sessions and follow the instructions to register for the test. Examinees must have a valid and working email address for this process. If you pass and the FCC requires a fee, you will receive an email with instructions for payment. This email will only be sent ONCE. It is important that you watch for it. Try to avoid company or educational email addresses. Emails are often filtered and you might miss your FCC notice. If you don't have an FRN number the registration system will, through the FCC, get you one.
2. You will show up at the club site at 9:45 am on the test date and start the process to take the test. You must have a valid photo ID and a copy of your current license if you are upgrading. See "All the Details" below for complete information.
3. The test is taken on one of the club computers. It is a easy and quick process. Remember there is no time limit for any of the tests. The system also allows you to change your answers if necessary while taking the test.
4. When finished, the system will grade the exam and let you know if you passed or failed. It will automatically transfer all the information necessary for your license directly to the VEC for processing.
5. There will be no fee charged for testing.
6. If you fail your exam the system will provide information on the questions you missed, so you can prepare for your next attempt.
7. When the FCC processes your exam you will receive an email with payment instructions for paying the \$35 FCC fee. This fee will not be charged for upgrades.

PCARS VE sessions are scheduled for **9:45 am** Registration, **10:00 am** Testing starts, on the first Saturday of every even numbered month at the PCARS club site in Ravenna.

**Any questions? Contact [VEC@portcars.org](mailto:VEC@portcars.org)**

Okay - Now **All** the Details:

- If you are sick, have a cough, a high temperature or have been exposed to COVID-19 or other communicable germs, or someone that has been infected - please, *do not* come to the club site. *Use of masks is optional.*
- No food or snacks allowed.
- Ensure you have the following:
  - A picture ID such as a valid Driver's License, State ID, School ID, or US Passport.
  - If you are under 16 years of age, a parent or guardian must be able to vouch for you and you need a copy of your birth certificate (you do not have to give us a copy, we just have to see and verify).
  - If you are upgrading to General or Extra - You **MUST** bring your original valid amateur radio license.
  - Calculators are okay to use (if you need one) as long as the memories are cleared.
  - NO cell Phones allowed.

**Email Addresses REQUIRED** - All applications are required to contain an email address for FCC correspondence. Applicants will receive an email direct from the FCC with a link to the official electronic copy of their license whenever a license is issued or changed. ARRL VEC suggests that those without access to email to use the email address of a family member or friend. Licensees will be able to log in to the ULS using their FRN and password to download the latest version of their license at any time. The FCC no longer provides paper license documents via regular mail.

**FCC - \$35 Amateur Application Fee** - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request that the new \$35 application fee will **not apply to upgrade to an amateur radio licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees**. The new fees will apply only to applications for a **new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign**.

**VECs and Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not collect the \$35 fee at exam sessions.**

When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, it will email a link with payment instructions to each successful candidate. The candidate will have **10 calendar days**, from the date of the application file number being issued, to pay. After the fee is paid, and the FCC has processed an application, examinees will receive a second email from the FCC with a link to their official license. The link will be good for 30 days.

**Youth Licensing Grant Program** - The ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program, in effect since April 19, 2022, will cover the one-time \$35 application fee for **new** amateur radio license candidates **17 years old or younger** for tests administered under the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) program. The \$35 Federal Communications Commission (FCC) application fee will be reimbursed after the ARRL VEC receives the completed reimbursement form and after the new license has been issued. The reimbursement check will be mailed to the fee payer. Also, candidates 17 years old or younger would pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VE team at the time of the exam. The \$5 fee is for all candidates 17 years old or younger, regardless of the exam level taken. Proof of under 18 status is required.

Visit the ARRL website for the program instructions and reimbursement form at [www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program](http://www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program).

## Printing Your FCC License

Information provided by Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

As of February 17, 2015, the **FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents** to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one.

Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager.

I've created a set of instructions on how you can request an “**official**” **printed copy of your license\***  
[Click here to download the instructions](#)

**J.C., KC8JC**  
PCARS Newsletter Editor



I'm looking out the window as I write this and there is no snow in sight. There are daffodils popping up in the flower beds and I've been outside without a coat a few times. I'm not easily fooled by a little bit of sun and some temperatures in the 60s, but maybe it's time to get serious about being outside.

Speaking of fooled, it's time to be cautious. I would love to see ICOM release an IC-705 Mk II or finally get a completely wireless antenna, but enough time on the internet has taught me that maybe I should read things two or three times before getting excited. There might even be an fool or two in this very newsletter.

Thank you to all of those who sent inputs for this month's issue:

**AC8NT, KA8TOA, KB8UUZ, KD8WCK, KE8KBJ,  
N8WCP, W8NET, W8PT, WA8LRW, WB8LCD,  
WG8X and the World Wide Web.**

Send all of your inputs to me at [KC8JC@portcars.org](mailto:KC8JC@portcars.org) in the form of plain text and full-size photos. Share your latest tips, tricks, and insights into this hobby of hobbies with your fellow club members.



*Seriously. I will.*

# The Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) - Ohio

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1945 Mogadore Rd. - just South of Rt. 261 - Enter the rear of the building for the meeting room.

**Meeting starts at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend - Stop in and say hello!**

**PCARS uses the K8IV repeater: 146.895 PL 118.8 in Sugar Bush Knolls. - EchoLink Node: K8BF-L**

Check PCARS out on the web: [www.PORTCARS.org](http://www.PORTCARS.org)

## 2026 PCARS Officers

President - Greg Ash - KA8TOA  
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3 Year Trustee - Bob Hajdak - N8QE  
Past President - Jim Wilson - AC8NT

## 2026 PCARS Appointments & Committees

ARRL Awards DXCC	-	-
Club Site Management	K8CAV	Rick Kruis
Contest Coordinator	W8PT	Chuck Patellis
EchoLink	AC8NT	Jim Wilson
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FYAO Chairman	W8PT	Chuck Patellis
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K8BF QSL Manager	N8QE	Bob Hajdak
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PCARS Photographer	-	-
Public Information Officer	N8WCP	Mike Szabo
Secretary	-	-
Social Media	N8WCP	Mike Szabo
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<b>WA8CCU</b>	Al Nagy
<b>N8FUM</b>	Dan Torchia
<b>KC8JC</b>	J.C. Wilson
<b>W8EC</b>	Mark Haas
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<b>W8HFZ</b>	Tim McLeod
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