

Announcing the:



Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

A-Z Award



Open to all current Portage County Amateur Radio Service members.

Contact 26 current PCARS members (current members on the date of award submission) with the **last** letter in their suffix to complete the English alphabet - letters A through Z.

Example KD8EPA counts as the letter “A”, through KB8UUZ counts as letter “Z”

PCARS members can see the current listing for PCARS members on the PCARS website: www.portcars.org.

QSL card verified contacts made with current PCARS members since PCARS started (November 14, 2005) count toward the award.

Three Awards:

Bronze: Voice contacts made through 2 meter FM repeaters. EchoLink contacts are also allowed.

Silver: Voice contacts made on 2 meters FM or SSB - not through repeaters - no EchoLink.

Gold: Contacts made on 160/80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 or 6 Meters - AM/SSB/CW/Digital (any combination) (not through a repeater).

QSL Cards ARE required. No e-QSL, no LoTW. QSL cards must have call signs of both stations, contact date, time (UTC), band (frequency if FM) and mode. Contacts made starting January 1, 2012.

Don't have a QSL card? Hand made QSL cards are allowed.

Award Verification:

Complete the entry form and have the sorted QSL cards verified by PCARS ARRL Card Checkers (W8KNO or KB8UUZ).

PCARS members located outside of the local area: Send completed award entry form and original QSL cards showing appropriate information (photo copies accepted - *and preferred* - we don't want you losing original QSL cards in the postal system) with fee and sufficient return postage for original QSL cards if sent, (photo copies will not be returned) to QRZ.com address for either W8KNO or KB8UUZ.

Award Fee:

\$2.00 for the award certificate if the award is to be picked up at a PCARS meeting. See the meeting information on the PCARS website at: www.portcars.org

If the award is to be mailed in the USA, fee is \$4.00 (covers cost of award, large envelope and US postage - add extra \$2.00 for return of original QSL cards if sent).

Fee for foreign delivery is 3 current IRCs. Plus 3 current IRCs for return of original QSL cards, if submitted.

Certificate is 8-1/2" x 11". No endorsements. Separate awards for Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The sponsoring organization, the Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS), reserves the right to modify any part of this program or to discontinue it at any time. All decisions of the sponsoring organization are final.