



# Portage County Amateur Radio Service

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**Welcome** - We're **PCARS**, an ARRL Affiliated and 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 long business meetings. We always have a presentation on an 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. 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 Antennas, DX/Contesting and Digital Communications. 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.

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

**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



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 firmly believe that Amateur Radio is all about finding joy and satisfaction. Whether you're just starting or have years of experience, PCARS is committed to offering something valuable to everyone. I want to personally invite you to join us at our monthly meetings, either in person or via Zoom. You can find our online calendar by visiting:



[https://www.portcars.org/wp/Calendar\\_PCARS.html](https://www.portcars.org/wp/Calendar_PCARS.html)  
 Our Club also hosts a weekly 2-meter net every Thursday at 8:00 PM local time. You can tune in to the K8IV repeater (146.895 MHz / 118.8 PL), or connect via EchoLink K8BF node. By becoming a part of our community, you'll discover a fantastic group of individuals who truly relish their hobby.



73, Mike Gonzalez, KP4VZ, PCARS President [president@portcars.org](mailto:president@portcars.org)

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