

Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 27, 2002

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1901 by club President George Dean. Present were George Dean, WA1JMM, Gary Clark, KB1EIX, Priscilla Clark, KB1EIW, John Howard, KD1YW, Terry Knowles, N1RCU, Don Gaudreau, WA1AKV, Dottie Hughes, KB1FOI, Daniel Newcome, W1GHH, Ben Kittredge, WA1PBR, Tom Lambert, N1OJH, Pam Weymouth, WB1BWJ, and Howard Weymouth, WA1SBI.

2. Correspondence: No correspondence.

3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Presentation of bills: The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

4. Old Business and/or committee reports:

ARRL Membership A survey of ARRL members who are club members will be taken to see if PARC qualifies for an ARRL club.

PARC'S Peak Award: The PARC's Peak Award was given to Gary Clark, KB1EIX for being net control with the most check ins for the month of April.

Stickney Hill Repeater: The Stickney Hill Repeater has been having some problems during the last week. According to Paul Kelley, N1BUG, the controller is damaged and he had to replace it with the original control board. The possibility of moving the PARC repeater to the Stickney Hill site if the controller had problems was discussed. Members were in favor of this. The club will wait to see if Paul can repair the controller and to see if it will function before he is approached about this. Club members discussed helping Paul construct a new repeater building this summer. Members were in favor of helping him.

KI/Prairie Camporee:

Topics discussed:

- Over 104 scouts signed in at the KI gate.
- 90% of the hikers went on the same hiking path. Troop 63 decided to hike a different trail.
- AAIW, Brian from Brunswick was the only nonPARC volunteer ham to assist with the communications provided by PARC.
- A live demonstration of ham radio was given by Max Soucia, N1KGS. Max also assisted a number of scouts to earn their radio badge. Max worked 80 meters with the scouts with another PARC member and two other hams from out of state. Max qualified over 20 Radio badges.
- Don Gaudreau was proclaimed the backbone of the operation. He operated 2 meters, cell phone and family radio.
- Several concerns were voiced by club members.
 - A group of scouts camping in the wrong area set up by one of the PA speakers. They were annoyed by the speakers so they disconnected one of them.
 - Several complaints about the noise caused by the generator were made.
 - No scout crew showed up on Thursday, as promised, to assist with setting up.
 - The tent for the radios was a 8x10. This was smaller than anticipated.

- A GPS would have been helpful.
- One group of scouts made it difficult to locate them as they took a different trail than the others, refused to identify themselves to a ham providing safety communications and refusing to cross a stream at a convenient location. Because they did not check in they were considered lost for a period of time and calling Search and Rescue was considered. Fortunately the lost group did appear shortly before this call was made.

Field Day: Field Day will be held at the Save a Lot shopping center and Max will head this up. He will be contacting people about arrangements. Some things that will be needed for Field Day are: a shelter, radios, generator, lights, tables, chairs, and food.

Ham Fest: The Ham Fest is scheduled for August 10 in St Albans. It is ARRL sanctioned. The Regional Director of ARRL or his assistant will attend. Exams will be held at 9 o'clock. It was moved and approved that the grand prize will be a Radio Shack 10 meter transceiver. There will be minor prizes and raffle tickets for sale also.

Abbott Parade: PARC has been asked to provide communications for the July 27 parade. Meeting time will be 10 o'clock. Howie Weymouth, WA1SBI will make arrangements and provide information. Four or five people will be needed.

Elections: The secretary cast one vote for all members.

President	George Dean, WA1JMM
Vice President	Terry Knowles, N1RCU
Treasurer	Margie Williams, NIUCN
Secretary	Ben Kittredge, WA1PBR

Weather training: The National Weather Bureau will provide weather spotting training on June 8 from 10 o'clock to noon at the EOC. All club members and the public are welcome.

GAP Antenna: Ben Kittredge, WA1PBR, Terry Knowles, N1RCU, and Dan Newcomb, W1GHH repaired the GAP antenna. Ben donated a pole for the repair.

Net Meeting: The net meeting will be held on the 145 repeater. If the repeater is out the net will be help on the 147 machine.

Net Controls: 6/5 N1DGJ
6/12 NIUCN
6/19 KB1FOI
6/26 WA1JMM

Lifetime Membership: Terry Knowles, N1RCU moved that Harry Webber should be a lifetime member of PARC. He is the founder of PARC. It was voted and approved by members.

6. Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Clark, KB1EIW