

PELICAN BAY Amateur Radio Club

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Sunday, September 7: Picnic at Loeb Park, Annual Meeting with Election of Officers and Vote on Incorporation, Auction of Ham Radio Gear



September is coming, and that means it's time for our 34th annual meeting of the Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club (PBARC) on Sunday, Sept. 7. As in other years, we'll have election of officers for next year and a potluck lunch as well as two other important activities.

This will all take place at Loeb State park, 9 miles up the Chetco River North Bank Rd. from Highway 101 in Brookings. Hams should listen to the club's Harbor Hills Repeater on 146.960 MHz for last-minute instructions.

People are encouraged to gather after noon, and the serving of the potluck lunch will begin about 1 PM. Campfire coffee and hot dogs will be provided, and participants are asked to bring a salad, hot dish or dessert. Your folding chairs make it more comfortable.

The annual meeting and election of officers are scheduled following lunch. During the meeting, we will discuss and vote on the proposal for club incorporation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This proposal has been compiled by our executive committee with the help of our member Kathy Bernhardt KG7EHS, who has recent experience in this field. It has been discussed at our monthly meetings. This proposal includes a rewriting of our current club by-laws. Copies of the three documents we will be voting on were e-mailed to you on May 31, 2014. Please review these or feel free to contact Lorraine at (bobnlori@wtribe.com) to have them emailed to you again.

At our annual meeting and picnic on Sept. 7, many items obtained recently from an estate will be put up for auction. As before, this will be a silent auction, with a bid sheet alongside each item or package, on which we can enter our original and/or increased bids with our call signs. A final bid closing time will be specified. There will be a minimum bid specified on the major items.

A list of some of those major things:

1. Yaesu FT-1000MP transceiver, complete with a Yaesu SP-6 speaker equipped with a Timewave DSP-59Y modem. Top of the line and new in 2000, this 100-watt hf transceiver is in very good to excellent condition and has been well tested. It operates on 115 vac or can be converted to 13.8 VDC. Ask Bob W7VN about some of the features. (Photo below)
2. Yaesu FL-7000 solid-state linear amplifier, new in 1994, with a 500-watt rating that will work with 115-vac (or 230 VAC) input power. This auto-bandswitching rig works very smoothly with the FT-1000MP transceiver from 160 to 10 meters, with full break-in even on high-speed cw. Again, in VG-E condition, well tested at full output. (photo- page 3)
3. Icom IC-R71A Receiver. This is a high-end receiver, probably equivalent to the receivers in many transceivers. VG-E, well tested.
4. Antenna, M-2 KT36XA 6-element for 20, 15 and 10 meters. One small broken element, otherwise it looks good.
5. Tower, US Tower TMM-415SS, a 41-foot crank-up that looks in very good condition.

With all the other items available, you will find something you want!



← Yaesu FT-1000MP Transceiver

Coos-Curry Co-op to have Ham Stations

Coos-Curry Electric Co-op has authorized expenditures for installing two ham radio hf stations for emergency use; one at their Brookings facility and one at their facility north of Port Orford. Matt Mjelde, WB7ESA of Coos-Curry is responsible for putting those stations together.

Bob Wilkinson W7VN has been conversing with Matt about the equipment that has generally been used locally for joint-use installations such as the Sheriff's flyaway boxes, the Sheriff's communication van, PBARC's mobile communication box and, most recently, the Brookings PD EOC. Bob and Matt will undertake some testing at one or both locations with Bob's "antenna on a trailer" to scope out promising signal-to-noise ratios on several hf bands.



On Saturday, May 24, about a dozen PBARC members helped again with the setup of the Azalea Parade. Karen de Lucca KE7KAP again organized our participation, coordinating with Chamber of Commerce representatives. Pictured here are Larry Mostachetti KE7YUI and Ron Rigg K7IOW working at the corner of Hwy 101 and Easy St. Photo by Doug Gustafson K7KY.

Ham Equipment Now at Brookings PD EOC

Lieutenant Donny Dotson, KE7NTF, has been able to find city funds to start purchasing ham radio equipment for the Brookings police station Emergency Operations Center (EOC). He has ordered, received and put into the EOC the following: Yaesu FT-897D transceiver, PTC-III-USB modem (for Pactor-3), SGC-230 antenna tuner, Astron RS-35A power supply and West Mountain Radio RR-4008H 58307-1037 power strip. The total city contribution was \$2,875.

PBARC had committed to furnish that station with community support, and this is a huge start for us. PBARC leadership will be deciding how to proceed with the rest of the required items.

Members' Birthdays		
Aug. 17	KJ6QOD	Patricia Cabral
Aug. 31	KE7UOR	Bart Ickes
Sept. 1	KE7OMK	Bob Fitton
Sept. 4	KG7LIH	John Eaton
Sept. 4	KG7LIK	Butch Jark
Sept. 12	KG7LII	Nick Hammon
Sept. 12	KG7EHT	Bret Bernhardt
Sept. 15	WA6PKM	Patrick Henry
Sept. 29	KD6CMX	Shannon Parrish
Oct. 18	KE7LBJ	Daisy Carr
Oct. 24	KE7KAP	Karen de Lucca
Oct. 28	AD6FC	Fred Wagner

Available Nets for All

We can participate in a number of amateur radio nets on a regular basis. Some are listed below.

Mondays: Humboldt County net at 7:30 p.m. on 146.760 MHz, -,103.5 (from Scotia)

Tuesdays: Gasquet Emergency net at 6:30 p.m. on 147.180MHz, +,136.5

Curry Emergency net at 6:45 p.m. on 147.250 MHz, +,88.5 (Bosley Butte)

PBARC net at 7:00 p.m. on 146.960 MHz, -,88.5 (Harbor Hills)

Gold Beach hams net at 7:00 p.m. on 146.740 MHz, -,88.5 (Grizzly Peak)

Del Norte ARC net at 7:15 p.m. on 146.880 MHz, -,103.5 (Crescent City)

ORCA voice and digital net at 7:25 p.m. on 146.56 MHz (simplex)

Sundays: ARES District 5 (Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson and Coos Counties) net at 5:30 p.m. on 3.964 MHz LSB. Visitors are welcome after the roll call and info segment, which usually takes about 20 minutes. Net control rotates weekly through the counties.



Save the Date! Holiday Brunch - Saturday, December 6, 10 AM

All members, their families and guests are welcome to come and have an enjoyable morning with us!

As usual, we will be at Dee-Ann's Tea Room Café. Our time together will begin at 10 AM. Reservations must be made in advance, so please let us know early that you are coming. There will be a Scrooge gift exchange and other entertainment. The price and other information will be announced in the November issue of Sparks.

KEUSINKS RECEIVE PLAQUE

At the monthly PBARC meeting in May, President Paul Carlin KE6NVU presented a plaque of appreciation to Dick K7VPL and Polly N7SJH Keusink!

The plaque noted that the Keusinks have promoted and been important supporters of ham radio and of the club since its beginning in the 1980s.

They continue to be part of the club, attending monthly meetings and our special events. Thank you, so much, Dick and Polly, for your friendship and dedication to PBARC!

HAM LICENSE TEST SCHEDULE

The next ham testing session in Brookings for 2014 will be at 9 AM Saturday, August 2, in the Library Annex in Brookings.

Other testing dates for 2014 include Oct. 4 and Dec. 6, according to Dar Rasmussen KA7GNK, coordinating volunteer examiner.



Yaesu FL-7000 Solid-state Linear Amplifier
To be auctioned at September Picnic/Meeting

SUMMARIES OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes April 25, 2014

Nineteen members and 3 associates or guests were present; a quorum.
 The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,066.01. We have 50 members.
 Harbor Hills Repeater: It received heavy use during the SET and stood up well.
 Net Report: 89 members and guests checked in during April on the weekly nets.
 Ham Equipment Available in Brookings: It was moved, seconded and carried that Bob Wilkinson W7VN act as club agent to offer \$800 or up to \$1,600 to purchase the equipment.
 Azalea Parade: Karen de Lucca KE7KAP will again organize and lead the club participation in setting up the parade.

Minutes May 30, 2014

Twenty-one members and 3 associates were present; a quorum.
 The Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,234.51. We have 57 members
 Website: Mindy W7ZAP and Doug K7KY reported that progress continues on updating the website. It was moved, seconded and carried that we change the domain name to Pelican Bay ARC with a cost not to exceed \$25.
 Net Report: 103 members and guests checked in during the 5 weeks this month.
 501(c)(3)- Non-profit incorporation for PBARC: Documents have been prepared and sent to members. It will be ready for a club vote at the annual picnic/meeting in September.
 A plaque was presented to Dick K7VPL and Polly N7SJH Keusink for their many years of service and dedication to ham radio and PBARC.
 Net Manager: Mindy W7ZAP volunteered to replace Oscar K6LKK, at his request.
 EOC report: Paul KE7NVU and Bob W7VN had a very positive meeting with Lt. Donny Dotson KE6NTF regarding the PBARC position in the EOC. A list of proposed equipment was made and will be finalized.

Minutes June 27, 2014

Twenty-five members and 1 guest were present; a quorum.
 The Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,144.51 We have 56 members.
 Website: We now own the domain name: Pelican Bay ARC.
 Net Report: An average of 20 checked in each week.
 Silent Key: Long-time member Bill Graham, N6LGS. He was a member since the 1980s. He will be missed.

Silent Key—Bill (Doc) Graham N7LGS

A valued stalwart of PBARC has passed away. Bill "Doc" Graham, MD, N6LGS, died on June 3, 2014. Bill was born in 1923 in New Jersey and served as a radioman in the US navy from 1942 to 1946. He had an important career as an anesthesiologist in California until he retired in 1985.
 We remember his devotion to our friend Lois Worthington, and they both attended our annual picnic and holiday brunch last year. Bill was one of the earliest members of PBARC, and a good number of us attended Bill's memorial service in Brookings.

President's Message...

I would like to remind everyone of several dates coming up. The first is our annual picnic, at Loeb Park, Sunday Sept. 7th. Lunch is potluck as always. We will have a business meeting and vote on the new By-laws, allowing us to request a 501 (c)(3) status. This will allow the club to petition for grants and accept charitable donations.

At our July meeting we are hosting Dan Bissell W7WVF who is the Oregon assistant section manager for the American Radio Relay League. He will be able to answer questions as to what the section is doing.

In August Paula Keezer NX1P will be with us to discuss RFI interference as well as remote operating issues. Please join us at the Chetco Activity Center on July 25th and August 29th. Please listen to the Tuesday night nets for further announcements.

Thank You and 73s,
Paul Carlin KE7NVU

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Cape Ferrelo Repeater 146.840 -T88.5
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Additions, ideas, corrections or suggestions for this publication are appreciated. Please submit them to Bob W7VN or Lorraine W7RFC at bobnlori@wtribe.com. before October 15, 2014



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**PELICAN BAY AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB
REGULAR EVENTS**

Meeting-on-the-air

Roll Call
Every Tuesday, 7 pm
146.960 MHz — (88.5)

Coffee Hour Fridays

8:30 to 9:30 am
at Dee-Ann's Tea Room

**Monthly Meeting and
Workshop**

Last Friday of each month
at 6:30PM at

Chetco Activity Center
Brookings

Unless otherwise advised.

Annual Meeting and Picnic

Plus election of officers
Loeb State Park
North Bank Chetco River