

The Patriot

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**Next Club Meeting: September 14, 2025
(meetings via ZOOM)**

Time: 19:00(AST), 18:00(EST), 17:00(CST), 16:00(MST), 15:00(PST),
14:00(AKST), 13:00(HST), 01:00 15 Jan 2024 (IST)

Invitation will be sent to all members prior to meeting

WELCOME

Welcome to the Patriot Radio Club member newsletter. **We continually solicit your input for this newsletter**, with stories, DIY articles, and suggestions. Your contributions are what make an interesting publication. No need to be a polished writer. Your editor can “mess it up”. If you would like to submit an article or brief story about yourself, please email the editor. We love getting to know our members. Submissions to DBauer2250@aol.com.

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Greetings from the President

Hello Patriot Radio Club,

GOOD NEWS, our membership drive is doing well. We have gained over 30 new members to date. With the new members, we hope to fill some of the vacant committee positions that require more than one person to share the work load. Active participation is required for any Club or organization to grow and flourish.

Our Store has fallen into disarray. Therefore we need some volunteers with some experience in setting up and maintaining the store. With several volunteers working together to organize the PRC Club Store it will reduce the work load for any one person. Volunteers are the foundation and strength of the Patriot Radio Club.

“Mentors” are still needed! Please step forward as a mentor and share your wealth of knowledge and experience, and with your participation, we can convey your wisdom, and help any new ham or anyone who requires assistance and/or guidance in the operation of their equipment.

I would like to offer KUDOS and a BIG THANKS for all the time and effort our members have put forth to support this club. Without you our club would not exist.

Respectfully,

Pete Morrison, K6VVR, President

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PRC Officers

President: Pete Morrison, K6VVR, **VP:** Tony Swindle, W1TDS
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Phil Cheety, WB7BTS, Donald Bauer WB7TPH
Patriot Editor: Donald Bauer WB7TPH

On the Air

This column is not intended to be a source of everything available on the air. It is a brief collection of interesting or personal favorites in contests and DXing to whet your appetite to become "Radio Active". The hobby of Amateur Radio has something for just about anyone. The following will hopefully inspire you to turn on the rig and communicate.

First up, one of my favorites each year is **Route 66 On The Air**. This adventure is going on right now, September 6 thru the 14th. Chase down those 23 designated stations and see how many you can capture.

Look for **Churches on the Air** this month on September 13. This annual event is mostly from across the pond in England, with a few stateside stations in the southeast.

And, lots of QSO Parties:

Sept 20-21, **New Jersey QSO Party**

Sept 20-21, **Texas QSO Party**

Sept 20-21, **Iowa QSO Party**

Sept 20-21, **New Hampshire QSO Party**

Sept 20-21, **Washington State Salmon Run**

Sept 20, **Wisconsin Parks on the Air**

Sept 27-28, **Maine QSO Party**

On the DX front; From ARRL DX News.

TANZANIA, 5H. Charles, NK8O, is QRV as **5H3DX from Chihoni** until September 21. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using mostly CW, with some occasional FT8 and FT4 activity. QSL to home call.

GUYANA, 8R. Aldir, PY1SAD is QRV as **8R1TM until September 23.** Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. This includes some Satellite activity as well. QSL to home call.

RWANDA, 9X. Harald, DF2WO, is QRV as **9X2AW from Kigali** until September 21. Activity is on various HF bands and 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4, and on Satellite QO-100. QSL via M0OXO.

KYRGYZSTAN, EX. Peter, DK3RN, is QRV as **EX/DK3RN** until the end of September. He is active on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL to home call.

MALI, TZ. Jeff, K1MMB is QRV as **TZ4AM** until December. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. Look for the TZ4AM/B beacon on 50050.5 kHz. QSL via KX4R.

Please keep club members updated on any plans to operate from the field, so we can keep in contact. Any members planning POTA, SOTA or other outings this summer? We would love to meet up on the air.

PRC and You

What is your involvement in the Patriot Radio Club? Most of us joined PRC following license testing through our on-line testing function. We learned of the club and decided to join. But, what else is there within this organization for you? Like any other organization PRC is always looking for volunteers. Can you be a vital part of this operation,

License testing: Of course, if you are an Extra Class licensee, we encourage you to volunteer for the almost daily license testing that the club offers. Each applicant must be witnessed by at least three Volunteer Examiners. So, there

is always room for more volunteers. Just contact Gene McDole KK7GKO to sign up. You need to have ZOOM on your computer.

Parks on the Air: If you are a POTA operator, you may work as an activator or hunter through the club's callsign **K1PRC**. The benefit is that you gain credit for the club as well as yourself. POTA has become one of the most exciting outdoor events for ham radio and there are multiple operators on the air every day. Have some fun in the field and benefit the club at the same time. Win-Win!

Website: Are you into programming? Patriot Radio Club has a website www.patriotradio.club and other electronic functions that require maintenance. There are also several projects in planning stages just looking for member volunteers.

Club Store: PRC operates a club radio store. Here is a two-fold opportunity. Each member who purchases radio gear from the club store obtains the purchased goodies and the club benefits from the sale. Or, you might want to serve as one of the store operators.

Committees: PRC has several committees in operation as well as some waiting for future committee members to activate them. Are you good at helping out new amateurs to get on the air? How about serving on the mentorship committee or the youth committee. Each of us has worked our way to the license class we hold. Many of us have had mentors or "elmers" to help us over the rough spots. Would you be willing to "pay it Forward" and help the newbie get his license?

Promotion: Any of our members can promote Patriot Radio Club to the amateur radio community at large. Elsewhere in this issue is a brief article about the subject. When you attend a hamfest, bring some flyers with you. Simply ask to leave a few on tables, or use a club banner at your own table or booth. If you are lucky enough to have a nearby ham radio store, ask to leave a promo flyer with them to display. The hard work of preparing the promos is already done. Just display them or pass them out.

The above is just some practical suggestions for members wishing to be more involved in the Patriot Radio Club. If any of these suggestions is of interest to you, please consider contacting Gene McDole to discuss opportunities. He can be reached at genemcdole2@gmail.com. A little bit of advice to anyone wishing that PRC offered this or that function, consider bringing your idea up before the board with the willingness to start it and see your idea to fruition. It is a great feeling "when a plan comes together".

ARRL: Finally, are you a member of ARRL? The American Radio Relay League serves many functions to the amateur community, including being PRCs primary Volunteer Examiner Coordinator. ARRL wears many hats, but perhaps

the most important one for each ham is Advocacy. They can lobby for license privileges and radio spectrum for all of us, a function we, as individuals, cannot accomplish. Membership helps each of us and PRC, as the League represents us to the government and the world.

PRC Membership

Membership in the **Patriot Radio Club** is open to licensed amateur radio operators around the world. PRC dues are only \$24.00 annually, due in January. Please don't forget! Additional club support comes from donations and proceeds from sales in the club store. Come join the adventure!

PRC is making a special offer for anyone not yet a PRC member. From now to the end of the year, we are offering new PRC membership for only \$6.00. You **must** already be licensed. This includes your own Patriot BatPhone extension. Sorry, it does not include the phone. Lots of them are available on Ebay.

PRC VE TEAM

The Patriot Radio Club team of Volunteer Examiners, led by Gene McDole KK7GKO, administers completely online video-supervised amateur radio license testing in a friendly positive environment. Testing is available **almost daily** using the "Exam Tools" environment. Each team member contributes what time he/she has available to the effort, making license testing convenient for many, new or upgrading hams.

If you are a PRC member and have not taken your Amateur Extra class license test, we encourage you to prepare, using "HamStudy.org". Then, with that top ticket in hand, we welcome you to become a part of the PRC VE team. Please be aware that you are both welcome and needed. In order to maintain the schedule that we offer for license testing, we need a good number of members to be prepared and available to serve. Not everyone can serve each time tests are offered, so help when and where you can. Thank you!

Anyone wishing to find a test session with us, using ExamTools, either to upgrade for yourself or to refer new applicants, search for our available test sessions at; <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/parc-us>

Personal note: Due to health issues that began a few months ago and volunteer time elsewhere, your editor has been missing from the VE team. It ain't that I don't like it. In fact, I miss you guys. See ya soon, I hope!

Promoting PRC

Patriot Radio Club has available handouts and banners advertising our club. Ant time you are working a table at a hamfest, or if you are out on a POTA or SOTA operation, take some promotional flyers along. Make attendees or visitors aware of PRC. If a member can place handouts on their table and perhaps hang one of our banners on or behind the table we will help with the cost of the table. The club would be willing to sponsor a PRC table at an event if a couple of members are able to work the table for the club. Please consider actively promoting the club as you participate in local events. We deeply appreciate the help. Direct any inquiries to Gene McDole KK7GKO at genemcdole2@gmail.com

PRC Store

Please see President Pete's appeal in his letter to the members on page 2. The store needs your help.

The PRC Store has a good selection of radios and accessories for your ham radio needs and your purchases support the club in the process. Check it out on the club website, www.patriotradio.club. If you want to help out, contact Gene KK7GKO.

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That's all for this issue! 73, WB7TPH