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ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

PARC elections will be held this month. As with any organization, the activities PARC is involved in are for the most part, chosen and directed by the leadership. Every December you have an opportunity to join improve PARC by running for office. All that is required is to be a member, and announce your intention. Some of the current officers do not desire to hold office in 2010 and as a result there will be some new leadership in PARC. That leadership could be you. Simply announce your interest in holding office at the meeting.

PARTS


While looking at KB6NU's site, he mentioned a company called Part Express that had a sale on temperature controlled soldering stations for \$12.00. Hard to beat a price like that if they are any good. A link to their sales flyer is:

www.flipseekllc.com/partsexpressflyer.html

PARC WEBSITE

I ran across an interesting website while doing a google search for PARC. This PARC website contains an article about ham radio licenses costing \$125.00 for a 10 year period. While it takes about a year to actually get a ham license. Penang Amateur Radio Club. You can read about it here: <http://lehlew.blogspot.com/>

PARC MONTHLY MEETINGS


ALWAYS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT FIRE STATION #4

PARC OFFICERS

President	Greg Hall	WBØRJH
VP	Dave Mehlhoff	WØNWT
Secretary	Tam Gatje	AAØLY
Treasurer	Greg Bond	NØNPO

EXPEDITIONS



Pasquale, **YV5KAJ** is celebrating his 25th year in amateur radio by going on a DXpedition to the Island of Tortuga, IOTA SA-044. He will also be using the special callsign **YW5EID** during his operation between December 26 – 29th. Activity on 40 to 12 meters using SSB and Digital modes (RTTY/BPSK/Olivia).

Steve, VE2TKH is on his travels this week. In an email from Haiti he explains that he has the Amateur Radio license in his hand and is operational from **Petionville, (South East) Haiti as HH2/VE2TKH**. Steves license is valid until December 15th.

TO1BT will be active from Martinique until December 15. QSL via EA1BT.

W3HQ will be operating as **VP2V/W3HQ** from British Virgin IS until December 15. Most activity will be CW.

IK1PMR as **9V/IK1PMR**, PA3LEO PA0BWL likewise; CW + digital; holiday style operation from Singapore until

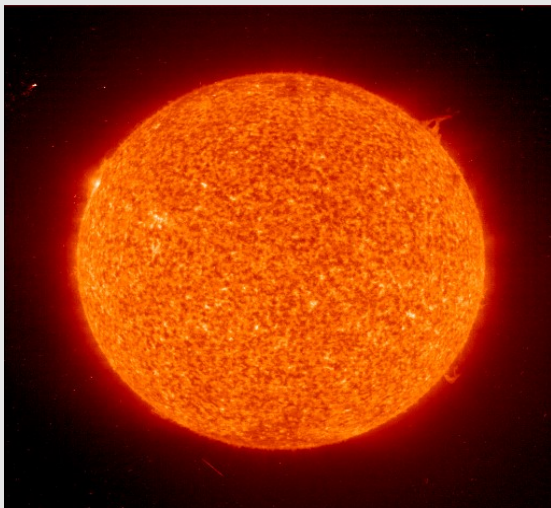
December 17.

Allan, VK2GR using callsign **P29CW** will be active spare time while working with **Australian Doctors International** from September to December 2009. Due to the availability of power, P29CW will not be active on the many field trips during this period of operation. He should be QRT December 19th.

HR2/N800 operating from Honduras, also NP3D as HR2/NP3D, HQ2S; QSL N800 via N800, NP2D and HQ2S via W3HNK until December 20.

CT1IUA will be QRV from Angola as **D2CQ** until December 27th.

Latest Solar Conditions



Current Solar Flux report:
SFI: **72** A-index: **2** K-Index: **0**

ARRL 10 Meter Contest this Weekend

The 2009 ARRL 10-Meter Contest will be on the second full weekend of December. Starts 0000 UTC Saturday (6:00 PM Friday evening, and ends 2359 UTC Sunday

The report format is: signal report and state. IE: 59 South Dakota.

You may think that 10 meters will be dead during the contest as it has not had much activity lately. It is very possible that the 10 meter band could be open this next weekend, so hope to see you on the air.

PIERRE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership is only \$24.00 to PARC
treasurer NØNPO



Pierre Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes November 12, 2009

Attendance Log:

WØNWT	Dave Mehlhoff
NØNPO	Greg Bond
KCØWVF	Jim Ward
KDØS	Jim Zahradnicek
NØPIZ	John Opp
AAØLY	Tam Gatje

In the absence of the President, Vice President Dave, WØNWT, called the meeting to order at 1932 hours, CST.

Introductions of all members present were not conducted, as everyone knew everyone else.

Minutes of the previous meeting were referenced as published by the **SECRETARY**. Jim W moved, Jim Z seconded they be approved as published. Passed.

TREASURER Greg B. reported that all bills were paid.

ACTIVITIES – Jim W reported that the spotter banquet was held.

TECHNICAL – Jim Z reported that a new generator had been received from the county. • The 35 repeater was out of service about 1.5 weeks ago for the generator change-out. It has returned to service. • Larry, KF8HW, would like a linked repeater with voting receiver to be added in Onida and linked to the Pierre system. • Greg B has received a new Peet Bros. weather station to go in the Hayes area. • Power supply parts from Mark, WBØHUY, were passed on to Jim Z for maintenance use.

OLD BUSINESS – PARC members wishing to contribute to the funding of the power bills for the Reliance and Murdo SDLink repeaters and have it matched by the PARC club funds should submit their donation by the end of the year. • The jacket discussion continues: It was moved, seconded and approved that the club would pay for the setup costs of the jacket. Tam was authorized to negotiate prices for the jackets. Royal Blue was selected as the jacket color. Those wishing to purchase a jacket must place their order by the December club meeting. Depending on how many are ordered the shipping and set-up fees may be waived.

NEW BUSINESS – We received word that Caleb Whiting, KDØIYJ, an 11 year old of Mission, SD has obtained his amateur license. The club has been requested to contact him and provide “Elmer” services to him. Jim, KDØS, kindly volunteered to contact him and see what can be done to help. • The ELECTION OF OFFICERS will take place at the next meeting. A nominations committee consisting of KDØS, Jim Z, KCØWVF Jim Ward, and AAØLY Tam Gatje, was appointed. Anyone interested in serving as a PARC officer should contact one of these people immediately with your request to run. Other nominations will also be accepted at the meeting – be sure you are there to give your campaign speech. [Be sure you are at the next meeting – be there or be elected! Ed]

Meeting adjourned at 2026 hours.

Minutes recorded and submitted by AAØLY.

PARC TRUSTEES

Eldon Lindquist	WØRTD	Exp. 12-31-2009
John Opp	NØPIZ	Exp. 12-31-2010
Jim Ward	KCØWVF	Exp. 12-31-2011

PARC APPOINTMENTS

Activities	Jim Ward	KCØWVF
Tech	Jim Zahradnicek	KDØS
Tech	Randy Anderson	KBØGGM
Tech	Eldon Lindquist	WØRTD
ARES	Jim Zahradnicek	KDØS
Historical	John Opp	NØPIZ
DARN Directors	KDØS	WBØRJH

SOUTH DAKOTA QSO PARTY

The South Dakota QSO party will be held from 1200Z December 26th until 1200Z December 27th, 2009. Yep it starts at 6AM Saturday and ends at 6AM Sunday. South Dakota has not had a QSO party for a few years and there are a lot of stations across the country and around the world that need QSL confirmation from South Dakota and South Dakota Counties. Please take the time to get on the air for the QSO party. If the QSO party is to be a success, many Fixed and mobile South Dakota stations need to participate. **Please note that most online contest calendars show our QSO party beginning at 0000Z Dec. 26th, or 6PM (central) on Christmas day.** This is apparently an error according to the information I received from the organizers. Those that follow the incorrect schedule will be starting 12 hours early and ending 12 hours early. Please let those you work know that the regular online sources are incorrect and direct them to: <http://www.w0blk.org/files/rules.pdf>

MERRY CHRISTMAS FRIENDS!

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PARC 2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE ONLY \$24.00 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND \$12.00 FOR ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS. CONTACT PARC TREASURER, NØNPO.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARC Meetings are always held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

2009 membership is due.
\$24.00 per year
\$12.00 for additional family member.

Coffee: PARC members schedule coffee at 10:00 AM Saturdays at Gators in the Pierre mall, and 10:00 AM on Thursdays at Hardees.

WWW.SDHAMS.COM

KOPIR has put together a great page for use of all hams, not only those from the central SD area.

You do not have to register with the site to view, but should register if you want to post messages. Check it out!

You may even find this newsletter there!

SOUTH DAKOTA LINK SYSTEM

Your South Dakota Link net is held each Wednesday at 9:00 PM central time on the South Dakota link. Depending on your location you can check in on one of the following repeaters.

Turkey Ridge	147.000+
Humboldt	147.285+
Garden City	146.670-
Wessington Springs	147.345+
Reliance	146.940-
Pierre	146.730-
Murdo	147.300+
Phillip	147.375+
Terry Peak	147.030+

Rapid City **444.750+**
All repeaters use 146.2 tone

DONATIONS TO THE SD LINK SYSTEM ARE URGENTLY NEEDED AND A NEW EASIER METHOD IS NOW AVAILABLE.

Go to the SDARC web site:
<http://www.w0sd.com/sdarc/sdarc.htm>
and make your secure tax deductible contribution with your credit card or paypal account!

SD HF NETS

SD MORNING WX NET	7:30 AM	3.959
SD NJQ NOON NET	12:15 PM	3.870
SD NEO EVENING NET	6:00PM	3.860

Pierre repeater **145.35- w/146.2 tone**
Pierre IRLP node 3266 **146.565 w/146.2 tone**

Martin EchoLink **145.505 no tone**