



PIO – 2021 summary and January 2022

2021 started off with our meeting site closing their doors January 1 but we didn't miss a meeting as we found new place immediately.

A carry over from 2020 Zoom meetings were and still being used due to Covid concerns for those wanting that service.

Our club roster on January 1 showed we had 28 members and 30 on December 31, 2021. Denny N9ECY (SK), We added three new members for a total membership of 30 comprised of 8 Extra, 12 General, 4 Technician and 4 Associates.

Our VE team continued VE testing on a bi-monthly basis until October 2021 when our leader stepped down and a replacement stepped forward. After October no other VE sessions were scheduled the rest of the year. Our goal was to use VE testing as a recruiting tool for the club. However, we found that most taking the VE exams were to distant to travel to Dubois County to join.

This past summer our IT committee set up the PVARC website listed as PatokaValleyARC.org. Gary Fritz KD9LIB assisted by Ross Halvorsen did an excellent very functional, informational and beautiful website.

The club members participated in Winter Heat, Winter Field day, INQP and in conjunction with the Dubois County EMA the club sponsored the summer Field Day. Eleven members of PVARC also are EMA sky warn operators. The Club has an excellent working relationship with DCEMA!

The Club KD9LLH also has a two meter net on every Monday night for members and all hams wishing to participate.

Gary Fritz was appointed to the position of Director of Presentations. Gary's background in electronics and his technical knowledge of amateur radio resulted in very informational and interesting presentations. The club purchased all the necessary equipment for better audio and video both for the meetings and Zoom participants.

In October in search of setting up a public demonstration of amateur radio we conducted an investigation for RF in the River Walk Park In Jasper. It was discovered the RF was so high emitting from the adjacent power lines made this park un-usefull for our demonstration. We'll focus on public demonstrations in 2022 as a recruitment tool.

In October election of officers results: President - Jeff Langebrake, KM4QLA, VP – Ron Hickman, KD9KNB, Sec/Trea – Ross Halvorsen, KD9QCN. PIO – Mike Vogler, KA9GDW. Vogler withdrew his nomination throwing his support to Jeff.

Respectfully submitted,
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