



PVARC PIO REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

Six PVARC members participated in WINTERHEAT 2022 with their final points and rank. Mike – N9MZF, 4094, 77, John – K4PSE, 3620, 84, Mick – 2410, 109, Linus – N9NAU, 1710, 126, Mike – KA9GDW, 1330. 144, K9RBH – 40. Scores were based ten points per contact while ranking is how we finished against 1,070 participants. The PVARC group finished 8 th among the 26 clubs nationwide. Overall, our group of operators discovered what works, propagation, equipment, obstructions like trees and hills, antenna issues, and use of six meters locally. The event was competitive, exciting, fun and enjoyable. We recommend this event for all our licensed hams in 2023.

VE sessions will begin on March 5 with six total candidates per-registering to become Technicians and upgrade to General. The VE session will be at the Huntingburg Public Library at 9:00 am. We are pretty positive the PVARC will add new members from group! We look to VE testing not only to add to the amateur radio fraternity but as a recruiting tool for PVARC.

The local Marine Corp League asked if the club members would support a potential Armed Forces 5K run on May 21. As more details come forward we most likely would provide VHF communications for this public event. It will also show the public the communications support that amateur radio can provide. Another recruiting opportunity!

The club may support the Lewis & Clark Trail event this summer on HF.

The club has a two meter net every Monday night at 7:30 pm eastern. The net is on the KB9LHX Jasper repeater 147.195 positive offset, PL tone 107.2. Eight members are Net Control operators whom use a rotating schedule. We utilize a text messaging system that is sent to all PVARC members and also adds a reminder to is NC for that evening. Pretty effective!

We also participate in the Dubois County EMA net at 8:30 pm eastern on the KB9LHX Jasper repeater. Eight of our members are also Net Control operators for the EMA net. Therefore, our members have double NC experience which will be a asset if and when we are needed in that role.

Submitted by,

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