

Paducah Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes for January 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM by the John Hudson, KO4XJ

Minutes from last meeting (October 2007) were read. There was not a regular club meeting held in December due to the Christmas Dinner Party. No regular meeting was held in November due to the special regional meeting held at PCC

Treasurer's report was provided (late) by Greg, KY4A.

Health and Welfare was discussed.

Old Business

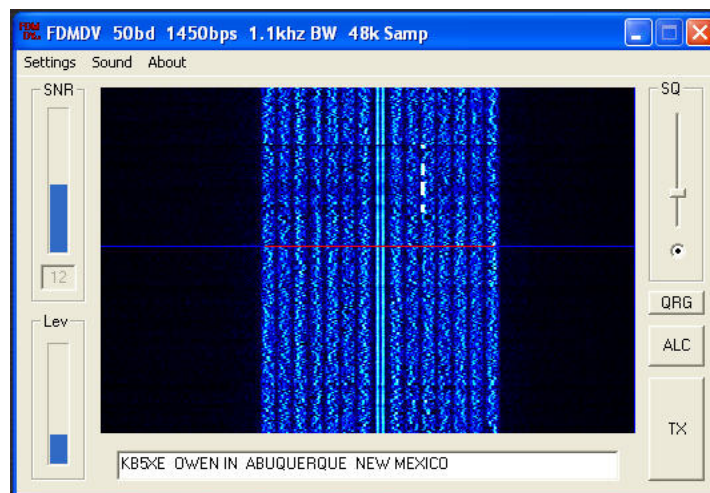
- John discussed the special November meeting held at Crouse Hall on the campus of West Kentucky Community and Technical College. Jim Brooks, KY4Z, the ARRL Kentucky Section Manager made the trip to Paducah to speak to PARA and other local ham clubs. PARA did not hold a normal meeting.
- John also discussed the annual Christmas dinner. PARA did not hold a normal meeting.

New Business

- A discussion of what PARA should do with the old repeater gear was opened to the club membership. Suggestions were solicited. No formal motions were made and the topic was tabled to a later meeting date.

Presentations and Special Reports

- Bill, KR8L, provided a short presentation on a new digital voice mode introduced in December 2007. The new mode called FDMDV (short for Frequency Division Multiplex Digital Voice), is the brainchild of Peter Martinez, G3PLX, and written in C for Windows XP by Francesca Lanza, HB9TLK. The technical details of FDMDV can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/techchar/FDMDV.pdf>. The software can be downloaded at: <http://n1su.com/fdmdv/>. A screen shot of the software and waterfall of a FDMDV signal is shown below.



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- Ken, WA9WJL, provided an update of the activities for the weekly PARA PSK31 net. The net meets every Thursday evening at 8:30 PM CST. All who are interested in learning and using PSK31 was invited to join the net.
- Laura, WA4RKM, made an announcement that Tom, WA4YDO was unanimously elected “2007 Ham of the Year” by the HHH net. The HHH net is a nightly 40m worked all states net that starts when most other hams are sound asleep. The net starts at 0700 UT and can be found on or about 7.235 MHz. More information can be found at www.HHHnet.net.

PARA 2008 Elections

As required by PARA Bylaws elections are held each January for elections of officers for the year. A quorum was present so nominations and elections were held following open discussion. PARA president John, KO4XJ, and vice president Ed, AI4IQ made announcements that they would not seek nomination for re-election for 2008. Secretary Paul, KI4GKW, announced that due to school commitments, he wished to step down and not run for re-election in 2008. Nominations were solicited and accepted for vice president, secretary, treasurer, and program director. Only one nomination was collected for each position except president. All were voted into office. There was additional discussion on a new president with no final club consensus. The club decided to have the newly elected club officers provide potential nominees for president and that the president election be held during the February meeting. John, KO4XJ, accepted the responsibility to start the next meeting and help with nominations. The following were elected as officers of PARA for 2008:

President:	Open
Vice President:	Bill Parmaley, KR8L
Treasurer:	Greg Englert, KY4A
Secretary:	Bill Kassebaum: KY2O
Program Director:	Barry W4IBI

Special Election

John, KO4XJ, discussed that it was a tradition to honor those club members that have contributed a “lifetime” of service to our club and community. To honor these individuals, a lifetime membership to PARA would be given. A PARA member Barry, W4IBI, has been a licensed ham for over 50 years and has made significant contributions to our club and community. Barry was unanimously made lifetime members of PARA.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.