



# The PARC Newsletter

Portsmouth Amateur Radio Club Monthly Newsletter

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## From the President's keyboard

*KF4ZUF Rich*

Hello all. Rich KF4ZUF here just wanting to tell a little about me and the up coming meetings for the club here in the next few months. I hope you and your family had a good holiday season and that 2008 has started off well for you and your family. The next club meeting I am hoping to hear from all of you about what you would like to see the club do in the next year such as events, projects or anything that you think would benefit the members of the club as a whole. Steve KI4KWR will be bringing his laptop to program anyone's hand held radio. If you need help with your hand held or mobile, just bring it to the meeting and I'm sure we have someone with the same radio, who can help you program it.

The February meeting will be at the Golden Corral at Chesapeake Square. Bring your appetite, and family, for some good food and fun with other club members. Dinner starts at six and we will have a short meeting about 7:15. Thus you can have a chance to talk with other members of the club and have a good time.

In March we are planning to have Jim Thompson, from Radio Works, come and give a presentation on antennas. If you have any questions just bring them and hopefully we can get you an answer to your problems.

I hope you and your family have a good month and hope to see you at the meeting which is at 7:30 on January 24<sup>th</sup>, at Chuchland Baptist Church. If you need anything from me, you can email me at [KF4ZUF@arrl.net](mailto:KF4ZUF@arrl.net) or call 737-0821 anytime after 6 p.m during the week or anytime on the weekends.

Rich

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**ARES** Some of the upcoming events this year are the Swamp Stomp on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Memorial Day Parade May 26<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth River Run/Walk for Life held on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

ARES group could use some help on all of these events and you do not need to be an ARES member. This is a chance to showcase the Portsmouth ARC and the equipment that is at our disposal. Come on out and support your club and the ARES.



Some of the ARES member and our mascot Haven Molo

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

FROSTFEST 2008 is set for February 2 from 8:30am to 3:30pm. in Richmond. Check out the website <http://www.frostfest.com/> for more info and directions to the new site. Car pools are organizing now so ask someone about them.

The club has a new website up at [w4pox.org](http://w4pox.org). It is a work in progress so check it out as it evolves. It looks like a good start. If you have any ideas to enhance it give Joe WA4UJT or Ray KR4CRH a call to see if these ideas can be used.

There a number of good links to interesting websites related to Ham Radio. Need to know the number for AES or MFJ check out the links there.

A new CERT Class starts March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be running for 3 Saturdays to complete the course. This is an excellent program for every citizen in the City. Don't miss out on a good thing for you and your family and it's free for the residents of Portsmouth. Speaking of March 1<sup>st</sup> there is also a testing session set for that day. If you're looking to upgrade. Check with any of the club officers for more info.

A Technician Class training course is set for Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and again the following week on Tuesday and Thursday with Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> Review and Testing. For more information Contact Joe, WA4UJT or John, K0IBS.

As noted by our new President February's meeting will be at the Golden Corral for our Dinner Meeting. This will be our Sweetheart Dinner and QSO time. Check into the net on 146.850 at 2000 Sunday-Friday. All the latest info is there and if you want to know something check in and ask.



Our Christmas pot luck dinner line. Some of these folks made a second run. Our Special guests John Higgins and his wife making tough choices. It all looked so good!



A few of our member and their spouse at the Christmas Party.



The gang that helped on the Lightship Special Event on October 6, 2007. Over 70 contacts made in six hours of poor band conditions. We all had a good time.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR.



This is a new year, new leadership and a new page in the history of PARC. Good things are coming and you do not want to miss out so keep up with the happenings by checking into our local repeater nets. They are on every night except Saturday and some have suggested we do a Saturday night 6meter net. We may link the 6 meter and the 146.700, 2 meter repeaters together so all can participate. I you need club hats, shirts, name badges, any embroidery work, contact John K0IBS. Articles, bios, pictures, jokes and projects are needed for the newsletter. Send them to John K0IBS. See you next issue.