

The PHARC executive committee met at 6:30 p.m. on February 10. Our objectives were to discuss the program schedule and how to improve meetings. Participants included Roger W7ALA, Elizabeth KK7VO, Rich KD7VRL, Tom KG7LDU, Geoff KC7QCS, Tom KI6DER, and Jim K7LL.

We spent time discussing Field Day 2016: where and how to participate. Tom KI6DER reported that many 2015 participants said that they would like to return to the Latah County fairgrounds. A new location, Kruegel Park in Pullman is another option. It is on a high hill, has trees (for antennas), restrooms, commercial power and parking. Tom KI6DER and Tom KG7LDU are going to start preparations including:

- Checking to see if PHARC could use Kruegel Park.
- Establishing a Field Day committee.
- Publishing planning milestones.

Field Day 2016 will be June 25-26. Roger W7ALA wants to see sandwich board signs to announce PHARC's presence; a motion to purchase signs will be raised at the February meeting.

The committee feels that meetings should be fun and that presentations are a big part, so we want to build a calendar, create a logistics checklist (projector, screen, etc.), and publish presentation design guidelines. We hope to involve Jim N7RCS who we think has experience in this.

Rich KD7VRL, the Program Committee Chair, presented a schedule that the group discussed and adjusted. It will be posted on the PHARC web pages.

February: Ken Gordon on a laid-down V antenna.

March: Tom KI6DER on repeaters including what's out there, how do they work, how to use them, how to use IRLP, and pictures of local machines.

April: Tom KI6DER will report on the rule changes for Field Day 2016.

May: Roger on alternative power, including generator types, sizing, usage, exercising, grounding, security, plus solar power.

June: Field day preparation. The meeting date and location might be modified.

December: The annual informal party. No business meeting.

Other planned but note yet scheduled presentations:

- Jim K7LL on Winlink with a demonstration of a setup.
- Faraday cages and other technology to protect equipment from EMP.
- RFID technology.
- (Perhaps quarterly) ARES status including local, regional and national events and plans.
- Licensing and classes including statistics, other sites and plans.
- Tom KI6DER on surges, lightning and grounding.
- Radio Astronomy, perhaps tied in with amateur satellite communication.
- A tour of the "Fab Lab" in Moscow.
- Geoff KC7QCS on the JT65 digital protocol and operation.

There have been occasional "build" activities. The committee feels that these are helpful and wants to continue them. Tentatively we will have on in late April. Members noted that parts will have to be ordered in advance, so interested people will be given the opportunity to commit to ordering. Tom KI6DER and Elizabeth KK7VO will bring a motion to build antennas that includes date and time, place and cost to the February meeting. Roger W7ALA would like to see a flyer/handout on the project be available as well.

The group feels that food would help make the meetings fun. For February Roger W7ALA plans to bring a pump pot of regular coffee, Tom KI6DER plans to bring a pump pot of decaf coffee, and Tom also plans to bring some sort of edibles, possibly cookies. There will be a motion to spend \$20 each month from PHARC funds on edibles at meetings.

The group feels that "mingling" would improve the experience, so plans are to gather at about 6:40 to mingle (and eat) until 7:00 when a short business meeting starts. This is followed by the month's program. Collecting agenda will be initiated by Elizabeth KK7VO and Geoff KC7QCS and will be published (by email and posted on the PHARC web) prior to the meeting date.

The group discussed the bank signature card. The PHARC by-laws don't specify how finances are to be handled. For now the plan is to continue the current practice of granting check signing privileges to the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, with only one signature required.

The group discussed the timing of executive committee meetings. The consensus was that monthly meetings aren't necessary. The President will call meetings as needed with the date dependent upon member availability. Any PHARC member is welcome to attend, and the plan is to publish the meeting time and place.

The group looked at the Google Groups PHARC mailing list to prepare to remove some names and keep the membership below the maximum number allowed for a free list. For now, Geoff KC7QCS will email list members who have not paid their dues in two years, asking if they want to remain on the list.