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Swap Meet 2023 Update

As I write this, it's exactly 4 weeks to March 10th, *Setup Friday* of our Swap Meet.

The first floor has been sold out for several weeks and we are making a good run at the second. I have just about filled the west side of the middle row of tables and should start assigning the east side next week. We may still end up pulling some of the tables from the very back row but it shouldn't be as bad a last year.

I will be presenting the program at the Club Meeting next week. The subject will be, of course, anything and everything about the Swap Meet. This would be a really good meeting to attend in person. I will be bringing a hard copy of the signup list with the holes highlighted. Suitable for self-serve signup.

Currently, for Setup Friday, we are just above 75% of the work slots filled. The biggest holes are Registration and the Country Store.

The event day itself, on Saturday, is about 60% filled. The biggest holes are Registration, Country Store, Hospitality, and Treasury.

We will have Girls Scouts selling cookies this year. Something that has been absent the past few years, even outside the Swap Meet. Additionally, the PSRG will have a special event station out at the fountain.

There is likely to be a need for assistance in the week leading up to March 10th. We have 200 pallets to transport between my home and the fairgrounds. Also, Hal usually goes down Thursday to measure and mark up the floors for tables and install antennas for the talk-in station. It involves lots of walking and measuring tapes. Calls for help will go out over the email list.

It's getting down to crunch time. Please do your part and support this important fundraiser and very popular local Ham gathering.

Celebrating February Members

By Scott Gilyeat, KC7SAG, Treasurer

As of February 2023, these folks have been Mike & Key members for the number of years stated. Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for your participation and service. Happy Anniversary this month! Each of you makes us who we are.

Years

49	Hal Goodell	N7NW
33	Dean Holtan	N7XS
32	Sandra Dunkel	K7OZY
29	Richard Danielson	K7RIC

27	Paul Roth	N7DOH
27	Adrian Roth	KB7BVL
23	Brendan Burget	KD7IKV
23	Curtis Hanner	N7MWC
23	Dawn Hanner	N7VWH
13	Randy Stagers	K9VD
13	John Swafford II	W7MEU
10	Jim Monson	K7JGM
10	James Wraalstad	WQ7H
9	Dan Aalberg	KG7DAB
6	Koda Mondragon	K17XR
5	Terry Hissong	KG7PO
1	Guangqiang Zhao	NB2Y

Life Member, having been with the club 25+ years

Roy Fisher – Silent Key

By Jeff Hite N7FCC



Roy Fisher KJ7OKL became a Silent Key recently.

He earned his Tech ticket in June of 2020 on the heels of his ongoing interest in radio and technology and became a member of Mike & Key in July of 2022. Roy was an accomplished RC model builder and aircraft flyer.

He worked with everything from helicopters, drones, large scale gliders and single engine planes. He built most of his aircraft and his workmanship was fantastic as testified by his follow RC enthusiasts. Roy was a talented RC pilot and would often tow a glider up high into the air with his RC plane, release the glider and fly it and the plane at the same time.

A native of Maple Valley, he retired from Boeing after 38 years and went on to, as he called it, "The best job I ever had" programing graphics. Roy worked in Fortran and Unix and dove into Linux after retirement.

Roy had a long history of radio starting with 11M CB and had been into ham radio many years before getting his recent ticket. He was active on 2M repeater nets, DMR and others and grabbed the phonetics many may recall of: KJ7 "OK Lemonade".

Prior to his passing he was jumping into setting up his HF station. Roy's family honored him with a donation of his station to the club including his new Elecraft K4 which will be for sale at the swap meet to benefit the club. 73 OM - KJ7OKL SK

License Upgrade – KJ7CBO

A few months ago, I upgraded my license through the Mike and Key. It was a fantastic group of VE's that tested me and I was happy with the outcome. Several years ago (when I was in my teens) my late step father got me into ham radio. I'll never forget that. Meanwhile I started my working in commercial radio and went on from there back into ham radio.

Not commercial radio but none the less radio. I have since upgraded my license, made one phone contact

to New Zealand and was heard in Alaska. Wait. No I did make a contact there too. I find ham radio quite amusing and, yes, challenging. I am so happy to be in a place where I am wanted to be, and needed to be also. It is hard to find "that place" where both meet but I believe I have.

Radio has always been my middle name and always did enjoy it. From being a kid listening to radio stations far and wide to short wave radio then onto ham. So, I have been around it for some time. Even so, I find great Elmer's when I need one. I find good friends that are there supporting you along the way. I find humor in many things and to me that wraps it up.

So, for anyone to want to upgrade their license, Mike and Key surely is the ticket. Visit the Mike and Key website and you will find information right there to upgrade or get your ticket brand new. Enough from me now.

Robert KJ7 CBO (Charrrrrie Brraaavo Oscar!!)

Releasing a Ham Radio License

by Michael, N7WA

Swap Meet season always reminds me that few Hams let their estate know that their license lives on until it expires or it is released. That can be ten years. You can hear the pain in the phone calls I get when they receive a Swap Meet flyer. Maybe you might consider printing off this info and sticking a copy with your important papers.

Canceling an Amateur Radio License with the Federal Communications Commission

You may provide proof of death in the form of a copy of the death certificate or a copy of an obituary with the date of death listed.

Send this information (a copy is fine) via FAX or Mail along with a cover letter to the FCC requesting that the individual's call sign be canceled. The letter should look something like this:

- (Your name)
- (Your street address)
- (Your City, State, ZIP)
- Tel: (Your phone number)
- E-mail: (Your email address, if any)
- (Today's date)
- Federal Communications Commission

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Attention: Amateur Division
1270 Fairfield Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Re: Deceased Amateur License Cancellation

To whom it may concern:

I am requesting that you cancel amateur license (callsign) since the holder, (holder's name), died (date of death). A copy of the death certificate (or obituary) showing the required information is attached.

Thank you,

(Hand-written signature)
(Your name)

You can fax this information to:
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Amateur Division
Fax number 717-338-2850

or you can mail this information to:
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Amateur Division
1270 Fairfield Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

You can also do this on-line:

If you can scan and attach the required information, you can point your web browser to the FCC's help request page at <https://esupport.fcc.gov/onlinequest.htm> and submit the cancellation online.

Simply fill in the requested fields with the subject of "Deceased Amateur License Cancellation" and paste the information as listed above into the "Problem Description" field. You can then attach the required supporting documentation by clicking on the "Add Attachments" link. Then submit your request and you should receive your tracking number which will allow you to track your progress.

Elections

By Michael N7WA

It difficult to imagine that a Club with 300 members would have problems filling out a slate of Board Members (Trustees and Officers) to run in the upcoming elections.

There was a time in this Club, where you had to attend, in person, 2 meetings in 3 months to get elected to membership. It tended to make our members active.

Long ago, I agreed with the decision to eliminate that requirement but it does tend to leave us with a high percentage of Member In Name Only folks. The ability to join the Club over ZOOM has exacerbated the issue.

At the February meeting, the Chairman of the Board will be asking for nominations and VOLUNTEERS for Officers and Trustees. To run and be elected, you will have to be present at the March meeting.

By the way, being a Board member is a lot less onerous than in the past. They have ZOOM meetings as the normal process for doing Club business. Please consider adding your personal expertise to the running of the Club.

Girl Scout Cookies Are Coming Back To The Swap Meet

By Jennifer Pasquier

After being absent the last few years, Girl Scout Lauren Pasquier and Scout Mom Jennifer Pasquier (KF7YGR) are excited to be coming to the 2023 Mike & Key Swap Meet. We will have 9 delicious cookie options available for purchase at \$6 per box.

Varieties include classic Thin Mints (crisp, chocolate cookies dipped in a delicious mint chocolaty coating), Samoas (crisp cookies with caramel, coconut, and chocolaty stripes), Tagalongs (crispy cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolaty coating), Do-si-dos (crunchy oatmeal sandwich cookies with peanut butter filling), S'mores (crunchy graham sandwich cookies with chocolate and marshmallow filling), Adventurefuls (indulgent brownie-inspired cookies topped with caramel flavored crème with a hint of sea salt), Lemon-Ups (crispy lemon cookies baked with inspiring messages), Trefoils (iconic shortbread cookies inspired by the original Girl Scout cookie recipe) and Toffee-tastics (Gluten free! Rich, buttery cookies with sweet, crunchy toffee bits).

Your purchase supports Puyallup Troop 46528. They are raising money to purchase troop supplies, to go camping this Spring and for service projects along the trail they adopted. If you will not be attending the Flea Market, cookies can be purchased online at [Girl Scout Order Card | Girl Scouts](#). Purchasers who place orders online after February 27th have the opportunity to purchase the newest Girl Scout

Cookie – Raspberry Rallys (Crispy cookies with raspberry flavor, dipped in chocolate coating). These are available exclusively online.

Mike and Key ARC General Meeting Minutes January 21, 2022

Attested to by Carl Reynolds, Secretary

Call to Order – Phil K7PIA @ 11:11 am
Introductions

Reports:

- President: Phil K7PIA, No report
- Secretary: Carl N7CJR, No report, announced a quorum had been reached and last month's minutes were approved by the membership
- Vice President: Steve KD7IQL absent, Manfred introduced prospective members: Craig WA7HTN, Bob WA7HTJ, Fred K7GIJ, David KD7ZVQ, Paul KI7QXV. All were approved for membership. Scott requested all new members to pay dues.
- Treasurer: Scott KC7SAG, Books are in order as reported to the board. The club has 298 active club members. Please pay dues if you need to.
- Activity Manager: David W7DAO, No report. Robin Carter WA7BRI gave an in-depth NVIS presentation.
- Radio Officer: Hal N7NW, Transfer of lease was finalized in December 2023 for E. Tiger/Gold Mt repeater sites. PSRRG transferred all holdings to the Mike and Key ARC to include a website that will be linked to the club's website and eventually merged. Hal gave a brief description of site and is developing a presentation/article. Bob and Craig from PSRRG will be joining the club and will assist in maintaining/upgrading the site to include passing on operational knowledge to other Repeater committee members. This includes establishing repeater(s) on Gold Mt. Committee is established to maintain and upgrade the repeater site. Updates to the M&K website will be up coming.
- Relay Editor: Mike N7WA: Haven't gotten many articles submitted. Please consider contributing to the club newsletter.

Committee Reports

- Membership, Rita KD7CNU/Manfred AG7NR, Manfred wished Rita good health. Congratulations to new members. Roy Fisher KJ7OKL has become a silent key and there will be a ceremony on the social net.
- Education/Training: Robert KF7RWA, Daniel KL7WM, Daniel Tech class on 11/25 Feb at the Auburn Community

Center. Issaquah is holding a class after CERT on May 6/13, 20-25 students. Daniel requested help teaching classes and if anyone wants to hold a class please contact Daniel. Renton ECS is holding a technician class the 1st weekend in February. See rentonecs.org website for signup info.

- Public Service: Robert KD7WNV, updating of booklet is ongoing and will be available at swap meet. If there's any info you want in the booklet, ie; public service, special events, NETS, updates on contact info, repeaters, please contact Robert. Access to "In Design" software has been lost. Please contact Robert if anyone has access to Adobe subscriptions.

- Tech/Special Interest: Jason KJ7GLB / Mark W7EAZ: Jason will be stepping down running Audio Visual, so we need new people as of March. NET for 220 will be transitioning from 8pm to 7pm. Committee will have Zoom meeting next week 4th Thursday. See groups.io for info.

- Facilities: Jay AE1J, No report

- Repeater: Hal NW7A, See Radio Officer report

- Swap Meet: Hal N7NW / Mike N7WA – Hal/Mike, gave an abbreviated presentation and will be the presenters in the February general meeting. First swap meet was in 1982 at the Longacre's site. 2023 will be the 38th year (?) at Puyallup Fair. There are 120 positions available for both days with about 50-60% presently filled. Hospitality chair is open. Example of open positions are, ticket takers and announcing to include setup and teardown. Hal asked new members to step up and volunteer. Volunteers earn free admission and first dibs on sale items. No charge for items at the country store. Volunteers don't have to be M&K members. They reminded everyone that this is a big part of funding for M&K operations. Dates: 10 March - setup and 11 March – Swap Meet/Teardown.

- Field Day: David WA7DY, June 24, 2023, Wagon Wheel reserved from Monday to Monday.

- Audit: N/A Scott, 2022 books were reviewed last Wednesday passed audit

- Old Business: None

- New Business: Nominations for March elections. There are 3 officers are open, Pres/VP/Sec + 4 Trustees open please volunteer

- Good of the Order: 10-10 Chief Seattle chapter officer Dan N7QHC is stepping down.

- Show & Tell: None

Adjournment – motion to adjourn Robert and Gil. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30

Mike & Key ARC – Board Meeting via Zoom Meeting Notes

Date/Time: February 7, 2023, 19:15 Pacific

Attested to by Carl Reynolds, Board Chair

Participants:

Phil Pia, K7PIA (President)
Steve Cook, KD7IQL (Vice President)
Carl Reynolds, N7CJR (Secretary)
Scott Gilyeat, KC7SAG (Treasurer)
David Okrent, W7DAO (Activities Manager - not present)
Hal Goodell, N7NW (Radio Officer)
Robert Abbott, KF7RWA (Trustee #1)
Jason Nierenberg, KJ7GLB (Trustee #2 – not present)
Jeff Kenner, W7GPG (Trustee #3 – not present)
Manfred Bester, AG7NR (Trustee #4 - Board Chair)
Jay Jones, AE1J (Trustee #5)
Mike Dinkelman, N7WA (Relay Editor)
David Smith, KB7PSN (Webmaster)
Robert Grinnell, KD7WNV
Jim Kiniry, KE7JIM
James Wraalstad, WQ7H

Agenda:

Call to Order (19:15 Pacific)

Establishment of quorum: Manfred

Approval of previous Board meeting minutes: Approved 100%

Reports

- Chairman of the Board (Manfred, AG7NR): Need to recruit candidates for the upcoming election of officers and trustees
- President (Phil, K7PIA): Noted that the Salvation Army situation is not encouraging for our General Meetings and VE testing
- Vice President (Steve, KD7IQL): New membership applications (): Bill Swickard KK7KCN, Tim Holmes WV7TIM, Matthew Beldyk KC8PNF, Charles Aggenbach KK7EFH, Howard Lim KK7HLH, Jason De La Cruz K4FLY, Ryan Bentley KE7WPG, Mike Cirineo AB7D; All were approved by the Board
- Secretary (Carl, N7CJR): No report
- Treasurer (Scott, KC7SAG): Reviewed past months transactions and books are in order. General fund audit completed on 11 January. Current active member count: 300
- Activities Manager (David, W7DAO - not present): No report

- Radio Officer (Hal, N7NW): Hal was notified that Craig and Bob visited the repeater site this past Sunday due to a power outage caused by a melted fuse holder. They were able to repair it and restore normal operations, except for one camera, which requires replacement. Certificate of insurance received and will be delivered to DNR. The repeater committee has established a groups.io account specifically for the repeater committee. Scott is working with PSE to setup account for the site as the club is responsible from 6 Dec. 2022.

Standing Committees

- Technical & Special Interest (Jason, KJ7GLB): No report
- Public Service (Robert, KD7WNV): Booklet: Reformatory printers have closed, so Double E Printing quoted \$.99/booklet plain paper and \$1.64 per booklet with colored heavy stock cover. The board chose the \$.99/booklet.
- Education & Training (Robert, KF7RWA): Online/Club Meeting testing is ongoing. Classes at Renton Tech. College produced 8 new licensees and on Saturdays 11th and 25th in Auburn, and skip a week and next Saturday.
- Membership (Manfred, AG7NR): Discussed recruitment of officers and trustees in last committee meeting; Ivy, WA7IVY, conducted the "Amateur Last Call" ceremony for Roy Fisher, KJ7OKL, during the Social Net on Feb. 3; Recording will be sent to Roy's family
- Facilities & Publicity (Jay, AE1J): Received a proposal from the Salvation Army to formalize our usage, and at a new rate that is closer to typical market value; Will need to investigate other options and make a decision at the March Board meeting
- Repeater (Hal, N7NW): See above

Publications & IT Support

- Relay Editor (Mike, N7WA): Due date for articles is Friday, Feb 10
- Web Master (Dave, KB7PSN): No report

Essential Committees

- Audits: Club's financials were audited 11 January led by Sam N7RHE
- Awards: N/A

- Finance: N/A
- Strategic Planning (Manfred, AG7NR): Committee meeting planned for later in February.

Event Committees

- Swap Meet; Next Tuesday final meeting. Volunteer numbers are growing. Activity for February General membership meeting will be the Swap Meet.
- Field Day: David, WA7DY Recruiting band chairs is underway and emails were sent out to previous chairs.
- Picnic: Site reservation for Aug. picnic at Five Mile Lake Park; Dave, KB7PSN, secured the club's reservation

Old Business

Salvation Army has increased rental to \$300/month. Discussions took place for alternatives as parking has been an issue as well as the increased rent. Kent/Tukwila community centers, libraries, Masonic Hall and Veterans Center were mentioned. Manfred will email Jay. Discussion took place for open positions. Manfred will reach out to club members individually.

New Business None

Good of the Order None

Action Items

Facilities Committee to follow up with Captain Parks at the Salvation Army on the proposal status and to clarify usage for the Feb. 18 General Meeting

Next Meeting

March 7, 2023, 18:45 Pacific (remotely via Zoom)

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 20:45 Pacific

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