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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

September	4.....Bette Free	20.....Dick	K7PKB
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K7LED RELAY PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In case you did not get the word, the Board Meeting has been changed for this coming month to September 11 from the 18th. It seems we have a goodly number of Board members who will be handling communications for the Salmon Derby and would not be able to make it to the meeting on the 18th. It will be at the Turkey Inn in Southcenter at 10 AM. We tried to move the regular meeting up one week also, however the meeting place was not available for that day. I had requests to move the regular meeting time to later in the day on the 18th so those participating in the Salmon Derby could attend, but after weighing this, decided it would be best to leave the meeting time the same (10 AM September 18). At that meeting, we have some very important business to take care of....We have some constitutional additions to vote on and at least 12 applications for membership pending, so all of you who are not participating in the Derby be sure to attend...at the last meeting we did not have a quorum...can you imagine that...we need 33 club members for a quorum these days...my how the club has grown!

On another subject, a favorite one of mine is 6 meters...good news ...Saturday, August 28, the old ACS 6 meter machine, known as WR7ACU/7 in recent months, has been moved to the new location for same and that is Squak Mountain...some 2000 feet above sea level. The coverage from this location is fantastic. This location is Jon, W7FHZ, and the call for the repeater is now WR7ABP and until the new solid state machine is completed and installed should be voice identified as such (Always Be Polite). Lets dust off the 6 meter radios folks for we have got our broad coverage repeater back in business. By the way, if you would like to help with the construction of this new machine...contact Pete, K7IPQ for more information...if you would like to help with the financial end of the 6 meter machine the man is Jon Marcinko, 1401 S. 276th, Kent, WA 98031. I'd be very interested in seeing just how far you can work this machine. For those of you in the south end, work is progressing on the 85/6 meter machine for Tacoma and should be on the air soon. On the subject, the fellows at Capitol Peak have been working on their machine also, and it is now really talking. I worked K7GMR the other day while he was traveling from North Bend to the OTHER SIDE of Snoqualmie Pass...Not too bad for a 6 meter repeater in Olympia.

See you on the 18th of September.

Clay
WA7WMC

ACTIVITIES MANAGER AND HIS QRNN COLUMN OF EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 4 FREE MOVIES!! An hour and a half of technical film from AT&T and the Pacific Northwest Bell covering transistors, IC's, electronic switching, etc. Starting at 10 AM in the Good Neighbors Auditorium (our regular meeting place). Should take around 1½ to 2 hours for the five reels.

5-6 JERRY LEWIS TELETHON!! This annual event needs help from Mike and Key representatives for the first shift starting at 6 PM on 5 September and running til 1:30 AM on the 6th. Will be at the Westlake Room, Washington Plaza Hotel answering phones for this Telethon. Contact Bill and sign up just as soon as you read this announcement--QSP Bill at 762-7738 K O W!

9 M&K Monthly no-Host Dinner. East Valley Roadhouse on East Valley Highway, north of Kent. Will start rotating locations AFTER this dinner. Will take some time to work out all the bugs but if you enjoy good food and excellent company plan to attend. October Dinner will be on Friday, October 8th so make a mark somewhere.

11 M&K Board meeting. 9AM (note date change). O'Brien's Turkey House, across from Dose's, Parkway Plaza, Southcenter. Open meeting for all.

18 M&K Regular Business Meeting. 10 AM Good Neighbor Building, across from Valley General Hospital. Come and bring a friend, visitor or prospective member. Need a quorum to conduct business.

WALKATHON. WA7EBH in charge and he needs about 25 good operators with 2M equipment to fill the needs. QSP Chuck soon.

18/19 SEAFAIR SALMON DERBY. An annual event with K7WTC in charge of communications. Contact Pete for assignments, information, or just to give him a hand.

OCTOBER 2 MIKE AND KEY AUCTION!! Details elsewhere in this issue. Should be the continuation of something big.

8 Monthly M&K NO-HOST DINNER. Location to be announced next month.

Other items to be considered:

Will be getting film from Motorola for showing to M&K which should be of interest. These are training films used for technician training and will cover a lot of the Motorola radio equipment.

A tour through the FAA Air Traffic Control Center at Auburn will be on tap soon. Probably be in November now.

The tour with Seattle Police Department emergency communications center (911) system has been delayed somewhat but still on our planning schedule.

ACTIVITIES MANAGER (continued)

A tour through KOMO-TV on tap plus an offer for a Channel 11 tour.

Blake Island Dance and Dinner fell through cuz net snuff said "yah" to make a valid reservation. Sorry--maybe next time.

Still hoping for hidden transmitter hunt arrangements--seems like summer has struck a blow in this area--maybe soon.

Got a QSO regarding equipment construction projects for M&K. Sounds like this could be interesting...any other interested parties let me know and we will see what we can shake up.

Debi Holt is in charge of next spring's annual banquet. An early volunteer must not go unrecognized!! Thanks Debi and now comes a call for assistants.

Also don't forget Ken, K7PEX needs assistance and assistants for the Christmas Party. Anyone having any connections for obtaining a good live band for this function please contact Ken as soon as possible. It seems that although they never let us know, the Associated Sound has another engagement that evening. Ken can be reached at 824-7388.

(Looks like a lot of the above is asking for assistants from Mike and Key for someone, or something. Is there a message in our club's mission??)

While we are at it, does anyone know of a good speaker that I could contact who would be welcome at a M&K Activity Meeting? Will consider all input. Call me: 226-4222.

QBN & 73's, de Gib, W7JIE

MIKE AND KEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AUCTION - OCTOBER 2, 1976

The Mike and Key Auction is getting closer. Remember, this event is to be held at the Seattle Center in the Olympic Room. Licensed amateurs only may buy or sel. There will be a \$.50 registration fee for bidder/sellers --3% of which goes to the City of Seattle. Doors will open for bidder/sellers at 8AM, auction starting time to be 10AM sharp and lasts until 8PM or we are sold out, whichever comes first.

We are in need of more volunteers to help with the auction, especially with 58 handheld capabilities. Please contact Al, WA7TIB or Karon Pelicani. We could use a few more people to help with the paperwork.

1976 M&K PICNIC was cancelled because WA7TBP forget to order good weather. Because the weather has not cooperated all summer, and because we do not have good reason to believe we'll get any better cooperation before January 1, 1977, there will be no club sponsored picnic this year. Sorry folks....

PUGET SOUND COUNCIL MEETING - July 23, 1976 Seattle City Light Building

Meeting was called to order by Mary Lewis in the absence of the president and vice president. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$56.58.

It was reported that a New York Amateur was taken to trial for TVI. After a 2-year trial, the Amateur was held not responsible for the TVI.

DENVER CONVENTION report was made by W7BUN --part good, part bad. The tour was bad. There were some good seminars, etc. The hope is that our '77 convention will be better.

HAMFAIR 76 is August 21-22, 1976 at Graham, Washington.

Next meeting is scheduled August 27, 1976 at the Seattle City Light Bldg.

Meeting was short with low attendance because of vacations and a hot night.

Low, WA7ELI

HR RUMFOLT - "Jammer" has been causing world-wide QRM. Centered on 14215, the randomly active "idling printer"-like signal spreads sidebands across the 20-M band and appears to be of Soviet origin. When the skip is right it wipes out all but the strongest 20-M stations in the eastern U.S. The F.C.C.'s Treaty Branch has initiated diplomatic action, but until the source is established nothing else can be done. F.C.C. monitors report it is also on 9, 12 and 15 MHz. (This has been heard fairly strongly on 20-M in Federal Way at times as well.)

There are two bills, HR10620 and S2343, before Congress right now that would give the FCC power to levy monetary forfeitures against the operators of any unlicensed stations. A note to your Congressmen and Senators to let them know how you feel about the bills, with a plug for Amateur Radio and the good we have done and continue to do would be in order.

Total U.S. Amateur population went from 271,000 to nearly 275,000 during July! Almost 2000 are new novices, and nearly 1000 are newly licensed technicians.

Mexico has banned CB use by U.S. visitors, presumably due to administrative problems. Mexico had been issuing temporary operating permits to U.S. CB licensees, but under the new policy a U.S. automobile with CB in it will not be permitted to enter Mexico.

A recent article in Ham Radio magazine tells us the average life expectancy of CB per individual is not quite 4 years. The individual then becomes bored with its (CB) limitations and fed up with the stackups and interference and sells his equipment for another hobby or pursuit; a very small portion of whom become Amateur radio operators. Pete may disown me for saying this but: let the gorillas fall by the wayside, but perhaps other disillusioned former CB'ers might be worth encouraging to become dyed in the wool 100% AMATEURS. - Karon.

LADIES!!

Have you contacted Jan Hodberg yet with your thoughts and opinions for special activities for us alone? She is waiting patiently to hear from you. Lets get with it and give her a call or write her a note.

I've had some input for the Regional Convention which is to be held in July 1977 and could use some reinforcement of the suggestions received. Included are: Champagne brunch; luncheon-fashion show; Blake Island or Kiana trips; Harbour Tours, Gray-line Tours; See Seattle with Shirley's Tours; Pike Place Market visit; Pioneer Square Tour; Downtown Seattle's Fareast Tour; Card Room; Art Museum Tour; and many others. I am working with Cherie Tucker with the Seattle Chamber of Commerce to set up functions for the ladies and now I need to know: How many of you would like to help with the tours, luncheons, fashion shows, registration, etc., and how many of you think these are things you would enjoy, especially if you were an out of town visitor.

We also need lots of assistance to (wo)man the ladies booth at the Seattle Center for registration information and orientation purposes. Hopefully, if we can get enough woman power, no one will have to spend more than 2 hours at the booth on any of the three days of convention functions.

Drop me a few lines and we'll see if we can't work out a program we will all be proud of for all the ladies. How about numbering the above suggestions in order of your preference, adding your own and sending it on to me, even if you don't have time to assist in any other way? Thank you. Maybe some of the Mike and Key girls should try out some of these ideas for size...

Karon Policani

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Latest issue of HR REPORT received at press time says "WN" Novice prefixes will no longer be issued after October 1 and that Novice licensees will receive the same prefixes as higher class license holders. In its announcement of the change, the Commission cited processing problems as the prime reason for the change -- its computer has had some difficulty in translating a WN into a WA, WB or WD resulting in the issuing of some duplicate calls.

Present Novice Licensees whose licenses expire after October 1 will also be changing prefixes -- the FCC plans to issue them new licenses with the appropriate new prefix starting some time after the first. However, until the new license has been received, a presently licensed Novice should continue using "WN."

SHORT BURSTS...

K7YRQ, WA7EBH, W7GPW, WA7RJT, K7DBU, WA7WMC and others put antennae on the Channel 13 tower in Tacoma for the 85 machine - WR7ACU/7 is now WR7ABP on Squak Mountain and is on the old WR7ACS/6 frequency - GOT THAT, JANET? Had no quorum of club members at the August meeting, but did have at Hamfair '76. Lew, WA7ELI, won first prize at Hamfair - an IC230. Les didn't win much, but he did manage to lose most the skin off his arm. That's what happens when you investigate 30 year old trees so closely, Les. All had a good time at Hamfair - even you, Ken. The Chinatown (Seafair) parade was cancelled, but 20 club members had the after the parade party anyway. Went to WA7KBK's house then out for dinner and drinks, drinks, drinks... Little John became engaged - wonder if Bob knows he is already married? You did it again Mary - Les' call is not K7NXC, WA7TIB did not go to Denver, but WA7TAI did. Karon P. received her new license, with her old call which is WA7WVJ. Its good to hear her on 2 and 6 meters. Freinwald's are starting another class in October -- 5 WPM and general class theory. Hedberg's are back from their search for sunshine. Clay is in Chicago trying to rebuild an AM transmitter site that burnt. All that hot air from country stations finally came to a head. W7KIY is limping from a basketball game. WA7RJW's van was involved in an accident while he wasn't home, but it was.

EDITORS CORNER

Did you ever hold a meeting where nobody came? Will, we had a lot of people at the last meeting, but when it came to a member head count, we had almost as many visitors as we had members in attendance. Come on now, even with Salmon Derby on the next meeting date, surely out of 100 club members we can get 34 in attendance!

We have a fairly large slate of prospective new members to vote on, both male and female, as well as two additions to the Bylaws. There are also several more items on the agenda which are equally important, but can't be voted upon without you, personally, in attendance at the next meeting. This is your special invitation to come to the September Mike and Key meeting, especially those of you who have not yet made it to the not so new meeting place at the United Way facility. Summer, although never having realized its full potential, has come and gone so we'll expect your handsome or beautiful (as the case may be) faces on September 18.

Karon Policani
WA7WVJ