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The Mike & Key net meets each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. on 3,930 Khz with Novice and CW check-in on 3,730 Khz and VHF on 146.58 Mhz and K7LED/R 52.37—5337.

Club meets the third Saturday of each month at the UGN Building across the street from Valley General Hospital in Renton.

MEMBERSHIP: 76

ACTIVITIES

May 17	Board Meeting 7:30 a.m. — Southcenter Turkey House Business Meeting 10:00 a.m. Program — Field Day Plans by Band Chairmen
June 28, 29	Field Day

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This looks like an outstanding year for Amateur Radio, and the Mike & Key Club. The summer activities are coming on us now, with field day being the first big one. FD has always been one of the most enjoyable operating/social events on the schedule. This year we have several new band chairmen who are going to be getting their "feet wet" for the first time. They are going to need all the help they can get. So, let's STEP FORWARD, and get in the pool with them. There are 700 bonus points available this year, more than ever before, and as much raw score as another whole station. Most of these are short-time extras that may take only an hour or so to collect.

At the May meeting, we will have to finalize most details, so plan to be there and pick one of the efforts to lend a hand on.

The Executive board has voted to hold it's meetings at the Southcenter Turkey House, (no relationship) and any member or visitor is welcome to attend and listen in. If you have nothing to do about 0730, come on over and see what the board is up to.

It's also a good time to present your suggestions. Remember: This is your club. Let's hear what you want.

Al, WA7TIB

ACTIVITY FOR MAY MEETING

Field Day - 1980 - Discussion and each Band Chairman will present his planned station set up for field day, including antenna, transmitter, receiver, operating facilities, and operators.

SEANARC - 1980

The plans for the setting up the radio station at the ARRL National Convention to be held in Seattle the last weekend in July are proceeding well. The radio station will be located on the 13th floor of the Red Lion Inn in one of the king suites. This provides for a fairly short run to the roof. I have met with the Red Lion building manager and toured the roof. There will be no problem installing vertical antennas for HF and beams for 6 and 2. Icom America is providing two complete HF/VHF stations for our usage. AEA has donated a 2 meter Isopole and a keyer. The committee will be meeting shortly to further define our antenna, coax, and miscellaneous needs.

The plan is to setup the antennas and perform TVI checks about two weeks before the convention. We will move into set up the equipment and begin manning the station on Thursday night and keep it on the air through Sunday, of the convention weekend.

I will be circulating a sign-up sheet for station operators at the May and June meetings. The primary duties of the station operators will be to provide information to convention going people coming into town and to help keep the station on the air. We plan to allow for visitor operation of one of the stations. By the way, you don't have to register at the convention to operate the station. It is accessible without going in to the convention exhibit/seminar area.

The station call sign will be K7RS with QSL via K7LED. QSL cards are presently being printed.

Hal, N7NW

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was a short one to accommodate members leaving for the Skagit Hamfest. After introduction of officers and members, Al thanked Ray Leslie for his work on the Banquet and thanked Chuck Stroehner for his service on the Constitution and the By-Laws committee. George, N7BT, asked for input from members regarding activities this year. He will send out a questionnaire to members. Carl Butler volunteered to get "Thumper" up to FD site when Lil John noted he couldn't do it. Al appointed Gene, WA7TAI, to head the Budget Committee to get the annual report in by June. CPR training will be held May 3, 1980 at 9:30 AM at the UGN Center, Tom and Sue in charge. Frank, K7GSE, noted that two of his rigs were stolen from his vehicle, a 2M and a 220 rig. Jan, WA7HWX, read a letter from the ARRL about those radio kits we donated for. The response was so large that it is taking longer to get the project completed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.

LETTER FROM GAMBIA

March 31, 1980

Hello there,

Many thanks for the birthday greetings! It took awhile (3 months) to get here, but it was appreciated just the same.

I wish I could report that I have been operating as a DX station, but unfortunately the U.S. Peace Corps does not allow volunteers to own transmitters.

Some people here (Gambians) feel that all Peace Corps volunteers work for the CIA already, so having a transmitter around the house would look a bit suspicious!

I have heard about an active ham who lives in a village about 100 miles downriver from us, but I have not met him yet.

I'm told he is a very successful contester, so I'll stop by and get a look at his station and introduce myself.

I really miss operating, but I'm trying to keep up with what's going on. My folks are sending QST over, so that keeps me informed.

I also miss cool weather. It's been 110° here everyday for 2 weeks, and the hot season is just beginning!

Good luck to you all on Field Day. I'll be thinking of you. Thanks again for the card.

&73, to all, Bruce AA7S

This is a letter I received the day of the club meeting. I will be sending a letter to Bruce and thought you all might like to here from a club member on a continent that you all try hard to get for your DX collections. Hopefully, I may have more to share with you sometime in the future.

Deborah N7AVO

Bruce's address is:

Bruce Trimble
c/o The Peace Corp
P.O. Box 582
Banjul, The Gambia
West Africa

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our by-laws clearly spell out the requirements for obtaining and maintaining membership in the Mike & Key ARC. It is sad to note that according to our records that 14 members have not paid their dues within the allowable 3 month grace period and therefore their membership must be terminated. It should be pointed out that under Section IV B of the By-laws, "Any member who has been dropped from membership because of non-payment of dues shall not be reinstated until re-elected to the club or has paid dues in full from the date at which they became delinquent." As it is always a loss to the club when good members decide to drop out for one reason or another, I would like those members to reconsider.

I would like to remind those members who are now falling within the three months grace period, that under Section II, B of the By-laws, "Any member who becomes delinquent in their dues may not participate in club business." So let's all get current.

EXPIRED:

WA7ZLV	1-80	N7PK	1-80
K7DCG	1-80	K7QMG	1-80
K7PFR	1-80	AA7S	1-80
* Jane Beatty	1-80	WB7DBZ	1-80
WA7TOM	1-80	WA7TBP	1-80
W7WJM	1-80	K7SQA	1-80

GRACE PERIOD - (Not eligible to vote)

*WA7IVO	4-80	K7MBY	2-80
WB7EMS	2-80	K7QMI	4-80

DUE IN MAY : NONE

DUE IN JUNE:	N7AMX	WA7MSD	WA3WPY
	K7CR	*K7RN	WA7ZUO

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP : 76

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED:

*Leonard L. Miller	K7MHM
*Bob McGahuey	WA7OXN
Richard Gehring	K7PBT

* Associate membership

I would like to welcome the following visitors who attended the April 19th meeting:

KA7CLK	Clint Pozzi
	Mike Mosey
K7PBT	Dick Gehring

Dick, incidentally once belonged to the original M & K Club prior to leaving the area for several years. Mike was told about the club by Dave, WA7TOM, and is in need of help to get a license. We had 32 members in attendance at the April meeting, not bad for a Skagit saturday— See you all in May.

Hal Goodell, N7NW

FOR THE LADIES.....FOR THE LADIES.....FOR THE LADIES

REMEMBER WHEN.....

-the only energy crisis was kids having too much of it.
-"freeze-dried" meant the family laundry had hung all day on the clothesline.
-you dreaded going to the dentist, not the supermarket (that's a good one).
-a Saturday Night Special was a double-dip chocolate soda.
-"melt-down" meant defrosting the refrigerator. (OH, how I hate to do that)
-you got a real kick out of finding a quarter in the pocket of an old coat.

NEWS FLASH.....NEWS FLASH..... " CONGRATULATIONS "

- TO: KEN & LINDA RAU - A NEW ADDITION TO THEIR FAMILY IN NOVEMBER.....
- TO: JOHN & DIANA BECKER - A NEW ADDITION TO THEIR FAMILY IN APRIL. NAME IS KEITH WALTER.....
- TO: DEBI HOLT - WHO RECEIVED THE MIKE & KEY APPRECIATION AWARD AT THE APRIL BANQUET. YOU DESERVED IT, DEB.

"GIB" GIBSON W7JIE THIS ONE IS FOR YOU.....There was a fellow walking along a pier so engrossed by counting the slits in the wood that he walked off the end of the pier into the water. What is the moral to this story..... WHEN YOUR OUT OF SLITS, YOUR OUT OF PIER.....

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.....A FRIEND OF MINE STOPPED SMOKING, DRINKING, OVEREATING AND CHASING WOMEN - ALL AT THE SAME TIME. IT WAS A LOVELY FUNERAL!

SHORT BURSTS

One of our newer members, Ralph Funkhouser, WB7VLW, upgraded to Advanced Class. Congrats!! Ralph!

Dick Dietsch, W7KCX, is sporting a new full leg cast. This is a result of a torn Achilles tendon suffered during a slow-pitch softball game. He will be in the cast for about four more weeks. He now has a chance to do some hamming. Speedy recovery, Dick.

The club trailer is now licensed! Thanks Jim, W7GPW and Chuck, WA7RJT.

The Seattle Opera Guild, sponsor of this year's Pub Jump, has requested ham radio communication help. The fund raiser will be Thursday, May 22 from 6 pm to midnight. If you would like to help in this effort, give Gib, W7JIE, a call at 226-4222.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4-Steve Roley AD7G
7-Linda Grant WB7DVX
15-Lew Rambo WA7ELI
19-Arnie Skoog WA7WKT
19-Don Rembaugh WA7KBK

19-Jim Sutton WA7LNQ
20-Tim Schneebeck K7QMI
22-Hal Parris WB7EMS
28-Robert Vance KA7DZJ

Al, WA7TIB, has a computer amateur radio bulletin board up and running at his QTH. Anyone with a terminal and a telephone modem can check in and leave or pick up messages. There are already several swap & shop items listed, so if you have access to the terminal gear, call it up and try it out. Unless Al is using his Apple-II, it is on-line at (206) 546-6239.

The launch of AMSAT Phase-3, which will be Oscar-9, is scheduled for May 23, with the window from May 20 to 28. The bird will not be open for general traffic till about FD time, but AMSAT and NASA ranging signals should be heard on the downlink the day of launch. Keep an ear (or printer) on the ARRL bulletins for updates.

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FIRST CLASS



No matter what the project he's working in is supposed to be—it ends up being a light dimmer.