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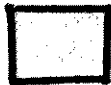
Club meets the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at "The Good Neighbor Center" located at 305 S. 43rd St. in Renton, which is across the street from Valley General Hospital.

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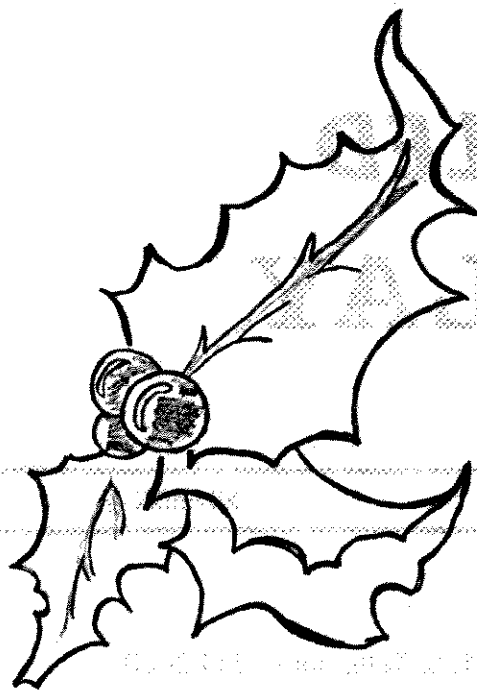
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FIRST CLASS



MIKE & KEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S
12th ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 11, 1982

Forest Ridge School

6:30-7:30 Adjust your attitudes

7:30-8:30 Eat that turkey

8:30 til midnight dance your tootsies off

Melodies from MUSIC MASTERS

\$3.00 per person

Turkey & ice provided

B.Y.O.B.

Please let us know what dish you will bring--call Diana Becker at 885-1941.

We need your reservations by Dec. 4th, thanks.

Forest Ridge School-4800 139th Ave. SE-Bellevue, WA

(See enclosed map)



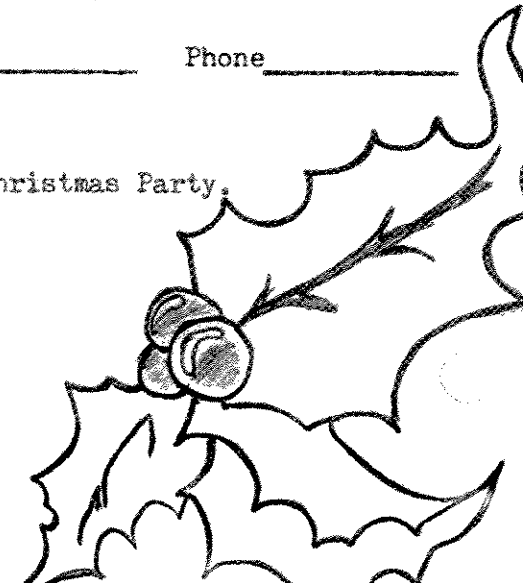
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Make checks payable to Mike & Key ARC
cost is \$3.00 per person.

Name _____ Call _____ Phone _____

I will be bringing a total of _____ people to the Christmas Party.



RADIO CLUBS: THEIR RISE & FALL

W7JWJ

Once upon a time seven hams from Podunk Hollow formed their own little radio club. The city even loaned them a club house. Their first club project was the design and installation of a two meter repeater. This became the primary activity and goal of the club. In order to raise sufficient funds, the club recruited new members. This was done by sponsoring a very successful Novice class.

In three years the club grew until its roster contained nearly two-hundred names. There was great activity in public service, such as participation in parades, bike-a-thons, and emergency communications. Sometimes more participants showed up than was needed.

Eventually club meetings fell into a routine and expected order. The same individuals were in the officers chairs. At Field Day the same hot-shot operators operated the best bands. And one year the club took first place in the 8A division. It was, indeed, a very successful club. To insure future success, the board retained the same committee heads for the important functions such as the Christmas social and open house for family members. Certainly each person knew exactly what was expected of them and they performed their tasks well. Members grew to love the club and all of its activities.

Of course, sometimes, a member could not attend some events because of increasing interests in other areas. However, they knew what it was all about as they had participated for several years with the club in all of its activities. It was even necessary to skip a few club meetings now and then. Of course they wouldn't miss much with just one meeting missed. The minutes would be in the club newspaper anyway if the secretary had time to get it printed.

Somehow attendance at club meetings began to decline because of other functions such as family activities and changes in the fall line-up of TV programs. After a few years the club dwindled in size until it only had thirty-seven paid up members.

The old timers that formed the nucleus of the club were greatly concerned (the newcomers called this group 'the cliché'). They held a special board meeting to determine what was wrong with the club & what to do about it. After a year of diligent work, and many planned special activities and programs they finally increased the membership to forty-two. Why they even planned a Field Day just like the first one - the one that was so successful. Unfortunately only twelve people showed up. The annual hamfest was conducted just like last years - even had the same chairman and committee members, but attendance was down by eighteen percent. The club announced a new Novice class, but couldn't come up with an instructor.

And so it went for the next twelve years, until the city sold the club house the group had used. With no place to meet the seven remaining members dis-banded the club. It was no more.

Those that had worked the hardest did the most to destroy.

FLASH! FCC GIVES 10 MHz to HAMS NOW!

If you had subscribed to the new THE ARRL LETTER you would have received this information dated October 28, 1982.

"At 3 PM EDT today FCC released the major portion of the 10-MHz band for use by amateurs in its jurisdiction. Effective immediately, U.S. amateurs holding General, Advanced and Extra Class licenses may use up to 250 watts input and A1 emissions in the band segments 10.100 - 10.109 and 10.115 - 10.150 MHz. These emissions include CW and RTTY operation; voice modes are not permitted. The segment 10.109 - 10.115 is not available at this time because of daily use by a priority government radio service (You'll get a pink ticket if you get into this this forbidden window). Amateur stations must avoid interfering with stations in the Fixed Service, because the band is allocated on a primary basis to the Fixed Service and these stations have priority. The amateur allocation is on a secondary non-interference basis."

This newsletter service is made available for a yearly fee of \$19.50 and is published every two weeks - a new service of your League.

Yes, the FCC made this important announcement of official action at 3 PM EDT on Thursday the 28th. At the same moment WIAW began transmitting the news on RTTY, followed by ASCII, CW, and phone. WIAW then commenced to make several contacts. W1GNC and W1XX claim the first completed QSO, which was initiated at precisely 3 PM and concluded 23 seconds later.

ARRL HAS SUBMITTED TO THE FCC an important petition for Rulemaking for the volunteer examination program. The petition has been assigned R.M. #4229. This petition consists of 12 pages, plus an appendix of 6 pages. It outlines proposed methods of administering the amateur examinations with the use of volunteer examiners, plus an upgrading and expansion of the pool of existing questions now available. Under the proposed rule consideration, three accredited volunteer examiners would be present and all three would sign the applicants' 610 form. At least one of the signers would hold an Amateur Extra Class license. In the case of an applicant for Advanced or Extra, all three signers would hold Amateur Extra Class licenses. It is hoped, if adopted, this proposal will strengthen the integrity and security of the Amateur testing program, as well as to ensure frequent, convenient testing opportunities throughout the states and territories and in U.S. embassies and overseas military bases. By providing a large bank of new questions, from which the examiners would select the appropriate number, each exam would be individualized, thus reducing the possibility of applicants passing the exam from rote 'study guide' memorization.

A PERSONAL NOTE: In early August, after a grueling 1800 mile club and hamfest visitation skej, I arrived home in time to find the freezer and refrigerator had been thawed for a week. The next morning I collapsed under stress and the result of a stroke. Unable to talk, I made it known to Harry, via CW and hand signals, to submit my name as candidate for ARRL Director for the Northwestern Division, and to report the stroke as 'mild'. (which I believed it was) I can now say it was more than that! After three months, my speech has nearly recovered and I can perform important functions, under work prioritization. (Harry is really learning to cook!) and within several months I should be running in full gear again as my physical condition improves (I need a new thermostat) under speech, spelling and physical therapy. The three hundred cards and letters I have receive have made it a lot easier. Thanks a bundle! Win or lose the election, November 20th, Harry and I are going out and celebrate I'm on my hind feet and getting 'ornery again!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

November's cold makes all of us old, some more than others.

4-Ken Rau K7YR
7-Diana Becker

10-Mary Lewis W7QGP
14-Jim Aeschliman WB7AHD

December's snows may blow, but this group takes the birthday bows.

6-Dick Dietsch K7KCX
11-Chris Holt WA7RJW
11-Pat Carson WA7MSD
12-Milly Mowry K7QMG

13-Tom Needham WA7TBP
21-Frank Remington K7GSE
22-Carl Butler W7PRW
25-Jan Hedberg WA7HWX

Now is the time for all good club members to come to the aid of the net controls. Do us a favor and volunteer to take a Sunday or two. It is awfully boring to keep hearing the same one or two valiant hams doing the net every Sunday. Just call Karl, N7AMX, and tell him which dates you can take the net. Don, WA7KBK, does every first Sunday and Karl is supposed to only do the third Sunday, that leaves lots of nice Sundays for you to choose from. Give Karl a call at 883-3012.

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I always knew hams were a bunch of nuts, but it is getting pretty bad when they start imitating nuts by falling out of trees. Jim, W7GPW, claimed the tree branch loved him so much it wouldn't let go of him, but we all know better. Jim is much improved and up and moving, slowly. We are glad he wasn't hurt more than he was. Watch out for the branches, Jim, or better yet get your neighbor to do it. You'd do that wouldn't you Ken?????

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This year's Christmas party is at a new location, Forest Ridge School. It is almost on the very top of Somerset Hill near Factoria. We will be in the cafeteria thanks to the kindness of Jack Burrell, KB7ZS. We will have a nice view and the use of a spacious kitchen (it even has a dishwasher) and the room is big enough to dance a few fancy steps in. Hope to see you all there. Maybe we can come up with a few surprises!!?!?!?!

Buenos dias, senior Gibson. Como esta, Ud.? Cuando viaje a Colombia?

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Pete, K7WTG, dropped his toothpaste yesterday--he was crestfallen.

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Overheard on the podium at the auction: Yeah, that's what they are bidding on. I don't know what it is either.

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Gib's Auction Fun: What do you get when you take the meat out of a hot dog?
A hollow weeny. (Yuck, yuck, yuck)

BEER CANS and NEWSPAPER!!!!--SODA POP CANS??, Scrap Aluminum/// and such stuff as this all add up to \$\$\$\$\$ in the Ladies prize pocket. Like the guy says, "We got more for the cans than we got for the paper". Seems that the jackpot was tripped when the tower and/or antenna went up, must have been a big one!!!!----- 52 lbs of cans, gosh that is a lot of beer. Sorry that I haven't been to the meetings for the last three months, had other things that was more important to do--like vacation, etc. Hope to be there these coming months to haul away the cans and paper. Need a report on the \$\$\$ taken in so far to see where we stand on our effort. Keep up the good work and see you next meeting. WA7EKH.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

- November 20 General Business Meeting, 10 AM at the UGN Center.
- December 4 Christmas Party reservations due! ! !
- December 11 Annual Mike & Key Christmas Party. A definite Must. A GALA EVENT. Further details within.
- December 18 General Business Meeting, 10 AM at the UGN Center.



Jan

Mother doesn't want a dog.
 Mother says they smell,
 And never sit when you say sit,
 Or even when you yell.
 And when you come home late at night
 And there is ice and snow,
 You have to go back out because
 The dumb dog has to go.

Mother doesn't want a dog.
 Mother says they shed,
 And always let the strangers in
 And bark at friends instead,
 And do disgraceful things on rugs,
 And track mud on the floor,
 And flop upon your bed at night
 And snore their doggy snore.

Mother doesn't want a dog.
 She's making a mistake,
 Because, more than a dog, I think
 She will not want this snake.

This is a story related by my late father. Father told it many times and it was always the same in the telling, so certainly it must be true - as true as his accent, the accent of an Englishman, an Englishman who had roamed the waterfront of Liverpool, an accent tainted by the color of the river Mersey and the cobble stone streets of Birkenhead.

My father, Walter, did migrate to the new country, the country of work and of many the opportunity. He arrived in time to drive many spikes for the wood burning railway as it inched slowly towards the west coast and the village of Vancouver. And in due time my father enlisted in the honorable army of El Canada. Now being extremely hard of hearing, due to a childhood illness, he was deemed unfit for the Signal Corp and the reception of Morse Code and thus he was assigned to the glorious Infantry.

Unable to hear the commands of close order drill he was often left alone upon the field of marching to and fro, and thus one day and left to his own command, he hastened back to his barracks to rest upon his backside throughout the morning and into the lateness of the afternoon and until he was discovered under inspection by the charge of quarters.

There was but one punishment that should befit the crime. It was called police of the kitchen. Now being assigned to the duty of asistant to the assistant cook, and with no prior experience whatsoever, there was but one sensible thing to do - it was called - read the menu.

On the menu was rice pudding. On the menu was rice pudding... There was rice pudding on the menu for some 400 starved and hungry men. Now my father reasoned, that there should be one cup of rice for each man and officer, and one cup to spare for those that would partake of the second helping, which all would no doubt tend to do. And so, 800 cups of rice were carefully measured into the large steel drum upon the huge wood stove which raged with glorious and heated fire.

The rice cooked slowly at first and then it began to rise up and up and over the brim, like popcorn fresh upon the universe. And as over it went, each container within the kitchen was pressed into emergency containment, until all were exhausted, even unto the kitchen sink.

And then came the dawn of light! My father remembered the Captain and his wonderful Mother. That wonderful Mother who had been sending the Captain a jar of fruit, canned as it was picked, each and every week since the beginning of the conflict. And these jars, most now empty, resided under the bunk of the unknowing Captain.

Into the jars went the rice, with a little left over for the Captain's shoes.

And so, on this Monday night, the men of Platoon E were served rice as were the men of E and of F and of G. And it was rice on Tuesday, and on Wednesday. On the evening of Thursday it was rice with raisins, and on Friday rice with honey, then for Saturday rice with beef. Sunday was simply rice with rice.

A footnote to the story. The Captain wrote his wonderful Mother, the Mom who sent a new jar of her pride and joy to her son, each and every week.

"Mother, please don't send any more rice!"

HOW TO KNOW WHEN YOU ARE GROWING OLD

You feel like the morning after Field Day & you haven't even operated.
You get winded checking into 75 meter phone nets.
People with WA7 calls begin to look middle aged.
You fall asleep while working DX.
Your favorite part of QST magazine is the '25 years ago today' column.
Your pacemaker makes the garage door open when you spot a pretty girl.
The new Novice at the club meeting addresses you as Sir!
The address pad in the ham shack contains only names ending in M.D.
You get exercise acting as pallbearer for silent keys who exercised.
Running a phone patch wears you out.
The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off.
Your knees buckle and your tower belt won't.
You look forward to a dead 20 meter band.
The gleam in your eyes is reflection of the digits on your radio dial.
You join the new ham club and don't go.
Too much room in the ham shack and not enough in the medicine cabinet.
Listening to WWV is your favorite pastime.
You receive a past due notice for your QCWA dues.
You still enjoy CW but you can't find your telegraph key.
The older you are the faster you used to copy.
You have trouble changing the bandswitch on your receiver.
You can't remember who Wayne Green is.
You just can't stand people who cause QRM.
Your antenna is down and it fell down three years ago.
Your favorite radio weekend is the 'SET' exercise.
You'd rather operate CW than chase women - and don't know why.
The little gray haired lady you help across the street is your XYL.
QST publishes your call in the 'silent keys' column.
Weather reports bring on a heart murmur.
When you tap the rotator switch the hill rotates, not the antenna.

IMMUTABLE HUNTING LAWS: -- From Rockin' Chair Copy, W7AIA

A hunting partner usually oversleeps.
Hip boots leak only in cold water.
When matches are fewest, firewood is wettest.
For a drippy nose, a wool glove beats any bandana.
The first place to look for game is the last place you'd expect to find it.
In camp, the one who snores will fall asleep first.
If anyone gets sick during a hunt, it will be the cook.
Fences are always 2" higher than your legs.
Only the man who builds farm gates can understand them.
It always takes longer to get there than to get back.
All trails have more uphill sections than downhill sections.
The last mile is the longest.
No matter which way you face on your stand, the game will always approach from the rear.
If your stand is on the right fork of a trail and your partner's is on the left fork, every doe will go up the right fork and every buck will choose the left.

Board Meeting October 13, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Harry, W7JWJ at 19:30 hours. Present were members W7JWJ, WA7TAI, WA7UEW, WB7AYU, KB7ZS, K7PHZ, KB7LM. Absent were KA7HNG and KB7ST. Guests included W7QGP, K7PFR, N7NW, N7BT, N7AVO, N7AMX, KL7BB, Diana Becker and Peg Carpenter.

Vice President's and Activity Manager's reports were given by Gene WA7TAI.

Jack KB7ZS reported work has progressed on finding club tax status. No determination has been final, however a full exempt status seems doubtful at this time.

Nominations were presented, a vote was taken and selection of the outstanding field day member was made. Announcement to be made at the awards dinner.

Bill, KL7BB offered \$25.00 for use as a give-away at the Club auction, October 30. It was gratefully accepted. Other auction events were discussed relating to (1) Sale of multiple same type items and (2) creation of "flea market" items in the country store. The flea market idea was defeated but a person will be allowed to place like items in the country store with the price being set by auction of the first item. An admission fee for the auction was discussed and defeated. Suggestion was made by George, N7BT, to establish a 50¢ donation to include a raffle ticket. His suggestion will be put into auction plans.

Treasury report was given by Dick, WA7UEW. Balance as of October 1 is \$1,844.18. Dick reported our bank will raise the service charge to a flat fee of \$6.00 per month.

Hal, N7NW requested and received an advancement of \$250.00 for food for the auction event.

The Xmas party was discussed. Date should be 1st or 2nd weekend in December. Locations were discussed with three being looked into by members.

Bill, KL7BB reported on the Anchorage Radio Club Flea Market held on September 18 and 19th to the Board. His report was passed on with interest to the M&K Flea Market Committee.

Debra, N7AVO, chairman of the Flea Market Committee reported on Committee progress. Dates have been discussed with some preliminary decisions concerning sites. The Flea Market Committee is working very hard to promote a flea market this spring. Space has been offered by Amateur Radio Supply Co. in their Xmas and Spring Flyer for advertising. The Flea Market Committee will hold its next meeting October 20 at N7AVO's, QTH with another meeting scheduled for November 10 at John's, K7PFR's home.

Other comments were sought from board members and guests. George, N7BT suggested to send postcard notices of meetings to members. The Board took no action. Harry W7JWJ will provide more help for the Relay. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 2135 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Cross
Mike Cross, WB7AYU, Acting Secretary.