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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—53.37 Mhz.

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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## JANUARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Mike & Key ARC will be held at the UGN building, 305 S 43 St - just South of Renton, on January 15th. All members and guests are invited to attend. The meeting will convene as promptly after 10 a.m. as possible, or whenever we have a quorum of members, when the coffee is ready, or at 10:10, whichever event comes first.

Part of the program will include a very short slide seminar on the wonderful lost art of soldering. Look into the past and discover how our hand-helds were made when we constructed them ourselves.

On the order of business will be nominations for officers for the next year. Come prepared with your nomination. Be sure and surprise your nominee by not notifying him/her in advance of the nomination. For next month Gene, WA7TAI is planning on having a live recording of the Burlington Northembloving its whistle. This whistle will surprise and startle you at the appropriate moment.

Also on the agenda will be the subject of Field Day. Everyone knows that we are going to Marrowstone, but the business meeting will be livened somewhat by some trouble maker moving that we go to someplace other than the favorite island. This discussion may go on until mid-afternoon. If we are really involved we may even have to table the last item of important business for the day.

The last item of business will be the final plans and work committee involvement in the fleamarket. At a previous club meeting it was moved and approved that the blue-jeans buffet dinner would also incorporate our annual awards banquet. Last meeting there was some discussion about having a separate awards banquet. (Last year 17 club members attended the banquet). If you are not going to either function, be sure and attend the club meeting and cast your vote.

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## BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors for the Mike & Key ARC met Wednesday evening January the 11th at Coco's restaurant in Bellevue. On the menu for discussion was the future direction of the club, Field Day activities, and the items above that will be discussed at the regular meeting. One item on which we reached general agreement was that club members need to invite guests to the meeting and that when guests do attend our functions that all of us make a special effort to say 'hello' to them and to invite them back. Edna Rideout is our official greeter, but she can not converse at length with each person to visit. It is up to all of us to do this.

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## ARRL REPORT

The ARRL report this month is the enclosed Northwestern Division Newsletter from Mary, W7QGP. This letter was mailed this week to nearly 7,000 ARRL members. Note that one paragraph mentions our fleamarket. Mary is leaving today - I'm writing this at 5 a.m. Thursday - for SAROC convention at Los Vegas. Several League and FCC officials attend this function, and frequently the latest news of Amateur Radio changes are released during this event.

A COMMENT

by HARRY, W7JWJ

Once upon a time, while I was attending WSU, the college radio club voted to hold code practice sessions and that I should conduct these sessions three times a week on the ten meter band. No one considered that I was also studying to maintain grades and was also working as a part-time engineer at the college radio station.

However the transmissions went on as scheduled. I initiated QST type messages to each member of the club that had so voted in favor of the code practice sessions. Each message contained a magical number that the person could use at the next club raffle. Certainly anyone that had voted in favor of the code transmissions would have copied their message! You guessed it! The raffle prize had to be held over until the next month. Not a single member that had voted for the code practice had copied any of it.

It was not so many months ago that the subject of the fleamarket was on the agenda of the Mike & Key ARC. Nearly everyone present raised their hands, voted to have a fleamarket and committed a club member as chairperson.

At that same meeting the subject of Field Day was presented and nearly everyone present raised their hands in agreement and committed the club to participate. The same hands were in the air to authorize the club auction. Over thirty hands were in the air to ok the Christmas party, but somehow only half that many members showed for the party.

Raising ones hand in accord with others does not magically make an event happen!

We might ask this question: Does voting for an event in which work is involved leave any moral or ethical obligation for the votee to participate in that event, lend assistance in the planning of the event, work on the event, or to even attend?

Let's put up a repeater! All in favor say aye!  
Who will be the coordinator. Who will climb the tower. Who will repair the repeater when the ice storm destroys the transmission line?

Let's form a radio club! All in favor say aye!  
Who will be chairperson? Who will publish the club newspaper?  
Who will find a club house? Who will do the necessary paperwork?  
Who will attend the meetings? Will it be the members who raised their hands? Who will attend?

Is an organization such as the Mike & Key ARC composed of merely members who sometimes attend a meeting, sometimes raise their hands, sometimes participate in club events and sometimes care?

Let's form a committee to find out: Let's make it an ad hoc committee to report back to the board!  
Who will chair the committee?  
Who will write the report?  
Etc.  
Etc.

POEM?

DO YOU REMEMBER

DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAYS WHEN YOU WERE VERY YOUNG,  
WHEN YOUR ANTENNA BY YOU-IN THAT TREE-COULD BE HUNG?  
THE DAY YOUR AMATEUR EXAM YOU JUST BARELY DID PASS?  
T'WAS LONG LONG AGO, BEFORE YOUR ARM HAD TURNED TO GLASS.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN QST COST ONLY A DIME,  
AND YOU COULD WORK DX ALMOST ANY OLD TIME?  
AND YOU SENT THREE V'S JUST TO LOOSEN YOUR FIST,  
AND ADDED UGANDA RIGHT AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST?

DO YOU REMEMBER THE WHINE OF THE MUSICAL ARC,  
OR THE THUNDEROUS CRASH OF A KILOWATT SPARK?  
BACK IN THE YEAR OF THE CRYSTAL DETECTOR,  
OR EVEN BEFORE THE RADIO INSPECTOR?

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN AT HAMFEST AUCTIONS OF YORE,  
ALL THE YOUNGSTERS KNEW WHAT MILITARY SURPLUS WAS FOR?  
BACK WHEN ALL HAMS WERE A YOUNG AND A COURTEOUS LOT,  
EVEN BEFORE ALL THE BANDS HAD GONE DOWN TO POT?

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN CALL SIGNS WERE ONLY TWO LETTERS,  
AND IN CW WE ALWAYS WERE MEETING OUR BETTERS?  
IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER OLDTIME, PLEASE TRY,  
BUT IF YOU DO IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE OLDER THAN I....

W7JWJ

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GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts of the Northwest are planning an exchange of greetings for the 71st Birthday of Girl Scouting in the United States. The event called GATHR (Growing Aware Through Ham Radio) is to be held March 12 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. It is sponsored by the older Scouts (Cadettes and Seniors) for the younger Scouts (Brownies and Juniors). The exchange will be between the Scouts of Oregon and Washington. The Planning Board of the Cadette and Senior Scouts of the Columbia River Girl Scout Council are initiating this event. They are asking the cooperation of the Mike & Key ARC.

If the club desires to participate it would work like this: The operator for the club will work with the Site Captain (Older Girl Scout) to arrange for a location, and will run the radio. The Site Captain will set up and decorate the site and make all arrangements for the Scouts to arrive and will supervise them while they are there.

The event will be a success only if the "Ham" operators join the Girl Scouts in sending these greetings, writes the Contact person - Smokey Fleissner. This is a pilot program, and if successful, the Scouts plan to extend the greetings on a wider basis next year.

Any volunteers?

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DEFINITION

NAME FOR A PART-TIME RAILROAD EMPLOYEE:

A SEMI-CONDUCTOR. (Got that one from John Johnson k3BE & the FCC office.  
Is the FCC in trouble?)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!?!?

January brings snows to match the gray hair that grows.

- 1-Jay Mowrey K7BNN
- 6-Dan Bucher N7COO
- 7-Bruce Trimble AA7S
- 8-John Becker K7PFR
- 10-Dick Radford WA7NIW
- 21-Bob Rulifson KB7LM
- 23-Chuck Foltz KB7OS
- 31-Raleigh Elkins WB7WNF

February brings Valentine hearts to those that need ~~new parts~~.

- 2-Harry Lewis W7JWJ
- 3-Elmo Smith WA7YCM
- 7-Jack Burrell KB7ZS
- 12-Max Craig WB7QHO
- 17-Ray Leslie WA7EKH
- 24-Vern Nelson W7ZLW
- 25-Bill Iverson WA7HUL
- 25-Ernie Davis N7AWW

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Would you like to go to the Flea Market Dinner FREE?

Just be the one club member that sells the most tickets to the dinner and we will give you a free ticket to dinner or reimburse your money if you already paid for dinner. So contact Deborah, N7AVO, for your set of tickets to sell and go for it.

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FLEA MARKET WORK PARTY ON THE 8th VERY PRODUCTIVE. WERE YOU THERE?

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2nd Annual Electronics Flea Market--March 26 & 27---Longacres

**FLEA MARKET**

Well, folks, remember last March we struggled up and down numerous stairs and ramps with all that heavy equipment? This year we will have an elevator that takes us straight into our new room. It is called the Turbulator Level. We had thought we had to use the old room again, but the crew at Longacres are ahead of schedule and we can have the new area to the north of the room last year. The committee looked it over after the work party on the 8th and have some good ideas for its use.

We will need as many volunteers as possible for this large event. There will be many jobs to do both during the event and the Friday before to set up the room. We hope you will keep that weekend open to help the Club pull off a good flea market again.

Dinner will be Saturday night the 26th. Chris Imlay, N3AKD, is slated to be our guest speaker. Chris is the legal counsel for the ARRL. He will be at the ARRL booth, too, so be sure to stop and say Hi. Our pre-dinner entertainment is being arranged by Gene, WA7TAI, who had the pleasure of attending a graduation ceremony for a school for bellydancers--guess what will be our entertainment?? Dinner is to be very informal, so come to dinner right from the Flea Market and wind-down from the day and enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet and an interesting talk by Chris. The Turf Club will be all ours and you get it all for \$13.50 tax and gratuity included. Hope to see you there, so get your reservations in early.

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