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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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This past year the ARRL membership nationwide has declined over 11.1%, and in recent weeks the FCC has promulgated a new proposal for a no-code license. Whether we are in favor of a no-code license or not, it is important that all of us present a united front in order to protect the integrity of our amateur bands. ARRL, for good or for bad, is the only amateur organization that is capable of doing this. Some of the ARRL affiliated radio clubs can now not muster a 51% ARRL membership and are in danger of losing the benefits of insurance, membership service, ARRL bulletins and the all important legal advise - when one needs it. Isn't it time that we encourage new amateurs to join ARRL, and to ask the old timers to get back in the fold? After all, it's a new ARRL now!

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A TOUCHING STORY-WELL WORTH THE READING

**Shamefaced boy  
discovers new world**

Back in 1939, there was a 9-year-old lad hiding in the bushes of a yard, waiting for just the right moment when he could make a dash into the yard and gather some pears from the only tree in the yard.

The moment came, and in a flurry of flesh and old clothes he dashed from the bushes toward the tree. The moment he had his hands full of choice pears, a big hand was clamped on his shoulder. The surprised kid dropped the pears to the ground and let out a cry as he looked at a man who seemed as tall as the sky. A 6-foot 3-inch 215 lb. blonde man asked "Are you trying to steal these pears?" The boy answered with a meek yes. The man, whose name was Norman, said, "Son, come over here to the steps; I want to talk to you."

Once seated on the steps, Norman explained to the boy how kids could get into all kinds of trouble taking things that do not belong to them. Norman said he thought it would be good if the boy told his parents about what had happened. The boy agreed to talk to his mom and dad.

With a sick feeling and a lump in his throat, he told his parents. They told him to go back and do some work for Norman free as his punishment. The next day, the boy knocked on Norman's door and explained his punishment to Norman. With a broad smile, Norman said fine. "First sweep the walk and driveway, then we will clean my radio room." The boy made short work of the sweeping, wondering all the while what a radio room was.

With the sweeping done, Norman led the way to the attic. When the boy stepped through the door of the radio room, he thought he had stepped into another world. One wall was lined with 6-foot cabinets filled with electronic

equipment. Switches, lights and meters were everywhere. Another wall was full of funny-looking postcards from all over the country. His attention was drawn by a funny noise to the bench where Norman had seated himself. Norman was turning some knobs and from the speaker came a man's voice saying "CQ CQ CQ This is W3PEK W3PEK W3PEK." "This is W2NJ W2NJ W2NJ. Do you copy?" The switch was flipped back and there was the same voice saying "W2NJ W2NJ."

Norman told the boy to bring a chair up to the bench. While he did so, Norman again flipped the switch and talked some more. The boy heard his own name and age this time, along with some strange words like QTH and ten over nine. Then the switch was thrown again, and the voice came back on the speaker. Only this time the voice was talking to the boy!

After a few more rounds of flipping the switch and some more strange talk like "73's," "See you later down the coax, etc.," a knob was turned and silence fell across the room. The only sound was the footsteps of Norman's wife and his mother bringing in sandwiches and lemonade. Norman tried to explain to the boy what had taken place on the radio.

The boy spent many more enjoyable hours in the radio room - excuse me, the ham shack with the wonderful world of Amateur Radio.

Norman took a kid who was trying to steal some pears and started him on the right road - a road of excitement, enjoyment, fellowship and service to the community.

By the way, Norman gave me the pears and I enjoyed them more than if I had succeeded in stealing them.

Thanks, Norman, for catching me and introducing me to the world of Amateur Radio.

GEORGE WACHTER, WA4JSM  
Huntsville, Alabama

BUSINESS MEETING JAN 15, '83

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 by Harry W7JWJ.

Members and guests were introduced.

Minutes of the preceding business and board meetings were read.

Dick-WA7UEW reported a balance of \$2520.91 in the treasury.

Gene-WA7TAI reported on raffle prizes.

Debra-N7AVO reported on preparationf for the Fleamarket.

Gibb W7JIE reported on activities of IARU.

Gene announced that the speaker for the February meeting would demonstrate slow scan TV.

Ken-K7YR reported on the K7LED six meter repeater and the Issaquah 440 repeater.

Ray-WA7EKH reported on newspaper recycle sales.

Following a brief intermission and the raffle, certificates were awarded for participation in the American Diabetes Bikathon.

Janc-N7BVB reported progress on the work of the nominating committee for next year's officers.

Burr-KA7HNG presented two designs for club stationery letterhead.

It was moved and seconded that the design more closely resembling the present letterhead be adopted.

An amendment was offered and seconded that the letterhead more closely resemble the design found on our club pins, and contain the words "Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club". The motion was passed as amended.

Karl-N7AMX reported on preparations for the dinner to be held during the Fleamarket.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to rescind a previous motion directing that the annual awards be given at the Fleamarket banquet.

A motion was made and seconded to combine the presentation of officers and annual awards with the Fleamarket banquet. It was moved, seconded and passed to table the motion.

It was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn. Respectfully KA7HNG

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INTRUDER WATCH

Gib-W7JIE reports that 12 members of one German radio club reported over 600 intruders into our amateur bands in a one month period. How many intruders have you spotted and reported this last year?

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GATHER

The Girl Scouts of America will hold their birthday celebration on March 12th. The Mike & Key ARC has been asked to participate by providing communications between Washington and Oregon.

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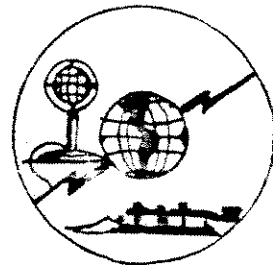
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Redmond, WA 98052-0388

## To Reserve Tables

Call 206-883-3011

### NOW HEAR THIS!

The next meeting of the Mike & Key ARC will be held Saturday March 19th. at 10 a.m. and at the UGN building across from Valley Hospital, Renton.

You will bring in your old newspapers for salvage!! You will volunteer your support and submit your working hours for the Fleamarket!!

You will bring in your favorite pictures for publication in the Relay!! (Surely yours must be better than the good looking chap below).

HARRY W7JWJ  
HA) DOUBLE SIDEBAND [S  
WITH CARRIER



For the program we have a scheduled presentation of Slow Scan Television.

(Last month's program prepared by W7JWJ was cancelled because the business meeting was so long that everyone went home. And I had already seen the program!)

You will bring information for the Relay! (You may become editor)

We will welcome two new calls at the club meeting (former students)

At this meeting, please forget to wear your name tag so that everyone can pay Debra a fine. (Money goes to a good cause).

## HOW YOU CAN TELL WHEN IT'S GOING TO BE A ROTTEN DAY

You wake up face down on the pavement.

You put your bra on backward and it fits better.

You call Suicide Prevention and they put you on hold.

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

Your son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business.

You see smoke pouring out of your new transceiver.

You want to put on the clothes you wore home from the party and there aren't any

You wake up, look out the window, and see your tower and antenna imbedded in your neighbor's roof.

Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat.

You walk to work and find your dress is stuck in the back of your pantyhose.

You check out the mailbox and see an envelope from the F.C.C.

You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

After spending the night with your girl friend, you wake up and discover that you have been sleeping on your hand held.

And the batteries are run down.

Your income tax check bounces.

You wake up and discover that your waterbed broke and then realize that you don't have a waterbed.

Your wife says, "Good morning, Bill" and your name is George.

You find your receiver's digital readout is 400 kHz of frequency.

And you have been calling CQ for an hour.

You find your name in the Obituary column in the morning newspaper.

QST magazine turns down your request for a Life Membership.

The birds resting on your antennas are all buzzards.

## ELECTIONS - ELECTIONS

At the February meeting of the Mike & Key ARC nominations for club officers will be in order. For your consideration the nominating committee presents the following slate of candidates who will accept positions noted if they are nominated and elected. Election of officers will occur at the March meeting.

Office	Name	Call
President	Debora De Jong	N7AVO
	Hal Goodell	N7NW
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### COMMUNITY AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE

With the increased demand on amateur radio to support public service events, an informal group of hams are banding together to try to reduce the effort required to recruit hams to help on public service events

CARPS does not plan on organizing or running your public service event'

For the amateur organizers of an event, CARPS will "put out the word" to the amateur community on the following repeaters:

BEARS	145.33 Sundays at 1:30 pm
Puget Sound Repeater Assoc	146.96 Mondays at 7:30 pm
Sea-Tac repeater	147.08 Sundays at 7:00 pm

If you are interested in participating in a public service event, do listen to one of these nets for information on who to contact and the dates of the events.

If you are organizing a public service event, contact one of the amateurs given below to have your event listed on the CARPS calendar.

Wayne K6DOW 271 5314

Gib W7JIE 226 4222

Seafair parades-Special Olympics-American Diebetics Assoc-Seattle Police Marathon-Seattle Poera Build-Rainier Autosports Club-Salmon Derby-Folk Live Festival-Husky Crew Races-Boating events-Equestrian event-Wheelchair games



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February 4, 1983

On February first I returned from a trip to the East Coast. During the trip I participated in a meeting of the Membership Affairs Committee, which was held in Boston, and I also visited League Headquarters at Newington for one full day. Returning to Seattle later I brought with me an advanced copy of the FCC PR Docket No. 83-28 which was released the same day. This Docket and its contents will greatly direct the future of Amateur Radio. Comments on this proposal are due on or before May 31 with deadline April 29, 1983. March QST will carry the entire text of this proposal. Please note that the ARRL Board of Directors is on record as being opposed to a no-code license. Exerpts from this 13 page release follow:

"The Commission is proposing to establish an amateur radio operator license class which an individual may obtain without first demonstrating a proficiency in the international Morse code. We are doing this in the belief that there are intelligent, disciplined persons who can make a valuable contribution to the Amateur Radio Service without such a proficiency. These persons may include, but are not limited to, our nation's younger, school-aged individuals whose primary interest lies in the burgeoning field of computer technology, or individuals with a physical handicap which prevents them from being able to successfully complete a Morse code examination. The license class we propose to establish would be an "entry" type license class which would provide to these individuals the same introduction to amateur radio that the current Novice class license provides. However, instead of requiring a demonstration of proficiency in the Morse code, the proposed license class would require additional testing, above that required of a Novice class license applicant, in the areas of radio theory, operation and practice. In this way, we believe that individuals can prove in an alternative fashion that they have the ability and discipline to make a serious contribution to the Amateur Radio Service."

On March 6, 1979 the Commission adopted a Third Report and Order in the Docket 20282. If you thought the issue was dormant - it is not. The Commission said at that time, "We hope to revisit this matter later." Now they have done just that! The Commission is proposing two alternatives. The first is to simply delete the five wpm Morse code examination element from the existing Technician class operator licensing requirements, with no Novice CW privileges. The second alternative is the Experimenter class license which would require no code, but would require knowledge of digital and other Amateur Techniques and would grant all amateur privileges above 144 MHz. The FCC seeks comments.

As your ARRL Director, I'm asking for input. How should the Board now proceed? How should response be made? What now should the Board of Directors of ARRL recommend? A statement that one is opposed to any no-code license is not enough! The Commission is adamant in their no-code license proposal.

Are you ready for change?

73

Mary Lewis, W7QGP