

# K7LED RELAY

## Mike & Key Amateur Radio Club

The RELAY is the official tabloid of the Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club. The Mike and Key is dedicated to the growth and betterment of Amateur Radio. We meet the third Saturday of every month at the Salvation Army Renton HQ, 720 Tolbin St., near the SE corner of the Renton Airport. The Club operates repeaters on 52.05-53.05, 146.22-146.82, and 222.52-224.12 under the call K7LED. The following nets meet on 146.82: Club Net, Wednesdays at 7:30PM; Public Service Net, Thursdays at 7PM. The Club mailing address is: PO BOX 2121, Kirkland, WA 98083. All persons interested in Amateur Radio are invited to participate in the Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club and it's activities.

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### NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 5 @ 7:30PM  
Omni Restaurant  
188th So, City of SeaTac

### NEXT BREAKFAST

April 18 @ 7:30AM  
Riverside Inn  
14060 Interurban So, Tukwila

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

April 18 @ 10AM  
Salvation Army Renton HQ  
720 Tobin St, Renton  
Doors open at 9:30  
Program - YL DXpedition w/NM7N

HEDBERG, PETE  
20904 NE 77th ST  
REDMOND, WA. 98053  
K7WTG 93/01



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**NEW MEETING SITE ! ! ! !  
FIELD DAY - JUNE 26-28**

**CHECK MAILING LABEL FOR DUES EXPIRATION DATE**

**PRESIDENTS CORNER**

By Chuck Stroehrer, WA7EBH

It sure seems funny writing for another editor after spending so many years helping Joyce put the Relay out. Mike, it seems that we just traded places this year. Anyway best of luck in your new position as Editor and helping on the Activity Managers position. By the WAY, we still have a spot on the Board open, the Activity Manager position was not filled at election time. Any volunteers? Give me a call or contact any board member.

I wish to thank Mike, WA7UVJ for a fine job as president the last two years and for putting up with my harassment at the board meetings and other events. You did a good job Mike and thanks.

I am looking forward to a promising year, with lots of upcoming activities and events. I have a few new ideas that I hope will make the club meetings move faster and hopefully get more members involved in the operation of the club.

I have heard rumors that this club is run by a small group of people, well in some cases it is. It's run by those that take the time to get involved, attend committee meetings and go all out to make this club what it is, the premier club of the Northwest. Well here's YOUR chance to get involved, volunteer for a committee. During the meetings I plan on having committee reports, not total discussions on how we should be handling the small stuff. That's what committee meetings are for. This is also what the K7LED RELAY is for, informing our members what's happening in their club. I hope that committee chairs take the time to write something down for the editor to print.

Field day is coming up at the end of June, hope that you can make arrangements to attend. For the new members this is one heck of a time. Sure we work hard, play hard, swear and carry on, but everyone seems to return for the next years event. With the new club challenge with W7DK we are going to need everyone's help. Stay tuned, more to come on field day. Contact

Frank, KA7QHG, for volunteering for a band chairman or one of the other open spots. See Ya at the meeting... WA7EBH

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**NEW MEMBERS  
WELCOME TO THE MIKE & KEY**

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I hope you will help me welcome the following new members to the Mike & Key ARC.

Derrick Hall, N7UIW - General  
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Tel: 725-7851

Arnold (Bud) Scherler III, N7UPW - Tech  
5437 S 150th, Tukwila, WA 98188  
Tel: 243-0655

Clarence (Roy) Mitchell - KA7TJM  
667 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton, WA 98056

Ed Marzi, N7VMW - Tech  
13505 138th Ave SE, Renton, WA 98059  
Tel: 235-0471

Randy Hansen, N7WVZ - Tech  
221 SW 153rd St, Suite 165, Seattle, 98166  
Tel: 439-0324

Don't forget to update your rosters.

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 7, 1992  
Submitted by Lee Bertrand, KB7OW**

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Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by COB Frank, KA7QHG.

Present were: Mike, WA7UVJ; Frank, KA7QHG; Mike, WA7AYU; Claire; KB7GEW; Jim, K7ND; Wayne, K6DOW; Ralph, WX7T; Julian, KA7MCB; Brian, KF7QF; Chuck, WA7EBH; Nils, WB7TJK; Jack, KB7ZS; Lee, KG7OW; Dean, N7NKO; Carolyn, WV7Q.

Absent: Ken, K7YR, Radio Officer.

VISITORS: Eric, N7DLV; Dan, N7QHC and his wife Dawn; Chuck, N7STR; Ray, WA7EKH; Gene, WA7TAI; Rick, KF7VG; Mrs. Dean Holtan.

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**BOARD MINUTES**  
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Report of Officers:

Mike WA7UVJ, outgoing President; Banquet: 58 members have signed up and space for 60. Mike is also the Editor of the Relay, replacing Joyce, N7JPW who resigned.

Incoming President, Chuck WA7EBH; Plans for the year includes getting more members active in the club by serving on committees, etc.

Vice President, Jim, K7ND; New applicants for membership: Jan Van Allen, N7WJB; Esko Mannisto, N7VMV; Maynard Winchester, N7VVR; Robert Tilley, KB7NBQ; Jo Hallstrom. NO CALL; Thomas Schneider K7EAU. All approved to be presented at the next general meeting for approval by the membership. Also reported on a meeting held with the Puyallup Fair Grounds personnel. The Mike & Key Club Electronic Flea-Market for 1993 will be on March 6th, the 10th week end of the year, this is the way the flea market is booked and this is why the date will vary, sometimes this will cause the flea market to be held during the 2nd week end of March.

Incoming Vice President, Nils, WB7TJK; Discussed the up-coming new ordinance of Sec-Tac concerning Antennas. Satisfactory results so far.

Treasurer, Claire, KB7GEW; Don't have the end tally for the flea market yet. Need all bills, etc. turned in as soon as possible. Have paid 3 months rent on the new meeting place. Expenditures so far on the flea market around \$12,000.00 and \$18,000.00 income. Have \$11,506.00 in checking account and \$10,000.00 in two CDs.

Incoming Treasurer, Jack, KB7ZS; No report until books have been transferred. Gave report on the repeater. The new repeater(or the one we were using) has been repaired is now in use, located in Issaquah, should be back on location this week end. Looking for a good location for the back up repeater.

Secretary, Mike, WA7AYU; Held discussion on applications received by mail.

Incoming Secretary, Lee,KG7OW; No Report at present time.

COB, Frank KA7QHG held discussion on Green Books. All accounted for except one.

Trustee, Ralph WX7T; Had a schedule with BARES President to discuss new Antenna Legislature.

Trustee, KF7QF, Brian; Thanked the out going board for cooperation during the past year.

Trustee, Julian, KA7MCB; Thanked the outgoing board for their cooperation. Trustee, Wayne, K6DOW; Reminded everyone of the Special Olympic coming up the last week end in May (29th). Will be needing help.

Trustee, Carolyn, WV7Q; No report

Trustee, Dean, N7NKO; No report.

Ray, WA7EKH; Need to look at the Constitution and By-laws for needed changes. Also one key for the Post Office box is not accounted for, need to check with members for location of this key.

Letter to be sent to Sellers explaining the condition at The Puyallup Fair-Grounds during the flea market.

Frank, KA7QHG; Thanked the outgoing board for their cooperation and said he would be attending the board meetings and would be busy as chairman of the Field Day activities.

COB Frank, KA7QHG called for nomination for New Chairman of the Board; WX7T, Ralph nominated by Jack, KB7ZS. no other nominations were made. Ralph was elected COB.

There was no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

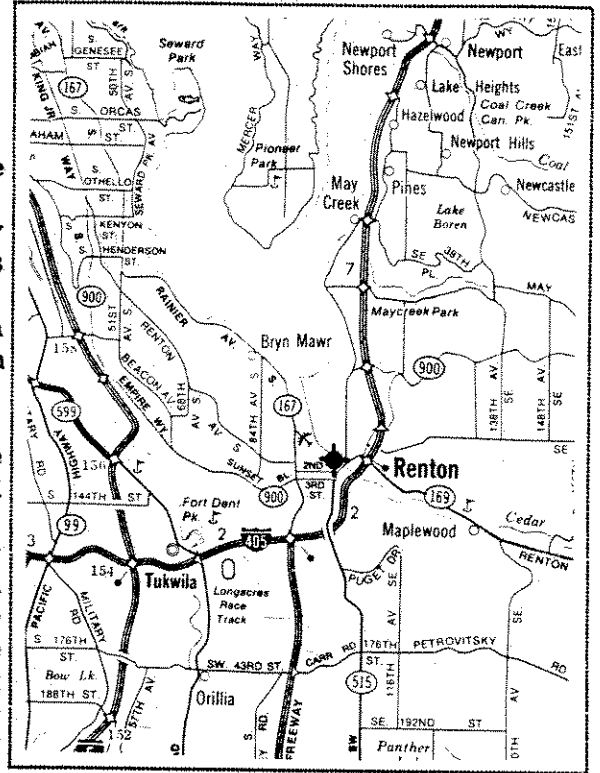
**RADIO THEFT!**  
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Contact - Sharon York  
Amateur Radio Supply

# MIKE & KEY ARC NEW MEETING HALL

by Jack Burrell, KB7ZS

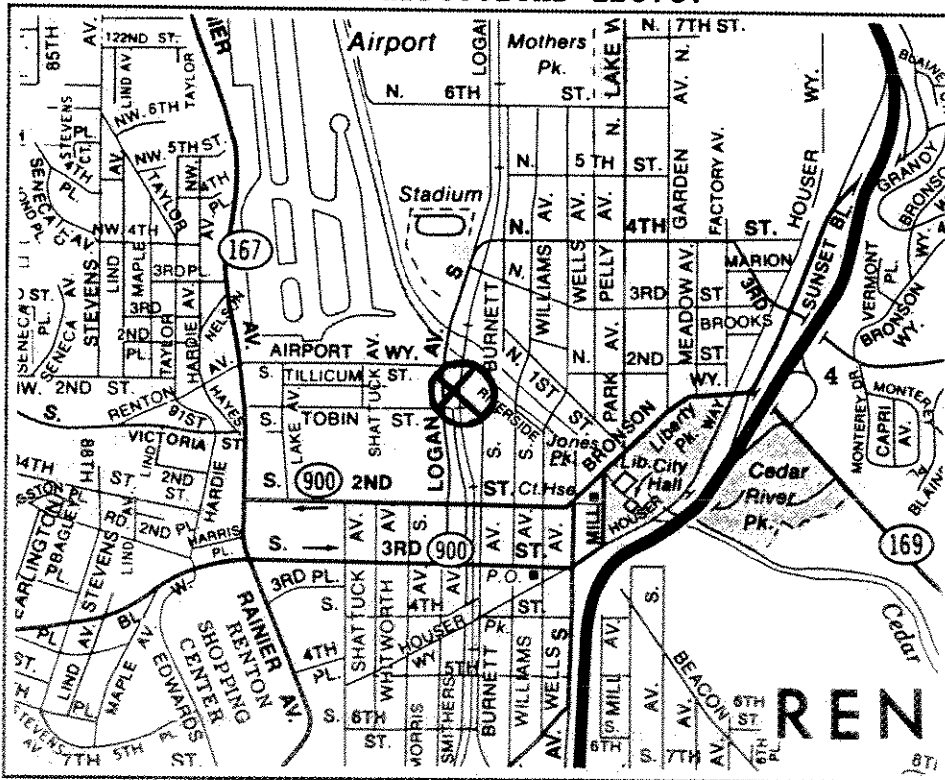
Following approval of the membership, the Mike & Key ARC will begin meeting at the Salvation Army Renton HQ starting April 18th. This building is located at 720 Tobin St, one block north of McLendon Hardware, and is easily reached from I-405 via Rainier Ave or Hwy 900.

From the North, take the Maple Valley exit (Hwy 900) and proceed thru the first light to Bronson Way. Bronson turns into 2nd (one way west) and this will lead to McLendon Hardware and Burnett Ave. Take Burnett north to the far end of the block and you will find the building directly on your right. You may also leave I-405 at Sunset and follow Park Street to Bronson and 2nd.



Renton Approaches

From Rainier Ave, take South 3rd (one way east) to Burnett Ave and follow the directions above.



Detail Map of Downtown Renton

Talk-in frequencies....

146.82  
224.12

See you there.

**BALLARD PARADE**

by Chuck Stroehrer, WA7EBH

Sunday May 17th at 3 PM the annual Ballard Nordic Days Festival will have their parade. We provide communications for this annual event in helping put the parade together and get it down the street. I need help from about 1 PM until around 5 PM. If you are interested please call me at 392-5303. When its all done we usually go somewhere and have something to eat and drink, and swap tall tales.

**OPENING DAY**

**HUSKY CREW RACES**

Submitted by Chuck Stroehrer, WA7EBH

Well its that time of year again. Public service activities starting up again for this summer. The first event that I have going is the opening day of yachting season and the Huskie Crew races thru the Mountlake cut. This event takes place on Saturday, May 2nd at around 8:30 AM. If you have never helped on this event, it's fun.

We are incharge of: getting the boats lined up, making sure that the race course is clear, timing of the races, and helping where necessary. You get to be in boats, on the shore and sometimes shadowing one of the officials. Dress for the weather, as you are out in it. Interested? Call me at 392-5303 and signup for a great time.

**LICENSE EXAM**

**EXPIRATION DATES**

By Jim Christiansen, K7ND

I have been asked several questions about when the current license study materials expires. All available license manuals, from the ARRL, AMECO, and W5YI Group, are current. Contrary to date on the General Class Manual, it is still current.

No changes are expected to the General, Advanced, or Extra question pools before July 1, 1994. The question pool for Novice and Technician licenses are being revised for implementation on

July 1, 1993. If you have any questions regarding the VE system or examinations, I would be happy to answer them.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Submitted by Joyce Stroher, N7JPW

(Editors Note: Last month, a letter to Gib was published in the Relay regarding the development of an "unteachable" ham. This month, Joyce shares a reply after sending a copy of the newsletter to the "teacher", Mr. Les Taylor.)

Duluth, MN. 55807  
March 20, 1992

Amateur Radio Station N7JPW  
MS Joyce Stroehrer  
19415 SE 21st Street  
Issaquah, WA. 98027

Hi Joyce -

Wanted to say "Thanks" for sending me the copy of the K7LED Relay. It was interesting reading about your club activities and the comments of Gib and you at the end of the article about my student, Ron. If you remember the letter, Ron was branded unteachable, but learned faster than most of my students.

Ron wants to help me teach my next Novice class and is joining the Handi Ham System to help people with problems learning the material. I have promised him that after he gets his General, I will let him help teach, and will let him be a VE for all Novice tests that I administer. As I give more tests than all other area hams combined, this will keep him busy. After he passes his Advanced Test he can be a VE and test all Novice and Techs with me at VE sessions.

Your comment, "Remember the next time that someone asks for help, your participation can have far reaching reverberations." is so true. From the unteachable to the teacher, no less!!!!

What started out to be simply passing the No-Code has turned into a goal of at least Advanced for Ron by the end of this year, with me committed to helping him obtain that goal. Thanks again and good luck.

73  
Les Taylor

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**SIGHTS and SOUNDS**  
by **SUNRISE**

Submitted by Nils Hallstrom  
on behalf of a third party

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Spring! This is my first contribution to the Mike & Key's newsletter. Depending on feedback, it could also be the only one!

The flea-market is now history, and reported to be a success. While everybody was thinking "flea-market" at the last meeting, the long-range planning committee had the untimely experience to be called upon for their report. It was not given the careful consideration it deserved, as a result, it was put down by those vocally short-sighted. This tends to invalidate the efforts of persons willing to invest their time, energy, and expertise putting together a PLAN (something big business' pay big bucks for, they call it a "feasibility study").

Now, if you will indulge me my opinion and thoughts.....  
Thank you! As I see it we are a voluntarily assembled group with like interests in radio and electronics. We require a comfortable place to assemble through all seasons. As with most people, the desire to own rather than pay rent, (essentially lining someones else's pocket) prompted the idea to investigate the avenues of possible property acquisition. That not only would serve our purposes, but be income producing also, thus defusing the debt of ownership.

It has a tendency to raise my ire when the only contribution some people seem to be able to make is in the form of nay-saying and smoke-screening. Some of their questions only serve to provoke discouragement rather than show well-thought-out "possibility-thinking" ideas. These people also tend to skip giving any of their time to projects if it isn't going to be done their way. Sometimes the only action you'll get from them is "lip-service" - most of which is negative!

> I'm aware I've probably lost those readers of whom I'm referencing.<

Now, on to you "movers and shakers" out there who are left, let's give the committee another chance to present their plans and ideas **without interruption!** Put on your thinking caps! Get into a creative mode! Let's get all the **POSITIVE INPUT** we can get! Maybe this needs an after meeting "skull session".

The fellas did a good job! Now it's our turn to expand and develop those ideas. We could even turn it into an area-wide potluck planning meeting inviting spouses to participate. Remember, some of the most "couldn't be done" ideas mixed with "possibility thinking" have taken off and proved the wet blankets to be just that, **ALL WET!**

Remember: to be critiqued for the purpose of improvement is to be valued - - - To be criticized only promotes hard feelings. It is my observation that this will only cause a deteriorating effect on any organization if it is allowed to get a foothold!

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**COMMON SENSE**  
**SECURITY**

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It's been said before but we have a lotta newcomers on the repeater lately and I've noticed a bad trend. Many of you, it appears, have absolutely no problems detailing your travel and vacation plans over the air. Well, not everybody listening is a nice guy and many a ham has returned home to a break-in! The proliferation of scanners has made the radio frequencies open to all at very little cost.

Remember, you are a prime target with that neat tower in your backyard or forest of mag-mounts on your vehicle advertising all the wonderful radio gear you own. Why broadcast the news? (While you are at it, that cellular phone isn't much safer.) Don't make it easy for the slime of the earth. Using a little common sense will go a long ways to enhancing your security and may reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

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### WINNERS AND LOSERS

Submitted by Gib Gibson, W7JIE

- \* A WINNER IS ALWAYS PART OF THE ANSWER.  
A LOSER IS ALWAYS PART OF THE PROBLEM.
- \* A WINNER ALWAYS HAS A PROGRAM.  
A LOSER ALWAYS HAS AN EXCUSE.
- \* A WINNER SAYS, "LET ME HELP YOU".  
A LOSER SAYS, "THATS NOT MY JOB".
- \* A WINNER SEES AN ANSWER FOR EVERY PROBLEM.  
A LOSER SEES A PROBLEM FOR EVERY ANSWER.
- \* A WINNER SAYS, "IT MAY BE DIFFICULT, BUT IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE".  
A LOSER SAYS, "IT MAY BE POSSIBLE, BUT IT'S TOO DIFFICULT".

BE A WINNER

(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Submitted by Michael Dinkelman, WA7OVJ

The following programs are scheduled for upcoming Mike & Key ARC meetings.....

In April, ARRL Vice-Director Mary Lou Brown, NM7N, will pay us a visit to show slides and answer questions about an all YL DX-pedition she participated in last November. This trip includes visits to J37 (Grenada) and VP2V (British Virgin Islands) lands. Look for a related article in the April QST YL Column.

May's highlight will be a talk by Steve Morris, K7LXC, on setting up your basic station layout. With all the newcomers we've had join the Club lately I am sure this will be of interest. Some of us OP's could probably use some remedial work on the subject too. (If you don't know what an OP is, you ain't one. hihi) Steve has promised a talk on towers later on if we are good.

Finally, in June, Field Day preparation will be the subject of choice. We will try to excite the OP's (there's that word again) and calm down the neophytes. It will be a chance to tie up all loose ends and answer the myriad of good questions that are a part of every Field Day (like "What size bird shot do you use on 'skeeters anyway?" or "You call this chili hot?").

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### THANKS !

by Frank Krieger, KA7QHG

As outgoing Chairman of the Board, I want to thank all of the Board members for their support and committment to the projects they were assigned too.

It's been a great year for the Club with slow steady growth and the successful achievement of some very challenging projects. I wish the very best to all the new Board Members.



## REPEATER RESPECT

Submitted by Joe Keliikoa, N7NKA

It has come to my attention that we, the users, are not following what "WE" preach to the young and/or new hams. On March 20th, I, as a frequent operator on the Mike & Key Repeater attempted to break into a QSO with my callsign. I was acknowledged and the frequency was given to me. At this point an operator, who had left earlier, rudely jumped back in and continued doing what amounted to "business" on the repeater. There is one other thing I need to mention before I make my point; three times, this station was told that there was a break and that an operation was in progress before the third operator had returned. Unfortunately, the third person ignored as the attempted contacts as did the person he was talking to as phone numbers were exchanged (after the "business" was concluded).

My point(s)... #1 - Double check to see if some one else has asked for a break before barging onto a busy frequency. #2 - If you are speaking of products you are selling and bringing up prices (as was done), get a phone number and use the landline. #3 - Acknowledge that someone else is attempting to make contact and use the repeater. Most times, the breaking party will be happy to stand by or move to another frequency which was my intention.

At one point or another, we all get caught up in what we are saying and forget the rules, regulations, and common respect. We are all guilty of this. But to disrespect all three so blatantly was wrong. As you can see, I prefer not to name the participants to keep the peace and respect of all concerned. These people have or will have been spoken to. If at any time someone is doing something you feel is questionable, call them on the phone or have an officer of the Club contact the person and speak to them. It prevents the display of tempers and the resultant bad feelings on the air. 73

## SOME FLEA MARKET, HUH?

By Michael Dinkelman, WA7UVJ

March of 1992 brought a M&K Electronics Flea Market that will be remembered for a LONG LONG time! Between the problems brought on by Fairground construction and our own inadequate planning, many people were kept hopping from fire to fire. Others just dug in for the long haul and helped out where they could.

The list of credits would take up a whole page however some people deserve special recognition. Chuck should take a bow for becoming "de facto" chairman. He helped keep some fires from becoming inferno's. The guys at the loading dock (Nils and Frank) speeded up their charges so well this year they overan the guys running pallets up the elevators. (Unfortunately, that elevator just won't run much faster.) Finally, on the lighter side, there was Aaron Freedman who ran the elevator up and down all day at severe risk to his toes (hihi).

Do you realize the large number of non-Club members that come down to make this event work? They operated pallets, helped out in VE testing, and broke backs just like the rest of us. We even had another club, the PARS, donate use of their trailer just so we could have a home for our talk-in. Yes indeed, this event has many hero's, most unspoken. I sincerely appreciate all who came down and helped.

Now, next year! It is clear we need to improve our organization. For years, we have run on guts and sweat. However, we have overgrown that stage in our development and the time has come to use our brains a little more. We have already started planning for next year. The organizational chart will be modified and responsibilities grow for certain positions. We NEED the kind of involvement we had at the critique meeting held last month when we start the first planning session for 1993! Until then though, rest those muscles, straighten your backs, and dream of broad clear avenues leading to Puyallup. Thanks and see you next year.



**ACTIVITIES  
MANAGEMENT**

Submitted by Michael Dinkelman, WA7UVJ

Last month, for the first time I believe, this Club did not elect an Activities Manager. It's probably our own fault because we made a concerted effort not to railroad anybody into jobs they really didn't want. Well, we succeeded.

While Activities Manager is probably the hardest job in the Club, it is also one of the most rewarding when it works. I agreed to take on and unofficially "manage" the Activity Manager responsibilities until one can be found or I can't handle the job. In this effort, I have been offered and accepted the help of Chuck Benefield, N7STR and Mike Cross, WB7AYU. I have asked Chuck to begin conducting the monthly raffle, an important and time consuming necessity of Club meetings. We will continue the raffle format started by Julian, KA7MCB who has been doing the raffle for a long three years. Mike offered to help in any needed capacity and he may regret that before it's over. Between the three of us, we should be able to continue the long history of social and Ham "events" this Club is known for.

One of our primary needs is new and interesting programs. We are set until July. The sources I have been given previously are exhausted. Maybe one of you have an interesting topic to suggest or actually present? Think about it. Next month, I plan to publish another of our yearly questionnaires to get a sense of Club attitudes, goals, and trends. It's important you participate so we can gauge Club desires. That's it for now, but remember, rock 'n roll!

**SPEAKING OF  
ACTIVITIES**

What are the up and coming Mike and Key ARC activities? Well, for May, K7ND is hoping to form a work party to paint the Club trailer on Fox Island. Watch the Relay and listen to the Club 2 Meter net for times and details. The Club is will

provide food and refreshments.

June brings the annual Field Day activities into focus and is a lot of fun if you've never tried one (or even if you have.) We will challenge the Radio Club of Tacoma in a new format.

Finally, the annual picnic planning will get kicked off soon. Your inputs are welcome and we need a committee to form and do the planning RIGHT NOW! Volunteer!

**A LITTLE EDITORIAL**  
from the Editor

Normally articles from anonymous sources are not printed in the Relay. However, because Nils, WB7TJK, was willing to accept responsibility for the article, I placed such a one in this Relay (see page 6). Nil's and I talked about the article and he explained that the author felt uneasy about signing a possibly controversial item and this I can understand, but only to a point.

I have been a member of this Club for 6 years. In that time, I have managed to write some good, bad, and ugly articles and commentaries. Some were designed to stimulate controversy and or discussion, while others were just the rantings of an exasperated youngster.

Never have I been made to feel ashamed for standing up for my beliefs and opinions (however misguided). I am proud that nobody in this Club (that I know of) has ever held any of them against me even if they didn't agree with me. I hope that no one ever feels afraid to express themselves in these pages or at the Club meetings.

By the way, I felt the article in question was well written and has merit.

**WANTED**

Cheap (inexpensive?) quad antenna parts from scrap quad antennas you may have access to. In particular, I am looking for spreader supports and fiberglass arms. No "Butterfly" types please.

-WA7UVJ

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**NEW OFFICERS  
of the Mike & Key**

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I asked each of the new officers to prepare a short biography to let each of us know a little about them. For most of them, I realize, it wasn't easy, but I appreciate the help. Because of space limitations, I saved the longer ones for next month. Here goes.....

**PRESIDENT  
Charles Stroehler**

Charles "Chuck" Stroehler, WA7EBH has been a member of this Club since it's formation over 20 years ago. He was first licensed in 1963 as WN7EBH and now holds an Advanced class license. Chuck is highly involved in the Public Service aspect of Amateur Radio, especially SeaFair activities, and also enjoys construction and operating.

In the non-ham area, Chuck enjoys skiing and other outdoor activities. Chuck's wife Joyce, N7PJW, is also highly involved in Club activities and both edited the Relay for the past several years. Chuck was President once before (1984-1986) and is a former Pop Brown Award recipient (1978).

**TREASURER  
Jack Burrell**

Jack, born in Seattle, was raised in Montana where he entered to Navy in 1946. After 22 years flying with the Navy he retired in the Seattle area in 1968.

When Boeing shut down in '69 Jack returned to school and received a degree in accounting in 1972. Varied positions led to Forest Ridge School where he was the business manager until his retirement in 1986. He has been foot loose, more or less, since then.

Jack first became interested in amateur radio and was licensed in 1978. He currently holds an Advanced class license and the call KB7ZS. At his home location Jack works primarily the HF bands doing traffic handling, some DXing, and minor contesting. Field day is a

high point in his radio activities. Mobile. Jack monitors 6M, 2M and 440.

Since joining Mike & Key in 1980 Jack has served 4 years as a Trustee, two years as Treasurer and one year as President. He is the recipient of the MVP Field Day Award and in 1991 was awarded the Pop Brown Award.

**SECRETARY  
Lee Bertrand**

Lee Bertrand is our new Club Secretary. Holding the call KG7OW, Lee has been a member since 1990. Getting his first ticket in 1989, Lee has progressed fast to the Advanced level and previously held the calls KB7HLG and N7NKQ. His primary Ham interests include operating in the HF SSB allocations.

Lee's other interests include computers and music. He moved to the area in 1987 from Lake Charles, LA and retired after 32 years with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. Married to Arlene, they have 2 sons, daughter, and 2 grandsons. Welcome to the Board Lee!

**TRUSTEE  
Dean Holtan**

Dean is a General Class licensee holding the call N7NKO. First licensed in 1977 as WB7UQQ, He enjoys SSB on HF and VHF plus mobile operations on SSB and FM. In other activities, Dean enjoys hiking, camping, and cars.

Dean has been an active member since 1990 and has been frequenting the Board meetings, with his wife Sheila, almost as long as he has been a member.

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**YAKIMA HAMFEST**

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Wondering what to do this Memorial Day Weekend? Well, the Yakima ARC Hamfest will be in full swing at St. Pauls School Gym in Yakima WA. On Saturday, from 9-4 and Sunday, from 9-1, there will be seminars, a flea market, and VE Testing. A Banquet will be held Saturday evening. Walk-in registration is \$6.

**MY CUP RUNNETH OVER**  
From the Editor

I find myself with an embarrassment of riches (articles) this month. Between the changing of the guard and the wealth of news at this time, it's was impossible to fit everything into the Relay this month. Heck, I had to cut out some of the stuff I wrote... Please, no tears! (No cheering either!)

Rest assured, the balance of the new officer bio's (starting this month on page 10) will appear next month and maybe I can fit in a couple new columns too. Please note the change in the backpage calendar. Because many ham events run over several days or a weekend, I started the weeks out on Monday's. This allows the shaded highlight boxes to appear for emphasis.

Please keep the articles coming. I really appreciate the submissions ladies and gents, you made my job real easy this month. 73

**BANQUET REPORT**  
by Michael Dinkelman, WA7UVJ

The Mike & Key ARC Annual Awards Banquet was held April 11th. This year, we had the largest crowd since I've been attending these shindigs with 63 people signed up. If this keeps up, we'll need to find a larger site as Barnaby's is getting too cozy. The big news was the selection of Wayne Moddison as recipient of the Pop Brown Award. Also presented were the MVP awards from Field Day 1991 and the yearly service awards (listed below). Those receiving "special" awards this year included KA7QHG who was inducted into the "ORDER OF THE TWISTED KEY" for his outstanding support of CW, K7ND for his laid back contesting style, WA7HQG for Field Day chili above and beyond the call of duty and the attending 2 Meter Net control ops for

their weekly presentation of "ALLIGATORS ARE US". It was a lot of fun and I hope all enjoyed themselves. The next time you see any of the following, congratulate them, they deserve it.

- Pop Brown Award - Wayne Moddison, K6DOW
- FD MVP's - Dean, N7NKO      Brian, KF7QF
- 20 Years Service
- Ray E. Leslie, WA7EKH
- John Becker, K7PFR
- 15 Years Service
- Dick Dietsch, W7KCX
- 5 Years Service
- Frank Krieger, KA7QHG
- Robert Yerkes, K6PQJ
- Ted Van Tuyl, N7HKL
- Ellis Hammer, W7BQG
- Monty Wales, W7EVS
- Ivan Lee, N7IL
- Robert Anderson, NX7N
- Joyce Stroehner, N7JPW
- Chuck Northcutt, W7SRZ
- Dick Keller, W7TWU

**FIELD DAY**

Field Day weekend this year is June 27-28. As is usual, the Club will be putting on it's best face at Fort Flagler during this annual rite of Summer.

On CW beach, the 20/80 and 15/40 stations are already organized and chomping at the bit. On SSB bluff, who knows when they'll get their act together (just kidding guys). Here is the run down for chairpersons....

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| Field Day Chairs (KA7QHG and N7NKO) |                   |
| 20/80 CW (WA7UVJ)                   | 15/40 CW (KA7QHG) |
| 75 SSB (K7ND)                       | 10/15/20 SSB (??) |
| Novice (??)                         | Publicity (??)    |

As you can see, some volunteers are still needed. More over, we need bodies to fill operating slots. The next two months, a lot will be said about Field Day. If you have never been, you're missing a great experience. If you are experienced, we need your participation. So go get that calendar and MARK IT DOWN!

## MIKE & KEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Apr 13	Apr 14 7:30pm WWDXC Meeting	Apr 15 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater	Apr 16 7:00pm Public Service Net 7:30pm PARS Meeting	Apr 17 7:00pm VE Exams - Seattle (NN7V)	Apr 18 7:30am Club Breakfast 10:00am Club Meeting 1:00pm VE Exams	Apr 19 Easter
Apr 20 7:30pm Vashon Island ARC	Apr 21 7:00pm VE Exams - Auburn (NK7E)	Apr 22 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater 7:30pm Radio Club Tacoma	Apr 23 7:00pm Public Service Net	Apr 24	Apr 25 March of Dimes - WALK-A-THON	Apr 26
Apr 27 7:00pm West Wash ATV Society	Apr 28	Apr 29 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater	Apr 30 7:00pm Public Service Net	May 1	May 2 9:00am VE Exams - Kent (KF7VG) 10:00am Boeing ARC Meeting Husky Crew Races	May 3 Daffodil Classic Bike
May 4	May 5 7:30pm Club Board Meeting	May 6 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater 7:30pm Issaquah ARC Meeting Relay Deadline	May 7 7:00pm Public Service Net	May 8	May 9 8:00am SeaTac Repeater Group 10:00am VE Exams - Riverside Inn 1:00pm NAPRA Meeting	May 10 Mother's Day
May 11	May 12 7:30pm WWDXC Meeting	May 13 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater 7:30pm Radio Club Tacoma	May 14 7:00pm Public Service Net 7:00pm VE Exams - Lynnwood (KF7QF)	May 15 7:00pm VE Exams - Seattle (NN7V)	May 16 7:30am Club Breakfast 10:00am Club Meeting 1:00pm VE Exams Armed Forces Day	May 17
May 18 7:30pm Vashon Island ARC	May 19 7:00pm VE Exams - Auburn (NK7E)	May 20 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater	May 21 7:00pm Public Service Net 7:30pm PARS Meeting	May 22	<b>U District Street Fair</b>	
					May 23	May 24
					<b>Memorial Day Weekend</b>	
					<b>Yakima Hamfest</b>	