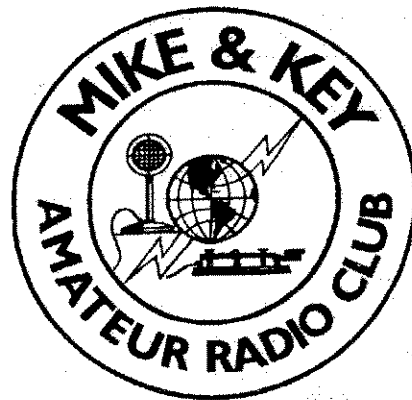


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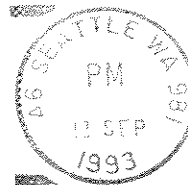
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NEXT BOARD MEETING
October 5 @ 7:30PM
Salvation Army HQ
720 Tobin, Renton

NEXT BREAKFAST
September 18 @ 7:30AM
Riverside Inn
14060 Interurban So, Tukwila

NEXT CLUB MEETING
September 18 @ 10AM
Salvation Army Renton HQ
720 Tobin St, Renton
Doors open at 9:30AM
Program: A Flea Market Kickoff by WA7UVJ

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From the Prez

Submitted by Chuck, WA7EBH



Congratulations to Mike, WA7UVJ, for a great picnic and being the master chef of burger flipping. For those unable to attend, you missed a good bash at the Lake Meridian Park. This is a nice new facility. Jack, KB7ZS and I braved the cars and elements as we rode our motorcycles to the event. We had a nice and fun ride, we are even talking about riding to other events. Maybe some of the other bikers in the club might think about a ride. Just think, all those white jackets with the club logo going down the road, might be impressive.

On September 9th and 10th, Nils - WB7TJK, organized about 10 club members into an effective communications net to help the organizers of the Wheels and Heels of Fire race committee. Their mission was to accompany vans trying to get the competitors from SeaTac airport to their hotels in Seattle. Thanks to all of those that helped in this event.

On October 2, several club members will be attending the annual Fort Flagler user group meeting at Fort Flagler. This is where we reserve the barracks and make arrangements for next years Field Day. There is even talk of a few spending the night up there. If interested, contact Jack, KB7ZS, or Nils, WB7TJK.

Well our distinguished party maker, Mike WA7UVJ, has volunteered to chair both the Christmas party and Annual Banquet. If you have any ideas or would like to help in these events, please contact Mike at any meeting.

We have held our first Flea Market meeting, and things are starting to roll. See a related article elsewhere in the Relay.

Well that's it for this month. There's a lot happening in this club, hope that you can help out or attend them. See ya at the meeting.

Vice-President's Report

Submitted by Nils, WB7TJK

Please welcome the following new members to the Mike & Key ARC.

KA7TDU - General Kristopher Halstad 6217 27 NE Seattle, WA 98115	KB7THX - General Al Hopwood 4459 14th St Pl SE Bellevue, WA 98006
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We hope they will find active membership to be rewarding.

Treasurers Report - August 31, 1993

Submitted by Jack, KB7ZS

The Financial report for August is noted below:

INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME

Dues	\$144.00
Flea Market (deferred)	81.00
Badges	13.00
Donations	200.00
Exchnge (EmPacs)	58.00
TOTAL	\$ 496.00

EXPENSE

Picnic	\$251.00
Tents	334.32
Cash Boxes	32.50
Flea Market Dep (Deferred)	1,000.00
Coffee Fund	50.00
Relay	175.00
Chris Holt Fund	700.00
Trailer Lic.	9.25
Miscellaneous	
TOTAL	\$2,552.07

EXCESS/DEFICIT \$ (2,056.07)

All requests for checks should be presented, in writing, at the next general or board meeting. Please include your CALL on all requests, checks, when paying your dues, and any other correspondence. Thanks, Jack, KB7ZS 454-3617

Upcoming Activities

The following activities are scheduled for the benefit of the Mike & Key members and their guests.....

September 18 - Club Program, Flea Market Kickoff and update. Probably the complaint that registers most in my mind from last year is from Club members that didn't feel they were well informed about the operations of the Flea Market, how it works, what the signup jobs entail, or who was in charge. Well, we are getting an early jump this year cause I ain't waiting 'til February to tell ya. After this (hopefully) upbeat 20 minute program, you'll wish you had never asked. Presented by WA7UVJ.

December 4 - Club Christmas Party, Salvation Army HQ, hosted by WA7UVJ/KB7DNE.

Hey!, now that was a Picnic

Submitted by Michael, WA7UVJ

As the Summer dragged on, I could not believe the weather was as bad as it was turning out. As the picnic got closer and closer, I began to dread the inevitable, especially as the weatherman continued to drone doom. Ha! the Mike and Key triumphs even over the weather and it ended up being a great day for a picnic, not too warm or cool.

Lake Meridian was a great site for the event. The shelter was spacious and large, plenty of tables and a nice view of the lake as the crowds were kept away by the pronouncements of iffy weather. Starting at 11AM, most of the crowd didn't arrive until about noon. However, once the BBQ was lit, people started showing up real quick. In fact, so many showed up that I had to make another run for provisions which isn't a problem I mind solving at all. The way I figure it, about 35 people signed up but over 50 showed. It was a nice group.

We did something a little different this year. Since the summer has been so poor, I decided to pretend we were in sunnier climes. A gift certificate to the Keg Restaurant was offered to the person getting the most number of votes in a Hawaiian shirt contest. The voting was left up to the picnic participants as was the criteria. You could vote for whoever you felt deserved it. So many people wore Hawaiian attire I really felt bad that I didn't have more prizes. Maybe next year. Who won? The XYL of Ryan/N7TNI and you are gonna have to forgive me but I can't remember her name for sure (I think it was Cathy). Actually the whole family got into the act including the kids. Enjoy the dinner out folks.

I want to thank everybody who came and congratulate everyone on the wonderful food. It was a lot of fun. One more thing. WHOEVER put in the word for the good weather, come see me next June. I think we need to get started just a little earlier in that department.

Washington QSO Party (Salmon Run)

Submitted by Michael, WA7UVJ



Every year, most states hold a low key contest designed to promote activity from within and towards the state. These contests are usually called QSO parties and Washington State is no exception. Nicknamed the "Salmon Run" and sponsored by the Western Washington DX Club, the Washington State QSO Party will be held the weekend of September 25-26 and you are certainly welcome to join in.

How? Well the rules are simple and I will publish

abbreviated ones here. However, I will also have complete rules, entry forms, and logs available at the next club meeting if you feel you need them. Of course, feel free to call me or talk to me at the Club meeting if you have any questions.

When: September 25, 1600UTC - September 26, 2400UTC

Class of participation: CW only, SSB only, or CW and SSB (mixed)

Contest Exchange: RS(T) and County for Washington Stations
RS(T) and State, Province, or DXCC country for others

Points: SSB QSO's = 2 points
CW QSO's = 3 points
Novice/Tech QSO's = 6 points (mode doesn't matter)

each new Washington County, State, Province, or DXCC country counts as a "multiplier"

Scoring: Add up all the points from your QSO's and multiply them by the total number of multipliers you worked.

Bonus Points: Multiply your score by 2 if you make all your contacts with 200 watts or less

or Multiply your score by 3 if you make your all contacts with 5 watts or less

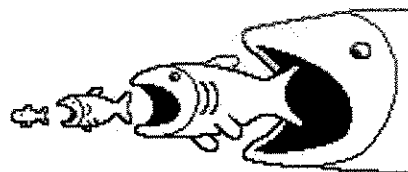
Suggested Freq: On CW 1805, 3560, 7045, 14060, 21060, 28060 kHz.
On SSB, try 1815, 3925, 7260, 14280, 21380, and 28380.
Look for Novice/Techs on 3700, 7125, 21150, and 28160.

- Awards:
- Certificates to highest score in each County
 - Special Trophy to highest Washington Club score
 - Award to the Mobile Station working from the most counties
 - Everybody gets a participation certificate

 - Special Mike & Key award to the highest scoring Club participant

Now there are several ways to approach this event. You could just want to kill a little time so you sit at home and hand out a few Q's or maybe you could head out on the road and operate from every county in the State burning up the roads in the process. The level of activity is up to you! I will repeat that this is low key event and the activity level is not high, but can be fun if approached correctly. To help you find other QSO Party contesters, there are some standard frequencies to use (see above). If you just want to dip your toes into a contest, this is a good one to try.

Huh? What? You say you are only a codeless Tech and can't come out to play? Find yourself a partner with HF privileges and work as a multi-op station. You just might find yourself wanting to work on that CW after all. Hope to see you on!



Flea Market Update

Submitted by Chuck, WA7EBH

We held our first coordination meeting and selected the chairpersons to head up the various committees. For the most part, they are the same as last years, since everyone did a great job.

In just six months this club will be working on its major fund raiser of the year, THE MIKE AND KEY ELECTRONICS SHOW AND FLEA MARKET. These funds go to support all of our various club activities. The club dues alone will not cover all of our operating expenses.

We will be circulating sign up sheets around at the club meetings for you to sign up for your favorite work area. Remember if you aren't signed up to work, you don't get in free. There has been some heartburn over this policy, but we have to draw the line somewhere. We are trying to get schedules setup in advance so people know where they are going to work. The committee chairs are trying to set up a 2 hour work period, and if enough people sign up to work, you may only have to work one period. In the past people have shown up at the last minute to work, gotten their badge, walked thru the flea market and out the door, all without helping out. This is not fair to those who are dedicated and are putting forth a gallant effort.

Listed below are the 1994 committee chairs and their responsibilities:

- Facilities..... Hal Goodell..N7NW 549-4178
fairgrounds liaison
- Public Relations. Mike Dinkelman..WA7UVJ 854-4031
talk-in station, announcing, etc.
- Table Sales.....Diane Dinkelman..KB7DNE 854-4031
table registration and packets
- Ticket Sales.....Jo Hallstrom KB7UFM 242-8271
admission ticket sales and turnstile
handstamp
- Country Store.....open
consignment sales for club 10% profit
- Equipment.....Niils Hallstrom..WB7TJK 242-8271
supply officer and gofer, jack of all trades
- Staging.....Frank Krieger..KA7QHG 243-9232
pallet crew, traffic control, elevators, etc.
- Security.....Jerry Sampont..WA7BUY 827-4480
door security, walking security etc.

VE Exams.....Jim Christiansen..K7ND 549-4062
licensing exams

ARRL Booth.....open
sales of ARRL books and merchandise

Please give these folks a call and sign up to help. It takes about 100 people to put this event on. If everyone of our 150 members were to sign up to work, then everyone would only have to work one hour. Enough said.

October Hamfest

Submitted by Michael, WA7UVJ

The North Kitsap ARC will be having their Fleamarket/Hamfest on October 2nd at the President's Hall of the Kitsap County Fairgrounds in Silverdale. I went to this one last year and enjoyed myself immensely. While small, they have a fine facility and lots of room. Times are 9AM to 4 PM.

Admission is \$4, under 12 free. Tables are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Half tables are \$8 advance, \$10 at the door. I apologize for the lack of a map, I misplaced my info. However, there is a talkin on 145.31. If you need for further info, check or call into the radio stores as I am sure they all have a copy of the bulletin on their boards with directions and or other information. Also there is an address - N Kitsap ARC, POB 2268, Silverdale, WA 98383-2268. See you there!

A truly sad event

Submitted by Claire, KB7GEW

originally published by the Seattle Times, 8/6/93

BOSTON - In the end, the Coast Guard's Morse Code emergency distress system went out with not a bang, but a dash.

"Now closing down continuous watch," began the last Morse code message broadcast by the Coast Guard on Saturday. "Fair winds and following seas with 73s (best wishes) from all of us."

With these words, transmitted in the code's familiar dots and dashes, Coast Guard veteran Rusty Hemengway closed out an era. The Coast Guard began monitoring the 500kHz radio frequency for distress signals at the turn of the century and in 1924 set up its first radio station to monitor the frequency continuously.

Since then, Coast Guard radio specialists have answered thousands of distress calls (that SOS, or three dots, three dashes, three dots) and saved countless lives.

But with the advent of satellite and digital technology such as marine phones, ship-to-shore teleprinters, and electronic beacons that can pinpoint a ship, the Morse code frequency has been made obsolete.

Meet Trustee #4

Submitted by Jan, N7WJB

Our good friend Michael made mention that he thought I had something to hide because I hadn't submitted an article to his tender mercies for editing, revision, and embellishment to make it presentable for the RELAY.

Not True.... I just didn't want him to know that I might have been born in Rochester, Minnesota, where my mother and father were high school classmates. I certainly wouldn't have told him that I had spent over 20 years in the military, retiring from the Army after being in the Navy for the first 4 years.

I could have told him that I grew up in Washington, always around the Seattle area (Redmond, Burien, and Kent) and attending Highline high school. But I won't. He would have been overjoyed to let the world know that my wife of 25 years (in December) came from Tennessee and that she wants absolutely nothing to do with radio, however I don't think he'll hear it, at least from me.

There were rumors that I started in radio when I was about 16 and had a call of KN7LAC, but that can't be validated as there aren't any Callbooks around from those days. And then too, there was another that I used to be active in RACES when they had the old Communications bunker across from Kent Meridian High School on East Hill. That one goes all the way back to 58 or 59.

Mike would be an out and out fibber if he told anyone that I was also interested in photography, shooting, fishing, and that I have been really active in the Masonic Lodge in both Europe and the USA, or that I belong to the Nile Shrine. He could really stretch the truth to relate that I have two daughters, one in Texas and one locally, and that I became a Grandpa on St. Patrick's day (to a Grandson who was, of course, named Patrick).

To further spin the yarn, he would tell everyone that I am a Nurse and the Medical Supervisor at Kenworth Truck Company and that Helen (the woman I live with) is also a Nurse at Valley General, working in the new MOMMY area. You think she would get tired of babies.

Finally, he might be truthful and say I am an alien from a place far far away, who has come here to dispel the stories of flying saucers, little green men, extra terrestrial influences in the building of the pyramids, hidden remains of cities on Mars (John Carter has that territory), faces, places, and other mystic space stories. Of course...., of course...., of course but then.... God didn't make little green apples and it doesn't rain in Minneapolis in the summer time. You really ought to see Rochester on a bright late summer morning.....

(Shazzzzbot, nanu nanu! Hah! I finally got something outta Jan. This was part of the continuing series of Officer Bios (which sometimes requires considerable badgering). Good article OM. Wanna write some more? Whoops!, there is more, elsewhere in the Relay! -Ed)

A Letter from Leif

Submitted by Mike, WA7UVJ

Skudeneshavn 12.08.93
Dear Friends!

Hope you have all had a nice summer. Like to show you my new QSL card. Also sending some pictures from our new Club QTH, here on Karmoy Island. The pictures were taken this Spring. After we took these pictures we have put up some new antennas. You can see part of the antenna tower on the QSL card.

There is still a lot of work to be done with the house. The shack is almost ready and in June we had the first QSO from the new QTH. On the groundfloor we have the shack, (only room that is ready for use), a meetingroom, a small kitchen, and bathroom. On topfloor there will be 3 bedrooms, kitchen, a small living room, and bathroom. We hope that this will be ready by next summer. This floor will be for rent for people who like Ham Radio (and fishing).

In Norway, we celebrate "midtsommer" June 24 and we had nice party at the Clubhouse with an official opening of the shack. A lot of people came down there and we had a lot of fun.

I took a whole roll of film from that evening, but can you believe that the shop that developed the film, lost all the pictures. (You don't want to know what I told them!) I will take some new pictures and send to you later.

We bought a new rig for the ClubStation (LA4C), a Yaesu FT1000, the antennas we are using now is a monobander for 20M and a multibander (the X500) for VHF. The plan is to get monobanders up for 10, 15, and 40.

We have not been much on the air this summer. We have stayed home most of the time taking care of great family and friends from Seattle and Hamburg, Germany. Have from time to time been looking on bands for W7's but these last 6 months, no luck. Will keep on trying.

Hope to be visiting Seattle again next summer. If so, hope I will be able to come to a Clubmeeting. The very best wishes to you all and good luck with the clubwork.

Vy 73 from LA700

Leif Skaar
POB 153
4281 Skudeneshavn
Norway

For those who do not remember or are new to the Club, we have a special member in Norway; Leif/LA700 who visited us in the summer in 1992. He has returned home but keeps us informed of the local Club (LA4C) and his activities. The pictures and QSL card he mentions were on display last month and will be this month too. I only wish I could figure out a way to print them. -Ed

Submitted by Jan, N7WJB
previously published in the Kenworth company paper

----- is a six letter word. Often, it elicits four letter words while others never feel it. To some, it has the most detrimental effects. Factors that amplify it are heat, cold, light, and (the worst) NOISE. Noise that is intermittent, changing in level, pitch, often irritating. Imagine being in a dark room with the sounds of fingernails on a blackboard. Lack of noise can be just as harmful. Years ago, the CIA performed some experiments to determine how long it would take to "brainwash" someone. Suspended in a pool of water at 98.6 degrees, wearing a helmet that allowed breathing but no sight or sound, test subjects would begin to hallucinate in just 45 minutes. This is a total ----- environment.

Why does a quiet day in the mountains, or the time we spend fishing a quiet stream, reading a book on a Sunday afternoon make us feel so good? Do young lovers fall in love, or do they attain that feeling of elation, that feeling that everything is right with the world because their emotions and their time together is spent doing things that create a general feeling of wellbeing, for both of them. A time free of stress.

That right..., stress, count'em....., six letters. Six letters that are innocuous in themselves, but arranged to create the word, hen read, we also envision the feeling. Does the picture of someone with hair standing on end, clothing in disarray, holding a crying baby, the dishwasher exploding soap all over the room, ankle deep in toys, clothes, and debris. Read the word, see the picture.

Studies have shown that stress has negative effects on many facets of our lives. It causes increases in accident rates on the job, high turnover rates within an area or company, and most of all, causes higher absenteeism. It also affects our physical health in adverse ways also. Stress has been identified as one of the factors in coronary heart disease, strokes, ulcers, and arthritis.

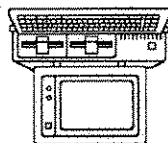
What jobs are the highest in stress? Ones that are psychologically more demanding, with less decision making. How about the worst: the job you don't like. There are many reasons to dislike a job, and there are as many reasons that cause stress. It's quite fashionable to create buzz words that describe stress or its effects and buzz words change with the person performing the research. It's much more than that, they are the indicator of where we are in the treatment and prevention of stress. You are up to date if you know the words, and if you don't know the words, you're going to be all stressed out, or so they say. Well, I don't believe in buzz words, so how do you recommend you control stress?

First, you must be happy with what you do. The

positive aspects of your job must outweigh the negative, so overall you are happy with what you do. You must have outside activities, activities that are both fun and relaxing. Some people find running marathons to be relaxing and some think having a picnic at the beach is relaxing. I even know a couple guys who work every day, so on weekends they can go up in the mountains and drive a steam locomotive. Working on a real train is relaxing for them although I must say that it is less tiring to work on HO gauge. I really feel you must devote time to yourself and your family/interests/hobbies on a regular basis. If you may have a tendency to associate with co-workers, you should consider a rule among yourselves - no shop talk! Simple dedication to establishing a routine of relaxation, be it through meditation, sports, exercise, reading... whatever, as so as you learn that relieves the stress in your life, the sooner you will feel less depressed and much happier with yourself.

Screwed Up

Submitted by Mike, WA7UVJ



I gotta apologize..... again! Seems a couple months ago, I put a puzzle submitted by Dawn Humphrey in the Relay. However, I neglected to put the answer in that Relay or any succeeding ones. (Well you know how it is.... brain phart time.) Soooo, I thought I would just unzip the

Relay off the 'ol computer disk and do it all over again..... except it seems I lost the files for the July Relay (so much for advanced technology).

If you really couldn't figure the puzzle out and haven't been able to sleep nights because of it.... get a life. Ahhhhh! I mean just recombine all the letters and then separate the words out as you go left to right. Like I said, any CW op could do that one in his sleep since we all started out like that - running all our letters together. Again, my sincerest apologies, my resignation will be on the Presidents desk in the morning..... NOT! Rock n roll and see you later.

Club Minutes, August 21, 1993

Submitted by Jan, N7WJB

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck/WA7EBH at 10AM. Following the Pledge of Allegance, introductions were made throughout the room.

Officer Reports:

President, Chuck/WA7EBH

- donation jar being passed around to present members with the opportunity to personally contribute to the Chris Holt Fund
- personal thanks to all who helped out during the SeaFair campaign

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- the donut/coffee fund is short, if you partake, please contribute
- the Centralia Ham visit/donation was broadcast by KOMO-TV. A copy will be forwarded to us including outtakes.

Vice-President, Nils/WB7TJK

- presented membership applications of Al/KB7THX and Kristopher/KA7TDU which were approved by the membership.

Treasurer, Jack/KB7ZS

- detailed report elsewhere in Relay

Secretary - Not present

Activity Manager - Not present

Chairman of the Board, Carolyn/WV7Q

- synopsis of previous Board meeting including discussion of Chris Holt Fund by Board

Standing Committees

- no action has been initiated by the standing Trustee Committees. It is expected they will lurch into motion during the Fall.

Old Business

Mike/WA7UVJ

- Relay submission deadline for September - September 9
- Picnic to be held tomorrow, Lake Meridian Park, starts at 11AM
- Letter and pictures from Leif/LA7OO on front table

Nils/WB7TJK

- volunteered as Field Day Chairperson for 1994

Frank/KA7QHG

- Nets continue to operate well
- new net control, Casey/W6PKW
- technical net to be implemented in September

Casey/W6PKW

- please be aware and observe the UHF/VHF band plans. What may be considered an unused frequency may be monitored and used by other modes and services.

Board Motion, Audit Committee ByLaws Admendment, published in August Relay

- presented, moved, and seconded - motion carried

Board Motion, Donation to Chris Holt fund of \$500 from Treasury

- presented, moved, and seconded - motion carried

- an additional \$200 was donated from the membership

Nils/WB7TJK

- discussion and status of tents. Hats off to REI for their help and consideration

New Business

General Discussion

- status of Secretary and Activity Manager position Board to return recommendation.

- Upcoming Flea Market meetings

- Bowling charity, no interest from membership

Mike/WA7UVJ

- accepted position of Chairmain for December Christmas Party and April Awards Banquet.

Frank/KA7USE

- will be travelling Alaska/Arctic/Yukon areas. Look for on HF SSB.

Jim/WM7A

- thanks for the donations to the Chris Holt Fund. It will be appreciated.

Program by Ken/K7GCO - Antenna tuners

Board Minutes, September 7, 1993

Submitted by Mike, WA7UVJ

In Attendance: Carolyn/WV7Q, Frank/KA7QHG, Nils/WB7TJK, Chuck/WA7EBH, Dawn, Dan/N7QHC, Chuck/N7STR, Jan/N7WJB, Mike/WA7UVJ

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Carolyn/WV7Q at 7:35PM.

Reports (if any):

President, Chuck/WA7EBH

- discussed Flea Market meeting of previous week, flea market paperwork in the queue
- enjoyed picnic last month
- October 2nd, will travel to Fort Flagler to reserve barracks for 1994
- have ARRL Annual report
- investigating Pop Brown plaque to hang in Salvation Army Buildingflea

Vice-President, Nils/WB7TJK

- presented membership applications of John McGee/K17OT, Betty Westby/N7UII and Scott Castongouay/no call. All passed on for consideration by the General meeting

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- discussed preparations for upcoming Wheels of Fire activities.
- possible program for September - visitor from Argentina

Treasurer, Jack/KB7ZS

- income \$496
- expense \$2552

Standing Committees

- no action has been initiated by the standing Trustee Committees.

No other official reports were offered from those present.

New Business

General Discussion

- status of Secretary and Activity Manager positions. Board has declared both positions vacant. Elections to be held at September meeting.

General Discussion

- status of the Club repeater system and equipment. request for written system overview by trustees

Christmas Party

Submitted by Mike, WA7UVJ



streets.

Whoa!, can you believe it? It's only the 9th of September, one of this summers warmest days, and I gotta write something about a Christmas Party? Yup? After all, it's less than three months away and there are only two more Relays after this one hits the

The venue has been chosen! We will gather together at the Salvation Army HQ on Saturday, December 4th (sorry, 160 Meter contesters). It's been a few years since we have had a potluck so lets give that a try again this year (its worked well in the past). As usual, the Club will provide the main entree's and beverages. One item of note and it hasn't been a problem for a number of years.... strictly NO alcohol is allowed at the Salvation Army building.

We still have a few details to work out yet like whether to charge admission (a non-perishable food item), entertainment (if any), decorations, things like that. Of course, I am totally open to any suggestions and offers of help. Mark that calendar, and clear those commitments to ensure you make it to one of the premier events of the

season.

Silent Keys and Estates

Submitted by Michael, WA7UVJ

Hams are curious people. We will spend years accumulating items and equipment that no one else in the immediate family knows the value of (if any), and then make no provision for it's proper disposal upon our passing. Two items brought this to light in the past month.

One, was seeing Frank/KA7QHG behind a table at the Tacoma fleamarket trying to clear some items from the estate of a silent key. I've seen Frank do this for a number of people over the years. Second, there was a good letter with a lot of practical advice in the September QST regarding the disposal of Ham estates and some of the scams that can result.

I will not repeat the contents of the article but I highly recommend reading the letter in that QST (page 85) and following the advice even if you don't get the magazine. I also might recommend clearing out some of the real junk before hand to make it easier when that fateful day comes (are you really ever going to get that old teletype running?). By the way, I not talking to just the OF's, some of us younger folks need to be following this advice as well.

Maybe your non-ham spouse will be lucky to have someone around like Frank someday. Maybe not. Why risk...

Who else but a Ham.....

Submitted by Michael, WA7UVJ

Who else but a Ham.....

- would spend \$2000 on a radio, \$1000 on a tower, and \$200 on coax, but refuse to pay \$2.59 for a PL-259?
- would drive two States over to a Hamfest to buy the same junk he/she sold at last years fleamarket just down the road?
- would make **Dayton, Ohio** the Ham radio Capitol of the world once each year?
- would risk life, limb, and financial ruin to operate from a rock 4000 miles from nowhere for the privilege of exchanging 3x5 postcards?
- would talk all the way home on the two meter repeater but clams up when the spouse asks "...and how was your day dear?"

I invite all readers (especially non-ham spouses) to add to this list on a monthly basis. Anonymity guaranteed. -Ed.

Credit where Credit is Due

Submitted by Michael, WA7UVJ

Over the past 18 months, I have had several nice offers of help in getting the Relay ready each month. However, the handoff or timing never seemed to be quite right and I never took anybody up... until now. What changed?

Well first, a new Kinko's opened up just a couple miles up the road - very convenient. Then, Vic and Tilley Zumbrunnen just happened to make an offer to do my mailing for me. Well, they live even closer to the print shop than I do so the rest is history. Last month, they saved me over 4 hours work in labeling, folding, stapling and stamping. Better yet, Vic didn't avoid me during the last Club meeting and expressed their continued support. Sooo.. credit where credit is due! Thank you Vic and Tilley. It's a nasty job, and I'm glad you're doing it!

From the Writers Block

Submitted by Michael, WA7UVJ



September already. The kids are off to school (me too), vacations are winding down, the garden will soon be picked clean, and contest season is just around the corner. Another sign of Fall is the kickoff meeting for the Fleamarket, which was actually held a week ago. Chuck wrote a pretty good article outlining who is chairing what and what kind of resources we will need to pull this thing off.

You'll see a lot of the same old names on that list which is good because experience is an important player in this kind of game. Yet... it isn't everything. More important than experience is enthusiasm and involvement. Those two items can make up for a lack of experience any day and tend to be more fun as well. In fact, ALL of those experienced persons who came forth to lead us again, first obtained their experience by becoming involved and being enthusiastic. (No it's not snowing and your aren't wading into anything hip deep.)

We have almost 170 members in this Club, members that have a little notation in my computer database. It's the field called "Status" and most of us would be upset if it wasn't marked "Active". Well, here is your chance to prove it. Sure, we all have commitments such as work and family. Some of us are not too young anymore. Yet, this event is 6 months away and the date is certainly not a surprise (for those who are surprised, March 12th). Now is the time to mark the calendar, and to make a commitment in the sign up book.

This Club does many things for the Ham and non-Ham community. This Club spends a lot of money at the request of its members. Yet the dues remain a modest \$12 (yes I know even that is rough for some) which doesn't even cover the cost of publishing this newsletter. The reason we can accomplish this is the income from the Fleamarket. You trade your labor for a few hours to benefit the Club, the Ham community, and have fun as an **insider** in the largest Ham gathering in the Pacific NorthWest. As a side benefit, you get to look around before anyone else, when the aisles have nary a person in them. And when you wear

that jacket, you are recognized as part of a premier Ham gathering. (OK, it's starting to snow, just a few flakes though.)

So, to wind it up (before I can't dig myself out) peruse the job sheet and put your mark down. Make it easy on the chairperson though, who has to make schedules. Consider devoting the whole day, or two days (March 11, setup). If everybody did that, **NOBODY** would have to work all day as there would be a definite surplus of help. Also, you'll find two opening in the chairperson slots. We need one or two people to organize the Country (consignments) Store and one or two to organize the ARRL booth (selling books). This would take a little more commitment as you would be expected to make the monthly fleamarket meeting (first Thursday of each month) which all Club members are welcome to attend.

How about it? It's a lot of fun and you get **REAL** tired, but you feel soooo good when it's over. Over 3,000 Hams from around the NorthWest are counting on you to show them a good time. Sign up today.

*P.S. No, it's not your imagination. The Relay is a little lighter this month. I just can't write enough to fill all 12 pages folks. I sure could use some help. Do you realize how much would be going into this newsletter if each of you just wrote **ONE** article a year? Boggles the mind.*

OK, one more article

Submitted by Michael, WA7UVJ

Ok, lets see if I can ramble on for a few more lines. I hate blank spaces.

The one thing about publishing a newsletter is that I get to write about the things I like... to the point of being nauseous sometimes. Lets see now, how about CW? Naah, not enough room! The weather? What weather?! Sex? Nope, to many old people in the Club! Repeater bashing? To many deaths threats the last time. Contesting? OK, just enough room for a small article.



Guess what! Fall time is not only the start of the school year, it is the start of contesting time. It thrilled my heart to no end to hear that a gang was headed up the mountains for the UHF/VHF contest this weekend. Last I heard there was N7NKO, N7WJB, KB7JNN, N7NKA, maybe N7ZWD, and I am sure Deans wife Sheila will go up the hill too. Then Carolyn/WV7Q starting asking questions about getting on to from her home. Hey guys, sounds like fun! Did you know that some members (and previous members) of this Club actually hold all-time records for NorthWest division top scores in specific UHF/VHF contests (I'll mention no names but some of 'em live on Fox Island). Maybe you can beat those records one day.

Of course, I never operate above 30Mhz but I like the spirit and enthusiasm guys. I hope you do well and will thrill us with a written account of your exploits next month!

Dam, now look at that, I didn't even get a chance to talk about real contesting - on HF. Well... I am sure there will be plenty of blank space next month.... think so? sure... of course pages 11 and 12 are still blank.... hmmm! naaahh!

MIKE & KEY ARC CALENDAR

September 12 - October 16, 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14 7:30pm WDXC Meeting	Sept 15 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater	Sept 16 Rosh Hashanah 7:00pm Public Service Net 7:30pm PARS Meeting	Sept 17	Sept 18 7:30am Club Breakfast 10:00am Club Meeting 1:00pm VE Exams
Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22 Autumn begins 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater	Sept 23 7:00pm Public Service Net	Sept 24	Sept 25  Yom Kippur <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Salmon Run</div>
Sept 26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Salmon Run</div>	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater	Sept 30 7:00pm Public Service Net	Oct 1	Oct 2 N Kitsap Hamfest 9:00am Boeing ARC Meeting 1:00pm VE Exams - Kent (KF7VG)
Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5 7:30pm Club Board Meeting	Oct 6 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater 7:30pm Issaquah ARC Meeting	Oct 7 VE Exams (KF7QF) 7:00pm Public Service Net 7:30pm Flea Market Meeting	Oct 8	Oct 9 8:00am SeaTac Repeater Group 10:00am VE Exams - Riverside Inn 1:00pm NAPRA Meeting
Oct 10	Oct 11  Columbus Day (Observed)	Oct 12 7:30pm WDXC Meeting	Oct 13 7:30pm Club Net on 146.82 Repeater	Oct 14 7:00pm Public Service Net	Oct 15	Oct 16 7:30am Club Breakfast 10:00am Club Meeting 1:00pm VE Exams