



K7LED Relay

Volume 24, Number 8

Page 1 of 7

August, 1996

The Prez Sez Carolyn, WV7Q

I have always believed that who we are, who we have become to this day, is the sum total of all of our choices to this moment. And as long I choose to be happy, I can. It gives me control over who I am today, and the opportunity to change, if I want to, by tomorrow. I recently learned a very valuable amendment to that philosophy that I want to share with you.



Over a year ago, I decided that I could bring a little more happiness into my life if I got another Boston Terrier. After searching all that time, I finally found the right puppy. Elated, I headed out to meet the family's new addition. She was perfect, and I quickly packed her up and headed home.

As I was driving home, Chuck, N7STR, called me on the radio. "Do you know where my Motor Scooter is?" he inquired. I did not, which summed up, means it had been stolen. Those of you who were at Field Day can appreciate how much Chuck loved that scooter.

As I continued my journey home, the excitement over the puppy turned into concern over how this blessed event was now overshadowed by the sadness both Chuck and I would feel over his loss. Our loss, really, because we have shared great adventures on our scooters. "Why hadn't they taken mine instead!?" I thought.

Arriving home, I found the sheriff in the living room taking the theft report. It pleased me so when Chuck smiled, and with open arms, welcomed and held our new puppy. Later I mentioned that I was expecting him to be very sad and subdued when I arrived. He replied, "They have my scooter, if I let them affect me further, then they win!" Chuck! How profound! My choices also include how I respond to others and their actions.

In a group as large as ours, we are affected by many personalities and their individual choices. Often, we will not all agree but compromise is always possible. When I was in sales I always kept in mind that I had to experience 10 "No's" to find 1 "Yes." This concept is helpful in a diversified group such as ours. When you feel a "No," an uncomfortable encounter with one, can you keep a tally in your mind of all the positive encounters that counterbalance it? Can you keep in mind those of us who truly care about you, as a person, and refuse to let the "one" win? For the club to continue to move forward, we need the continuity of you, the member of today. Try to remember that although injustice is constant, you can refuse to be emotionally immobilized by it. We don't screen our members for pleasing personalities and a positive attitude. But, we can each take responsibility for being pleasant ourselves, and trying to develop that in others. Ham Radio IS just a hobby, and it becomes our responsibility to keep the FUN in it at the Mike & Key. Try to think of one nice thing you can say to, or do for, one other member at next months meeting. That way we can always outnumber the injustices that are just a part of life. Be Happy! 73, Carolyn

P.S.(to N7STR)Chuck, thanks for, once again, positively changing my life by your actions.

Mailing Address
PO Box 2121
Kirkland, WA 98083

Internet Address
mikeandkey@aol.com

RELAY Editor
Jack Grimmert (N7IHS)
PO Box 13
Issaquah, WA 98027

Telephone
(206) 392-9510

Fax
(206) 392-5871

e-mail
grimmert@halcyon.com

ARRL Handbooks Ray, WA7EKH



I have one (1) ARRL Handbook left from the last order. Who is the member that has not claimed his book? I'll be at the next meeting. Come get your book!!

General Membership Meeting, 7/20/96 Melissa KB7TFF

Officers present: President - Carolyn (WV7Q), Vice President - Frank (K7VMG), Secretary - Melissa (KB7TFF), Treasurer - Chuck (WA7EBH), Activities - Mike (N7GVQ), Radio Officer - Harry (W7JWJ), Trustee #1 - Tom (N7VDU), Trustee #2 - Mary (W7QGP), Trustee #3 - Al (KB7THX), Trustee #4 - Jeremy (WA7YGB), Trustee #5 - Chuck (N7STR), RELAY Editor - Jack (N7IHS).

Officer Reports:

President: Carolyn (WV7Q) reminded everybody that the coffee fund is self-supporting, and to take breaks on the West side of the building so as not to be in front of the chapel entrance. Carolyn asked that all be responsible amateurs and to join the ARRL as they are our weight with the government. She also reminded all to sign the roster, including the visitors, and asked that new members and visitors stand up and introduce themselves. The new member present was: Darla Harris (NC). Ken (K7PZX) and Gib (W7JIE) were afraid everyone had forgotten who they were, so they re-introduced themselves. Guests were Suzie and Charlie Starner, Neva (N7TJZ), Chuck (W7SRZ), Bob (AL7XZ), Larry (AB7FJ), Jed (KC7RIL), George (WA6MYU), and Pat (W0OEW). (Whew!) Welcome!

Corrections To The Minutes: Tacoma Flea Market takes place August 10, however, if you would

like to help, set-up takes place on August 9 at the Charles Wright Academy. Chuck (WA7EBH) announced that he did NOT send \$1000 to Fort Flagler, and please do not think that we are trying to buy them off. What he really did was send \$1000 to the Fairgrounds for next year's Fleamarket.

Carolyn (WV7Q) recognized the By-Laws Reviewing Committee of N7STR, N7GVQ, and KB7OS, who are doing a wonderful job of updating the By-Laws. If you would like to see a copy of what has been accomplished ask any Board member, who will gladly let you feast your eyes on the beautiful type/staple job (and the important stuff the type says).

The Lower Colombia Club in Longview, the Oregon Convention Club, and the Salem Swaptoberfest are all having Ham get-togethers and fleamarkets. Please inquire for information.

Carolyn announced that because of a wonderful job at Field Day on 2m Charlie Starner was to be made an Honorary Member at only 9 years of age. He was awarded a framed certificate, a badge waiting for a call sign, and a T-shirt.

The Board voted to present Life Members with special badge hangy-things to make the holes left from being an officer look nicer. Yay to the newest Life Member: Lew Rambo (WA7ELI).

Vice President: Frank (K7VMG) presented some applicants for membership: Bill (KE7CG), Larry (AB7FJ), George (WA6MYU), Li Chiang Chiu (KC7PXM), and Don KC7RIT (not present). All present were voted into membership.

Secretary: Melissa (KB7TFF) announced that while Chuck (WA7EBH) was at Seaside, he picked up some QSL cards from the Bureau. These contacts were made by people in the club, and are exotic and very pretty. If you want to see, ask the secretary.

Treasurer: Chuck (WA7EBH) announced that tables are being sold for the Mike and Key Fleamarket already, and that there is a waiting list 15-20 long. He also announced that there would be up to 100 Hams at Torchlight, pretty neat-o, huh? If you want to be one of those 100, see Chuck.

WA7EBH also announced that the Board voted to send \$25 to the bug guy to thank to for traveling all the way to Fort Flagler, when it turned out to be unnecessary.

Chairman of the Board: Al (KB7THX) said that there was a diskette to try Sprynet out for free on every table. The try-out is free, with no cost or obligation. Al also let everyone know that the Club's picnic will be at Chism Beach Park again on August 24. The Club would provide hamburgers, hot-dogs, fixin's, etc. This year there would be another dessert making contest. Al reminded everyone that last year's winner had a chocolate and sex theme.

Radio Officer: Harry (W7JWJ) reported that the USS Constellation would be sailing in for the Seafair days. If you work them, you get a QSL card post-marked from the ship. Harry's challenge of his 13 wpm of difficult copy for a Life Membership in the ARRL. Harry also challenges anyone and everyone

to a 75 wpm contest (*sounds more like a dare to me...*).

Committee Reports:

Field Day: Chuck (N7STR) announced that while we didn't set any records, contact-wise, we did in new people participation-wise (*and strange things happening-wise!*). Chuck gave thanks to Sheila, Vic (N7YPB), Mike (N7GVQ), and Chuck (KB7OS). Oh, yeah, and Mike (WA7UVJ) for entertainment and decorations. This year's Most Valuable Players were: Ray (WA7EKH) and Carl (W7PRW). CONGRATULATIONS!

Input: Stephen (W7WKK) misplaced a ratchet wrench and socket, has anyone seen it?? Dawn and Dan (N7QHC) Humphries will not be available at the next General Meeting with their Logo stuff, so, if you desperately need something, call 243-0163. Doug (AB7FJ) offers to show anyone an easy-to-build 2m antenna he got out of the ARRL antennas book.

Anyone having anything to do with Microsoft Publisher, please see Vic (N7YPB). Don (KC7MPI) offered to chair the Christmas party again this year, and suggested having a beard-growing contest for the men (if any YL's wish to participate, please see Don, and he will refer them to the men in the white coats).

Nils (WB7TJK) asks that everyone remember to fix things that need to be fixed at Field Day. If you can not fix it, please, mention it to someone who can (like the Field Day Chair).

Carolyn (WV7Q) announced that the next Board meeting would be July 31, all are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Mike & Key ARC's newest Life member (25 years of active membership).

Lew Rambo, WA7ELI

Buy, Sell, Trade, or Wanted



This column is available members and relatives or friends of member (no dealers please) who have electrical/electronic equipment (including computers and software) related to Amateur radio for sale or trade. Ads will be run for two months unless the editor is notified otherwise.

For Sale - Cushcraft 11 element 2 Meter beam antenna for \$30.00. Call Ned, N7PWR at (206) 878-7437.

To the members of the Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club Chuck, WA7EBH

This Club was founded over 25 years ago to have fun with and enjoy Amateur Radio and promote the hobby. For the past several years there have been activities going on, in my opinion, that are slowly destroying the integrity of this club. We have lost the support of several long time and hard working members. Most of them have said that they will never serve on the board or participate in club activities again, due to the harassment that they have received.

Both my wife and I have had personal attacks on our creditability while doing duties within the club. I wish to set the record straight to all of the members and dispel the rumors that are being spread by a few members.

1. Both Jack Burrell and I have been charged with using the clubs CD money to buy our new pickup trucks. For the record, the bank wrote a letter to the board stating that neither of us have used any club funds or even had a personal account with this bank.

2. Both Jack Burrell and I have been charged with using club funds for our own uses. The audit, by the club trustees and members at large, have found no discrepancies in any of the books. If we were embezzling funds, we would have had to been in cahoots with 5 other members that were doing the audit. This is called fish bowel accounting, due to the fact that everything is open and has to match up to the checkbook and bank statements. If the club wants to pay several thousand dollars for a professional audit, be my guest. We both have more in personal assets than this club will ever have, and, I for one, would not ruin my reputation for a measly \$20,000. Both Jack and I have handled million dollar accounts for work and this is a small amount to be messing with.

3. Our CD seems to fuel a lot of discussion and seems to be a sore point with folks that want to spend it on pet projects. Our Club's operating expenses are in the mid teens of the thousand dollar category. Your dues just cover the expenses of the Relay. Nothing else. We have insurance, rents, activities, repair costs, and various other items that we spend money on. The CD is our savings account and rainy day fund. If we were not able to have a Flea Market, our largest fund raiser, we could continue to operate for a year or more on our savings. To have a reserve for the unanticipated events is a good business practice. Most well run businesses have a cash reserve. Those that don't, usually go bankrupt. There was a time in this club's history that individual members loaned this club money to keep it afloat and to buy things. I hope that we never have to do that again. The CD reserve has taken us 20 years to build up, let's not throw it away on pet projects. The finance committee is trying to look out for the best interest of the club, not our own agenda as some would have the members think.

4. I have been charged with not turning over all of the Flea Market money to the club. The Flea Market is a year round business, not just a few months. We have ongoing expenses that need to be covered throughout the year. We have fairground expenses and deposits, flyers to print and distribute, phone calls, bank expenses, equipment rentals and deposits, all of which need to be covered. The FM account has retained approximately 2500 dollars to cover these expenses until we start getting in the table sales Money in November and December. Our first payment to the fairgrounds was due the first part June for 1000 dollars and our next payment is this fall, plus we have printed flyers that were given out at Seaside and other hamfests.

5. As Chair of the Flea Market I have been attacked by members that I have a personal gain to pay myself. My only payment is self satisfaction on a well run event. I have been challenged as to who appointed me as chair, well the committee members have continued to elect me as chair, as I run a well oiled event. The Bylaws state that chairs are to be elected from within the committee, which is being done. I have been challenged as being both Treasurer and FM Chairman. Before being elected Treasurer, Nils stood in front of the membership and asked if this was a problem. Your answer was a resounding "no problem". Now it is being brought up again. The Flea Market is set up as a business, each section functions as an independent unit reporting to the committee as a whole. We hold committee meetings for an hour once a month to discuss anything that needs to be covered. I am only there to facilitate the operation, not totally direct the operation as a dictator. The committee has been called a clique, well we are a working clique that is open to anyone who wants to work. We do require results from the folks, but they are allowed to develop their sections independently. This is only good business sense, since if I or a committee member should die, the function would still continue to go forward. If Bill Gates dies, Microsoft will still continue to produce software.

6. I have been charged with personal gain in allowing the workers of the FM to sell stuff at the country store with no commission. I, along with several other members (about 30), have sold items at the country store. The FM committee was looking for ways to get more workers to help put this event on and improve the quality of the country store merchandise. The Committee came up with the proposal, which the club members approved, of allowing workers to sell their items, commission free. It takes about 100 folks to put this event on. If a person is able to work and have the club sell his stuff, we have benefited by having a worker. Look folks, a \$18 dollar table divided by 25 to 100 hours of work means that their pay is pennies an hour. How many of you are willing to work for this amount in the real world? This is not only open to one or two folks, it is open to anyone that wants to

work. Club Members are putting on this event. Shouldn't they have some advantage for doing all of the hard work? If we had to hire folks to help us, the costs would be in the ten dollar an hour and up price range. After all, our pay is zip and the only benefit is self satisfaction on a job well done.

7. Our Relay Editors have been getting lambasted for editing articles, spelling errors, grammar and various other items. This is a thankless job requiring about 30 hours a month to edit, print, mail and produce this document. Here again, at no pay. But members complain about the smallest items, but are unwilling to produce an article or give a hand when required. Lighten up, I have yet to see a perfect person in this organization.

8. Our Radio Officer was chastised for the repeater being down for a few days. We don't pay him enough to get out of bed in the middle of the night and make a trip to the mountain to repair the system. If you want that kind of service, hire Ratelco at \$100+ an hour to go up the hill on an hours notice. Here again a thankless job and the person doing it is criticized for just taking on a job. This Club lost a free mountain top backup site with power, maintenance, security, antennas and other items because folks just wouldn't keep their mouths shut. They needed to know every little detail and who to call. This club is not worth jeopardizing a persons job over.

9. Field day band chairman get little or no help from the members, except to criticize them that they forgot the power cord for their radio. I remember the day that we started field day activities in January and there were folks standing in line to take a band. We even had assistant chairs and assistants to them. This last year we had folks take chairmanships one week before the event because no one else would do it. Then they were chastised because they made a mistake. Did you volunteer to help the new person? Or is it easier to point out the faults in hindsight.

Folks, the members that take on jobs for this club do so because they have a love of doing something for the organization. They quietly do their jobs without a lot of grandstanding, fan fare and flag waving. They are the backbone of any organization. However, there seems to be a faction that is always trying to discredit and undermine the integrity of those that do the work. I don't know what their hidden agendas are, but by all of the rumor generation and back stabbing that is taking place, this club is going down hill. The fun that used to be prevalent seems to have disappeared, replaced by desires to destroy what others have tried to build up. When the question is asked, "Who will chair the event?", "Do thirty hands go up?", "Does one hand go up?" Everyone looks for the next guy to do it. How many times have you asked yourself "why should I do it when I will only catch flack if something happens?" When a person volunteers, several people are standing in line demanding that they do it their way. Sound familiar? We spend too much time in both Board and General meetings trying to legislate

how folks are to do their jobs. If you want to give input, join the committee and give your suggestions, lend a hand. If suggestions have merit, they are usually adopted, if not, so be it.

Folks, let's cut all of the politicking and control issues and get back to being a fun club. There have been members that have said, "I didn't know about all of these controversies going on," well now you do. Not all members can attend the Board or General meetings where some of these issues have been talked about, nor are they always recorded in the minutes. Now they've been presented so all can see and hopefully the rumors can be dispelled.

I want to thank you for taking the time to read this article and for not skipping it saying this is garbage. I am one of the old-time and one of the hardest working members of this club. I have put my heart and sole into trying to make this the best club in the Northwest. I am tired of all of the flack that members are taking. I hope that you will now help dispel all of the garbage that is being generated by hearsay. Thank you for your support for the past years and I hope that even after you read this, that it will continue. Someone had to bring out these items and I guess that it finally boiled up in me. It's our club. Lets work together to make it the greatest in the Northwest. Thanks for allowing me to soapbox.

Constitution and By-Laws

Ray, WA7EKH

The Constitution and By-Laws was presented to the Executive Board at their July 31st meeting. They voted to inform the Membership of this in the August General meeting. In accordance with the By-Laws, a copy of the amendments will be mailed to each member after the August General Meeting.

Your Flag and Mine

Gib, W7JIE

Each club meeting, I'm proud to say, the club repeats the Pledge to the flag. It's patriotic. It's honorable. It's just the thing to do. I'm glad we have it as a part of the club meeting. I don't agree with the many so-called resolutions imposed on the schools about prayer, or religion, or any other restrictions on a way of life.

When it comes to the Pledge of Allegiance however, I'm afraid some of us need a small lesson in the proper way this pledge is given. Did you know that you should:

- Place your right hand over your heart? (It's located just to the left of your center breast bone).



- Stand at attention with feet firmly planted. No talking or other distractions while repeating the Pledge.
- Stand with your eyes directed at the flag, no looking around to see what is going on. Speak in a clear voice. No mumbling or vacant stare into space.
- Devote your entire attention to the Pledge and the Flag. It is probably your only chance to show respect and honor to your country. With your hats off!

I mean no finger pointing. I'm not a "do-gooder". I'm just saying that we as a club can do so much more. And it costs nothing. Hope you find it in your facilities to really "Pledge Allegiance to the Flag".

September Funtest

Al, KB7THX

The Radio Club of Tacoma and the North Kitsap Radio Club will join with Mike and Key ARC for a tri-club repeater funtest on Friday September 13th. Make at least one repeater contact with a club member from each club and receive a special QSL card. The club member with the most total contacts also gets special recognition.

August Program

Mike, N7GVQ

Our program for the August 17th General Membership Meeting will be on a topic that is near and dear to many Hams, young and old. The topic I'm referring to is DX and the presentation will be on *What It Is and How to Go About Doing It*. Presenting will be Larry Short, N7YQW, a fellow Ham from the Western Washington DX Club (WWDXC). Please come to the meeting and stick around for what should prove to be a very informative program. I hope to see you there!

The September program will be on Remote Control and ATV, and in October, Successful PCB Salvage with Betsy Wells.

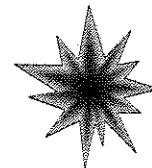
2 Meter Band Explodes

Off the Internet, Author Unknown

Mt. Lishnus Observatory, Mt. Idy, Ohio - In a special news conference just concluded, Dr. Avruell U. Harnishe, Chairman of the GEARVAKF Scientific Studies Committee, announced that the two meter amateur radio band has just exploded. Apparently there has been widespread property damage and injury to hundreds of hams operating on the band at the time of the explosion. Emergency rooms report a high incidence of pelvic injuries due to the popularity

of the "shack on a belt" mode of operation. There is also fear of widespread damage to the nations telephone infrastructure, due to the number of mobile stations autopatching home (the blast occurred during rush hour) to obtain grocery lists from their spouses.

The blast came at 5:03 PM EDT and measured about 9.2 on the Richter scale. According to Dr. Harnishe, the rupture was so violent that some pieces of the shattered frequencies actually achieved Earth orbit. Other debris from the massive explosion continues to fall through the ether placing all radio frequencies at risk of serious damage from collisions with two meter band fragments.



A statement issued moments ago by the Federal Communications Commission calls the situation "extremely dangerous." FCC spokesman Ralph R. Spiffie said that the two meter band had been "blown to smithereens throughout the nation and perhaps the world." He warned all radio operators to get away from their radio equipment and stay away until the cloud settles.

"Although no deaths have yet been reported among amateurs using two meters at the time of the blast," Mr. Spiffie said, "I wouldn't be surprised if there were fatalities." Dr. Harnishe told reporters that it was too early to assess the long term effects of the disaster, but it was almost certain that two meters was damaged beyond repair.

"We believe the explosion originated on the West Coast and propagated rapidly eastward," Dr. Harnishe continued. "The blast was so powerful that the shock wave made RF frequencies momentarily visible as it passed thru the air," he said. "The most distressing thing about this tragedy is that it could have been avoided. Five years ago we warned people that two meters was going to blow up, but nobody paid attention; now there is no more two meter band," Harnishe concluded.

In 1991, the Scientific Studies Committee predicted that increased use was raising pressure within the band because more energy was being put in than there was being taken out. At that time Dr. Harnishe explained that sensitive modern receiver circuits required very small amounts of RF to produce a readable 144 MHz signal and were bleeding off very little RF energy. Much more RF energy was being transmitted into the band than was being removed through receivers, so the pressure rose dramatically.

To reduce the pressure, he suggested that all amateur radio operators listen to two meters for at least six months without transmitting. The no transmit rule would have allowed most of the overpressure to be reduced gradually to a safe level. Unfortunately, nobody listened—either to two meters or to Dr. Harnishe. The result is a disaster of such major proportions that it makes the 20 meter band fire of nearly a decade ago pale in comparison.

Club Picnic

Don't forget the Mike & Key ARC annual Summer Fun Family Picnic and Dessert Contest Saturday, August 24 starting at 12:00 noon. The picnic will again be at Chism Beach Park on Lake Washington in Bellevue. Again the club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, pop and all the fixens. Each family attending should bring a pot luck picnic item.

Directions to Chism Beach
1175 96th Ave SE, Bellevue

- From I-405 take the NE 4th exit. Drive West on NE 4th.
- Turn left on Bellevue Way Rd.
- Turn right on Main St.
- Turn Left on 101st Ave. SE
- Follow the road as it curves uphill, Chism Park is on the right at SE 11th.

World Radio Team Championships

Michael, WA7UVJ

The first one of its kind was in 1990, in Seattle, and coincided with the Goodwill Games. Now, a second one joins history with resounding success down south in San Francisco. What am I talking about - only the World Radio Team Championships (WRTC). What is the WRTC? Well, just in case you have been doing a rare DXpedition from a remote island (or just fail to stray too far from the repeater) the WRTC is a competition among the worlds best Radio Contesters.

During this edition of the WRTC, the contestants came from two dozen countries with many countries having multiple entries. From the USA, there over a dozen team entrants. The organizers of the event selected stations (from the Bat area) that had similar geographical and equipment ratings and randomly assigned them to the teams. Then, each team was randomly assigned a 1x1 call (W6A-Z or K6A-Z). Each team found out their callsign less than an hour before the contest began. In addition, There were two "wildcard" demonstration stations as well (AH3C and AH3D).

The competition was scheduled to run concurrently with the IARU RadioSport contest (July 14th). While the IARU was all band and 24 hours long, the WRTC ran the first 18 hours of the IARU and only 40 meters and above. Each team had a medium height tribander for 10-20 meters and an inverted Vee for 40 meters. A maximum of 100 watts was allowed.

Starting off at 5:00 AM local time, the competition got off with a bang. I had already planned on doing the IARU anyway and had hope that the WRTC boys might provide a little extra fun. Did they ever! Instead of scrounging for every contact point, which is usual at this point in the sunspot cycle, I could walk up and down the 40 meter band for the first

hour and pick off many of the contestants easily. As each band woke up, it became the standard operating procedure to cruise the dial looking for W6? and K6?. Having these extra 54 stations on-line made what should have been a slow contest (because of propagation) an interesting one.

Still, the WRTC teams were a lot busier than most of us on the other side. The worst team made over 1500 QSO's in their 18 hours of operation and the best had almost 2500. Yep, that means an average of over 130 Q's an hour (every hour!) for the whole competition (I only racked up 400 total). On top of that, most managed to worked just under 200 multipliers (IARU zones and HQ stations). Who won? It was one of the USA teams - KR0Y and KITO. The previous champions from the event in Seattle, K1AR and K1DG, placed 12th. The highest rated non-USA team was one from Canada (4th) and the highest DX team was 9A3A and S53R (8th).

To make it interesting and to generate activity, the WRTC organizing committee offered awards to qualifying stations that worked specific numbers of WRTC stations. A sweep, 52 station of the 54 stations (you can use the wildcards to count towards any missed 1x1's) gets you a commemorative deck of cards, the highest scoring stations get a T-shirt, and finally, for working a minimum of 10 stations, you are eligible for a special letter opener. (See me for info on how to claim your prize if you got on and you think you might have won something - I also have a list of winners.) As for QSL's, they will be automatic through the Bureau and they don't want any back.

From all the news on the Internet and having talked personally to some of the attendees; it was quite the Ham social event as well, with lotsa partying and eyeball QSO's. Local contesting guru, Danny/K7SS, started a sub contest to see who could get a shirt signed by all the teams first (is this WATS - Worked All T-Shirts?). Many of the Seattle WRTC organizers went down to participate in either the festivities or as participants. From this side, I only wish that they could do this every year as the extra activity on the air was fun. Ideas are being worked on for another WRTC in the year 2000.

Board Meeting Minutes, 7/31/96

Recorded by Melissa, KB7TFF

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Al (KB7THX).

Officers present: President: Carolyn (WV7Q), Vice President - Frank (K7VMG), Secretary - Melissa (KB7TFF), Activities - Mike (N7GVQ), Radio Officer - Harry (W7JWJ), Trustee #1 - Tom (N7VDU), Trustee #2 - Mary (W7QGP), Trustee #3 - Al (KB7THX), Trustee #5 - Chuck (N7STR).
Visitors were: Darla Harris, Nils (WB7TJK), Ray (WA7EKH), Eleanor (KC7EBC), Jack (KB7ZS), Bob (AA7ZC), Bill (KL7BB).

Officer Reports:

President: Carolyn (WV7Q) welcomed all to the Board meeting this month, and announced that the Radio Club of Tacoma's fleamarket was coming up, and they are looking for help setting up on August 9 at Charles Wright Academy. Those who help out will receive free admission. Carolyn also announced that Charlie Starner, our honorary member passed his radio test, and is now an Amateur Radio Operator. Congratulations Charlie! Melissa (KB7TFF) was nominated as Young Ham of the Year and word has not been received yet as to the outcome.

Vice President: Frank (K7VMG) presented three aspiring members to the board to be approved. They were Melvin Hamlin (NC), Jed (KC7RIL), and Chuck (KE4XH). All were approved for presentation at the general membership meeting.

Treasurer: Jack (KB7ZS) filled in for Chuck, as Chuck was at a parade. Jack notified the board that all is in good order, and the Books are there for anyone to look at. Many have impending due dues, so be sure to watch out for that.

Activities: Mike (N7GVQ) said that next meeting's program was to be DXing with Larry Shore. Carolyn brought the fact that the Salvation Army needs the building clear by noon to Mike's attention. Carolyn was worried that it might rush Mr. Shore too much. Carolyn will try to make the meeting go as quickly as possible to leave as much time as possible for the program.

Radio Officer: Harry (W7JWJ) announced that he checked out possible sites for the repeater, including the one offered by Pete (K7PP). Nothing definite was decided, nor were any sites favored above others.

Chairman of the Board: Al (KB7THX) announced that the Radio Club of Tacoma, and the North Kitsap Radio Club have challenged the Mike & Key to a 2m contest. Each club must contact the other, and special QSL cards will be sent in recognition. Al also announced that he received word from Tom Sanders that the Missouri Project's books were being closed down and that a check is on its way to the Club. Tom said he thought the Club would be surprised.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Service: Melissa (KB7TFF) announced that Jeremy (WA7YGB) had been on a business trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, and had a college course that evening, so she was reporting this evening. Melissa said that she felt the committee still wasn't sure where they were going, and were getting rather discouraged. She said that the committee felt that it may be trying to do the same thing ARES is doing. Harry said that if the committee needed ideas, maybe KA7KUZ could help, and to give him a call. Carolyn said that they could do anything they wanted, that had to do with the committee; a blood drive, submit articles, and much more. She said that the committee has \$100 to work with, and to use their imaginations!

Technical: Tom reported that attendance was up, and that he would try to get an article submitted to the Relay in time. He also announced that there would be another meeting before the next general meeting at 9:30 AM.

Education and Training: Mary (W7QGP) announced that she could get a discount on some ARRL study guides to help the club with distribution. She said that she liked Jack's (N7IHS) idea of keeping the ownership technically the club's, but to allow usage for as long as a teacher feels necessary.

Old Business:

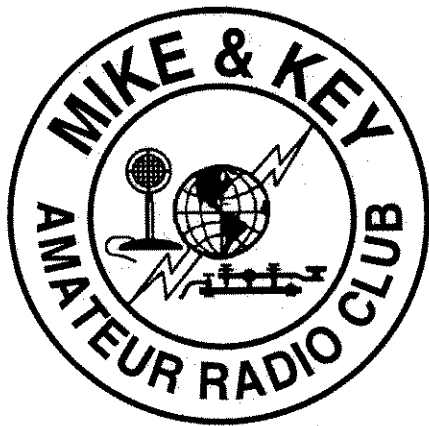
By-laws revision with Ray (WA7EKH). At this point a great, big, long discussion ensued over whether it is constitutional to allow the treasurer to be fleamarket chairman at the same time. This issue will be brought up to the members.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Phantoms Help Nab "The Phantom Jammer"

"The ARRL Letter"

The Phantoms Amateur Radio Group (PARG) of Portland, Oregon, is claiming credit for helping police to nab "The Phantom Jammer," who was interfering with police calls in Seaside, Oregon, during the Northwest Division Convention in early June. John Mackey, KA0SSF, of PARG reports members were on the beach enjoying the annual PARG bonfire when KB7YZS heard someone "cursing and yelling at people" on the VHF police frequency, which he was monitoring at the time. After a few minutes of listening, members figured out that the person was up in a balcony and was with a mixed group. KB7YZS, KB7YZR, N7XMD, and AA7UP (who just happen to be most of the PARG Interference Committee) immediately activated direction-finding operations and tracked down the interference to a local motel. It only took them a few minutes to spot a group on a balcony, one of whom was using an H-T. After noting that the transmissions coincided with what they heard on the police frequency, PARG informed Seaside Police. A short time later, Mackey reports, Seaside Police "caught the person in the act."



K7LED RELAY

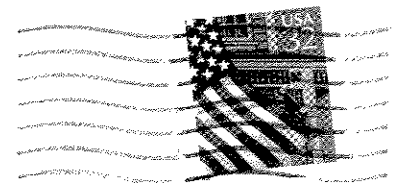
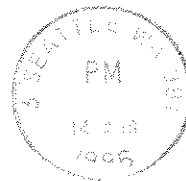
The RELAY is the official tabloid of the Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club. The Mike and Key is dedicated to the growth and betterment of Amateur Radio. We meet the third Saturday of every month at the Salvation Army Renton HQ, 720 Tobin St., near SE corner of the Renton Airport. The Club operates repeaters on 146.82 MHz (103.5 CTCSS) and 224.12 MHz under the call sign K7LED. The following nets meet on the 146.82 repeater: the Club net on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM and the Public Service net on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. The Club's mailing address is PO Box 2121, Kirkland, WA 98083. All persons interested in Amateur Radio are invited to participate in the Mike and Key ARC and its activities. Yearly dues are \$12.00 for individual memberships and \$18.00 for family memberships.

Volume 24, Number 8

August, 1996

President Carolyn Pasquier - WV7Q (206) 862-1157	Treasurer Charles Stroehrer - WA7EBH (206) 392-5303	Trustee No. 1 Tom Patterson - N7VDU (206) 432-1500	Trustee No. 4 Jeremy Donimirski - WA7YGB (206) 226-5139
Vice President Frank Henshaw - K7VMG (206) 931-8201	Activities Mike Foster - N7GVQ (206) 630-4106	Trustee No. 2 Mary Lewis - W7QGP (206) 523-9117	Trustee No. 5 Chuck Benefiel - N7STR (206) 279-1517
Secretary Melissa Donimirski - KB7TFF (206) 226-2856	Radio Officer Harry Lewis - W7JWJ (206) 523-9117	Trustee No. 3 Al Hopwood - KB7THX (206) 747-5192 (COB)	RELAY Editor Jack Grimmett - N7IHS (206) 392-9510

Return To
Jack Grimmett
PO Box 13
Issaquah, WA 98027



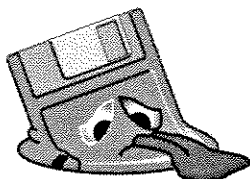
First Class Mail

Next Board Meeting
August 28th at 7:30 PM
Salvation Army in Renton
720 Tobin, Renton

Next Club Meeting
Saturday, August 17th at 10:00 AM
Salvation Army in Renton
720 Tobin, Renton
Doors open at 9:30 AM for donuts
Talk-in on 146.82 RPTR

July Program
"DXing"
Larry Short, N7YQW

Sam Sullivan N7RHE 7/98
13626 - SE 232nd
Kent, WA 98042



Check Mailing Label for Dues Status

Deadline for May RELAY Submissions - September 1st!!!