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The Prez Sez *Chuck Benefiel, N7STR*

I hope all of you are enjoying a warm and comfortable summer. This time of year is great. We get to travel, visit, be visited, go for walks, camp and relax almost completely without restrictions. The weather tends to cooperate, no wind storms, floods, icy roads. We get out and enjoy the sunny days and before you know it, we are tanned, or sun-burned, and then, all of a sudden, summer's over. The temperature drops, traffic increases, school starts, and the pace of our day changes. Why did he have to bring up that part? Summers just half over, isn't it?

Feel like you have read this before. Well you did, last year at this time. It's time for my annual reminder to all of you to get prepared for, what is predicted to be a rough winter. El Ninio made our life easy, but traditionally it's aftermath makes for a cold winter.

This is the time to prepare for the changes that are going to take place in 6 to 12 weeks.

Replenish that reserve water supply, check the medicine kit, check the portable generator, make sure there are batteries in reserve for the flash lights. Double check the propane for portable stoves, gasoline for generators, and check the freshness of canned goods. Remember to sharpen the saws for cutting, and build up the wood supply for the wood stove. Clean out the gutters and the roof, and check for branches that can break a power or phone line. If you use your Motor Home for an emergency backup, check the insulation on water lines and holding tanks, and the air pressure in the tires. Check the oil level in the generator, and make sure that when you put it away at the end of summer, it has a full tank of gas and propane for winter emergencies. During an emergency when you are frantically trying to get home to protect your family and your property, it can become extremely frustrating to find the roads blocked by emergency equipment, the phone lines down, and cell phones jammed. We are lucky, as hams, to have backup communications. If our radio batteries are charged, we can easily handle situations that scare non hams into a frantic frenzy.

This is also a good time to get involved with your regional emergency radio organizations. Whether it be 911, MARS, ARES, or RACES, being properly prepared in advance is 99% of the battle. Being a part of these organizations will be important for knowing what's going on during the emergency. Show your neighbors that being a HAM has more of a purpose than just talking on the radio and become a service to your local community.

I mention all this now, because it's so much easier to do when it's 75 degrees out. That's part of what working the summer parades and other events is all about. Keeping our emergency equipment in operation is our most important contingency against the exigency caused by a crisis situation. Don't get caught in the "No Contingency, Emergency Crisis Blues." Enjoy the rest of the summer, but if you should find yourself sitting around wondering one day, what should I do? Do you and your family a favor, get prepared. In fact make your family a part of the preparation. Nike says just do it. Chuck says,

do it together. Have an out of state phone contact for everyone. Have a personal simplex frequency. Have a safe place to go to away from home if necessary. Prepare your car with supplies, and don't eat them before the emergency. Having water, blankets, gloves, coats, flashlights and backup batteries in your car are important necessities during an emergency. Be all that being a HAM allows you to be. Be an example.

There is an other area this club needs to become an example, and that is by attending the programs that are presented each meeting. A lot of time, preparation and commitment goes into each presentation that is given. At the last meeting we had 77 people in attendance, at the drawing about 50 stayed, at the presentation there were 12. We as a club need to be a better example to our presenters. The other options are to have the drawing after the presenters or to eliminate the programs and just have a social hour. Wait I have an idea, lets make it mandatory for every club member to do a presentation on some element of Ham Radio, then we can all see what it feels like. Hi, Hi. My real suggestion is that everyone commit to a 2 hour meeting and show our presenters the respect they deserve. The same respect you would expect if you were doing the presentation.

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General Meeting Minutes, 7/18/98

Joyce Stroehrer, N7JPW

Officers present: President - Chuck (N7STR); Secretary - Joyce (N7JPW); Treasurer - Chuck (WA7EBH); Activity Manager - Larry (AB7FJ); Radio Officer - Harry (W7JWJ); Trustee #1 - Al (KB7THX); Trustee #3 (COB) - Pete (K7WTG); Trustee #4 - Mike (KC7UFT); - Trustee #5 Adrian (KB7BVL).

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM with all members and guests repeating the Flag Salute at the Salvation Army Building in Renton. Please announce your name and call clearly for the secretary.

Previous Minutes: Corrections to June minutes are Bob Schweitzer's call is KB7QNB. Larry (Act. Manger) call is AB7FJ. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as corrected.

Introductions of members and guests were done. Members are asked to take breaks on the West side of the building at the request of Salvation Army. The coffee and donut fund is self-supporting. We are an affiliated club of the ARRL, please be a responsible member and join the ARRL. Please sign the rosters at the table. Visitors are asked to refrain from voting on club matters requiring a vote.

Officer Reports

President: Chuck (N7STR) received the resignation of Trustee #2, Chuck Foltz (KB7OS). There will be an election at next meeting after the board meets and accepts the resignation. Field Day Chairman attending his daughter's wedding, so Chuck reports on his behalf. Presented several certificate awards including Field Day MVP selected by the Board. They are Nils Halstrom (KB7TJK) and Wayne Heath (KC7ORB). Picture shown of the Adopt-a-Toilet program at Ft. Flagler State Park on the beach. Final total points is about 9,546. CW represented more than half the points. Public Service pamphlets available for distribution. The Radio Coaches program is on track. Request from Indian School in Seattle requesting the program. Request given to Harry and Mary Lewis. Mike Dinkleman (N7WA) will present demo at Lakehills Library on Friday, Aug. 7 from 7-9:30 PM. Christmas party is December 5. We need a volunteer to chair. Ray Leslie (WA7EKH) is starting radio classes here at the Salvation Army building every Saturday. He will report later in meeting.

Vice President: Carolyn (WV7Q), acting VP -New member applicant Dan Smith (N7XJ), Technician from Puyallup. Dan approved for membership. Applicants not present: Fred Roberts (W6TKV), Robert Pasternak (KD7BVN), Paul Min (KD7BME), and James Monaghan (N7HKO).

Secretary: Joyce (N7JPW) has several hamfest notices. There are two rosters from ARRL.

Treasurer: Chuck (WA7EBH) reports books are in good standing. Books available for members to see. Expenses for Field Day need to be turned in for reimbursement. If you stayed in lower campground and want reimbursement, give site number and nights stayed to Chuck.

Activity Manager: Larry (AB7FJ) has raffle tickets available at \$1.00 each. There are several prizes. Winning tickets to be drawn at end of meeting.

Radio Officer: Harry (W7JWJ) states all repeaters working well. Amateur Radio classes in Woodinville beginning in August. Introduced Monte Simpson (KB7RID), ARES DEC Kitsap Co. and RACES ARO Kitsap Co.; Jim Sutton (WA7PHD), Washington State RACES Officer.

Alligator: No new recipient. Dawn will keep it for a while longer.

Committee Reports

C.O.B.: Pete K7WTG) has items from the IN-Put box. Logo Committee no longer has T-shirts or Anniversary mugs. They are having problems with supplier of club pin blanks, so may have to change suppliers. Next Board meeting is August 29, Salvation Army Building, 7:30 PM. All invited to attend.

Relay: New roster in next couple of weeks. Send changes to Jack (N7IHS).

DX AWARD: Nils (WB7TJK) states there is no DX Club, but there is a DX Award.

Field Day: Covered earlier.

Picnic: Tressie reports picnic will be August 29 beginning at 10:30 AM at Auburn Game Farm. The report is the weather will be great and the fun in abundance. Tressie still needs help. Wayne will take his bar-b-cue.

Public Service: Chuck (WA7EBH) has Seafair Parades coming up. There are sign up sheets available. Torchlight will be on SATURDAY this year (August 1). Parade in Snohomish today at 4:00 PM. Good chance for training for emergencies. Harry states it is time to register nets to ARRL for next directory.

Education: Ray (WA7EKH) will start ham classes beginning July 25. First 3 Saturdays will be instruction, 4th Saturday will be testing. Total cost will be about \$35.00 which includes, 'Now Your Talking book', class fee and test fee. Ray needs assistance. He would like to run the classes as long as there are students.

New Ham Report: Pat (W0OPW) reports no new wannabe Hams around this AM.

For the Good of the Order

Larry has more tickets to sell. Must be present to win. Today's presentation is RACES by Jim Sutton (WA7PHD). The 1998 Pacific Northwest DX Convention is happening now (July 17, 18, 19 at the Double Tree Inn, Southcenter. Electronic Flea Market in Tacoma, August 8 at Charles Wright Academy.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

"Novice - Technician" Classes

Ray Leslie, WA7EKH



The Education Committee ("Ham Class") has finally started the first class on July 25th. The class consists of four ladies who are doing well in their studies. Graduation will be on 15 August right after the Club meeting. That is when the testing starts.

All future classes will start on the fourth Saturday of the month. The next session will start on August 22nd, no class on August 29th due to club picnic. Testing will be held on September 29th at 1:00 PM to approximately 2:00 PM. Instruction is by video and

handouts and is not difficult. Pass the word to all who are interested in Amateur Radio. We need all the Amateurs we can get.

1998 Hamfest Calendar

(Taken from the NW Division Newsletter)

Aug. 15	LCARA, Longview, WA
Sept. 19-20	Anchorage Hamfest, Anchorage, AK
Sept. 26-27	Fairbanks Hamfest, Fairbanks, AK
Oct. 3	Nampa Hamfest, Nampa, ID

Trustee Position 2 Election

The Board has received and accepted the resignation of Chuck Foltz (KB7OS) as Trustee #2 on the Mike & Key ARC Board of Directors. An election to fill this vacancy will be held at the next General Meeting held on August 15th. This position has approximately 1 1/2 years to serve, and is Liaison to the Education Committee.

Events Calendar

August

August 13th, Thursday - Public Service Committee, 6:00 PM Denny's

August 15th, Saturday - Mike and Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation

August 19th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Net, 7:30 PM on 146.82 repeater

August 20th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

August 26th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Board Meeting, 7:30 PM Renton Salvation

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August 27th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

September

September 2nd, Wednesday - Mike & Key Net, 7:30 PM on 146.82 repeater

September 3rd, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

September 9th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Net, 7:30 PM on 146.82 repeater

September 10th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

September 16th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Net, 7:30 PM on 146.82 repeater

September 17th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

September 19th - Mike and Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation

Condolences

We are sad to announce that Trudy Krieger, wife of Frank Krieger (KA7QHG) passed away last week. There will be a private burial at Washington Memorial at 3:00 PM Saturday August 1st, for the family only. On the 13th of August at 7:00 PM there will be a Celebration of Life at the Highline Christian Church, located at the corner of 150th and 1st Avenue So. in Burien. It is the large brick Church next door to Denny's. When one enters Burien on the 405 extension and you get to the stop lights on 1st Ave. So., turn left. The Church is located 1 block down on the right side (West side of the street).

Frank is in very good spirits and is coping well. He most certainly appreciates all the cards and letters that he has received.

Board Meeting Minutes, 7/27/98

Jack Grimmert, N7IHS

Officers Present: President - Chuck (N7STR); Vice President - Jed (W7JED); Radio Officer - Harry (W7JWJ); Trustee #1 - Al (KB7THX); Trustee #3 (COB) - Pete (K7WTG); Trustee #4 - Mike (KC7UFT); Relay Editor - Jack (N7IHS)

Visitors: David Smith (KB7PSN), Pat Wintheiser (W0OPW), Ray Leslie (WA7EKH), Eleanor Leslie (KC7EBC), Dawn Humphrey (KC7YYB), and Dan Humphrey (N7QHC).

The meeting as called to order by President - Chuck (N7STR) at 7:25 PM at the Salvation Army, Renton. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following corrections; David Smith was not listed as a visitor in the meeting minutes.

Officers Report

Chairman of the Board - Pete (K7WTG) announced that he had received a letter of resignation from Chuck Foltz (KB7OS) from the Trustee Position #2. A motion was made to accept Chuck's resignation. Motion was passed.

President - An announcement was made by Chuck (N7STR) concerning the death of Frank's wife.

Vice President - Jed (W7JED) has been excused, Chuck (N7STR) presented the names of Paul Bullard and Ilona Kellison-Bullard for membership in the Mike & Key ARC. The board approved the new member application for presentation to the general membership.

Secretary - Joyce (N7JWP) was excused from the meeting, no report.

Treasurer - Chuck (WA7EBH) was excused from the meeting, no report.

Activity Manager - Larry (AB7FJ) was excused from the meeting, no report.

Radio Officer - Nothing new.

Committee Reports

Technical - Nothing new.

Public Service - Nothing new.

Education - Ray (WA7EKH) reported that the first class in the series had started with four ladies registered. He said that a new class will be started the week after the general meeting and will conclude on the Saturday of the next meeting with the test for the applicable license. Ray has approximately 20 copies of 'Now Your Talking' available for \$19.00. This book will also be used as part of the class materials.

Long Range Planning - No report.

Facilities -

Field Day - Chuck (N7STR) gave a brief report on behalf of Jed (W7JED). We did significantly better than last year which in part may be do to better propagation. The CW bunch did extremely well.

Flea Market - Nothing new.

Relay Editor - Nothing new.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

From the Editor

Jack Grimmitt, N7IHS

There is not much good news from the Editors desk this month. My monitor went belly-up last week and I have not been able to work on the Relay until Wednesday the 12th. As a result I did not have to sufficient time to do a normal newsletter this month. Unlike the goals of emergency preparedness, I was not prepared with my laptop as a back-up so I just had to sit here.

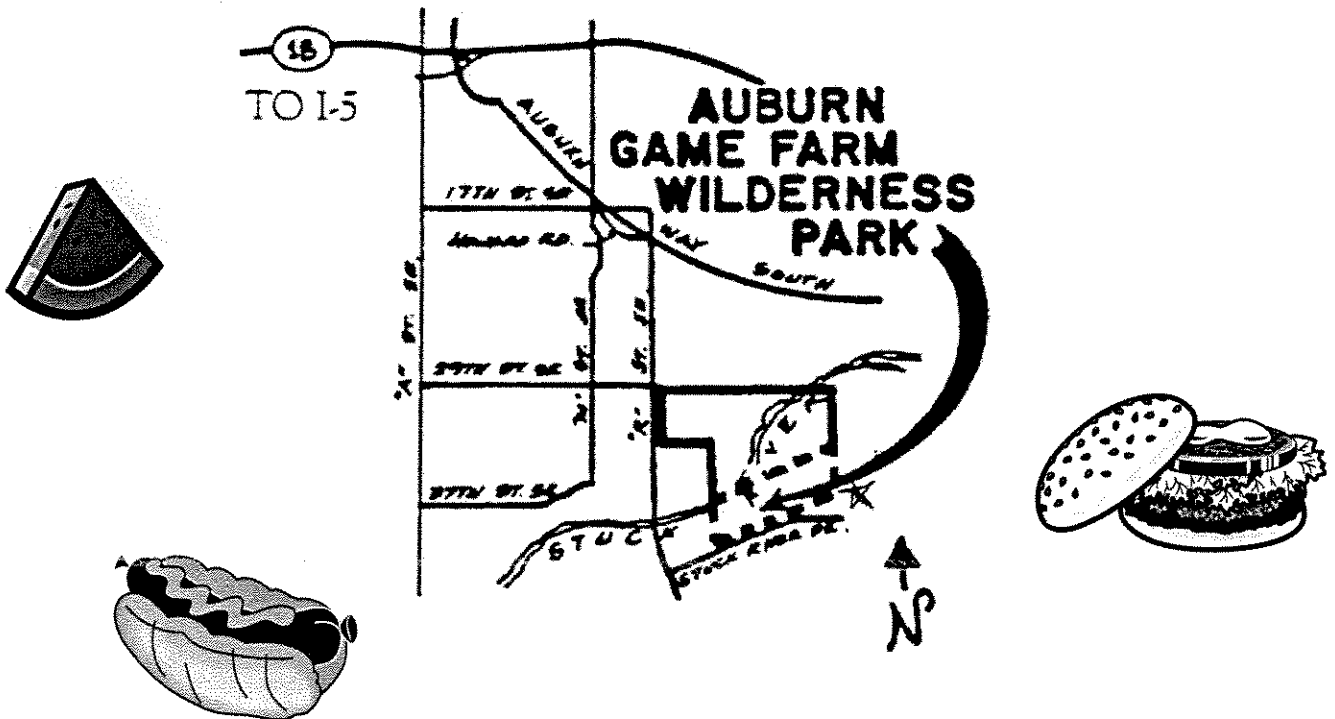
This will mean that there will be a delay in publishing the Roster as well and the dues information on your mailing labels may not be up to date. All of this will be corrected next month along with other articles which should have been included in this months Relay, please bear with me.

Mike & Key ARC Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 29th, 1998

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Picnic will be held at the Auburn Game Park



Directions to the park
 Take Highway 167, or I-5 to Highway 18 East
 From Highway 18 East bound take the Auburn Way South/Enumclaw exit.
 Turn left at the light (south) onto Auburn Way South.
 Go Approximately one mile on Auburn Way to Howard Road.
 At the stop sign take a right onto "R" Street for approximately 1.5 miles to Stuck River Dr. SE (just over the river).
 Turn left onto Stuck River Dr. SE.
 Campground entrance is 1/4 miles on the left.
 Address is:
 2401 Stuck River Dr. SE
 Auburn, WA

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Soda Pop will
 be provided by the Club.**

**Games, Rag Chews, Hiking, Basketball,
 baseball, and Croquet.**

**Bring your favorite side dish,
 salad or dessert**





K7LED Relay

The RELAY is the official tabloid of the Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club. The Mike and Key ARC 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., Renton, WA. The Club operates repeaters on 146.82 MHz (103.5 CTCSS) and 224.12 MHz under the call sign K7LED. Two 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. 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.

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Next Club Meeting

Saturday, August 15th 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

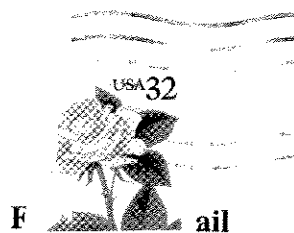
Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 26th at 7:30 PM
Salvation 5th Army in Renton
720 Tobin, Renton

May Program

To be announced.

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