



K7LED

Relay

The Prez Sez

Alan Hughes, KB7SVU

The days are getting shorter and the nights colder, I believe summer is over and fall is here. Time to get the finishing touches on you antenna and towers before the winter weather gets here. From what I understand and hear from different sources this is going to be a very wet winter. I want to encourage each and every person in the Mike and Key Club to be prepared, not only with supplies and back up power, but also to help out with emergency communications in your community. If anyone is unsure of just how to get prepared just ask, we can always get you help.

Our banquet is still five months away, but at this time I am asking for a volunteer to be our banquet chairman. I want the person to have enough time to do a great job. If you are interested call or E-mail me. I will also bring it up at the meeting.

One area that really bothers me is our standing committees, Education, Facilities, Public Service, Strategic Planning and Technical. Some are doing great with lots of people involved but others are not doing so good. We need people to get involved with these committees. Remember this is your club and one way to help make it stronger is to get involved. The committees are there to give new ideas and suggestions to the board to help the club grow. If you are unaware of what the committees do, here is a short run down.

Public Service - Special event information, Public service pamphlet and disaster and emergency training.

Strategic Planning - Long range planning, Develop the club vision, mission, goals and objectives and conduct surveys of the club.

Technical - Address all technical areas of ham radio, organize and coordinate all special amateur operating modes, interference activities, coordinate Elmering with education committee, provide amateur safety awareness training and Amateur regulatory interest.

Facilities - Monthly meetings facility coordination and setup, co-ordinate outside club publicity for events, domestic and international publicity and Club check-in net.

If you think that it takes too much time to attend meetings don't forget that most committees meet before the regular monthly meeting. Get involved join a committee!

Don't forget our Christmas party on Dec 11th.

General Meeting Minutes, 9/8/99

Joyce Strocher, N7JPW

Officers present: President - Alan (KB7SVU); Vice President - Calvin (KC7IYP); Secretary - Joyce (N7JPW); Treasurer - Chuck (WA7EBH); Activity Manger - Tressie (KC7BAL); Radio Officer - Harry (W7JWJ); Trustee #1 - Jack (N7IHS); Trustee #2 - Nils (WB7TJK); Trustee #3 - Jim (W7FKI); Trustee #4 - Mike (K7JML);

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.

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed in the Relay.

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, 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: Alan (KB7SVU) - Flea Market meeting for October is cancelled. There was a meeting in September. Need Field Day Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons. Need to start now especially with Band chairs. Pierce County needs coverage for New Years Eve for RACES.

Vice President: Calvin (KC7IYP) - No report.

Secretary: Joyce (N7JPW) - No report.

Treasurer: Chuck (WA7EBH) reports books are in good standing. Books available for members to see.

Activity Manager: Tressie (KC7BAL) - Program today is by Gerhart on Germany and their radio clubs. Many nice prizes for raffle today.

Radio Officer: Harry (W7JWJ) - Citations are still being handed out. Compliance and Information Bureau will be obsolete soon. There will be both a Compliance Bureau and Enforcement Bureau.

COB: Mike (K7JML) - Next board meeting is September 29 at the Salvation Army building at 7:30 PM. Nils will be COB for this meeting as Mike will be absent.

Committee Reports

Those committees not reporting in the RELAY are asked to report now.

Public Service: Mike (K7JML) needs committee members.

Relay: Jack (N7IHS) - Not present.

Alligator: No action.

Education: Jim (KD7BAT) reports plan approved

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by the Board and they are now proceeding. Technician class November 12-14 at Boeing Kent Recreation Center, 22649 - 83rd Ave. S., Kent. Cost \$45.00 includes book "Now You're Talking!" Registration preferred.

Picnic: Tressie reported picnic successful

Public Service: Wayne (K6DOW) - October 2, 8:00 AM, Issaquah Salmon Days. Meet at 12th Street Cafe on 10th by Target.

Christmas Party: Jan (K7YH) - December 11, Salvation Army Building, date open, waiting for confirmation. Menu and sign-up list ready next meeting. Clean-up crew will be separate. Gift exchange to take place. The Club provides meat and beverages, the rest is potluck.

New Ham Liaison: Al (KB7THX) is available for answers to any questions through resources. See Al during break today.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: FORM 605 must now be used for anything involving the Federal Government. All forms must have SS number.

Tressie has more tickets to sell. The prizes include a ticket to the Mariner's game today.


Nils (KB7TJK) has co-ax connectors, etc. from Carl (W7PRW). Free, just dig through the box. Some are still in the original packages.

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

Relay Deadline

Submittals for the November Relay are due to the editor by November 10, 1999. Early submittals would be appreciated.

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 - 220 MHz Gear

- Clegg, model FN-76 with mobile antenna - \$130
- Midland, model 13-509 with mobile antenna - \$130

Mobile antennas for above transceivers

Larson Mobile
Hustler CGT-220 whip

- AEA Isopole Base Antenna - \$30.

Contact Norm Ahrens (N7KWZ) at 509-684-6491 or Jim Carpenter (K7PHZ) at 253-833-9017 (k7phz@tx3.com).

Technician Class Scheduled

Jim Etwiler, KD7BAT

The Mike and Key ARC Education committee will hold a class for those interested in obtaining a Technician Class amateur radio license. The class is scheduled for November 12-14, 1999 to cover just one weekend: Friday evening, Saturday day, and Sunday day. The class will be held at the Boeing Kent Recreation Center, 22349 - 83rd Ave. South (West of East Valley Road near 224th), Kent WA.

The instructors will be using the book "Now You're Talking!" with additional class notes and videos. The cost is just \$45 and includes the book "Now You're Talking!", a copy of the class notes, sixteen hours of instruction, and one VE-license testing session, Sunday afternoon. To register contact Chuck Benefiel - N7STR (253)312-5341 or Jim Etwiler - KD7BAT (206)633-1512.

A copy of the flier announcing the class with schedule, location, and registration is available through the club WEB page at <http://www.mikeandkey.com/education.htm>. Any questions about the class can be sent to info@mikeandkey.com.

Chuck (N7STR) announced at the August membership meeting that the Mike and Key ARC, the Radio Club of Tacoma, and the Federal Way ARC are coordinating the offering of classes. All the clubs are planning to use the same teaching materials. The clubs have also agreed on a tentative class schedule. With this schedule, there should be an amateur radio class available about every month of the year. The Federal Way ARC has announced a Technician class for October 2-3, 1999. Details about this class are available through the WEB at <http://members.tripod.com/fwarc/>.

Please let your family, neighbors, and friends that are interested in amateur radio know about the Mike and Key class. Please announce at other radio club meetings you attend that the class will be held.

Fleamarket Status

Michael Dinkelman, N7WA

The days are getting shorter, the air feels just a bit crisper, and the kids are back in school - it must be Fall! Well..., sure but it's also time to start thinking about the Mike & Key's 19th Annual Fleamarket coming up March 11, 2000. Yup, by March, all the doomsayers will be ready to come out of their Y2K cubbyholes, reactivate their ATM cards, and spend money like crazy. We need to be ready with the first/last Fleamarket of the new/old millennium (depending on how you count your millennium's).

The "Committee" has already met for the first time back in September. We could still use a chairperson or two. Chuck/WA7EBH was named overall Chair-

person (it keeps him busy and out of the rest of our hair) but discussion was held about breaking in a new one because Chuck may not be available in 2001. Nil's, WA7TJK is heading up the Country Store and Jo is staying with tickets. Frank Krieger remains at Staging. Wayne/K6DOW would like to train someone else at the Equipment chairperson spot - an easy but vital position. Our Club President Al heads security, Diane remains at registration, and I continue to hold the Publicity position. We hope to convince Wayne Heath to remain as chief host on the hospitality trailer. Meanwhile, we need a couple volunteers to pick up Announcing/Talk in and Traffic. If you are interested in either of those or helping out Wayne, please talk to Chuck Stroehner.

In addition to the discussion about chairs, the "Committee" reviewed the initial preparations for next year. As such, the flyer is set and the down payments have been made on the rent. Vendor letters have been mailed and ARRL sanctioning has been requested. Worker signup sheets will be available starting at the October meeting. Dawn Humphrey will begin the search for table skirt material and I need to start buying door prizes. Approximately 40 tables (> 10%) have already been sold through pre-registration. We seem to be fine on signs and banners and there are plenty of tickets on hand. All in all - the flea market preparations are well in hand and we decided to give ourselves the month of October off. Wow!

Now it's your turn. Sign up for those vacation days or otherwise arrange for days off on March 10th (setup) and March 11th of 2000. (Your boss will think you're really organized.) Then, fill out a worker sheet at the next available Club meeting. There are all sorts of jobs available and if you need a description, you should find it at the start of the book. It really helps if you can make it a full day or both. I know it's a lot of work and most of us are limping or cramped up by the finish but it feels real good when that last table gets thrown back on the rack. In return, you will be helping to keep dues low, get first looks at the "junque" as it comes in, and know that you're helping run the biggest and best Electronics fleamarket in the Pacific Northwest. This effort takes a majority of the Club members to pull off. Do your part as a Mike & Key member.

Events Calendar

October

- October 11th**, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
October 16th, Mike and Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation Army HQ
October 20th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Net, 7:30 PM on 146.82 repeater
October 21st, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

- October 27th**, Wednesday - Mike & Key Board Meeting, 7:30 PM at Renton Salvation
October 27th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Net, 7:30 PM on 146.82 repeater
October 28th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
November
November 2nd, Tuesday - Flea Market Meeting, 7:30 PM at Renton Salvation Army HQ
November 3rd, Wednesday - Mike & Key Net, 7:30 PM on 146.82 repeater
November 4th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
November 10th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Net, 7:30 PM on 146.82 repeater
November 11th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
November 17th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Net, 7:30 PM on 146.82 repeater
November 18th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
November 20th, Mike and Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation Army HQ

The Mike and Key Web Site

Jim Etzwiler, KD7BAT

This month I thought I might review the "Links" web page at the Mike and Key web site at <http://www.mikeandkey.com/links.htm>. The web page is just a list of links to other web pages at other web sites. I recently completed checking all the links on this page and updating all that had changed web addresses and removing those that no longer exist.

The page has an index at the top to aid in finding a link to a particular type of site. The major categories are business, clubs, and operating links. The business index has the sub categories: sales, manufacturers, repair, software/computers, hamfests, and publications. The clubs are divided into the categories: northwest clubs, national clubs, and international clubs.

One of the links under Businesses/Repair is to "W7FG Vintage Manuals". The W7FG lists over 5000 vintage radio manuals that they have available. W7FG also handles antennas, ladder line, and radio related books. If you have some radio equipment without the manual just visit this site and see if you can catch them without a copy of your needed manual in stock. A new listing under the northwest clubs category is "Puget Sound Radio Direction Finding" (a.k.a. "Foxhunting"). Charles (NZ0I) in Everett hosts this site. The focus of this site is what the title suggests. The site lists direction-finding events in the King, Kitsap, and Snohomish counties and a calendar of events. He has provided some inexpensive antenna and electronics projects to enhance your direction finding capabilities. There are

also links to additional sites of interest to the field of "foxhunting".

One of the links under "operating links/world wide" is to the joint USAF/NOAA report of current solar and geophysical activity and forecast. Visit our web site and see if there is something of special interest for you. Let me know if there are any other links that you would like to see added. The web site is part of the Mike and Key image and I want to make it look the best.

Board Meeting Minutes, 9/29/99

Joyce Stroehrer, N7JPW

Officers Present: President - Alan (KB7SVU); Secretary - Joyce (N7JPW); Treasurer - Chuck (WA7EBH); Activity Manager - Tressie (KC7BAL); Trustee #2 - Nils (WB7TJK); Trustee #3 - Jim (W7FKI); Trustee #5 - Mike (KC7YXB). Web Master Jim (KD7BAT).

The meeting was called to order by Trustee #2 Nils (WB7TJK) in the absence of COB Mike (K7JML) at 7:30 PM at the Salvation Army, Renton.

The minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed in the Relay.

Officer Reports

President: Alan (KB7SVU) states Field Day Committees are being set. Wagon Wheel is reserved. On October 2nd someone from the club should go to Ft. Flagler for Barracks meeting. Alan will check on this. The Christmas party is set for Dec. 11th at the Renton Salvation Army Building. Audit committee will be appointed at end of year.

Vice President: Absent.

Secretary: A Thank-you card was received from the Nile Temple for contribution in the memory of Carl Butler (W7PRW) to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Treasurer: Looking good. Books balance.

Activity Manager: No report.

Committee Reports

Technical: Need new connectors to get the radios working. Someone needs to get tools and get the work done. Chuck, Nils and Mike will bring the necessary parts and tools at 9:00 AM before the next meeting. If weather decent they will do the outside work. Alan will bring a ladder. Keys will be made for the officers and a couple of trustees.

Public Service: No Report.

Education: Training sessions will start in November. Next meeting will be October 12, Denny's South Center, 6:00 PM for dinner and 7:00 for meeting. All teachers for the training classes are asked to attend. Flier with thank-you sent to each Radio Shack, 66 sites. Radio Club of Tacoma is having No Code Tech Classes. Maple Valley will also having classes.

Long range planning: No report.

Facilities: No Report.

Field Day: Nils completed the prime coating and safety yellow painting of apparatus box to hold the rotors and antenna parts.

Flea Market: No meeting in October. The next meeting will be November 4th at Salvation Army Building, Renton.

Relay: Absent. Voice of concern over no maps, directions to activities, etc. in Relay for members who do not have computers and/or do not have access to E-mail or Web sites. This will be worked on. A flier will be made up to place at radio stores about club activities. This will be forwarded to the Public Service committee

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: Nils found the first letterhead of the club with the first officers in Carl Butler's things. This will be preserved for the clubs history.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Overcoming life's challenges

David Lee doesn't let anything slow him down, even cerebral palsy

By David Lee
Journal Reporter

FAIRWOOD — David Lee will push himself out of his wheelchair and crawl up a flight of stairs to catch a fleeing child and prove he can't be stopped.

Lee supervises kids at Meridian Junior High School as part of a day camp for the Auburn YMCA.

Seeing his wheelchair, some kids playfully tease him.

"Some kids have told me 'you can't get me!' and run away," said Lee. "I'll pop out of my chair and crawl up the stairs. It may take me longer, but I won't let the fact I'm in a chair stop me."

Compared to other challenges he's faced in his life, chasing a giggling child is nothing for the 38-year-old Lee (who is not related to the Journal reporter). He even fights the diagnosis of his condition as cerebral palsy, believing that something else could be hampering him.

Besides working at the YMCA and a special camp for kids with disabilities, Lee also volunteers relentlessly. He's a licensed ham radio operator who works with Fire District 40, and a member of the King County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy. He has taken Federal Emergency Management Agency courses on earthquake preparation. He also does ham radio work at area parades and race events, talking with other radio operators and informing organizers of float or racer locations. And he is the statistician for the Kentridge High School boys basketball team.

Lee also works to help others with disabilities. He is the vice chairman of the Kent School District's student services advisory committee and a member of the district's disability compliance committee. He served on the design committee for the new Kentlake High School.

"David brings the viewpoint of a person in a wheelchair who has fought for his place in the system," said Kent School Board member Linda Petersen, who has known Lee for 11 years. "David has incredible perseverance. And he just doesn't quit."

It's a mindset that Lee learned early on in the Boy Scouts. He has



David Lee watches 9-year-old Danyale Leando perform a card trick at the YMCA day camp at Meridian Junior High where Lee is a camp supervisor. Lee also is a ham radio operator, and a member of the King County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy. Matt Hagen/Journal

Notable Neighbors

Each Monday in Notable Neighbors, the South County Journal profiles someone who is doing something to make the community a better place to live, or has an interesting story to share. We'd like your suggestions about people you think deserve to be profiled. Please call 253-872-6721 or e-mail scjnews@southcountyjournal.com

been a member of Troupe 714 for 26 years running. Lee was made an Eagle Scout in 1978, and two years ago founded Troupe 419 for Boy Scouts with disabilities so they can receive more support.

Lee grew up in Fairwood without that support. He battled the Kent School District for the chance to attend regular classes. He remained in special education classes at Covington

DAVID LEE

Age: 38

Activities: YMCA supervisor, King County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy member, ham radio operator during emergencies for Fire District 40, member of student services advisory committee and disability compliance committee for Kent School District

Quote: "I want better for kids with disabilities now. I want to show I'm regular, to myself and the kids."

Editor's note: Not only do the writer and the subject of this article happen to share the same first and last name, but also the same middle name: Lester. They do, however, have different birth dates.

Elementary School and spent second and third grade at the Washington State Cerebral Palsy Center. He tried out regular classes at Meeker Junior High, and was in all regular classes by the

time he was a junior at Kentlake High.

Lee went on to Highline Community College, and in 1992 graduated from Seattle University with degrees in rehabilitation and psychology.

Lee hopes others won't have to face similar hardships growing up.

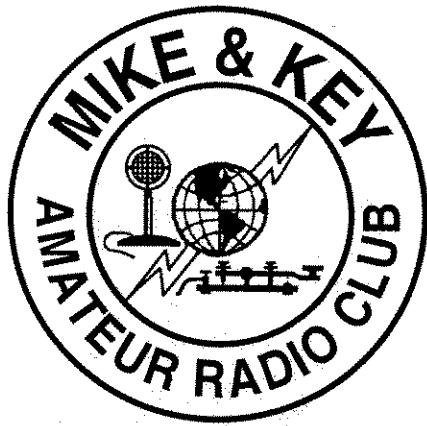
"I want better for kids with disabilities now," he said. And by doing everything he's involved in now, "I want to show I'm regular, to myself and to the kids."

Lee does run into scheduling conflicts, as does his mother Gail Lee, who drives him to every job and activity. In fact, Lee's mother often stays with him as he works.

"We have no set schedule," Gail Lee said. She was reluctant to talk about her son during an interview, saying "I guess," when asked if she is proud of him.

But David Lee said it's hard to stop her from talking about him to her friends.

"I say to myself, 'David, you can't live on your past accomplishments. You must go further,'" he said. "Past accomplishments are nice, but there's more to do out there."



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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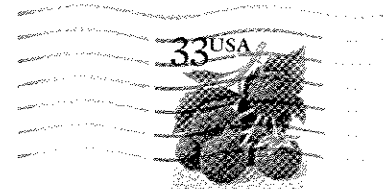
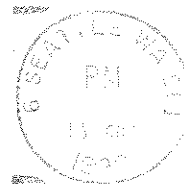
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First Class Mail

Next Club Meeting

Saturday, October 16th 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

Sam Sullivan N7RHE 7/00
13626 - SE 232nd
Kent, WA 98042

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 27th at 7:30 PM
Salvation 5th Army in Renton
720 Tobin, Renton

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