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The Prez Sez

Alan Hughes, KB7SVU

I hope everyone had a good, spooky, Halloween and is getting ready for Thanksgiving. I had fun working as security and medic at the March of Dimes haunted house in Lakewood. I enjoyed watching the people get scared. It amazes me how many teens and adults get scared going through a haunted house.

I am pleased to let everyone know that we have our chairman's for the Field Day 2000. They are Dean Holtan (N7NKO) and Jan Van Allen (K7YH). I know that they will give it 100 per cent to make Field Day 2000 great, lets give them all of our support. I am sure that they will be looking for band chairpersons and other positions to be filled soon. I have already volunteered for the one thing I like most, that is putting up the towers and antennas.

Don't forget our Christmas party on December 11th at the Salvation Army Renton HQ. Jan has promised me that it will be a great get together with lots of food and fun times. There will be a gift exchange again this year, which is always a lot of fun.

Tressie has talked me into being the program for this month. She has asked me to talk about the antennas that I put up in trees and how I got them up there in one piece. I will have a short video showing how I did it.

Not much else is happening with the club, all seems to be going fine. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the club feel free to call or e-mail me. So with that I will say so long and keep this short.

General Meeting Minutes, 10/16/99

Joyce Stroehrer, N7JPW

Officers present: President - Alan (KB7SVU); Vice President - Calvin (KC7IYP); Secretary - Joyce (N7JPW); Treasurer - Chuck (WA7EBH); Activity Manager - Tressie (KC7BAL); Radio Officer - Harry (W7JWJ); Trustee #1 - Jack (N7IHS); Trustee #2 - Nils (WB7TJK); Trustee #4 - Mike (K7JML); Trustee #5 - Mike (KB7YXB).

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: It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the September meeting 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.

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Officer Reports

President: Alan (KB7SVU) - Frank (KA7QHG) unable to continue the coffee and donuts. Jo (KB7UFM) will take this over. Joyce (N7JPW) and Tressie (KC7BAL) will chair annual banquet. Christmas party will be held on December 11th, 3:00 - 10:00 PM at the Salvation Army Building in Renton. We need some volunteers for Field Day Chairman(s). Trustees appointed to either be chair as a group or find a chairperson(s). The WWARA Repeater Directories are available for sale. (\$2.00 will go to the club for each sold.)

Vice President: Calvin (KC7IYP) - Al (KB7QQW) has alot of equipment since his house has been sold. New applicants for membership; Ralph Maughan (WA8OHT), Bill Murphy (WA2HBZ), and Tom Patterson (N7VDU). All approved for membership.

Secretary: Joyce (N7JPW) - Nothing to report.

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

Activity Manager: Tressie (KC7BAL) has raffle tickets available. Will raffle prizes at end of meeting. Program today will be by Gerhardt on radio clubs in Germany.

COB: Mike (K7JML) Input box has nothing. Nothing to report from Board meeting.

Radio Officer: Harry (W7JWJ) states all repeaters working well. New Options Alternative School needs antenna installed. Are there any volunteers?

Relay: Jack (N7IHS) - Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

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

Education: Thanks to Jim Etzweiler for all the work done on the classes, for Chuck (N7STR), while he was gone. Technician Class License class will be held November 12-14, 1999 at the Boeing Recreation Center, 22649 - 83rd Ave. S., Kent. Cost is \$45.00 which includes a "Now You're Talking" book. If a

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student already has a book, \$16.00 will be deducted. Please sign up for class. Walk-ins will **not** be accepted.

Facilities: Jack (N7IHS) states 2-meter station is now working at the Salvation Army Building.

Public Service: Wayne (K6DOW) requests hams for the Veterans Day Parade in Auburn, Nov 6, at 9 AM. Call in 146.58.

New Ham Liaison: Al (KB7THX) is our liaison person for new and prospective members to club. Contact Al for assistance.

Contest: Larry (N7USB) No report.

Logo: Inquiring if members would be interested in a logo about the size of our patches that would attach to windows, etc., possibly magnetic. Members would like to know cost before making a commitment.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Alligator

Dean (N7NKO) still has it.

Good of the Order

Jo (KB7UFM) received a Proclamation from KY3ORK, York County, Pennsylvania; WA5DTK, Air Force QSO Party; KZ0WE, Williamstown, NJ.

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

Relay Deadline

Submittals for the December Relay are due to the editor by December 8, 1999. Early submittals would be appreciated.

Year 2000 Budget

Jack Grimmert, N7HIS

The Budget Committee has completed a proposed Mike & Key ARC budget for the year 2000. This proposed budget will be submitted to the Board for approval at the November 24th Board meeting and then to the general membership at the December 18th Club meeting.

The proposed budget was derived from historical budget data provided by the Club Treasurer, Chuck (WA7EBH), and is very similar to the budget that the membership approved last December. Members interested in the budget process or funding for special projects should contact a Board member and/or attend the Board meeting on December 18th.

To Net or Not To Net???

Jack Grimmert, N7IHS

The Mike & Key ARC check-in net, held every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM, has been temporarily discontinued at least until after the first of the new year. We have not had sufficient check-ins to warrant the effort required of those who run the net. It seems that with the advent of e-mail, people get the Club and technical information they need without using a Club check-in net.


We plan to do a study to determine if the membership would like to have a weekly check-in net and what type of format they would like to use. If you have opinion concerning this matter, please contact one of the following people.

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Calvin, KC7IYP	kc7iyp@aol.com
Jack, N7IHS	n7ihs@aol.com

We are going to start a check-in/talk-in net on Saturday morning the day of the Club meeting. The Net will begin at approximately 9:10 AM and will run until the start of the general meeting.

ARRL DX Phone Contest Results

Michael Dinkelman, N7WA

 I've been looking at the ARRL DX Contest results in the latest QST and two club members stand out. First is Ben, NW7DX who came in first place for Western Washington in the QRP power class. Running a DX contest with QRP is a real challenge - especially from the Pacific NW. Doing it on Phone is close to being crazy! However, if it hadn't been for a couple folks in Arizona (much nicer propagation down there), Ben would have taken the entire 7th district.

Also hanging in there was Atshushi, W7JR1NKN who managed to pull in over a 100+ Q's in the low power category. That may not seem special but at the running of the contest, Atsushi was barely getting settled in America and is very antenna challenged operating from a Redmond apartment.

So, congratulations to these two contesters in our midst. Give them a hearty handshake at the next club meeting you sees them at.

Education Committee Report

Chuck Benefiel, N7STR

The Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club Teaching Team just finished its first class for the Technician Class License. We had 17 students sign up, but due to time restraints we had to turn away four who showed up on the day before, to sign up. A deadline

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for sign-up had been established for the Monday before the class. One of the students had to drop out due to a medical condition and missed the Sunday portion of the class. I am very proud to announce that of the 16 students left in the class, we now have 16 new hams. I and the Mike and Key can be very proud of the efforts of the Teaching Team, Al (KB7THX), Alan (KB7SVU), Carolyn (WV7Q), Dick (WA7UEW), Richard (KK7FG), Sam (N7RHE), Ryan (N7TNI), and an extra special thanks to Jim (KD7BAT) for his backup support. The students all asked me to thank the Team for a job well done. We are currently scheduling our next class for the Month of February.

Amateur License Restructuring

The following was taken from the "ARRL Members Only Web site".

Knowledgeable sources in Washington say the amateur license restructuring issue has moved to the front burner at the FCC, and a Report and Order could be released before the end of 1999.

The Amateur Radio community has been awaiting license restructuring - known officially as the 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review of Part 97 (WT Docket 98-143) - for nearly one year now. While no one has mentioned a hard-and-fast date to wrap up the long-awaited proceeding, reports from several sources suggest that the RO draft is in its final stages and could be complete within a month or so.

During a recent visit to top FCC officials in Washington, League officials pressed again for early action on the license restructuring rulemaking. They were assured that the issue was not stalled and that the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau was "working very actively" to move restructuring along. There is no information on what the anticipated Report Order will contain.

The restructuring debate generated more than 2200 comments to the FCC, many of them from individual amateurs. Once the FCC approves the Report Order, a Public Notice will be issued, and the actual Report Order will be released probably within a few days.

Transfer of North Western Division ARRL Web Site

The following is taken from an e-mail sent by Bill Whitney, W07O.

It is with regret that I must resign as Webmaster of the Northwestern Division ARRL web site, "NWARRL", effective November 1st. I have enjoyed developing the site and maintaining it during the past few years; however, personal obligations

have brought about this decision. I very much appreciate the interest and participation that you all have offered in keeping this site alive and apologize for those periods when I was not available for more timely response to your corrections and additions. I continue to strongly believe in the potential of the Internet in assisting our amateur radio objectives as is being demonstrated by the ARRL Headquarters and other amateur radio related sites.

The NWARRL web site has moved from its present address at <http://www.olympus.net/nwarrrl> to a new URL address, which will be presented, on the current URL address with a link until year-end. The new address is <http://hfradio.org/nwarrrl>. Tomas Hood, NW7US, has been appointed as the new Webmaster and will be hosting the site on his server. Bill Whitney, W07O

Board Meeting Minutes, 10/27/99

Joyce Stroehrer, N7JPW

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Visitors: Mary (W7QGP); Dan (N7QHC); Chuck (N7STR); Jim (KD7BAT).

The meeting was called to order by 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: Field Day co-chairs: Jan Van Allen K7YH, and Dean Holton N7NKO.

Vice President: New member applications approved for submittal to the membership: Bob Welch, W8MCJ.

Secretary: Letter from the Shriner's thanking the Club for a donation on behalf of Carl W7PRW.

Treasurer: Looking good. Books balance.

Activity Manager: November program is on antennas, towers - tricks, hints and kinks by Alan Hughes, KB7SVU.

Radio Officers: NW ARRL page may go dark. Person that was keeping it up getting tired. There are 3 on going ham classes now in the area. ULS will be posting new licenses every morning. New repeater group at www.qsl.net/k7mml.

COB: No report.

Committee Reports

Technical: No report.

Public Service: Working on pamphlet for next year (2000).

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Education: Meeting Monday, November 1 at 6 PM at Denny's for final planning session. Classes are looking good.

Long range planning: No report

Facilities: No report

Field Day: June 23, 24, 25 / 2000

Flea Market: Meeting November 4th at 7:30.

Relay Editor: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion on moving Wednesday night net to Saturday prior to club meeting at 9:00 AM discussed. Will give it a try. Also discussed additional expense request for the Christmas party. Board needs further information and cost breakdown. Web page is going good and visited often.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Events Calendar

November

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

November 20th, Saturday - Mike and Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation Army HQ

November 24th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Board Meeting, 7:30 PM at Renton Salvation

November 25th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

December

December 2nd, Thursday - Flea Market Meeting, 7:30 PM at Renton Salvation Army HQ

December 2nd, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

December 9th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

December 11th, Saturday - Mike & Key ARC Annual Christmas Party, 3:00 - 10:00 PM at the Renton Salvation Army HQ

December 16th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

December 18th, Saturday - Mike and Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation Army HQ

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

- Drake Model R4 receiver - manuals included
- Drake Model T4XB transmitter - manuals included
- Heathkit Model HN31 RF load resistor
- Heathkit Model HM102 SWR and Power supply for Drake transmitter and receiver

Make offer to KA7ZRM at 206-937-4095.

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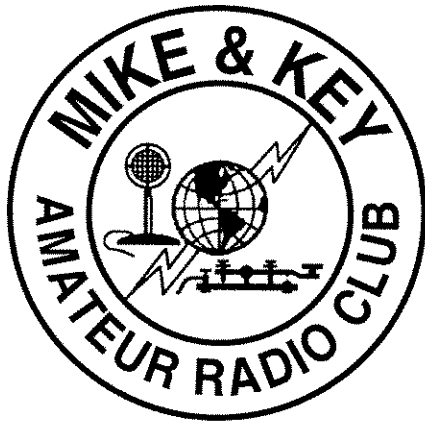
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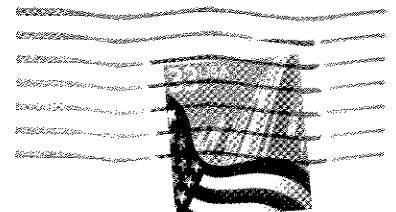
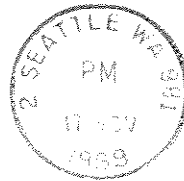
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Next Club Meeting

Saturday, November 20th 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, November 24th at 7:30 PM
Salvation 5th Army in Renton
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