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The Prez Sez

Alan Hughes, KB7SUV

First I would like to congratulate everyone who was at field day. Your hard work paid off for the Mike and Key Club, in taking first, this year in the 6A class. This show's what teamwork and a little elbow grease will do. Lets make it a point to make more points next year. It would be great to be first two years in a row.

Second I would like to congratulate the education committee and the instructors for getting though their first tech class. I understand that even though there were a few last minute bugs to be worked out, things went smoothly with everyone who tested passing. I want to thank Chuck, N7STR, for all the long hard hours he put in getting things put together. If you have never done any teaching you don't know what you are missing. It's very rewarding to be able to pass on your knowledge to someone who wants to learn. I want to encourage more club members to step forward and help teach.

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General Meeting Minutes, 11/19/99

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 #3 - Jim (W7FKI); 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 October 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.

Officer Reports

President: Alan (KB7SVU) - Mike & Key placed first in 6A for Field Day. Field Day chairs are Jan (K7YH) and Dean (N7NKO). Christmas party to be covered later in meeting.

Vice President: Three times more members called into the net this morning. Calvin (KC7IYP) presented new member certificates to those previously voted as new members. Prospective members Bob Welsh not present. Thank you to Jim (KD7BAT) for doing a wonderful job with the Web site.

Secretary: Joyce (N7JPW) read thank you from Shriners' for contribution in Carl Butler's memory. Information on Salem Hamfest was given.

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

The 2000 Budget is ready to present to the board at the next board meeting. If approved, will be presented at next general meeting for membership vote.

Activity Manager: Tressie (KC7BAL) has raffle tickets available. Will raffle prizes at end of meeting. Program today will be on Allan's construction of tree antenna.

COB: Mike (K7JML) - Personal notes go in the in-put box. Logo committee has flashlight/radio available for \$25.00 to members, \$10.00 deposit will hold.

Radio Officer: Harry (W7JWJ) states WTO coming up with many protestors. Radio people are asked to be available.

Relay: Jack (N7IHS) Sorry the RELAY was late. Relay has been very short in the last few months we need additional articles.

Committee Reports

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

Education: Chuck (N7STR) - Technician class held with 16 students who all passed the test. A thank-you was received from every student for the class. Next class to be limited to 16 and must be registered in advance

Banquet: Tressie and Joyce are planning. Date is set for April 1, 2000 at HD Hotspurs in Kent.

Public Service: Pamphlet being updated. Information is needed by February 1st. Wayne (K6DOW) indicated there is a Marathon coming up. The "Santa's Talking" activity needs help. Contact Tim (K7QMI) on the 96 repeater.

Christmas Party: So far only 8 members have confirmed. Will be December 11, 5 PM to 10 PM. Potluck. An Exchange gift of \$6.00 or less. Turkey and Ham provided. Bring can of food for the Salvation Army food bank.

Field Day: Planning has been started. Barracks and Wagon-Wheel are reserved.

Flea Market: Mike (N7WA) needs volunteers to label fliers. Need members to sign up for committees.

New Ham: Nothing to report.

Alligator: Dean (N7NKO) will keep it another month.

Good of The Order: Tressie has more tickets to sell. Must be present to win. Carolyn (WV7Q) has entertainment books for the south sound area for \$35.00. George (WA7JXL) is a Silent Key. Try operating a digital check in with RATTs Net, Monday - Friday at 2000 hours - RTTY, 3615 or 3617 (AFSK)

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

Relay Deadline

Submittals for the January Relay are due to the editor by January 5th, 2000. Early submittals would be appreciated.

Education Committee Report Education Meeting Minutes, 12/7/99

Chuck Benefiel, N7STR

Meeting attended by W7JWJ, W7QGP, KD7BAT, WV7Q, & N7STR, started at 6:00 PM. Discussed Ham Class and changes and 16 limit put on students. 3 reasons explained for 16 limit are:

1. Easier to acquire location for that group size.
2. More personal contact with students.
3. To get students to register earlier by limiting size.

Discussed the reason for Deadline on class.

1. So students will register earlier.
2. To give students more study time before class.
3. Administrator needs 1 week to prepare personalized materials for class.

Discussed cost of class, and expenses. Chairman was asked about need for "Now You're Talking Book" and lesson plan. Chairman explained that the "Now You're Talking Book" is for student preparation on subjects, but does not follow the Video Tapes at all in the order material is presented. Lesson Plan was created for the class to follow each subject's video in the order the questions are presented.

Students follow the video, highlighting the correct answer as they watch, with a short break between approximately each 5 questions to answer any questions they may have. Materials that can be downloaded from the Internet, and the instruction manual that comes with the tapes, does not follow the video-tapes in order either.

Student highlighting the correct answer is a subconscious reinforcement in the mind, and the short breaks take the mundane boredom out of watching the video. Experienced teachers for each subject are there to answer questions they may have about the subject questions, not to confuse them with unnecessary or confusing information beyond the subject

question being covered.

We had nothing but compliments from the students for the way the class was conducted. Results of the class were 17 students who are all Hams. Students indicated that the VE testing the same day as the class was extremely important to their passing.

We need to buy 30 "Now You're Talking Books" for next series of classes. ARRL will replace any left over out of date books when new ones are published at no charge. Mary may need some books and will advise how many. We get a better discount with 50 books. Mary & Harry excused themselves to do a VE Exam in Seattle at Garfield High School.

We revised the Flyer and will have some at the Christmas Dinner on Saturday as well as at the General Meeting next Saturday. We will print 400 flyers. Meeting closed at 7:30 PM while we frantically tried to get our dinner checks. Carolyn went shopping, Chuck went to another meeting in Tacoma, and Jim slowly walked out to his 1942 Army Jeep, contemplating his 45-MPH drive to the University District.

From the COB

Mike LaFerla, K7JML

At the Mike & Key ARC Board Meeting, held on November 11th there was not a quorum present. We therefore were unable to vote to approve the Clubs Year 2000 Budget. Subsequently I polled the Board by e-mail and received enough votes to place the Motion to approve the 2000 Budget before the membership at the December General Meeting.

Life Has Three Stages

Your believe in Santa Claus.
You don't believe in Santa Claus.
You *are* Santa Claus.

Flea Market Help Needed.

Chuck Stroehner, WA7EBH

The club needs your help in putting on the annual Flea Market. Please sign the workers book for a job that you wish to work. We are still looking for chairs for various committees. Some of our department chairs would like to have some backup help. Our coordination meetings are on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 at the Salvation Army building and last about 1 hour.

This club's dues are the lowest in the area, only \$12 a year, and has been this amount for almost 15 years. If you look at the proposed budget for this year, we are looking at expending almost \$14,000. If

we did not have the flea market income, each member's dues would be \$70 just to make the club run. (200 members @ \$70 each.) At this price a lot of folks would drop out and your dues would go up accordingly. (100 members, \$140 each, etc.) Think about it, all of the benefits and events that you participate in and how inexpensive they are. Without the Flea Market funds, your costs would be considerably more.

So do your fair share and help make this year's event a great one.

Prizes for December

Tressie Hughes KC7BAL

Hey it's December and that means the meeting for the grand prize raffle drawing out of all the raffle tickets bought this year. This year we have done most excellent in the sales/buying of tickets and I was able to have enough money to get four most excellent prizes. The first is a top of the line office chair (nice and cushy); rumor has it that N7STR would like to have this in his ham shack. Next I have an Alinco DJ-V5TH dual band handheld. I was also able to get an Alinco 2MM DJ-S11 handheld, this one I would love to win myself. And that's not all I will also have another plaque in the prize pool. If you have not bought a ticket this year you can still have a chance to win, just scarf up a few tickets at the next meeting before the drawing. Also I would like to thank Dave at Radio Depot for helping to pick out the radios, Chuck (N7STR) for helping with the chair and Chuck of Signs by Tomorrow for the plaque. Let's have some fun!

Year 2000 Budget Proposal

Jack Grimmitt, N7IHS

This time every year the membership has the opportunity to approve the operating budget for the next year. This year we will approve the budget for the year 2000.

Many of you who have attended the Board meetings over the past couple of years know that I have asked considerable questions concerning the financial aspects of the Clubs operation mainly dealing with how the budget is derived and allocated and then how it is disbursed. Being a Trustee this year, I had the opportunity to directly participate in the budget process for the first time.

I first must commend two people who have really set this Club on a firm financial foundation. They are Jack Burrell (W7JTB) and Chuck Stroher (WA7EBH) who have been the Club Treasurers for the last umpteen years. These two people have had a major influence on the refining the budget planning process we have now. Under their sound fiscal man-

agement, the Club now has built up reserves which will carry us over some lean Flea Market years if they should occur (see Flea Market article in this issue). The Club should offer a big "Hats-Off" to these two gentlemen.

The budget is based on two things, the immediate past history of expenditures and the budget requests from the Board members. Chuck (WA7EBH) provided the Board members with a spreadsheet of the budget proposals and expenditures for the last two or three years and a proposed budget based on this data plus expected cost increases. The Budget Committee, consisting of the Treasurer and Trustees, met to essentially fine tune Chuck's preliminary proposal. The Budget Committee then voted to approve the final Proposed year 2000 budget and to submit it to the Board for approval.

A motion by the Board to approve the Proposed Year 2000 Budget will be submitted to the membership for approval at the December General Membership meeting. The budget will be voted on as the total package and not each line item. I feel comfortable with the proposed budget and as a Board member I voted to approve it.

Ham Class Follow-up

Chuck Benefiel, N7STR

I received the following e-mail from our 17th student for the class.

"Hi Chuck -

I passed!! I am anxiously awaiting my call sign. Bill & I want you to know that your class was most instrumental in my achievement, and that I wish to join Mike & Key Club in January. Thanks for all your help and I'll see you on the air -
Linda Dockstader"

The above sentiments were shared by many that took the class. To have a 100% passing rate for our students was far beyond our expectations, but it is also proof that this club has much to be proud of. The seven teachers that participated in the class, the professionalism of the students in their attitude and preparation, and dedication of the four VE's that conducted the testing are all responsible for the results. No one person did it all, and it is proof that as a team, the Hams of the Mike and Key ARC can accomplish anything they want to.

Thanks to the Board, the Education Committee and to the Club for it's faith and support in this adventure. We are attempting to schedule our next class for February. Hopefully we will be able to announce it later in the Relay.

**Mike and Key ARC
Proposed Budget for the Year 2000**

Treasurer – Chuck Stroehrer, WA7EBH

	1999 Proposed	1999 Actual	2000 Proposed		1999 Proposed	1999 Actual	2000 Proposed	
Revenue				Facilities				
Dues	\$2,000	\$1,400	\$2,000	Meeting Hall Donation	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	
Flea Market	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	Facilities Total	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	
Interest	\$100	\$15	\$50	Repeater				
Miscellaneous	\$150	\$390	\$200	Site Rental	\$360	\$360	\$360	
Logo Sales	\$20	\$15	\$50	Repair	\$500	\$0	\$100	
CD Cash-Out	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	Other Expenses	\$100	\$0	\$50	
Total Income	\$13,270	\$10,820	\$11,300	Repeater Total	\$960	\$360	\$510	
Expenditures				Scholarship Fund				
Annual Awards Banquet				Scholarship Fund Total				\$1,000
Awards	\$300	\$312	\$350	Miscellaneous Items				
Prizes	\$600	\$607	\$600	Officers Expense	\$100	\$200	\$200	
Meal Subsidy	\$400	\$420	\$500	State Filing Fee	\$10	\$10	\$10	
Other Expenses	\$100	\$79	\$200	Bank Service Charges	\$50	\$50	\$50	
Banquet Totals	\$1,400	\$1,418	\$1,650	Trailer Licenses (2)	\$58	\$54	\$60	
Field Day				Insurance	\$350	\$325	\$350	
Gas	\$40	\$11	\$40	WWARA Membership	\$12	\$12	\$12	
Trailer/Tow Fees	\$50	\$0	\$25	Printing (non Relay)	\$300	\$30	\$200	
Party Expense	\$200	\$210	\$250	Public Relations	\$500	\$0	\$1000	
Sani-Can	\$150	\$170	\$200	PO Box	\$40	\$44	\$45	
Park Reservation Fees	\$1,000	\$107	\$250	Name Tags/Badges	\$50	\$0	\$50	
Capital Expenditures	\$250	\$750	\$500	Capital Improvement	\$200	\$0	\$200	
Camping Fees	\$1,000	\$550	\$600	Unanticipated Expenses	\$250	\$0	\$250	
Bug Spraying	\$200	\$0	\$360	Miscellaneous Total	\$1,920	\$725	\$2,427	
Other Expenses (repair)	\$100	\$50	\$100	Expense Summary				
Field Day Total	\$2,990	\$1,848	\$2,323	Field Day	\$2,990	\$1,848	\$2,325	
Annual Picnic Expenses				Picnic	\$200	\$60	\$200	
Picnic Total	\$200	\$60	\$200	Committees	\$1,900	\$1,073	\$1,700	
Annual Christmas Party				Christmas Party	\$250	\$0	\$250	
Christmas Party Total	\$250	\$0	\$250	Banquet	\$1,400	\$1,418	\$1,650	
Committees				Relay and Roster	\$2,250	\$1,960	\$2,450	
Technical & Special Interest	\$200	\$0	\$100	Facilities	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	
Public Service	\$1,000	\$837	\$900	Repeater	\$960	\$360	\$510	
Education & Training	\$500	\$136	\$500	Scholarship Fund			\$1,000	
Strategic Planning	\$100	\$0	\$100	Miscellaneous Items	\$1,920	\$725	\$2,427	
Facilities & Publicity	\$100	\$100	\$100	Total Expense	\$13,270	\$8,844	\$13,912	
Committees Total	\$1,900	\$1,073	\$1,700	Recap				
Relay and Roster				Total Income	\$13,270	\$10,820	\$11,300	
Postage	\$1,000	\$730	\$900	Total Expense	-\$13,270	-\$8,844	-\$13,912	
Printing	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,500	Profit or (Reserves)	\$0	\$1,976	-\$2,612	
Supplies	\$50	\$30	\$50					
Relay Total	\$2,250	\$1,960	\$2,450					

The Scholarship Fund

Jack Grimmett, N7IHS

In the left column of the above budget proposal you will find a line item for a scholarship fund. No, the Board is not trying to slip one past you. This has been talked about for a number of years. In light of the major education initiative the Club has taken this year, the Board has decided it is time to make the step to awarding education scholarships to deserving members. The details for eligibility and disbursement of funds have not been worked out yet, but the Board wanted to get the fund started with a budget allocation in next year's budget. At the January Board meeting I will submit a plan for operating this fund, so if you have any ideas please get them to me or any other Board Member.

Technician Class License

Check Benefiel, N7STR

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 February 25th through 27th, 2000 to cover just one week end: Friday evening, 6:00 PM to 10:00PM, Saturday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (bring a lunch), and Sunday 8:00 AM to 5 00 PM.

The *cutoff date* for registration will be February 18th, checks and registration in our hands. The *class size* will be limited to the first 16 students to sign-up. 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 at (253) 312-5341 or Jim Etwiler - KD7BAT at (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 e-mailed to:
info@mikeandkey.com.

You may register by sending a check or money order payable to the Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club and mail to:

Send to: Chuck Benefiel - N7STR
Education Chairman
P.O. Box 166
Sumner, WA 98390

Please include your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address if you have one. Thank you for your interest, and if you have any questions you may e-mail me at cbenefiel@sprynet.com.



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 it's activities. Yearly dues are \$12.00 for individual memberships and \$18.00 for family memberships.

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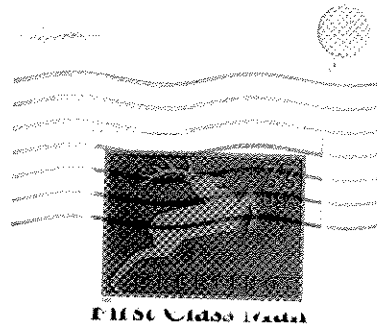
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Next Club Meeting

Saturday, December 18th 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, December 29th at 7:30 PM
Salvation 5th Army in Renton
720 Tobin, Renton

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