



**K7LED**

# Relay

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## The Prez Sez

As I promised on with our trip to Germany. We spent one day going to Denmark. We left the island at Puttgarden by a very large ferry that has two decks, one level for cars and the other for trucks and trains. There are six Ferris running so the wait is very short. The trip takes about 45 minutes during which time you can buy items at the duty free shop or play the slot machines. We took a side trip to see two of the villages where Tressie's relatives lived. We made it into Coopenhavven about noon and were able to find a parking space right in the heart of the old city or tourist area. After a quick lunch we went though the Tussoud wax museum and then went on a bus tour of the city. It was fantastic to see buildings that are still standing that were built in the 1300 to 1700. It was over welling to stand there and think of all the history that has happened there. The buildings are very ornate with lots of sculptures. The bus tour is the best way to see the city as you can get off at any of the sights and then get on another bus which run every 20 minutes. It also has an audio-tape in 5 different languages that tells about the different sites. One of the stops is at the "Little Mermaid" statue in the harbor. The tide was out so Tressie and I had our picture taken next to the statue. We got back to our rooms about 11pm very tired after a long day.

On Saturday I found a relative, Klaus Osterkamp, he is the mayor of the west 1/3 of the island. He had lived in the US for a time so he spoke very good English. He was very interested in genealogy and made phone calls to help us get more information. On Sunday he took us to see his great aunt, Gerda Plath. She had a chart of her genealogy from WW2 when Hitler made all Germans trace their roots back to the 1800. She did not speak English so Klaus was our interruption. She took us to lunch at a fish restaurant at the harbor. Sunday evening Klaus had us come to his office to meet with a local reporter for the "Fehmarnsches Tageblatt" which is the island's paper. We made the front page of the paper. A copy was sent to us that we had to translate.

On Monday we left the island for Hamburg reaching our hotel about 10:00 AM. What really helped me get to the motel and the airport was my GPS that I took. I did not have to look for street names just follow the arrow on the GPS. After checking in and dropping of our luggage we headed to the old part of Hamburg. After finding a parking garage we hit the streets walking to all the different sites we wanted to visit. Hamburg is a fantastic city with lots of neat old building and shops. Again it was overwhelming to think of all the history that has happened there.

On Monday morning we headed to the airport and home. I was sad to have to leave so soon, I would have liked to stay longer. Oh well maybe next time. If you would like to read about our trip in more details with pictures please go to the following web site and look up our 2000 trip to Fehmarn.

[www.fehmarn-genealogy.com/](http://www.fehmarn-genealogy.com/)  
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## General Meeting Minutes, 7/15/00

**Officers Present:** President - Alan (KB7SVU); Vice President - Wayne (KB7ORB); Secretary - Jan (K7YH); Treasurer - Jim (KC7BAT); Activity Manager - Tressie (KC7BAL); Radio Officer - Harry (W7JWJ); Trustee #1 - Jack (N7HIS); Trustee #2 - Steve (N7MUT); Trustee #3 - Jim (W7FKI); Trustee #4 - Mary (W7QGP); and Trustee #5 - Dan (N7QHC).

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. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the June meeting as printed in the RELAY.

Introductions of members and guests were made. President made announcements regarding taking 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) thanked everyone for attending the Field Day exercise, and made general comments about the problems encountered. He reiterated the good things and stated overall it was a good outing.

**Vice President:** Wayne (KB7ORB) introduced James (KB7JKJ) and Kathleen Smith, applying for membership as a family. Application previously approved by the Board, the Membership approved.

**Secretary:** Jan (K7YH) mentioned mail found on the ground at Ft. Flagler, and that we had received the Loggers Bark, RC Tacoma's news letter.

**Treasurer:** Jim (KC7ORB) reports books are in good standing. Books available for members to re-view.

**Activity Manager:** Tressie (KC7BAL) has raffle tickets available. She will raffle prizes at end of meeting. The program today will be videotape of the Field Day activities. Tressie also presented several

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raffle winners with their station plaques.

**Radio Officer:** Harry (W7JWJ) reported that the person who has been jamming the local repeaters has been documented and results have been forwarded to the FCC.

**Relay:** Jack (N7IHS) reported that the rosters will be coming out soon, are in the final stages of preparation, and that Nils W7RUJ was heading a group to work on the Tower trailer and other Field Day equipment.

**COB:** Jack (N7HIS) reported the Field Day critique at the Board meeting and that Nils W7RUJ was heading the equipment maintenance group.

#### Committee Reports

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

**Education:** Jim KC7BAT announced the next class scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>, and anyone interested should contact him. Federal Way ARC is holding classes today, and both clubs are supporting each other's classes.

**Public Service:** Wayne (K6DOW) is at a parade today and could not be here to report. Anyone interested in assisting should contact him. Parade schedules are in the Public Service pamphlet.

**Strategic Planning:** Nothing to report.

**Flea Market:** Nothing to report.

#### Special Committee Reports

**Equipment Maintenance:** Nils W7RUJ reported planning a equipment maintenance group being formed. He stated he wanted eight men and four of our ladies to volunteer to go to Fort Flagler and bring the equipment back for the maintenance work.

**Picnic:** Wayne KB7ORB announced the Picnic had been changed to August 26<sup>th</sup>, and will be held at the Wilderness Theater near Fall City. There is an area for camping should anyone wish to stay. Camping and use of the picnic area is free.

**Field Day:** Report is in the Relay, Jan K7YH and Dean N7NKO presented certificates of appreciation to the attendees. Some were humorous and some were serious. Several were especially cited, Loren (KD7IU), Alan (KB7SVU) for their work, and CW Beach gang for setting a personal best of over 1200 contacts.

**Alligator Award:** Frank K7VMG cannot catch anyone timing out the repeater, so the alligator remains firmly attached to his mantle. Did Harry turn off the timer??

#### Good of the Order

Joyce (N7JPW) reported that Gib (W7JIE) remains in a nursing home on tube feedings, his outlook is not good. She further reported that Gib's wife is in a retirement home and is feeling well.

Gerhard DL8GBP stated he had received a letter from DARC (Germany's ARRL) and that as soon as he has translated it, he will bring it to the club. Gerhard's new USA call is KC7MAR, Choice Dalton's KC7JQB, and Jack Burrell's is N7ZS.

Jo (KB7UFM) presented certificates of membership from the Calaveras County Amateur Radio Society, and the home of the Famous Mark Twain Story of the Jumping Frog, and from the OM International Sideband Society (OMISS). OMISS is a net that specializes in working all States. Jo received permission to enter K7LED in these Societies. Memberships are for life, and will be framed and displayed in the club station.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Attested:

Jan M. Van Allen, K7YH

Secretary

### May Relay Deadline

Submittals for the September Relay are due to the editor by **September 6th, 2000**. Early submittals would be appreciated.

### Annual Summer Picnic

Well our year has gone by so fast that it's now time for the Mike and Key Annual Picnic and get together on August 26th. All those who wish to come are very welcome! This is a potluck with the club providing the hot dogs, hamburgers and pop. Each member is to bring a main dish, salad or desert. This year we are going to The Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater Family Park near Fall City.

We were going to go to the Wilderness Game Farm Park in Auburn but when we were invited up to Snoqualmie Falls by a fellow ham we felt it a great opportunity. So we decided to move and enjoy this new park. The other thing about going to this new park is we may go up on Friday night to camp overnight. RV's are welcome though there are no hook-ups. Also if you are going to stay overnight you should know that once the gate is closed it will not be opened until about 8:00 AM Saturday morning.

The only thing we were asked was to car pool as much as possible because there is a limit of 20 cars per day on the private road. The picnic will start at 10:30 AM and go till about 3:00 PM. We will sit down to eat at about 11:30 AM to 11:45 AM. The talk-in will be Wayne Heath on the Mike & Key's repeater (146.82 MHz) for anyone needing help finding their way to the park. *Tressie Hughes (KC7BAL), Activity Manager.*

### Education Committee Meeting, 7/24/00

The Education Committee met at 6:30 PM at Denny's in South Center the attendees were the Chairperson - Chuck Benefiel (N7STR), Jim

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Etzwiler (KD7BAT), Jim Hamlin (W7FKI), Mary Lewis (W7QGP), Ryan Martin (N7TNI), and Sam Sullivan (N7RHE).

Next Technician class will be August 12th and 13th with the examination held at 3:00 PM on Sunday.

A General class session might be held in November. However, it will require about 6 weeks of prior code class training to prepare the applicants. Chuck said that the code tapes are an excellent self-study source, but it requires discipline on the part of the student to use them.

Mary Lewis has 50 copies of the new "Now You're Talking" book. She supplied 20 to Jim Etzwiler for the Mike & Key classes and the others are for some of the schools.

Jim Etzwiler has the key for the Boeing Kent Recreation Center audio/visual room. Since he will not be at the training classes on August 12th, he will get the key to Jim Hamlin. Jim and Chuck will be at the Recreation Center between 7:00 - 7:15 AM on August 12th.

Chuck handed out video tapes and instructor question pool materials to Sam and Jim Hamlin for the August classes. Chuck will contact Frank KA7QHG about VE's for the exams. Jim Etzwiler will check with ICOM about copies of the latest frequency privileges and grid-square maps for handout at the Technician classes.

*Jim Hamlin, W7FKI, Trustee # 3.*

### From The Secretary's Desk

It's summer, and it's lasting three days this year. Isn't great here in western Washington.

I have something of sadness to report this month. A lot of our old-timers are becoming Silent Keys, and no not members of the club, but Amateur Radio's Pioneers. And the scythe of time has cut another down, Dewey Wilson (George Wilson Sr.) W7HF, an active member of Aberdeen's Radio club has become a silent key. A true old-timer, he was 102 years old and still active in Amateur Radio, still operating. He was residing in a nursing home, and still attending meetings, active and alert.

Even though he is a silent key, as we all will become eventually, have no fear. He Lives!! Somewhere out there in the depths of space Dewey's voice can be heard. As can yours and mine. I have adopted a simple philosophy; the time I spend on Amateur Radio does not count against my time on Earth. Just like fishing.

So.... how long are you going to live? If the time you spend on radio-activities extends your time, why not be even more active? We need chairpersons, for several committees. Working on club committees can be both rewarding and soothing for your mind. If working on a project, a contest, the club, lowers your blood pressure, it will extend your ability to live

to be as old as Dewey was. You do not have to be a leader, just a member, and one who contributes to our success. Think about it! Do it! You will find you will get as much out of it as you put into it! And your fellow club members will benefit as much as you. *Jan Van Allen (K7YH), Secretary*

### Board Meeting Minutes, 7/26/00

**Officers Present:** President - Alan (KB7SVU), Vice President - Wayne (KB7ORB), Secretary - Jan (K7YH), and Activity Manager - Tressie (KC7BAL).

**Board Members Present:** Trustee #1 (COB) - Jack (N7IHS), Trustee #3 - Jim (W7FKI), Trustee #4 - Steve (N7MUT), and Trustee #5 - Dan (N7QHC).

**Visitors:** Nils (W7RUJ) and Dawn (KC7YYB).

Jack (N7HIS) opened the meeting at 1900U. Alan (KB7SVU) made a motion that the minutes for June, 2000 be approved as written. Dan (N7QHC) seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### Officer Reports

**President:** Alan (KB7SVU) reported he had been rearranging storage of the tents and the Generator at his home. He also reported that he was researching a repair facility that may be able to repair the generator starter motor. Repair is difficult as the starter is a 24 volts, and most are 12 volts. He also reported that Bob Tully (KB7NBQ) had been injured in a motorcycle accident. (Bob is a former member of the Mike and Key).

**Vice President:** Wayne (KC7ORB), presented an application from Mr. Dave Brighton (KD7GIM), Mr. Steven Cook (KD7IGL), and Mr. Dennis McDonald (No call but enrolled in the next class). The Board unanimously approved these individuals. Wayne also said he could not be present for the next General Meeting because of out of town business.

**Secretary:** Jan (K7YH) reported that there was no mail, bills or correspondence to review.

**Treasurer:** No report

**Activities Manager:** Tressie KC7BAL reported that the Summer Picnic details were posted on the web site including a map our 26 August date was firm.

**Radio Officer:** no report

#### Committee Liaison Reports

**Technical:** Still is searching for someone who would like to chair the committee. An article will be placed in the Relay this month.

**Public Service:** No report

**Education:** Jim W7FKI reported the teaching team was readying the August class. Discussion continued about the proposed General class. The sticking point is how the code element was going to be taught. Part of the resolution is pending in the VEC meeting in North Carolina. New code test criteria are expected.

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Jack N7IHS proposed that the students study code on their own, and attendees be given a certificate to present to the VE team for testing as the cost of the test is included in the registration fee.

**Strategic Planning:** Jack N7IHS reported that due to a communications mix-up the last meeting, scheduled for the morning of the General Meeting failed to take place. He stated he was going to e-mail the members of the committee prior to the next meeting to insure everyone knew when and where and at time selected.

**Facilities:** No report

**Field Day:** Jan K7YH reported the Field Day entry had been submitted via certified mail. And the return receipt received.

#### Old Business

**Logo Jackets:** Jack N7IHS reported that he had contacted Hot Press of Auburn and the prices were as stated in the last month's Board report. The information and pricing will be presented to the General Membership.

#### New Business

General discussion of the format and content of the upcoming membership rosters ensued. No personal information will be included to preclude any use of them by commercial enterprises. However Phone numbers (Unless unlisted) call signs and e-mail addresses will be included.

Discussion about Board Meeting times was the next topic. Several of the board members have travel and work schedules conflicts. As a trial basis it was resolved to start the Board meetings at 7:00 PM henceforth.

Jan K7YH submitted three proposals to the Board for review and consideration: 1) Adoption of a mission statement; 2) A signature log of members that would certify the members acceptance of the bylaws and adherence to them; 3) The Nomination of the Mike and Key in the ARRL Best Club Contest. He requested the Board members review and offer changes to these proposals. The changes would be reviewed by the Board, and incorporated in the final form before submission the Membership for their approval.

There being no further business a motion by Jan K7YH, seconded by Jim W7FKI to adjourn was made, COB Jack closed the meeting at 2040 Hrs.

*Attested:*

*Jan M. Van Allen, K7YH  
Secretary*

**August 19th, Saturday** - Mike & Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation Army HQ  
**August 24th, Thursday** - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

**August 30th, Wednesday** - Mike & Key Board Meeting, 7:30 PM at Renton Salvation Army HQ

**August 31st, Thursday** - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

#### September

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

**September 14th, Thursday** - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

**September 16th, Saturday** - Mike & Key Net, 9:15 AM on 146.82 repeater

**September 16th, Saturday** - Mike & Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation Army HQ

**September 21st, Thursday** - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

**September 27th, Wednesday** - Mike & Key Board Meeting, 7:30 PM at Renton Salvation Army HQ

**September 28th, Thursday** - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

### Events Calendar

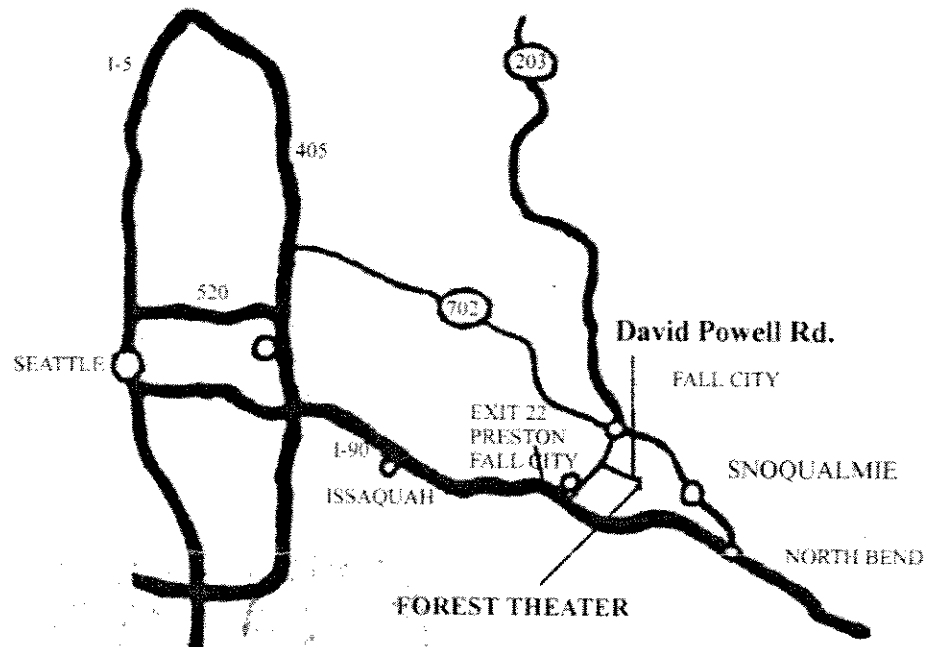
#### August

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

**August 19th, Saturday** - Mike & Key Net, 9:15 AM on 146.82 repeater

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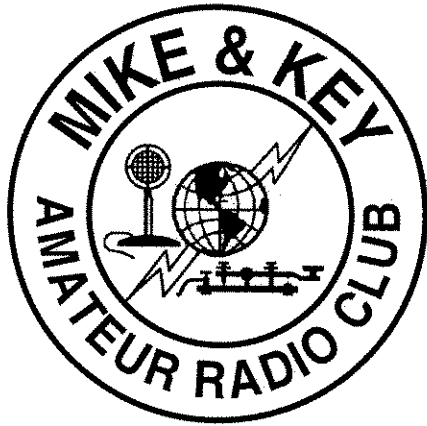


## Location and Directions 36800 SE David Powell Rd Fall City, WA

Travelling east on I-90 take exit 22 (Preston/Fall City). Go about 4 miles to SE David Powell Road. Turn right at SE David Powell Road for 3 miles. Follow the signs and curved road to the park.

See previous article or visit the Mike and Key web site for further information.  
[www.mikeandkey.com](http://www.mikeandkey.com)

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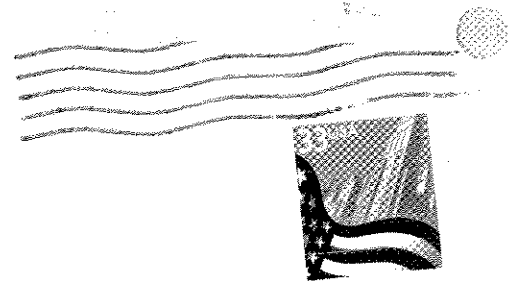
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**Next Club Meeting**

Saturday, August 19th at 10:00 AM  
Salvation Army in Renton  
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Doors open at 9:30 AM for donuts  
Talk-in on 146.82 RPTR

**Next Board Meeting**

Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 PM  
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