



# K7LED

# Relay

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## The Prez Sez

Just a quick note this month as work is keeping me hopping. I will start by inviting everyone to our Christmas party. If you have never been to our Christmas party it is a lot of fun. We have great food and a fun gift exchange. So plan on making the party the more the merrier.

When I got started in amateur radio it was for fun and friendship not backstabbing or putting people down. Everyone has the right to their opinion and the right to voice that opinion. If you disagree with what someone says you have the right to say so or you can just ignore the statement but I feel you don't need to belittle that person by making remarks that are hurtful.

Part of the purpose of the Mike and Key Club is friendship not trying to drive people out of the club. If you have a problem with someone talk to them in private after the meeting. I hope that this is all that needs to be said about the subject.

See you at the next meeting and at the Xmas party.  
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## General Meeting Minutes, 10/21/00

**Officers Present:** President - Alan (KB7SVU); Vice President - Wayne (KB7ORB); Secretary - Jan (K7YH); Activity Manager - Tressie (KC7BAL); Radio officer - Harry (W7JWJ); Trustee #1 (COB) 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, by Barry (KC7YB), seconded by Jo (KB7UFM), and passed to approve the minutes of the September meeting as printed in the RELAY.

Introductions of members and guests were made. The 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.

The meeting opened with a special address to the membership by Mark Bailey (KC7RAZ), a member of the Renton Fire Department. Mark spoke to the Club about the new Renton Emergency Operations Center (EOC). He invited interested members and residents of Renton to attend a meeting to organize and coordinate an emergency communications team to function at the EOC during periods of emergency. The meeting is to be held in the Fire Station at 1900 SW Lind Avenue, Renton, on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000. Interested Amateurs who would wish to join this team may contact Mark by calling his pager 206-534-5150 (alphanumeric message type) or e-mail him at [m Bailey@ci.renton.wa.us](mailto:m Bailey@ci.renton.wa.us).

### Officer Reports

**President:** Alan KB7SVU announced with regret that our member Gerhardt Panzer (DL8GBP) was

returning to Germany, and presently has no plan to return to the Seattle area as his son is moving to Hawaii, to a new job. Gerhardt and his son and jointly owned a home in Black Diamond, and it is being sold. This necessitates Gerhardt selling his portion of the property. We will miss Gerhardt who stood to say goodbye to all, and stated he would try to visit when he could.

Alan also made a plea for involvement in club committees and events. Many of our long-term members are retiring and there are many openings that need to be filled. He also spoke of the need for articles for the Relay, and he is looking for a chairman for the Banquet. He also announced that the Christmas party will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, and was being chaired by Fred N7QBD and Dorothy KB7WSO, Lowell. Anyone interested in assisting may contact Fred and Dorothy [n7qbd@gte.net](mailto:n7qbd@gte.net).

**Vice President:** Wayne (KB7ORB) presented Sylvia Burns (KD7BMD), Dave Mitchell, Debbie Mitchell, Michael Jurisec and Gregory Pietrucha (W7HRC) for membership, all were approved.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report

**Activity Manager:** Tressie (KC7BAL) displayed new prizes for the raffle prizes and has raffle tickets available. Will raffle prizes at end of meeting. There will be no Program today.

**Radio Officer:** Harry W7JWJ presented a letter that is to be given to Ken Rau K7YR, in appreciation for his support of the club and it's activities and asked all to sign it. He related the mix-up of counties in the ARRL listing of emergency coordinators. He also reported that the repeater had been fixed, and that Ken had replaced the ground radials at the repeater site. He covered demographics of the changes in membership and license class.

**Relay Editor:** Jack (N7HIS) reported that new rosters were available at the podium. Also has change form for any mistakes found.

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**Committee Reports**

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

**Education:** No Report

**Public Service:** No Report

**Long Range Planning:** No Report

**Flea Market:** Mike N7WA announced the next meeting would be Thursday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, fifty tables had been sold and that Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) will be attending. Next meeting he will have fliers to fold, and asked for assistance. He has some 10,000 to be folded and labeled.

**COB:** Jack (N7HIS) announced we now have 222 members discussed the Relay and Rosters

**Christmas Party:** Fred (N7QBD) announced the Christmas party details.

**Alligator Award:** Presented to Naaaaa Frank still cannot find anyone to give it to! Seems like we have a new record for keeping it on one mantle.

**Good of the Order:**

Barry (KC7YB) reported that Wayne Moddison K6DOW had undergone, announced 4x-bypass surgery, and was recovering at home. A computer glitch had corrupted the QRZ database when downloading from the new ham list at the FCC, resulting in a pornographic picture being displayed at QRZ and the loss 140,000 listings. That report from Harry W7JWJ.

There being no further business, it was moved, by Barry KC7YB seconded by Jack N7IHS, and passed to adjourn the meeting. Alan closed the meeting at 10:05 AM.

*Attested:*

*Jan M. Van Allen, K7YH*

*Secretary*

**Field Day 2000 Results**

In case you haven't checked the your December QST for the 2000 Field Day results, the Mike & Key ARC finished in 5th place this year with 9,252 points. The point spread for the first five places are given below.

First Place	20,628
Second Place	10,576
Third Place	9,612
Fourth Place	9,334
Fifth Place	9,252

The difference between third and fifth place was only 360 points. Had we not had major problems with the 20-meter beam we most likely would have finished in third place. Our operator attendance was down from previous years and that could have cost us second place. It would have been very difficult for us to overcome the winner at 20,628 points however we did finish in first place last year.

We generally measure our success by the enjoyment that members experience at this function. In

that regard we are always successful. We have continually demonstrated that we can set up a large number of emergency stations in a very short time period and have a great time doing it.

The equipment that we use has been left out in the weather during the years and in the past has had very little if any maintenance done to it prior to Field Day. The equipment has deteriorated to the point that if something isn't done we may not be able to compete next year certainly not to the extent that we have in the past. The Club has money that is currently available for maintenance and will allocate more in the 2000 budget but we need people to do the maintenance. These things don't get done by themselves. If you are interested in participating in the equipment maintenance group please contact me at [n7ihs@aol.com](mailto:n7ihs@aol.com)

*Jack Grimmett (N7IHS), Trustee #1, COB*

**December Relay Deadline**

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

**Christmas Party 2000**

This year's annual Christmas party and potluck, hosted by Fred (N7QBD) and Dorothy (KB7WSO) Lowell, is scheduled for Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive with your food items no later than 4:30 PM. We plan to sit down and eat around 5:00 PM. The club will provide turkey with dressing & gravy, ham, mashed potatoes, rolls & butter, coffee, and soda. The potluck items members should bring are vegetables, salads and desserts.

To make sure we don't get too much of any one menu item, we will break it up as follows: last names starting with A-Q should bring a vegetable dish or a salad, and R-Z should bring a dessert. Deviations are allowed, but it would be nice if we could get a fairly even spread. Suggestions for vegetable dishes are broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, rutabagas, etc. I'm sure whatever everyone brings will be delicious. Also, don't forget to bring along serving utensils and be sure your name is on your dishware.

Calvin Doss, KC7IYP, has graciously volunteered to head up decorating, so those who wish to help out should contact Calvin (home: 425-454-1626) and show up by 3:00 PM. Following dinner we will have a gift exchange. Everyone who wants to participate should bring a gift in the \$5-\$10 range. It's a lot of fun so be sure to bring a gift. In addition to helping with decorations, help will also be required getting food ready to serve (carving the meat, mashing pota-

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toes and making gravy), and with cleanup. Of course, the more who help clean up, the sooner everyone can go home, so please, come willing to lend a hand and a good time will be had by all.  
*Fred and Dorothy Lowell.*

### Fleas - an Event to Remember

I received an e-mail from Mike Dinkelman (N7WA), the mastermind behind the Flea Market for 2001. Mike is studying for an exam and had only enough time to provide some notes for the Relay concerning the Flea Market. I am including Mike's notes and my own comments.

The Flea Market is the major source of our funding for our 2001-Operating Budget. Next year's budget will include a new repeater to replace the one we have which is over 10 years old. In addition the towers, trailers, and generator which we use for Field Day needs to be refurbished or replaced. The normal Club functions such as the Christmas Party, Annual Awards Banquet, Summer Picnic, and Field Day also need to be supported. We are trying to cover all of these activities and still keep our dues at \$12.00 per year.

This year we have had some people who have worked tirelessly over the years retire. We now need some new people to start taking over the reins and continuing the success that we have enjoyed. Basically the Club is requesting that you donate the time it takes to attend 3 or 4 meetings and work about 4 hours on the weekend of the Flea Market.

We need fill the following five chairpersons positions.

- 1) Equipment Manager
- 2) Country Store (just reopened)
- 3) Tickets (just reopened)
- 4) Traffic
- 5) Loading Foreman

In addition we need some volunteers to label the flyers. If we get 5 volunteers, that's about 2000 flyers each - a couple evenings work while watching TV or the football game. Mike Dinkelman will be bringing them down to the November Club meeting and you must return them by the December Club meeting.

Tables are selling briskly since the vendor mailing. We have sold about 30% of the available space. The regular mailing will go out in January.

The sign up sheet for volunteers should be available at the next Club meeting. If you are not going to be a Chairperson - then sign up to help one out.

The next Flea Market Planning Meeting will be held on 12/12/00 at 7:30 Pm in the Renton Salvation Army Hq.

*Jack Grimmert, N7IHS*

### Events Calendar

#### November

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

**November 18th**, Saturday - Mike & Key Net, 9:15 AM on 146.82 repeater

**November 18th**, Saturday - Mike & Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation

**November 23rd**, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

**November 29th**, Wednesday - Mike & Key Board Meeting, 7:30 PM at Renton Salvation Army HQ

**November 30th**, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

#### December

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

**December 9th**, Saturday - Annual Christmas Party Salvation Army HQ

**December 12th**, Tuesday - Flea Market Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM at Renton Salvation Army HQ

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

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

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

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

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

### Board Meeting Minutes, 10/25/00

**Officers Present:** Vice President - Wayne (KB7ORB), Secretary - Jan (K7YH), Radio Officer - Harry (W7JWJ).

**Board Members Present:** Trustee #1 (COB) - Jack (N7IHS), Trustee #2 - Steve (N7MUT), Trustee #3 Jim (W7FKI), Trustee #4 Mary (W7QGP), and Trustee #5 - Dan (N7QHC).

**Visitors:** Jack Burrell W7JTB and Nils Hallstrom (W7RUJ)

#### Officer Reports

**COB:** Jack (N7IHS) opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. Wayne KC7ORB moved, and there was a seconded that the minutes of the last Board Meeting be approved. Jack (N7IHS) discussed the need to complete several items of old business, and asked the board to suspend discussion from committee reports, as there was only one that would report at that time.

Jack then presented the Board with the details of the requirements of a member club to be listed as a Special Service Club by the ARRL. Discussion regarding the merits of this program ensued. The Chairman will submit a motion to submit the club as

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a Special Service club was made by JIM W7FKI, and seconded by HARRY W7JWJ, the motion carried and the necessary letters.

**President:** Not Present.

**Vice President:** Wayne (KC7ORB), presented an application from Mr. Dick Radford (WA7NIW) for membership approval. His application was approved.

**Secretary:** Jan (K7YH) reported that correspondence from Maple Valley and RC Tacoma had been received. He also withdrew all motions and resolutions he had submitted during the year.

**Treasurer:** Not Present.

**Activities Manager:** Not Present.

**Radio Officer:** Harry W7JWJ reported that the repeater has been repaired at a cost of \$85.00, and it has been reinstalled at the transmitter site, the ground radials on the antenna also were replaced. The PLL (Phase Lock Loop) failed, otherwise there was else requiring repair. Harry also discussed the purchase of a new repeater and controller with Voice announcements, made by Motorola, and recommended the present ICOM repeater become our back-up, and locate it in Fall City.

He then explained the ARRL EC database problems and what was being done to correct it. He then discussed the demographic changes in the club (attached as a record in hardcopy minutes)

#### Committee Reports

With Board concurrence reports this month were dispensed with, except Public Service and Education as noted below.

**Public Service:** Dan N7QHC reported that the Public Service Committee meeting did not happen, confusion in the place occurred. It will be rescheduled.

**Education:** A class at the Boeing Recreation center is scheduled for November 18-19, with a test session after.

**Field Day:** Jack (N7ZS) reported he had attended the Fort Flagler Sponsors meeting and had made the reservations for the Barracks and Wagon Wheel for 2001 Field Day.

#### Old Business

Jack (N7HIS) presented a Club's Mission Statement which was derived from an old mission statement found in the Club's records and a mission statement which was composed by Jan (K7YH). Steve (K7MUT) made a motion that the new Mission Statement be adopted, and was seconded by Mary (W7QGP). The Board approved. The new mission statement is attached to the hard copy of minutes.

Jack then discussed the new Officer Manuals prepared by the Secretary. Harry (W7JWJ) moved, and Mary (W7QGP) seconded to adopt Officer Manuals with the correction that Trustee committee liaison assignments are not as indicated in the manual. The approved the motion. Method of assignment of trustees to the standing committees will be discussed at a

future Board meeting.

Jack N7IHS reviewed the nomination letter for Best Club Contest, and cited those items that needed inclusion. Among them are changes in the Mission Statement and requirements for items of other interest not previously covered. The requirements are attached to the hard copy minutes. Jan (K7YH) volunteered to collect the necessary data from club members.

#### New Business

Jack N7IHS stated an Audit Committee would be formed at the next General meeting. He and Dan N7QHC will perform the board representatives on this committee. He also stated that there would be co-meetings of the Strategic Planning and selected Budget committees at the next General Meeting to formulate the 2001 budget.

The current mailing address of the club was discussed. Jack proposed and Jim (W7FKI) seconded a motion to procure a Post Office Box in Renton, and notify regular correspondents of the change. The motion carried and the Secretary was directed to obtain and publish the new address.

There was discussion regarding the need for several members to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the club's behalf, however since the treasurer was on a business trip the necessary checks could not be issued. Discussion ensued and when Jim returns there will be checks issued for such events in the future.

There being no further business a motion by Wayne (KC7ORB) seconded by Harry (W7JWJ) to adjourn was made. COB Jack closed the meeting at 2055 Hrs.

*Attested:*

*Jan M. Van Allen K7YH*

*Secretary*

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### **Dues Date on Relay**

Many of you have contacted me concerning the errors in the dues date that shows on the mailing label. I am at the mercy of the Treasurer, Jim Etwiler (KD7BAT). I can not change this date based on your input to me. Jim is responsible for providing that information to me. This data has not been updated for the past 2 - 4 months and I am trying to work this out with Jim. Please bear with us until we get the data straightened out.

*Jack Grimmert (N7IHS), Relay Editor*



# 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. 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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#### Next Club Meeting

Saturday, November 18th at 10:00 AM  
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Doors open at 9:30 AM for donuts  
Talk-in on 146.82 RPTR

#### Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00 PM  
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