



COB Report

The Board had a presentation by Rick Hodges (KV7TBF) of the ARES for King County. Rick requested that ARES be allowed to use the Mike and Key ARC repeater for two weekly nets. One will be held every Sunday night at 8:00 PM for regional information transfer between King, Snohomish, Skagit, Island, Pierce and Kitsap Counties. The other is a Damage Assessment net that will be held weekly on Tuesday night at 7:30 PM.

After considerable discussion the Board approve the temporary ARES use of the Mike & Key ARC repeater for three months starting January 1, 2001. The major concern of the Board members was that ARES would take over the repeater and not allow other Club related emergency traffic.

This discussion identified the major problem of how do we use our repeater during and emergency. We currently have no emergency use plan in place. What would we do if a disaster occurred tomorrow?

I have asked our Radio Officer Harry Lewis (W7JWJ) to chair a committee that will address the Mike & Key ARC repeater-operating plan under emergency conditions. I would expect this plan to include the emergency use of the repeater, how we handle emergency traffic, and identify emergency control operators. I have requested that this plan be completed for consideration of the Board at the February Board meeting.

Until the committee presents a plan to the Board I have ask the following members to serve as interim K7LED Emergency Net Control Operators.

- Harry Lewis (W7JWJ)
- Alan Hughes (KB7SVU)
- Jan Van Allen (K7YH)
- Jack Burrell (N7ZS)
- Frank Henshaw (K7VMG)

The above operators have the ultimate authority to control the use of the Mike & Key ARC repeater in the case of an emergency. If an emergency occurs and an Emergency Net Control Operator is not available, any Mike & Key ARC member may assume that responsibility but must yield to a net control operator when one becomes available.

I have also requested that the preamble for the ARES Damage Assessment Net include the following:

"Under emergency conditions we would request the Mike & Key ARC Emergency Net Control Operator for an ARES damage assessment report".

This is a very important issue with the Mike & Key ARC that has not previously be addressed. We would like solicit any ideas, suggestions, or comments from all Club members. Please contact us at:

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General Meeting Minutes, 11/18/00

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 (COB) Jack (N7HIS); Trustee #3 - Jim (W7FKI); Trustee #4 Mary (W7QGP); and Trustee #5 - Dan (N7QHC).

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM with all members and guests repeating the Flag Salute at the Salvation Army Building in Renton. It was moved, Sam N7RHE, seconded by Barry KC7YB, 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.

Officer Reports

President: Alan (KB7SVU) announced that there was nothing in the Agenda today, however he would appoint an Audit Committee to perform the annual Audit; that committee consists of Dan N7QHC, Jack N7HIS, Bill W7HX, Sam N7RHE and Barry KC7YB. Alan also discussed the needs for committee chairman for upcoming events, and his desire for everyone to come to the Christmas party.

Alan then introduced George Jacobson W7KSJ who presented a short discussion of his difficulties with the City of Auburn and building codes/permits therein. The city codes are unrealistic and he is contesting them. He reported he is getting legislative assistance from Pam Roach Representative for the 31 Legislative District. Several members made comments and helpful suggestions.

Vice President: Wayne KB7ORB presented a membership request for Dick Radford, WA7NIW, who having been approved by the Board was unani-

mously approved by the Membership.

Secretary: Nothing to report, correspondence was newsletters from other clubs

Treasurer: Jim (KD7BAT) reported the books are in good standing. Books are available for members to review.

He also reported that he and Jack (N7IHS) were reconciling the records of dues paid. He also reiterated the need for participants in the upcoming budget review and finance committee. (Listed above as Audit Committee).

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

Radio Officer: Harry (W7JWJ) announced the launch of AMSAT, and its beacon is working. And PSK31 mode, however no other modes are yet available. He further discussed the request by QCWA for realignment to the old band limits. The FCC's response has not been released yet. The last subject he discussed is of great concern to hams and this club in particular, and that is the number of hams who have become licensed, joined the club and are now losing their licenses due to expiration. Not only are we losing hams, but also we are losing members.

Relay Editor: Jack (N7IHS) reported on the number of members being lost due to non-payment of dues, discovered while reconciling the roster and dues paid members.
Committee Reports

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

Education: Harry (W7JWJ) announced there was an ongoing class during this meeting at the Boeing Recreation Center.

Public Service: Nothing to report.

Strategic Planning: Nothing to report.

Facilities: Mary (W7QGP) discussed checking out equipment and that the code tapes have gone AWOL, the club property is there for everyone, but it must be accounted for.

Flea Market: Mike (N7WA) announced folder labeling was nearly finished and would be soon mailed. He also reminded everyone of the Sweepstake contest this weekend. Barry (KC7YB) announced there would be a flea market meeting at the Salvation Army on December 12th 7:00 PM and stated we had many positions open, all who can come were cordially requested to attend.

Christmas: Fred (N7QBD) reminded everyone of the Christmas party December 9th and food arrangements. Details are in the Relay.

Alligator: It is the unanimous opinion of the club that Frank has fallen in love with the alligator and wants to keep it in perpetuity because he still hasn't caught a likely candidate.

Good of the Order

Chuck WA7EBH discussed the roster and questioned why the membership had not been sent one.

Discussion ensued regarding the Board deciding not to mail it. Chuck then motioned that the club mail the roster to all members, seconded by Dick (K7NEX), the motion carried. Jack (N7IHS) discussed the Roster format and moved the 2000-roster to be the standard for future rosters, FRED (N7QBD) seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

There being no further business, it was moved, by Barry (KC7YB) seconded by Jo (KB7UFM) and passed to adjourn the meeting. Alan closed the meeting at 11:05 AM.

Attested:

Jan M. Van Allen, K7YH

Secretary

January Relay Deadline

Submittals for the January Relay are due to the editor by **January 10, 2001**. Early submittals would be appreciated.

Budget 2001??

Normally the Mike & Key ARC budget for the year 2001 would appear in this issue of the Relay and the general membership would vote on it at the December meeting. The treasurer, Jim Etwiler (KC7BAT), has had some compelling work constraints placed on him and was not able to get the required information to the Budget committee in sufficient time for review, approval by the Board, and presentation to the general membership.

We now have a rough budget base on last year's expenditures and will be presented to the Board at the December Board meeting with revisions. With Board approval the budget will be published in the January issue of the Relay and will be voted on by the general membership.

Jack Grimmitt (N7IHS), COB

"Gib" Gibson, W7JIE Silent Key

Former ARRL Northwestern Division Vice Director Millard L. "Gib" Gibson, W7JIE, of Seattle, Washington, died December 1. He was 81. An ARRL Life Member, Gibson served as Northwestern Division Vice Director in 1983 and 1984 after being appointed by then-ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, to fill out the unexpired term of Mel Ellis, K7AOZ, who had died in office.

In 1980, Gibson was named director of the IARU Region 2 Intruder Watch program. He also was ac-

tive as an Official Observer. Gibson was a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. He had been an active member of the Western Washington Amateur Radio Association and a life member of the Mike and Key ARC. On the air, Gibson had been an active CW QRP operator. Services were set for December 6 in Renton, Washington.

New Club Address

The Board approved changing the Club's mailing address from Kirkland to Renton. The following is the new address.

Mike & Key ARC
PO Box 4234
Renton, WA 98057-4234

November Ham Class Results

The Mike and Key Education Committee's November Ham Class had a 100% passing rate. Below are the 11 students and their new ham call signs. If you hear them on the radio, give them a welcome to their new hobby.

Many thanks to an excellent class, to the teachers that help put on the class, and to Mary and Harry Lewis for putting together an excellent VE Exam Team.

Steven Smith, KD7LBE
Lee Fleming, KD7LAV
Wesley Degregory, KD7LAU
Debbie Jurasek, KD7LAY
Mike Jurasek, KD7LAX,
Leroy Lewis, KD7LBC
Vickie Hopper, KD7LAW
Bruce Johnson, KD7LAZ
Larry Richardson, KD7LBD,
Cecilia Lee, KD7LBB
Dan Kizanis, KD7LBA

*Chuck Benefiel (N7STR), Education Committee
Chairman*



50 foot Rohn Fold-over Tower, 3 element Tri-Bander on tower, rotator on tower and attached coax. Located at 10251 3rd SW in White Center. Buyer to negotiate price, take down and haul away. Contact Paul Menne on Cell Phone #206-310-4644.

New Life Members

This year we have two members who qualify for life membership in the Mike & Key ARC. They are:

Michael Cross, WB7AYU
Jimmy Sutton, K7NQ

Life memberships are awarded to those members who have had continuous membership in the Club for 25 years. Congratulations to Mike and Jim. This brings the total active life members in the Club to nineteen. All life members are listed below.

John Becker, K7PFR
Jim Carpenter, K7PHZ
Jim Christiansen, K7ND
Michael Cross, WB7AYU
Gib Gibson, W7JIE
Hal Goodell, N7NW
Jan Hart, WA7HWX
Pete Hedberg, K7WTG
Ray Leslie, WA7EKH
Mary Lewis, W7QGP
Harry Lewis, W7JWJ
Dick Lundstrom, WA7UEW
Lew Rambo, WA7ELI
Ken Rau, K7YR
John Rehnstrom, WA7HQG
Don Rembaugh, WA7KBK
Charles Strocher, WA7EBH
Jimmy Sutton, K7NQ
Steve Tillet, K7KOT

Events Calendar

December

- 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

January

- January 2nd**, Tuesday - ARES Damage Assessment Net, 8:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 4th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 7th, Sunday - ARES Regional Net, 8:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 9th, Tuesday - ARES Damage Assessment Net, 8:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 11th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

January 14th, Sunday - ARES Regional Net, 8:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 16th, Tuesday - ARES Damage Assessment Net, 8:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 18th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 20th, Saturday - Mike & Key Net, 9:15 AM on 146.82 repeater
January 20th, Saturday - Mike & Key General Meeting, 10:00 AM at Renton Salvation Army HQ
January 21st, Sunday - ARES Regional Net, 8:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 23rd, Tuesday - ARES Damage Assessment Net, 8:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 24th, Wednesday - Mike & Key Board Meeting, 7:30 PM at Renton Salvation Army HQ
January 25th, Thursday - Public Service Net, 7:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 28th, Sunday - ARES Regional Net, 8:00 PM on 146.82 repeater
January 31st, Tuesday - ARES Damage Assessment Net, 8:00 PM on 146.82 repeater

Mission Statement

The Board adopted a Mission Statement for the Club at the October Board meeting. The adopted statement should have been included in the meeting minutes or published in the November Relay but was not. At the November Board meeting, the Mission Statement was again discussed and revisions were made to the previously approved version. The following is the final Mission Statement that was unanimously approved at the November meeting.

Mission Statement

To provide a common forum for radio enthusiasts, to promote the advancement of Amateur Radio, to support their communities, the American Radio Relay League, and their personal radio knowledge and abilities.

Objectives

- Provide a source for sharing technical information.
- Promote technical and operating skills through education and training.
- Promote amateur radio communications activities for the general public.
- Promote family emergency preparedness.
- Promote amateur radio communications support for local and regional emergency activities.

Jack Grimmert (N7IHS), COB

Board Meeting Minutes, 11/28/00

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 (COB) Jack (N7HIS); Trustee #3 - Jim (W7FKI); Trustee #4 Mary (W7QGP); and Trustee #5 - Dan (N7QHC).

Visitors: Nils Hallstrom (W7RUJ), Rick Hodges (KB7TBF), Brandon (KC7IKV), and Steven Cook (KC7IQL)

Officer Reports

COB: Jack (N7IHS) opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Tressie (KC7BAL) moved, and Alan (KB7SVU) seconded that the minutes of the last Board meeting is approved. Jack Apologized for last month's meeting.

President: Alan KB7SVU announced that William Sommerwerck (KA3QXL) is the Chairman for the Banquet in March 2001.

Vice President: Wayne KC7ORB, presented an application from Mr. Mark Bossenroth (N0YI) and Mr. Ted Silva (WB7RMD) for consideration. The board approved both.

Secretary: Jan (K7YH) reported that the new mailbox had been acquired and the new club address is Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 4234, Renton WA. 98057-4234. This address will be posted to all concerned parties.

Treasurer: Jim (KD7BAT) reported that the proposed budget was being drafted, and that the annual audit will be performed at his home. The reports will be published when the work is completed. Other considerations in this process are the costs for equipment maintenance, repeater costs (*see radio officer below*) and expected cost increases for the Christmas party etc.

Activities Manager: Tressie (KC7BAL) reported the program for December will be cancelled, as the Christmas Party will be the club's main attraction this month.

Radio Officer: Harry (W7JWJ) reported he is working on a capital expenditure request for a new repeater. When this is completed it will be presented to the Board and General membership. This proposal will include moving the present repeater to the Fall City site discussed last month, and other equipment required for this project. Harry also reported a proposal by the Glen Martin Company, (*See new Business*).

Committee Liaison Reports

Technical: No Report.

Public Service: Dan (N7QHC) reported that he had attended the ARES meeting and the Eyes on the Sound Program presentation. The committee is preparing to finalize and publish the 2001 issue of the pamphlet.

Education: Jim (KD7BAT) reported that our class of November 18-19 had eleven students and that all

had passed their licenses forthcoming. He also discussed the drop in interest being experienced by both Federal Way RC and ours. Federal Way's class failed to materialize when only eight signed up and none showed up. After due consideration the committee has decided to hold classes on a six month time frame unless new interest is discovered. Consideration is also being made concerning moving the class site and its testing to the Renton Fire Departments class rooms, due to scheduling conflicts with other activities at the Boeing Recreation Center.

Strategic Planning: Nothing to report.

Facilities: Nothing to report.

Field Day: No Report.

Flea Market: No Report.

Old Business

Jack (N7IHS) opened discussion with the proposed Mission Statement, and provided the revised mission statement to the board members. After discussion, Jim (W7FKI) motioned the Mission Statement, as revised, is adopted Dan (N7QHC) seconded and the motion was carried. The new Mission Statement will be published in the next Relay.

Mary (W7QGP) asked the subject of the donation to the ARRL Frequency Defense Fund be reopened. Mary motioned that the second increment of \$500.00 be sent to the ARRL; Dan (N7QHG) seconded it. Discussion followed concerning reallocation of funds in the budget as questioned by the COB. With the questions answered the board approved the motion.

New Business

Rick Hodges KB7TBF, ARES representative made a presentation to the Board requesting that ARES be allowed to use K7LED for Sunday night ARES nets, Wednesday informational and Thursday night disaster nets. A general discussion followed, culminating in the COB stating he could agree to the concept. Mary stated we do have a utilization plan for this proposal.

After careful consideration of the request it was decided that a committee consisting of Harry (W7JWJ), Jack (N7IHS), Steve (KC7IQL), and Brandon (KC7IKV) would be charged with producing a working agreement between the Club and ARES. Rick on behalf of ARES accepted the conditions. Discussion concluded and Dan (N7QHC) motioned that the ARES group is allowed to use the repeater for a three-month trial period. The period to start on Jan 1st 2001. This motion was seconded by Tressie and carried by the Board.

Jack N7IHS stated he was working on a list of members who were about to be dropped for non-payment of dues. He will be contacting these members via mail in the near future. There are presently 15 members on the list.

The Glen Martin Company has sent a proposal to the club offering rewards for purchases from them by members and the club. Discussion of this proposal was tabled until a later date. Dan (N7QHC) inquired

who the official verifier is for WAS. No one seemed to know for sure, Jim Christianson was but it is unknown if he retains the office, the Secretary will attempt to ascertain and report at the next meeting.

Jan (K7YH) motioned that Trustee Number three is vacated without prejudice under the bylaws Article VI, Paragraph 6.01. That Mr. Kaney (N7MUT) is requested to resign due to absence from an excessive number of General and Board Meetings. COB Stated Steve had called and requested an excuse for this meeting, and that he had excused him from attending. Discussion noted there is no precedent for "Excuses". This is a problem to be resolved as a revision to the bylaws. The motion was withdrawn.

Discussion regarding contacting newly licensed hams in the area by Harry was tabled until the next Board meeting.

There being no further business a motion by Jan (K7YH) seconded by Jim (W7FKI) to adjourn was made, COB Jack closed the meeting at 2130 Hrs.

Attested:

Jan M. Van Allen K7YH

Secretary



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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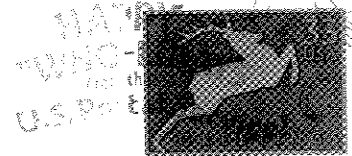
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Next Club Meeting

Saturday, December 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

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 27th at 7:00 PM
Salvation Army in Renton
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