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The Prez Sez

Club President Jack Grimmett, N7IHS



Last month, the Club entered a float in the Renton Days Parade. Wayne Heath (KC7ORB) organized the activity and, as everything that Wayne does for the Club, it was a smashing success. About 20 – 25 people, including kids, showed early in the morning to help decorate the float and participate in the parade.

Our float was our newly modified antenna trailer minus the tower sections and antennas. The crank-up tower was hoisted up to the vertical position. Alan Hughes (KB7SVU) made a 4-element beam out of plastic pipe painted silver. The beam, a little smaller than a 6-meter beam, was installed on top of the tower. It looked great! Alan towed the trailer with his van using its flashing lights.

Paul Roth pounded out CW using a code oscillator connected to a portable PA system. He kept it up for the whole parade. A number of the members walked along side the trailer and handed out candy and pamphlets containing information about the Club and Ham Radio in general. The rest of us rode on the trailer. Everyone had on his or her silver Club jacket or a white T-shirt with the Club logo on the back.

At the end of the parade everyone climbed on the trailer for a hair-raising ride back to the Fred Myers parking lot. Everyone stayed to help clean up the trailer and put away everything.

This event was one of the best PR efforts this Club has done in recent memory. It also was a lot of fun for those who attended. Everyone agreed that we have to do it again next year. By the way, apparently we won 2nd place in our class.

Congratulations gang.

August Program

Activity Manager Michael Dinkelman, N7WA



There will be no program during the General Meeting of August 18th. Instead, the Club meeting will simply transfer to the Cedar River Park in Renton and continue on as the annual picnic. However, there will be a short presentation, hosted by Carolyn WV7Q, designed to introduce the membership to the standing committees.

Most of the committees are in dire need of members. Many of the newer members may not even be aware of their existence.

This presentation will attempt to provide some information about the purpose of each committee and give the members a chance to sign up or talk to the committee liaisons later during the picnic.

For September and beyond I have several good program ideas but am short on presenters. I am looking for persons willing to provide talks and demos on PSK31 and HF Gateways on the Internet. If you or a group of you have experience in these areas and are willing to spend 30 minutes enlightening your fellow members—please contact me. We have a lot of talent in this group, let's share the knowledge. Elmering is one of the basic tenets of this Club.

In July, we said goodbye to Atsushi W7KN/JR1NKN as he returned back to Japan after his 3 year assignment in Redmond. In those 3 years he became a very active member of the Club and at my contest station. From an apartment in Redmond and from his vehicle, he would work many contests as a QRP entry. We gave Atsushi a going-away party during the IARU Radio Sport competition. It was actually good timing as propagation was lousy before the party and the 4 hours we took off was a welcome break. After the break—the bands were HOT! A few members showed up and here are the pictures. So he would always remember us,, we presented him with a coat embroidered with the Club logo and a hat with his USA callsign.



First to Fifty

I really expected this contest to last a bit longer. No sooner had I published last month's Relay than Ric, K7RIC submitted his log with contacts from all 50 states. No one else came close. Rick was a bit creative using travel California then he had antennas to ple other meters. All in job. I thank participated. I think a couple people relearned the joy of HF operating again.



Congratulate Ric the next time you see him. He'll be getting a nice plaque to hang on the wall. By the way, he has already signed up for the next contest. Are YOU going to let him get away with that?

Christmas Party

When the sun is up for 14 hours a day and you are walking around in shirt sleeves, it's hard to think of a Christmas Party. Yet, we will need to recruit somebody to organize this event in the next month. Help is available and you don't have to go it alone. For sure, it's a lot of fun and you'll certainly gain the admiration of your fellow Club members. Somebody want to volunteer?

Tacoma Club Fleas

The Radio Club of Tacoma will be holding their annual Flea Market on September 8th at the Pierce County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5 and kids under 16 are free. Tables are \$20 each which includes one admission. Hours of operation are 9AM to 3PM for buyers. For detailed info, check out the Web page at www.W7DK.org.

For Sale:

Camano Ham Site

Modern Home on 5 cleared acres with antenna trees. Situated at 400 foot elevation—good for VHF/UHF and quiet HF. Tower, beam 80M vertical, UHF/VHF, 6M antennas. Available Late summer—Price \$210K. Call John Black W7HIL 425 391 8026

Vertical Antenna

Cushcraft R6000—never used \$300—Steve Kaney N7MUT

Picnic Contest By Dawn KC7YYB

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye! There has been a change in the Mike & Key Picnic Poster Contest. I've become aware that we need yet another Category. Those who use computer generated designs need to be in a category by themselves, since hand drawn posters might not be able to achieve the "professional" look that computer/printer creations can, so we'll just have another niche for them. So, as it stands now there will be 3 categories for the poster contest.

- 1) Those done by ages 12 and under.
- 2) Those done by hand [not mechanically].
- 3) Computer/Printer generated posters. That should make it fair for everyone. NOW, get busy and put those ideas for promoting ham radio and/or Mike & Key down on your posterboard and plan on getting in there and competing! Oh, and keep the size manageable, nothing the size of the side of a barn.

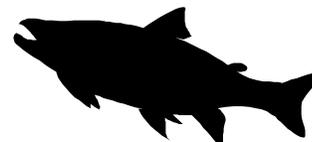
Salmon Run

As I was looking around for new "on-the-air" contest for the Club members, I had an excellent one shoved in front of my face – the Washington State QSO Party as sponsored by the Western Washington DX Club. This is popularly know as the **Salmon Run** due to the prizes of smoked salmon awarded to top scores.

What makes this contest so interesting is that it short (23 hours over a weekend), specifically targets the Hams of this State, and allows you (the participant) to be the hunted instead of doing the hunting. There is a lot of flexibility in how you could participate. You could do CW, SSB, or both. You can go out portable or mobile style and put a rare county on the air. You could even sponsor a Club multi-op and make a weekend party of it. The real idea is to get Hams from this State on the air.

Now the WWDXC will be awarding prizes to the world and country but I think we should have a few internally generated ones. Just submit your log to me (as well as to the WWDXC) and we'll find some notable reasons to hand out awards. I know that Ric, K7RIC, is already planning on being at the head of some category. Are you all going let him get away with it?

The contest runs the 3rd weekend of September. Yeah, I know that's Club meeting weekend but you can take a couple hours off. You have a month to get prepared. Complete rules can be found elsewhere in the Relay or on the WWDXC Web page at www.wwdxc.org.



Club's Night Out

Activity Manager Michael Dinkelman, N7WA



Here it comes—the Club's Night Out at the Mariners Game is Tuesday, August 21. Most of you who ordered tickets have paid for and received them. A few are still waiting. As I stated before, I am willing to wait for payment up to the very end but if I don't get a commitment that you still want the tickets, I have a bunch of people who do. If you ordered tickets

and haven't paid for them yet, please contact me by email or phone so we can make arrangements. I would hate to see any go unused. If I don't hear by Club meeting day,

I'll have to start filling out my waiting list.

Looks like the Mariners are still playing entertaining baseball and, from what I have heard, tickets are becoming pretty hard to come by. It should be a fun night. Be sure to wear your Club jackets (if it's not too hot), hats, and t-shirts.

For our next night out, I am looking at a Bowling Party. We've done this several times in the past and it's always been a blast. It would probably be a Saturday or Friday evening (depending on when lanes are available) later this Fall at an alley down here in Renton or Kent. I need to get some kind of feedback on interest before I go try to booking a place. Interested? Let me know. Email: mwdink@eskimo.com phone: 253 631 3756.

Mike & Key Fleas

The annual kickoff meeting for the Mike & Key Flea market is September 6th, 7PM, at the Salvation Army HQ. This is the time and place where we try to fill out the Chairs and set the whole project in motion. If you have any interest in working as a leader or just coming down to see if you can help out, please come on down.

The proceeds from the Flea market makes this the best funded Ham organization in Washington and probably the Pacific Northwest. As a member, you benefit directly from this event. Even if you can't join the Committee, you should be planning on helping out the days of the event. Signup books will be going out starting in September. Mark your calendars now for March 8th and 9th, 2002. No excuses.

Hello Vietnam

Submitted by Jo Halstrom KB7UFM

I could not believe it --3W2LC, Malcom was calling from Vietnam. Mal is otherwise known as VK6LC and obviously from Australia. He has been working in Ho Chi Mihn City but is now back home. I tried and tried to get through but he couldn't copy me with our mighty Mark V, 200 watts and the 3 element Yagi for several mornings. Nils came to the rescue just like a Swedish knight in shining armor. (Ah, those Swedish nights, I mean knights). We switched antennas and tuned up "old reliable", the G5RV. Guess what? Hello Vietnam and hello Seatac. Nils and I both copied Mal 5 by 9. Both ways. Crazy! Four days later, I got through to Mal with the Yagi and was I pleased with it's performance as it was very good propagation this time. But that first contact was something to really talk about and boy oh boy, do I!!! 73 and good DXing

UPDATING YOUR LICENSE

Submitted by Mary Lewis W7QGP

The NC605 form may be used to modify your Amateur Radio Operator/Primary Station license. The form must be returned to an authorized VEC, not sent directly to the FCC. License renewal may be completed only during the final 90 days prior to license expiration, or within the two year grace period following expiration. Your license may be reinstated during this period. Changes in address may be updated at any time. The NC605 form may be downloaded from the ARRL website at: www.arrl.org/arrlvec/ncvec605-3.pdf. The Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 3 or 4 will be required to read this form. If you are an ARRL member and submit renewal through an ARRL VE team there will be no charge.

Renewal may also be done on-line via the Internet. Visit

<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>. To do so you must first register in the Universal Licensing System (ULS) by following the "TIN/Call Sign Registration" tab procedures. Registration requires entering your social security number, now required of all Amateurs. Remember; It's the law!

If you choose to renew by mail, you mail the "FCC Form 605" (Not the NC605) directly to the FCC. The form may be obtained at: www.fcc.gov/formpage. FCC Form 605 used when modification or through a VE VEC. Unfortunately browsers are not compatible with posting and you may download a blank page. If this happens you may contact me for a form.



www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls. The form may not be submitted to the FCC directly. You must submit it to an ARRL VE team or a local club. There is a fee for the form.

After reading Mary's article you might want to go out and try your hand at Electronic Filing. Anybody who has dealt with the FCC and their new-fangled electronic system lately will appreciate this "tongue in cheek" (but not by much) article I extracted from the Western Washington Totem Tabloid (with permission)—Ed.

Dealing with the New and Improved FCC

By Hillar Ramaah, N6HR

As I was perusing the March 2001 CQ magazine, I came across this nice article by Fred W5YI about all the superlative information available on the "new and improved" FCC web site. After reading the article, I decided right then and there to quit procrastinating and take care of some long overdue business — like changing my address and maybe renewing the license, etc. It used pretty simple: fill out the venerable Form 610, write a check and wait 2 weeks until Gettysburg sent you the proper reply. Yes?

Feller, let me clue you in: IT AIN'T SO NO MORE! FCC IS INDEED NEW AND IMPROVED! Unless you have a computer and InterNet access, you can't even get FCCs attention! And unless you have the additional fortitude of a computer-hacker, are into NSA cryptography and can solve the Times Sunday Puzzle in less than two hours, you are faced with A CHALLENGE that will be a fair test to any survivalist!

First, you start out with the FCC Web Site, www.fcc.gov. As the screen unfolds, the headpiece depicts a massive building of at least nine floors with 100,000 square feet of office space per floor - and - 7000 people working there - and right away I felt a weakness in my knees: these people HAVE to have some papers to shuffle and memos to move around to justify their existence - and I am the pigeon which they must clamp onto! Horrors! But cheerfully the web page pointed to 'more information' - like the "FCC Handbook" - as a starter.

The suggestion of Chapter One was to study their organization chart. I did. Gee whizzz! The old KGBs organization of some nine directorates was simpler. Bill Gates' MicroSoft corporation chart is simpler. General Motors' is simpler! The Catholic Church's with 140 cardinals in red hats running all over the world is simpler! I hit the "RETREAT" button - but still decided to dive into the next deeper level of this FCC iceberg at www.fcc.gov/wtb/... Note the added /WTB/! This time I also decided to be better prepared. I made sure my last will and testament was in order and I considered giving a 'heads-up' to the local suicide prevention bureau. They were out to lunch. As a substitute, I found an unopened bottle of Bushmills and decided that this good ol' Irish stew would surely stand up to the FCC! I bravely uncorked the Bush-

mills! And, then I punched up the /WTB/.

There was hope on the horizon! What unfolded was a much simpler web page than the previous one. It even had a "menu" - like under FORMS, it gave a list of forms 'that may be of interest to you'. Hey, great! This menu started with Form 159 and ended with Form 1046. Not bad, I thought. Only some 890 forms in between. I searched for the old Form 610. Sorry, there is no more Form 610. However, there is a Form 610B which allows your club to apply for a new callsign. I think...

Form 610 has been replaced by Form 605 - called a "Quick Form Application". Besides the "Main Form" it also has Schedules A,B,C,D, etc etc. for even 'quicker' application. Or so I thought! I sampled the Bushmills for quality control purposes and zeroed in on Form 605. Upon clicking on "605" and hitting the PRINT button on my computer - out came a load of gibberish! Guess what— the Form 605 is "zipped"! No kidding! And every 'unzipping' program I had in my computer did not even make a dent into solving this set of FCC zippers! An hour later I gave up and it was time to have a full glass of Bushmills... I decided to skip the 'water back'...

With the help of distilled Irish spirits, I called on Terry K7OI for assistance. He has a supercomputer at his work site and he told me that maybe he can use it during his lunch tomorrow to download this zipped Form 605. Fine! I relaxed and waited... But just to be sure I also wrote to the FCC in Gettysburg and asked that they snail-mail me a Form 605. Just in case. Well, Terry came through! The next afternoon, e-mail carried an attachment which indeed was the Form 605. Fourteen pages of it! Two pages of the Form and 12 pages of instructions as to how to fill out the form. Mind you, this was just for the "Main Part" of the form, not the Schedules! Of interest was a note from the Office of Management and Budget that this form is indeed 'approved' and should take 44 minutes to complete! It did not specify the IQ level required...

In anticipation I poured me a glass of Bushmills (no ice) and went to work! By golly, it was not as tough as I thought it would be. But then I already knew that the abbreviation for the State of Washington is "WA" and so I did not have to go thru a whole page of abbreviations for states and military commands. I also skipped Form 606 which was a worksheet on how to request your Taxpayers Identification Number since I already knew that from my dealings with the IRS. I was also glad that I remembered my full name - even after a second glass of Bushmills! Then I swore to the whole truth as I had scribed onto the Form, signed it and felt proud to be an American! I'm telling you! Fully armed now with the completed form and smug as a porker, I went back to /WTB/ to consult "for how much"? (i.e. what \$\$\$ to scribble on a check to O!

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FCC. Looking me in the face was a menu button labeled "FCC FEE SCHEDULES". Just point and click! I did! Ay, ay, aye... that was my third mistake in three days! After sorting through numerous pages, paragraphs and subparagraphs worthy of a Philadelphia lawyer, I hit paydirt! Hey, it's a bargain! Only \$15 bucks. You can send it 'electronically' using your VISA or MasterCharge! All you have to do now is fill out TWO more forms! Form 159 and Form 160. Unfortunately, Form 160 is not listed in the /WTB/ forms menu and has to be ordered separately... (ever heard of 'Catch-22'?) Oh, the heck with it! I went down to the post office and got an old fashioned Postal Money Order. Simple! I tacked that to the Form 605, licked the stamp and off to Gettysburg the envelope went! The heck with the forms - follow the old adage: 'keep it simple, stupid'...

It took ten days! The entire envelope came back from FCC as "unprocessable"! It seems that Form 159 is still required. (By the way, this form is entitled REMITTANCE ADVICE and is not to be confused with any other form). Fortunately, it printed out in an unzipped format including the 'Instructions to fill out Form 159'. For a simple application, pages 2 and 3 of the Form were not required. It was again time to uncork the Bushmills...

To fill out Form 159, one only needs the following: Lockbox Number (aka Lockbox) Your FCC Registration Number (aka FRN) Your Social Security Number

(aka TIN) and your daytime telephone number (must be for arranging a blind date). To get the Lockbox Number, you have to call FCC in Gettysburg. I did. Six menus, a wait of 22 minutes and 3 shots of Bushmills later I got it! To get your FRN, you have to go and be registered in the ULS. Go see www.fcc.gov/WTB/ULS/ To get registered in ULS, you'll need a 'password'. I tried my call-letters. These were promptly rejected. Next I tried my cats name - that was also rejected as being 'too short'. I tried the long version - that got rejected because it was too long! (Read T.S.Eliot's "The Naming of Cats") After a few more tries - the FCC computer must have had a moment of mercy or it blew the fuse - it assigned a password for me! Great! Of course it did not tell me what the password was - unless I filled out another Form. I forgot the form number but remember the list still has over 800 of them...

After two hours - I finally had my very own FRN! I filled out the remaining Form 159, signed it, reattached the Money Order and sent it away again to Gettysburg... THREE WEEKS LATER I received a reply by snail-mail that my change-of-address had been duly noted! My license renewal was rejected because it was submitted too early before the expiration date.

As the man said: THE FCC IS NEW AND IMPROVED! Indeed it is! And all I need now is a new bottle of Irish...

Web Site Update

By Jim Etwiler - KD7BAT

The Mike and Key web page devoted to Silent Keys has been updated. The "Silent Key" web page at <http://www.mikeandkey.silent.htm> now just lists the Silent Keys with a link to separate web pages for each Silent Key listed. I have not been with the Mike and Key Club long enough to know any of these Silent Keys well. Any additional information would be gladly incorporated. Pictures of the individuals would be a nice addition (I will return all photos after scanning).

The Silent Keys honored on the web page are:

Lee Bertrand, KG7OW, June 29, 2001.
 Larry Logan, N7USB, February 6, 2001.
 Millard L. "Gib" Gibson, W7JIE, December 1, 2000.
 Carl Edward Butler, W7PRW, June 2, 1999.
 Ken Jackson, K7PZX, February 6, 1998.

I can not locate all the back issues of "K7LED Relay" to check, but I believe there is at least one Silent Key missing from the list since the web site was set up. If anyone could identify a contact for me for additional information, I will follow up to improve the web pages. Please visit these pages and send some feedback to the Webmaster. A better web site reflects well on the Club.

Satellite Workshop

Brennan Price, N4QX

To ARRL affiliated clubs,

Your members who might be in Southern California on September 7 may be interested in attending the satellite workshop at the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Riverside. The startup of the high-altitude AO-40 amateur satellite offers hams unprecedented opportunities to work the world on UHF, and this workshop is designed to show how it's done.

Program Idea or Club Activity

Submitted by Michael N7WA

The articles on FCC Registration bring an idea to mind—especially considering that less than 50% of US Hams have registered in the ULS system. Would there be interest in having a Club Program or extra-curricular activity where we log onto the Web and sign up all interested persons in the ULS? It might be difficult to get a phone connection at the Salvation Army HQ but we could do it easily someplace else (Clubs Night Out?). Let me know if there is interest.



American Radio Relay League

Sam Sullivan took a recent trip back east and stopped by the

These shots are from that visit. If

CT area, be sure and stop by League HQ's for your own tour.

2001 Northwest VHF/UHF Conference

The 2001 Pacific Northwest VHF/UHF conference will be held at the Best Western hotel (8726 South Hosmer, Tacoma, WA 98444) on September 22, 2001 from 8:30 to 4:30 pm. This will be an all day conference, and your registration fee will include a deli buffet lunch. There will be a no-host VHF "Pizza Party" at the Round Table Pizza at 901 South Hosmer Street from 1900 to 2030 on Friday, September 21st to get acquainted. If you need further information, contact Jim Aguirre at w7dhc@arrl.net or Lynn Burlingame at n7cfo@ix.netcom.com

Special Event Station

The North Kitsap ARC is putting on a special event around Dec. 7th. We are still working on a mission statement but it will commemorate the 60th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Bob Tomas, N7KTP is the event chair and would like to make a presentation to the M&K. The purpose of the presentation is to recruit operators and other participants and perhaps the use of some antennas or other equipment. The event will be held at the Underwater Museum in Keyport, WA. We intend to operate 4 stations, 2 inside the museum and 2 in trailers in the museum parking lot. Access to the inside stations will only be available during the hours of operation of the museum.

Washington Salmon Run Rules

Sponsored by Western Washington DX Club

OBJECT—Stations outside of Washington work as many Washington stations in as many Washington counties as possible. Stations in Washington work anyone in as many states, Canadian call areas, and DX countries as possible.

CONTEST PERIOD - The third weekend of September. In 2001 the contest will take place 1600Z Saturday September 15 thru 0700Z Sunday September 16 and 1600Z thru 2400Z Sunday September 16, 2001. 23 hours total - all operators may operate all hours of the contest.

FREQUENCIES -Contest bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 6 meters. Contacts on WARC bands, and VHF bands (higher than 6 meters) do not count. **Suggested Frequencies:** **CW** 1850, 3550, 7045, 14050, 21050 and 28050 **SSB** 1850, 3925, 7260, 14280, 21380 and 28380. Mobile frequencies are 5 KHz below these - please keep them clear for weak mobile and Washington County DXpedition signals! Try CW on the half-hour; 160 meters at 0500z; 80/75 meters at 0300z and 0600z.

ENTRY CLASSES— CW, SSB, Mixed Mode, QRP (5 watts or less), Low Power (5.1-200 watts), High Power (more than 200 watts), Single Operator, Multi-Operator Single-Transmitter, Washington Club Station, Mobile, Washington County DXpedition

The **Single Operator** division is allowed only one transmitting signal. Use of packet spotting or other outside assistance is not allowed. The **Multi-Operator Single-Transmitter** division must work only one band/mode for at least 10 minutes before changing band or mode. Only one transmitting signal is allowed. Use of packet spotting or other outside assistance is allowed. The **Washington Club** division is a multi-single station representing a club in Washington and using that club's callsign (as assigned by the FCC). This station must work only one band/mode for at least 10 minutes before changing band or mode. Only one transmitting signal is allowed. Use of packet spotting or other outside assistance is allowed. The **Mobile** division entrants will operate from a station that is self-contained, capable of legal motion (street, water, or air) while operating, motion optional. A station that changes counties is considered to be a new station and may be contacted again for point and multiplier credit. Use of packet spotting or other outside assistance is not allowed. The **Washington County DXpedition** division is intended for those who cannot go true mobile, but would like to activate some rare counties by going to a State Park or farmer's field and throwing up a dipole or other portable antenna "Field Day Style". General Rules: go as many places as you want; you must use a portable antenna; you do not need to use portable power; if you move to a new county you must travel a minimum of 5 miles between locations. A station that changes counties is considered to be a new station and may be contacted again for point and multiplier credit. Use of packet spotting or other outside assistance is not allowed.

EXCHANGE RST and County for Washington stations RST and State, Province, or DXCC country for non-WA sta-

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tions Logs must show date and time in UTC, stations worked, exchange sent and received, modes used and score claimed. Dupe sheets required for 200 QSO's or more.

QSO POINTS 2 points for phone 4 points for CW The same station may be worked for QSO points on each band on both SSB and CW (CW QSO's in CW sub bands ONLY). Portables and Mobiles count for QSO points and Multiplier credits in different Counties. Contacts with stations operating from a county-line can log one QSO from each county.

MULTIPLIERS Washington stations count Washington counties (39), US states (50), VE Provinces, and DX entities. Stations outside of Washington use Washington counties (39 total). Each Multiplier may be counted ONLY ONCE regardless of mode or band

SPECIAL BONUS STATION - W7DX A QSO with the sponsoring club's (Western Washington DX Club) callsign, W7DX, will add a 500 point bonus for each mode. A total of 1000 points may be earned in this manner (not 500 points for each QSO on each different band). These points are added after all other scoring is completed (they are not multiplied by the "multiplier"). W7DX will give out a county multiplier like a normal station. Contacts with W7DX will also earn the usual 2 points on phone and 4 points on CW.

SCORING AND PRIZES Total Points = QSO points from all bands x total multipliers + Special Bonus Station bonus points. Packages of Smoked Salmon supplied to highest score in several categories and to the highest score in each DX country and each U.S. Call District. First Place Certificate to highest Score in each WA county, Highest score in each State and Province of Canada and each DX country Participation Certificate to all logs received. Plus other awards at the discretion of the awards committee. To qualify for awards and prizes the minimum number of QSO's: DX 25; U.S.A. 50; Washington 100 QSO's.

SEND LOGS TO: Western Washington DX Club, P.O. Box 395, Mercer Island, WA 98040 (Or to salmonrun@wwdxc.org)

Entries must be postmarked not later than October 31, 2001. All decisions of judges are final.

General Meeting Minutes, July 21st, 2001

Officers present:

President – Jack Grimmatt (N7IHS); Vice President – Mark Whitaker (KD7KUN); Secretary – Curtis Hanner (N7MWC); Jack (N7ZS): Acting Treasurer; Radio Officer – Harry Lewis (W7JWJ)

Trustees Present: Trustee #1 – Brendan Burget (KD7IKV); Trustee #2 – Steve Kaney (K7MUT); Trustee #3 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL); Trustee #4 – Mary Lewis (W7QGP); Trustee #5 & COB – Alan Hughes (KB7SVU)

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM with all members and guests repeating the Pledge of Allegiance at the Salvation Army Building in Renton. 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 are encourage to join and support the ARRL. Please sign the rosters at the table. Visitors are asked to refrain from voting on club matters requiring a vote.

Frank mentioned that we need to turn in extra keys.

Minutes: It was moved by Brendan (KD7IKV) and seconded by Nils (W7RUJ) to approve the minutes of the June meeting with the correction

to the meeting time. The motion was approved.

Officer Reports

President: Jack (N7IHS): Commended Alan for his great work on Field Day.

Vice President: Mark (KD7KUN): Theodore (KD7MTY) was voted in as a new member.

Secretary: Curtis (N7MWC): Mentioned flea market coming up August 11th.

Treasurer: Jim (KC7BAT): Jack (N7ZS) was acting treasurer. No report.

Committee Awareness Day: Carolyn (WV7Q): At the August General Meeting we are incorporating into the meeting Committee Awareness Day. This club is committee driven and our power comes from its members through the committees. You will get to know who is active on the committees and what their function is.

Activity Manage & Relay: Mike (N7WA): Not present.

Radio Officer: Harry (W7JWJ): GE Master II is the backup repeater not the primary repeater. The primary repeater being considered is a Vertex Repeater with Pacific Research controller. The secretary will correct the meeting minutes for the June board meeting. .

Standing Committee Reports

Those committees not reporting in the RELAY are asked to report before the General Membership.

Strategic Planning: Alan Hughes (KB7SVU): Meeting next month at 9:30 AM before the August General Meeting.

Public Service: Brendan (KD7IKV): Has fliers for handing out at the Renton parade next Saturday. Public Service Committee meeting will immediately follow the meeting. The traveling Vietnam Memorial will be in Bellevue July 27th to 29th. They need hams to help out with communications during this event. If you have digital or print pictures from field day please send them to Brendan. He will be compiling all the pictures on a CD, which he will sell for cost.

Education: Mary (W7QGP): We used to have a MKARC photo album. It has been lost. If you have old pictures of the club please send them to Mary. We only have one person signed up for the next ham class on August 11th. We can issue Rag chewers certificates and Old Timers Club certificates, we should look into this.

Picnic: Dawn Humphrey (KC7YYB): Picnic is going to be August 18th after the General Meeting. Dawn has prizes for the poster contest. There will be three categories – juvenile (under 12), Computer generated and adult. Bring a potluck item and Wayne will be cooking up the

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usual main fair.

Field Day: Alan (KB7SVU): We had four people who came to Alan's house to clean up antennas. Because the antenna for 20 meters was in such good shape we had 880 contacts. Report gets sent in on Monday or Tuesday. Need pictures of information booth, satellite setup and newspaper articles (other than Seattle times).

Public Service: Gary (KG7KU): Public Service net: Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM on 146.82. For information please see www.mikeandkey.com/pubserve.htm or call Gary at 253-661-7882.

Renton Parade: Wayne (KC7ORB): We will have an entry in the Renton River Days Parade on July 28th. We will have the trailer in the parade as a float entry and several hams from the club will attend wearing MKARC T-shirts that we are making for the event.

Alligator Award: Dean (N7NKO): Dean has no one to award the Alligator Award to. He did hear himself timeout the repeater another five times, but has still to hear someone else do it.

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Order

There being no further business Tressie (KC7BAL) moved to adjourn and Brendan (KD7IKV) seconded the motion, Jack (N7IHS) closed the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Attested: Curtis Hanner, N7MWC Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2001

Officers present: President Jack Grimmer (N7IHS); Vice President – Mark Whitaker (KD7KUN); Secretary – Curtis Hanner (N7MWC); Treasurer - Jim Etwiler (KD7BAT); Activity Manager – Mike Dinkelman (N7WA); Radio Officer - Harry Lewis (W7JWJ).

Trustees Present: Trustee #1 – Brendan Burget (KD7IKV); Trustee #2 - Steve Kaney (N7MUT); Trustee #3 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL); Trustee #4 - Mary (W7QGP); Trustee #5 – Alan Hughes (KB7SVU).

Visitors: Jan Van Allen (K7YH), Sam Sullivan (N7RHE), Dawn Humphrey (KC7YYB), Dan Humphrey (N7QHC), Wayne Heath (KC7ORB), and Ric (K7RIC)

Minutes Approval: Correct Repeater Model

information in 6-27 Board Meeting Minutes to the Vertex model VXR-5000 repeater from GE Master II

Motion made by Mark (KD7KUN) to approve the minutes as amended and seconded by Brendan (KD7IKV). The motion passes.

Officer Reports

COB: Alan Hughes (KB7SVU): Alan called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

President: Jack Grimmer (N7IHS): We should address the issue of outstanding keys.

Vice President: Mark Whitaker (KD7KUN): Application for Richard Pasquer (N7MER). The board approves his application for membership.

Secretary: Curtis Hanner (N7MWC): Sent thank you note to Brendan's mom, Laurie

Treasurer: Jim Etwiler (KD7BAT): \$500 for sent to Fort Flagler and a nice thank you was returned. Seed money has been given to Dawn for the picnic.

Activities Manager: Mike Dinkelman (N7WA): No program in August. We will have a small presentation from Carolyn on committees and then we will be attending the picnic. August 21 is the club night out at the Mariners Game.

Radio Officer: Harry Lewis (W7JWJ): We have extended our memorandum of understanding with ARES. Would like to move for approval of the Vertex VXR. Jack moves and Brendan 2nd that we vote to approve that Harry move forward with Vertex repeater selection. Motion carries.

Committees Liaison Reports

Technical: Steve (N7MUT): Got a list of old members of the technical committee. Has received interest from one person to be on the technical committee.

Public Service: Brendan Burget (KD7IKV): New committee chairman is Barry (KC7YB). Public Service committee now has 10 members.

Education: Steve (KD7IQL): We now have three people signed up for the next technical class. It will probably be cancelled because of lack of interest. Harry (W7JWJ): Only one person has signed up for the class, he recommends we cancel. New ARRL Video Course if almost identical to 1993 edition, Harry recommends that we don't purchase any at this time. Harry is organizing an amateur class for several police officers.

Facilities: Mary Lewis (W7QGP): We are working on purchasing and installing a new long

wire HF antenna for the Salvation Army

Field Day: Alan Hughes (KB7SVU): Field Day results were sent in Monday 7/23 in priority mail. 2-meter results could not be located.

Old Business

Steve (KD7IQL) makes a motion and Brendan (KD7IKV) seconds that we raise the By-Law changes from the table, motion carries. Alan Hughes: "As Chairman of the Board I have reviewed these proposals and find them without merit and therefore there will be no further consideration by the Board of these proposals."

Jack makes a motion that we approve the ARES memorandum of understanding until December 2001. Harry seconds. The motion carries.

New Business

Brendan (KD7IKV): Would like to have a banner that says "Communications Provided by Mike and Key ARC". Some discussion. Banners already exist. The Amateur radio community and not exclusively MKARC handle most events. We would like to have vests that have Mike and Key on them. The vests are to be worn at communication events. Some discussion. Brendan will move forward with a group order of communication vests. Brendan will research the details of the vests and the badges and / or silk screening and will present a proposal to the board.

Jack (N7IHS): No audit yet this year. Sam (N7RHE), Mark (KD7KUN), Steve (KD7IQL) and Dan (N7QHC) have all expressed interest in participating in the audit. Committee meeting should be scheduled soon.

Brendan (KD7IKV): Need an official schedule of events that occur monthly throughout the year.

Steve (N7MUT): Would like to see some specific tasks that the technical committee should take one. Discussed how to collect and share information about members such as Elmer's and special interests.

We need to appoint a chairman for the Christmas party. Jack (N7IHS) will look for someone to run the Christmas party.

There being no further business a motion by Steve (N7MUT) seconded by Brendan (KD7IKV) to adjourn was made, and the chairman closed the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Attested:
Curtis Hanner, N7MWC
Secretary

New Member

The Mike & Key ARC would like to welcome it's newest Member, Theodore Kamplaine, KD7MTY. Live lives in Renton and is a brand new Technician Licensee. He wants to become involved in ARES and Emergency Communication Services. You can get contact him at kamplaine@aol.com. Welcome to the to the most active and interesting Club in the Pacific Northwest Theodore!

Public Service Committee Minutes

The meeting began @ 1300 Hours, Saturday July 21st.
The meetings was held at the Renton IHOP.

We also have several sub chairpersons:

Mark Whitaker Emergency

Attending

Steve Cook KD7IQL
Kim Wolborsky KD7FYD

Dan Humphrey N7QHC
Dawn Humphrey KC7YYB
enroth N0YC
Carolyn Pasquier WV7Q

Mark Whitaker KD7KUN
Brendan Burget KD7IKV

Barry Wolborsky was ele

Major topics of discussion:

for the committee.

teur radio. Ideas included a large banner saying Comm
nications provided by Mike & Key ARC", Special patches
for M&K pub service communications, and conspicuous
ing Public Service committee badge hangers made for
nthly events list to be
posted at the general meetings or sent out on the refle
tor.

Last, but not least, we adopted a mission statement. To
increase awareness and promote involvement of amateur
ors in community activities and events. To
pr mote the activities of amateur radio to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 1530 hours.

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August-September 2001

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 12 RN | 13 | 14 DA | 15 | 16 PSN | 17 | 18 Club Meeting 10AM Picnic SSB NAQP MKN |
| 19 RN | 20 | 21 Club's Night Out: Mariners DA | 22 | 23 PSN | 24 | 25 Shoreline Parade |
| 26 RN | 27 | 28 DA | 29 Board Meeting 7PM | 30 PSN | 31 | 1 |
| 2 RN | 3 Labor Day Holiday | 4 DA | 5 | 6 PSN | 7 Relay Deadline | 8 Radio Club of Tacoma Hamfest <i>CW Sprint</i> |
| 9 RN | 10 | 11 DA | 12 | 13 PSN | 14 | 15 Club Meeting 10AM MKN <i>Salmon Run SSB Sprint</i> |

RN – ARES Regional Net, 8PM, 146.82

DA – ARES Damage Assmnt Net, 8PM, 146.82

PSN – Public Service Net, 7PM, 146.82

MKN – Mike & Key Net, 9:15AM, 146.82

Contests

