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## The Prez Sez

Club President Jack Grimmett, N7IHS



The Mike & Key ARC had another great event in August. It was the annual Club picnic. Dawn Humphrey (KC7YYB), who did a super job, chaired this year's event. The picnic was held right after the August Club meeting at the Cedar River Park in Renton. About 55-60 people attended.

Wayne Heath and his XYL Diane brought the 'Big Unit' and provided a great main course. This year they had the usual hamburgers and hotdogs but, in addition, they had barbecued ribs and corn-on-the-cob. The potluck provided by members was superb as always.

Calvin Doss (KC7IYP) set up a dis-

play of a number of 2-meter home brew antennas that he had constructed. There were a couple of card games and a lot of technical discussions going on during the picnic.

Rita Danielson (KD7CNU) won the award for the best hat; Carolyn Pasquier's (WV7Q) granddaughter won the award for the best juvenile poster. Brendon Burget (KD7IKV) had the best computer generated poster, and Vanessa Doss (KC7SFT) had the best hand drawn poster. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

Thanks Dawn for a great job of organizing.

Our next social event is the annual Christmas Party to be held in early December. Watch the Relay for details and plan on attending that event.

## September Program

Activity Manager Michael Dinkelman, N7WA



On December 7th, the 60th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor be observed. The North Kitsap County Amateur Radio Club will be sponsoring a special event station at the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport. The desire is to have 3 stations running various modes over two days and Amateur Radio Clubs from around the Puget Sound Area are invited to help participate. A 1x1 callsign is anticipated.

Bob Tomas, from the North Kitsap ARC will be visiting to present the details of this operation and to tell us how we can be in-

involved. Possibly, they may require operators and equipment. Certainly, if you are interested in participating, you will want to be on hand to hear Bob out, ask questions, and find out the details.

October's program is expected to be about the specialized activity known as meteor scatter. Jim K7ND will present the program for those interested in finding out about this unusual form of VHF/UHF operation. The newer digital modes and computer sound cards have created new excitement in this area.

I am still looking for presenters to come forth and talk about PSK31, HF gateways on the Internet, and Satellite. There is a wealth of knowledge in this Club, lets spread it around.

During this year's Renton River Days, the Club went beyond providing communications services and became a parade participant. Members dressed up the tower trailer (already in fine shape after reconstructive surgery), wore T-Shirts with Club logos and handed out literature and candy. When it was all over, the Club had even won a 2nd place trophy. Here are pictures from that memorable event. *(pictures courtesy of Alan Hughes)*



## RCT Special Event

In celebration of its 85th Anniversary, members of the Radio Club of Tacoma will be getting on the air and hosting an on-the-air event. Members of the Radio Club of Tacoma, W7DK, will be using the special event call sign W7K from 0000 UTC, October 20, 2001, to 0000 UTC, October 22, 2001.

**SPECIAL EVENT  
STATION W7K  
TO CELEBRATE  
85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
RADIO CLUB OF  
TACOMA**

A handsome certificate will be available to the amateur in each state and in each country who works the greatest number of club members. A special QSL card will also be available. Send your list to: The Radio Club of Tacoma, P. O. Box 11188, Tacoma, WA 98411, postmarked by November 30, 2001.

Suggested frequencies are the low end of each General class sub-band. The Radio Club of Ta-

## Christmas Party

No, it's not too early to start thinking about the Club's annual Christmas social. Ronnie and Mike LaFerla have agreed to Chair this event so watch these pages in upcoming months for details such as when, where, and how. This event is always great fun and it was a capacity crowd attending last year. Thanks to them both for agreeing to take on this job.

## Old-New Member

Richard Paquier N7MER was brought back into the fold of the Mike & Key in August along with his wife Jennifer. No stranger to the Club, Richard has re-joined after letting his membership lapse. According to his application, Richard wants to be involved in just about every aspect of Club activities so give him and his wife a hearty welcome back.

## Salmon Run

Unfortunately, I've gotten very little response for my call for Washington QSO Party (Salmon Run) participants. Possibly this event doesn't interest our membership? Either way—if nobody wants to play—it isn't worthwhile sponsoring an internal competition. However, rest assured that the main Salmon Run will go on as scheduled. If you were interested, please submit your logs to the WWDXC and try out for some of those tasty salmon prizes being given away.

The contest runs this coming weekend. Yeah, I know that's Club meeting weekend but you can take a couple hours off. Complete rules can be found elsewhere in the Relay on the WWDXC Web page at [www.wwdxc.org](http://www.wwdxc.org).

## 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 [w7dnc@arrl.net](mailto:w7dnc@arrl.net) or Lynn Burlingame at [n7cfo@ix.netcom.com](mailto:n7cfo@ix.netcom.com)

## Club's Night Out

Activity Manager Michael Dinkelman, N7WA

On August 21st, 100 members of the Mike & Key ARC, the WWDXC, and friends attended a sold out game at SafeCo Field as the Mariners played Detroit. Raining outside, the roof was closed but it was warm and dry inside. As a bonus, it was bat night for the kids. ( Please explain to me why it's illegal to have cans and bottles because they can be regarded as weapons but 20,000 baseball bats are OK?)

The game took off slowly but the action got hot in the 7th inning as the Mariners broke it open. Then it became a yawner again. Still, I think most people enjoyed themselves. Hopefully, you'll be able to say you were there the year the Mariners won the it all.



***Club's Night Out  
SafeCo Field  
August 21, 2001***

*(Gee Whiz—I paid \$50 for my application—ed)*

## Lower Vanity Fees

From the ARRL

The FCC says the fee for a new or renewed Amateur Radio vanity call sign will drop to \$12 on September 10. Applications received on or after that date will be subject to the new fee. The current vanity call sign fee is \$14.

The FCC proposed the lower fee last March in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for FY 2001. The FCC has estimated that 8000 applicants will apply for vanity call signs in the current fiscal year.

Earlier this year, the FCC also put paper and electronic vanity call sign applications on an equal footing in terms of processing priority. The FCC used to give priority to electronic applications for vanity call signs.

FCC rules stipulate refunds for applicants who inadvertently overpay a regulatory fee. Applicants who determine that they overpaid a vanity fee may request a refund in writing. Requests seeking a "Vanity Fee Overpayment Refund" go to FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245. Refund requests should indicate the date of application, the total fee paid, and the total refund owed.

For more information, visit the FCC Amateur Radio Web page, <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/amateur/VanityCS.html> .

## Fleamarket Kickoff

Michael Dinkelman, N7WA

On September 6th, the first meeting of the Mike & Key Fleamarket Committee was held. To be frank, it was a pretty dismal kickoff. Due to illness, work, and vacations—only six people were able to attend. Non-the-less, the 21st edition of the Mike & Key Fleamarket is on it's way. The following was the result of the meeting.

- Applied for ARRL Sanctioning
- Mailing labels requested
- Reviewed Insurance renewal requirements
- Changed Meetings to First Tuesday's , 7:30PM
- Ticket Drawing to include ticket "Color" along with number—i.e. Red 1234 or Grey 7567
- Workers who signup must include telephone num-

bers so they can be contacted regarding schedules (the roster is insufficient as many workers are not Club members)

- Elected Chairman—Hal Goodell, N7NW
- Reviewed financials and Flyer
- Determined Chairs and unfilled positions
  - Facilities—Hal, N7WA
  - Treasurer—Jim, KD7BAT
  - Registration—Diane KB7DNE
  - Publicity—Mike, N7WA
  - Loading Dock—open
  - Security—Alan, KB7SVU
  - VE—Frank, KA7QHG
  - Tickets—Ronnie, KC7UFS
  - Hospitality—open
  - Country Store—open
  - Public Address—Barry, KC7YB Kim, KD7FYD
  - Setup—Mike, N7WA

The next meeting of the Committee will be October 2nd, at 7:30PM. If you are interested in the organization of the Flea Market —please attend. In the mean time, worker signup sheets will be available at all Club meetings from September to February. Worker badges will be distributed at the February meeting to those who have signed up by January. The earlier you sign up, the easier it is for the Chair to make up schedules and get them distributed. The date of the Fleamarket is March 9th, 2002. Setup occurs March 8th. As a member you directly benefit from this event through reduced dues, Club sponsored events, this newsletter, and the public services we support. There are few reasons that any Club member should not be an active participant of this event as a worker or a vendor. If that sounds harsh—it should. Else, let's start thinking about dues in the \$25 a year range or more.

# 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 stations. 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.

## Silent Key

Larry Smith, AB7FJ

Sad news. On Thursday, 30 August 2001 at 0830, we lost a very good friend and member of the Mike and Key Club. Dale Brown, KC7ICB, died in the Seattle VA Hospital of cancer. Dale was with me at the last Mike & Key Field Day. Now he is with God. I feel for his family, they had to watch their mother die of cancer not more than a year ago and now they had to watch their father pass under similar circumstances. I am very close to Dale's family and this has taken a huge toll on them. I will miss Dale - He and I did everything together - I was lucky to have a friend such as Dale.

## Technical Committee Report

Steve Kaney, N7MUT

I only got one reply when I asked when the best time for a meeting time of the Technical Committee would be. The suggestion was that it be just after the club meeting. So, after the September meeting it is. Come prepared to elect a chairman and maybe a secretary and have some ideas for what we should be pursuing as activities. The only idea currently on the table is an 'Ask Elmer' column for the Relay or as part of the meeting. Special Events is also under our authority and to me that means OPERATING! I would like to see a club presence in the November Sweepstakes. Any idea is welcome even if it seems wacky or infeasible; it might trigger another idea that works.

## Selected ARRL Reports

From the ARRL Letter

### FCC WANTS EXPLANATION FOR ALLEGED INTERFERENCE DURING DECLARED EMERGENCY

The FCC apparently wants to let the amateur community know that it intends to put teeth into its infrequent emergency declarations. The Commission has written William C. Dennison, KOVCD, seeking an explanation for interference it alleges the Springfield, Missouri, amateur caused to an emergency net after the FCC declared a general communications emergency on June 10.

In a letter to Dennison on August 16, FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth called Dennison's apparent failure to abide by the emergency declaration "a serious breach of the amateur rules."

Because of severe flooding in Texas and Louisiana, the FCC had declared 3.873 and 7.285 MHz--plus or minus 3 kHz--off limits to all but flood emergency traffic. Agents say they monitored Dennison on 75 meters later that evening, operating in the vicinity of--and causing interference to--an emergency net. At one point, the FCC said, Dennison moved onto the net's frequency to challenge the net control station.

FCC agents at the Commission's High Frequency Direction Finding Facility in Columbia, Maryland, were maintaining a watch on 3.873 and 7.285 MHz when Dennison was heard. After determining that Dennison's signal--on 3.875 and subsequently 3.876 MHz--was interfering with the net, an FCC agent telephoned Dennison to make sure that he was aware of the communications emergency and requesting that he change fre-

quency.

The FCC continued to monitor Dennison's signal "splattering onto the net" on 3.873 MHz, Hollingsworth said in his letter. Dennison is said to have commented on the air regarding the telephone call from the FCC, then moved to 3.873 MHz, where he contacted the emergency net control station to challenge the net's use of HF rather than 2 meters for the emergency traffic. Hollingsworth told ARRL that Dennison subsequently either moved away from the net's frequency or went off the air, and the net experienced no further problems.

Hollingsworth requested that Dennison, a General class licensee, respond to the letter within 20 days with a detailed explanation of his operation during the periods detailed in the letter.

### ITU ADOPTS RECOMMENDATION ON AMATEUR QUALIFICATIONS

The International Telecommunication Union has adopted a recommendation that outlines basic qualifications for Amateur Radio operators worldwide. Recommendation ITU-R M.1544, Minimum qualifications of radio amateurs, states that minimal operational and technical qualifications are necessary for proper operation of an amateur or amateur-satellite station. It recommends that any person seeking an amateur license at least be able to demonstrate specific theoretical knowledge of radio regulations, radiocommunication methods, radio systems, radio emission safety, electromagnetic compatibility, and RF interference avoidance and resolution.

"The international Radio Regulations have long required that administrations take such measures as they judge necessary to

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## A Mobile Quest

**Michael Dinkelman, N7WA**

Six years ago, I went barnstorming around Eastern Washington with Wayne/ K6DOW, during the first Salmon Run sponsored by the WWDXC. I've related that story in these pages and to many of you personally. IT WAS A BLAST! Every year since, I've been determined to "do it again".

This year, I thought I would make it. I certainly got the closest I've ever been. I had picked up a nice used IC735 in the Spring and a DK-3 Screwdriver antenna in August. I even had a volunteer driver. Yet, time and vehicles have conspired against me again.. I actually man-

aged to figure out how to mount the antenna but never got the radio wired up. Then, when my chosen vehicle started acting up, I decided discretion was called for (don't wanna get stuck out in the Coulees) and canceled the idea for 2001. Bummer! However, 2002 is looking real good now. Surely I can get it all done in 12 months—eh?

I hope some of you that have the capability will go out and put some of those rare county's on next weekend. Or, you could try it from home. Either way, if you do, please drop a line to the Relay and tell us how you did. However, watch out next year, you just might find me finally bombing down those Eastern Washington roads with paddles in one hand and the steering wheel in another.....

*CQ Contest!*

### General Meeting Minutes, August 18, 2001

#### **Officers present:**

President – Jack Grimmert (N7IHS); Vice President – Mark Whitaker (KD7KUN); Secretary – Curtis Hanner (N7MWC); Treasurer – Jim Etzwiler (KD7BAT); Activity Manager & Relay Editor – Mike Dinkelman (N7WA); 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 – 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.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Brendan (KD7IKV) and seconded by Steven (KD7IQL) to approve the minutes of the July meeting as printed in the Relay. The motion was approved.

#### **Officer Reports**

**President:** Jack (N7IHS): We are having a sale of HAM equipment. Also have a sample jacket from Hot Press on display in the back if anyone is interested in ordering.

**Vice President:** Mark (KD7KUN): One family membership application for C. Richard Pasquier (N7MER) and Jennifer M Pasquier. They were voted in as new members.

**Secretary:** Curtis (N7MWC): No report

**Treasurer:** Jim (KD7BAT): Been a couple months since he has been present. Would like to thank Jack for filling in while he was out. Picnic and office supplies are most of the major expenses paid out lately.

**Activity Manage & Relay:** Mike (N7WA): Baseball game is Tuesday. Ric won the First to Fifty Contest. He will be getting a plaque soon.

**Radio Officer:** Harry (W7JWJ): Fire situation in Eastern Washington is getting very serious. Monitor 39.70 is you have the capability. There was a request for someone with a 4-wheel drive who can also monitor HAM and Forest Service frequencies.

### Standing Committee Reports

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

**Parade:** Wayne was in charge of our entry in the Renton River Days Parade. We won second place in our division. We lost out to Kennedale. Thanks for all the hams who helped out and participated.

**Nils:** So much effort has been put in to get awarded the award we did get. He would like the board to gold plate the nail in recognition of the hard effort.

**Carolyn (WV7Q):** Committee Awareness Day: We are a committee driven club and a member driven club. Steve is the liaison for the technical committee, but there is currently no chairperson. Brendan is the liaison for public service committee; public service committee publishes the public service handbook. The committee is expanding to be a group that is active year round. Mary Lewis is the Chairman for the Education and Training committee. Strategic Planning committee is charged with long range planning. Alan Hughes in the liaison for the strategic Planning Committee. It is being reformed, so if you are interested this is a good time to join. This committee is charged with determining the club mission, vision and goals. We also have seasonal committees, such as Field Day, that are not active all year. Field Day Committee meets annually to prepare for Field Day. Flea Market Committee is another committee that only meets for part of the year. Hal, N7NW is the committee chair. Kickoff committee meeting is first Thursday of September. There are other events that are organized by the members such as Christmas Party, Annual Banquet and the picnic.

**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](http://www.mikeandkey.com/pubserve.htm) or call Gary at 253-661-7882.

### Old Business

### New Business

There being no further business Steven (KD7IQL) moved to adjourn and Brenda (KD7IKV), seconded the motion, Jack (N7IHS) closed the meeting at 11:09 AM.

Attested:  
Curtis Hanner, N7MWC  
Secretary

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**Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club  
Board Meeting Minutes, August 29, 2001**

**Officers present:** President Jack Grimmatt (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 Lewis (W7QGP); Trustee #5 – Alan Hughes (KB7SVU).

**Visitors:**

Dawn Humphrey (KC7YYB), Dan Humphrey (N7QHC), Sam Sullivan (N7RHE)

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Motion made by Steve to approve the minutes as amended and seconded by Brendan. The motion passes.

**Officer Reports**

**COB:** Alan Hughes (KB7SVU): Will do a silent auction for two old field day antennas at the next general meeting. One antenna is for 15 meters and the other is for 20.

**President:** Jack Grimmatt (N7IHS): No report

**Vice President:** Mark Whitaker (KD7KUN): 3 Applications for membership. Lives in Bellevue. Network Administration for Issaquah School District. Technician and had a license for 8 years. Interested in road races and Seafair. N7WJC Greg Wilson. Sponsored by Mark Whitaker. #2 Rachael Danielson. Ric's daughter. Middle school student interested in field day. No license. #3 Mike Ekens K7OV. All three were unanimously approved by the board.

**Secretary:** Curtis Hanner (N7MWC): QSL Cards will be stored in the locked closet at the Salvation Army.

**Treasurer:** Jim Etwiler (KD7BAT): Received an \$8 dollar donation, will put in the coffee fund. Presented a financial report to the board, which was reviewed.

**Activities Manager/ RELAY Editor:** Mike Dinkelman (N7WA): September 7, 2001 is the deadline for the next RELAY. In September we hope to have the Kitsap ARC come give a presentation on an upcoming event. October we have a program on meteor scatter. Flea Market meeting is next Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Radio Officer:** Harry Lewis (W7JWJ):

**Committees Liaison Reports**

**Public Service:** Brendan Burget (KD7IKV): Cost of the pamphlet has become an issue. One idea was to sell ads to help cover the costs of production. Another idea is to have a school's graphic arts program do the printing for us to lower the cost. We are considering selling ¼, ½ and full page ads. Would like to send out a flyer soliciting ads in the pre-

registration materials for the flea market. Also working on a skills, interest, equipment database to be used to match up members with requests.

**Education:** Mary Lewis (W7QGP): Will not be at the next club meeting because she will be teaching a class.

**Facilities:** Mary Lewis (W7QGP): Please get the trailer title to the secretary for safekeeping.

**Technical:** Steve Kaney (N7MUT): Had thirteen members sign up to be on the technical committee. There has not yet been a technical committee meeting.

**Old Business**

Sam distributed definitions of a "policy" and a "procedure". To be used in making changes to the clubs policies and procedures.

Jack makes a motion that "We issue service awards quarterly starting in October 2001. To be distributed at the October meeting." Steve seconds the motion. The motion carries.

**New Business**

Mark is getting down to the last of his supplies for patches and pins. Brendan located a quote for pins and patches from March of 2001. We will delay the purchase until next year. It will be included in next years budget.

Nils brought up the issue at the last general meeting of the need to have a QSL manager. Jim Christianson used to keep a file open at the QSL bureau. Alan makes a motion that "Jo shall be the club QSL manager". Brendan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carries.

There has been a request to the club to provide communications assistance to the Washington Dog Sled race. The issue will be turned over to the public service committee.

Do we want to put the articles of incorporation on the web site? General consensus is no.

Do we want to put a membership application on the web? Some discussion about it. Jack makes a motion that "To not include the membership application on the web page pending further discussion." Harry seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Steve Cook brings up the issue of the need for a new generator. It should be seriously looked at for next years budget.

There being no further business a motion by Brendan seconded by Steve to adjourn was made, and the chairman closed the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Attested:  
Curtis Hanner, N7MWC  
Secretary

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verify the operational and technical qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station," observed International Amateur Radio Union Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ. "In anticipation of changes that are likely to be made in the amateur and amateur-satellite service regulations at the next World Radiocommunication Conference, the new recommendation provides additional definition to these qualifications without reducing the prerogative of an administration to set its own standards."

Recommendation M.1544 came about as part of the IARU's multi-year effort to prepare for the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference, where delegates will consider possible revision of Article S25 of the international Radio Regulations.

Revision of Article S25 of the international Radio Regulations.

IARU President Larry E. Price, W4RA, said that establishing uniform minimum qualifications for Amateur Radio operators should help in the area of mutual recognition of amateur licenses for international roaming "and particularly for cross-border movement of amateur operators for disaster communications." Having the recommendation in place, he explained, makes it possible to maintain an ITU document on Amateur Radio operator qualifications within oversight of the ITU-R Study Group and avoids the cumbersome process of modifying Article S25 of the Radio Regulations. ITU Recommendations are available from the ITU electronic bookshop <<http://ecs.itu.ch/cgi-bin/ebookshop>>. -- IARU news release

## From the Writer's Block

Michael Dinkelman, N7WA

The Relay looks a bit thin this month. I guess the Honeymoon is over. The articles have been harder to come by, the Committee reports have dwindled to nil, and I'm using a lot of space for pictures..... It shouldn't be.

This Club has approximately 200 members. (OK, I'll grant you only half are active but that's still almost 100 people.) We have 5 standing Committees and a variety of special Committees. We have several special events each year. With all those people and Committees—stuff is going on but it's not making the Relay.

Alright, dump the idea of Committee reports—maybe they're boring anyway. What's going on in your life? Did you get a new radio? Try a new communications mode? Upgrade your license? Get a neat QSL card? Work a new all-time country? Win a contest? Build a kit? Put up an antenna or tower? Teach a class? Tell us about it!

I'll be honest with you—the most enjoyable articles I have read in the past 6 months have been Jo Hallstrom's DXploits and the raising of Tyler by Mitch Gill. Not to single these people out but I enjoy personal stories relating the **JOY** and **EXCITEMENT** of doing and living Ham Radio. So, what about the rest of you? What has gotten YOU excited in radio the past couple months? Write it down—send it in.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 RN	10	11 DA	12	13 PSN	14	15 Club Meeting 10AM Salmon Run NAQP MKN
16 Salmon Run RN	17	18 DA	19	20 PSN	21	22
23 RN	24	25 DA	26 Board Meeting 7PM	27 PSN	28	29
30 RN	1	2 DA	3	4 PSN	5	6 California QSO Party
7 RN	8	9 DA	10	11 PSN	12 Relay Deadline	13

**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**

