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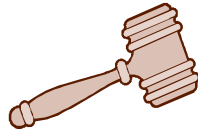
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Elections and Budgets

Submitted by Michael , N7WA



This is one of those good news / bad news types of events. The good news is that Mitch Gill, K7TUT, has found the employment opportunity he has been seeking. The bad news is that it means he cannot uphold the duties and responsibilities of his position as Trustee. He tendered his resignation at the last Board meeting and it was accepted. We all wish Mitch well in his new position and can only hope he will be able to adjust his schedule in the future for regular participation in the Mike & Key.

The Bylaws state the position is now open for nominations and an election must be held as soon as possible to fill the position. The position will be held for the remainder of original term (until April 2004) A review is in order—just what does a Trustee do? There are 5 trustees. Responsibilities include oversight of the Board and the Club. Additionally, the Chairman of the Board is elected from the

Trustee ranks. Each Trustee is entrusted to guide (not run, just guide) one of the 5 standing committees—Mitch's was the Education Committee but new assignments may be requested in April.

Any member in good standing (paid up dues) may run. Volunteers are welcome or you may have someone nominate you. Frankly, I like the volunteer idea myself—that's how I became Trustee the first time (as a one month old member of the Club) and I've never regret it since.

It's Fall. For the Club, that means we are approaching the end of another fiscal year. The Board is required to submit the 2003 budget to membership for approval by December. This Board has indicated it would like to start the budgeting process a bit earlier. If there are items you think should be addressed in the 2003 budget—your time to speak up is now.

One item to note is the Club has been running a deficit the past couple years. Personally, I am loath to continue that trend despite the healthy bank account. You should let the Board know what YOU think.

September Program and Club Events



If you were at Field Day, you may have noticed Rick, NU7Z, playing around with a weird collection of radio equipment and antennas. Rick is a leader in the local UHF community and will be coming down to talk to us about the latest in operating above 450MHz. Come find out what you can do with those frequencies (besides defrosting dinner). For newcomers to the Club, Rick is a past member and leader of

the Club and quite knowledgeable in VHF/UHF activities and techniques. Let's give him a warm welcome .

Also coming up at this Club meeting, there will be a non-Ham type of contest. For those who wish to enter, we will be having a homemade Jelly/Jam contest and yes... there are prizes. See the article inside the Relay.

I started asking in July. It's now September and we still don't have a Christmas Party Chair. I think the Board was pretty unanimous in it's opinion at the Board Meeting. No Chair—No Party. See a Board member if you are interested.

Picnic Report

By Dawn Humphry, KC7YYB

Now a message from the '02 "Picnic Chair" KC7YYB. Those of you who do not get the "reflector" need to know that the picnic was a success. The weather was beautiful and the place seemed to be just right despite having no power or water available. The food was just great as usual.

Our sincere "Thanks" to Nils, whose generator was made available for the ice cream freezers. Even then, the yummy delights refused to set up so we had "fruit soup". It was a challenge to eat but tasted ever so good! Oh yeah, the winner, determined by the Picnic Chair, was the Peach Iced Soup which was challenged by two Blueberry challengers. Congratulations go to Carolyn and crew who tackled many obstacles in order to come out victorious.

The only "glitches" were a lack of signage for those unfamiliar with the way into the park, so were not able to find it. [Note: If it is held there again next year, that will have to be addressed.] Then, there was the gust of wind that upended the "cribbage cabana". After a brief scrimmage, the game continued sans covering. Oh yes, one late comer that missed out on the hot foods, due to a miscue in the web site. [Note 2: Picnic Chair must make sure that website reflects true details of the event]. Very

sorry for that folks! As a result, we missed some "world famous" chocolate cake.

The "entertainment" was enjoyed by both audience and participants. You'll have to ask those who went, but even this "over 50" picnic chairperson participated in a most exhilarating and laugh producing exercise.

Thanks to the "camp cook" and his wife for their wonderful job; without which, our picnics wouldn't be half as enjoyable. Wayne and Dianne you do good work! Thank You.

Thanks to all who attended, because without you all adding your contributions to the mix, there'd be no picnic at all. The presence of you and your families is what it's all about.

Wanted: 2003 Picnic Chairperson. The ground work has been laid. The club seems to enjoy having it on the same day as the meeting. The Renton Parks Dept. opens the reservations for non residents after January, but if the new Picnic Chair is a resident they can get in there and cement the site now. The consensus of opinion was that having the park be close to the meeting place really made it handy. We've been to two of them now, so you have a choice. With the "Big Unit" and company willing to preside, the rest is a snap. Be thinking about it, when your president asks who will take on the job, OK?

Field Day Data?

Submitted by Steve Cook, KD7IQL

I am looking for old Field Day records to complete those already in my possession. In particular, the years that I need are 1984 through 1991 and 1994. I am looking for the number of contacts per band and on what modes of communications. I will take any format of data including hard copy.

Thanks for your help.

Yup, I am here this month too!

Submitted by Jan, K7YH

Remember I said I had lost my July article in the depths of my computer? I did and but I thought it would still be valid. So for what it is worth...here it is.....

I have been contemplating what I should address this month, QST has some neat articles about antennas, and its Field Day this weekend, and many are headed for Fort Flagler. Tonight you will be trying little John's lightly seasoned chili and Beans. I have always wondered what the big deal with the chili was, I mean, in an organization that promotes togetherness and working together why would they be eating beans and chili? Harkens back to the scene in Blazing Saddles where all of the bad guys are eating supper. No reason to say more, I just hope it's breezy up there this weekend. Last time I ate some of that concoction I had to add a whole bunch of garlic and

hot sauce to give it a little flavor.

So, what should I digress on this month? Well, I think Field Day is something that is a little close, but not quite. Field Day is an exercise in emergency preparedness, and it is a contest to see how many stations you can contact in twenty-four hours. That is what we are going to discuss; the chase! Oh not for Field Day, but for you. I am sure there are many of you, whose only experience in the chase is Field Day. There are other chases that are linked to Field Day. There are many in the Ham community who have obtained their Worked All States during Field Day. Working from home on their own call, it is an excellent time to hone your contesting skills, and enter the paper chase. After working all of the States you select the stations you wish to use, and send them a QSL card with a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope). When you have all of the responses on a file, you submit them for counting to an official Verifying Officer, Jim K7ND is ours. Shortly there after you will receive your

WAS certificate.

Having accomplished this task you, you have officially entered the paper chase. You may ask what is a paper chaser, and is it contagious? We are all paper chasers to some extent. We seek to retain some record of our operating prowess. A "Wall Hanging" for shack visitors to admire. They are our trophies. A visible record of radio accomplishments. Some who have not had operating conditions, or practices will disdainfully declare, "I aren't no paper hanger" meaning they have not tried to obtain some of the awards that can be obtained.

You can, I can, we all can, and IT CAN BE LOTSA FUN! Look in the ARRL Operating Manual and see what is required to obtain them. Reproductions of the certificates that are obtainable are in the manual also. Many are quite beautiful. This day of thousands of operators and limited frequencies have given rise to nets that enable you to make those scarce contacts that you are hunting, or you may prefer to do it the old fashioned way, work it yourself. That takes longer, but produces more satisfaction in the end. This is just another attribute to the hobby that you may not have been introduced to, But I hope this this article has spurred your interest, and you will investigate this most satisfying area of the hobby. Think I am blowing smoke, naaa, just ask your vice President, KB7UFM. I was there for her first contact, and one of the VE's who tested her on up thru the ranks to Extra Class. She has a real good start on a wall full, and will willingly share her knowledge with you. And believe me, you do not need a beam, amplifier and 8 thousand buck transceivers. Its mostly technique and conditions. Good luck, Good Hunting , and may all your contacts be rare ones.

Announcing Spring Cleaning a'la Testosterone. Submitted by Helen:

Do men just play dumb when it comes to cleaning? Is this an obvious attempt to avoid any sort of housework? I used to think so, but now I think it may have something to do with a testosterone brain block or something.

Last year my house barely survived our annual spring cleaning day. In fact, both the fire department and the American Red Cross still have us on their monthly check-in list. So this year, when the time came to divvy up the chores and dig into spring cleaning, I made a cheat sheet of sorts for my husband to refer to:

Broom (brum) - a long handled brush used for sweeping (also doubles as a mode of transportation for your mother)

Vacuum (vak' u em) - much like the leaf blower except it sucks in, instead of blowing out. Don't let this alarm you. It isn't broken and doesn't need more torque, speed, RAM

or whatever it is you did to the dishwasher.

Dust Pan (DUH) - Contrary to popular belief, this is where you sweep the dirt, not under the hallway area rug.

Dust Cloth (dust kloth) - A cloth designated for removing tiny particles of dirt from every flat surface of the house. Hint: look for your old "lucky shirt".

Bucket (buk' it) - Cylindrical container used for holding soapy water when mopping the floor. Also known as your mid-evil knight helmet when you're playing with our seven-year-old.

Mop (mop) - a bundle of coarse yarn, rags or cloth fastened at the end of a stick. You'll remember this as your dance partner at the New Year's Eve party last year.

Toilet Brush (toi' lit brush) - Used for scrubbing the inside of the toilet bowl. I don't care what this looks like, you may NOT use my shower luffa again!

Oven Cleaner (uv' en Klen' er) - No, not the teenager. This is an actual product that you buy, spray in the oven and wipe out two hours later. You won't need your welder's mask for this task, but if it makes you feel more dangerous, go ahead.

Sponge (spunj) - used to gently wash away food particles from dinnerware. It won't be necessary to use your 300psi Power wash set. That was given to you in hopes of cleaning the exterior of the house (hint hint).

Squeegee (skwe' je) - Same principle as washing the car windshield, and yes, real men do squeegee!

Final Note: While Duct tape may be a wonderful plumbers aid, it's really not the best solution for keeping the bathroom towels in place, and Pat's teacher is still asking why his homework was stuck to his forehead last week. For these reasons, I have hidden the duct tape and distributed your picture to the local hardware stores. Don't make me call Duct Tape Anonymous again.

Take your time, everything will be fine. If you need me, I'll be in the basement cleaning up the smoke damage from your "do it yourself" electrical rewiring incident last week.



Poit: *I am often amazed at my wife's understanding and her writing style is much like mine too!*

Sights and Sounds

Submitted by Sonrise/KC7YYB

At the last board meeting, it was again lamented that we seem to be losing members at about the same rate as we are gaining them. The attrition rate shouldn't be that much! What's happening? What can we as individuals and club members do to encourage members to come back or not leave in the first place? We don't seem to be having too much trouble attracting new applicants, but keeping them once they've become members seems to be another story.

A very old bit of wisdom is that "to have friends, you must show yourself friendly." Are we taking it upon ourselves to seek out newcomers and make them feel welcome? Are we remembering what we felt like when we first joined? If you don't happen to be blessed with an extroverted personality, of whom it may be said, "never met a stranger in their life" you probably came in sat down, and began to wonder why you came in the first place until you were lucky enough to find someone you did know after all, or someone came over and made you feel welcome by introducing themselves and found out about your interests and what brought you to the club.

What my suggestion would be is look around, if you see someone that you haven't seen before, or seems to be sitting all alone, invite them to your table, or go sit with them. Really, it won't hurt you a bit!! You might even find that you made a new friend, and we can never have enough friends, right???

On the negative side, you might find someone who really rubs you the wrong way. Well, think of it this way, pretend that person is your superior on the job, and you only have to be nice to them a certain length of time and the rest of the time you can be at peace with the world. Club contacts can be looked at in the same way. You might not want to socialize with them outside the club, but after, all the reason you joined was because you had at least one thing in common with everyone else in the club and that's HAM RADIO as a service and/or a hobby.

The other thing that might be discouraging our members is that some say they came to LEARN something from some of you more experienced hams and they are too shy to ask, or not sure just what it is they need to know, so aren't able to "speak the language" so to speak. Then you guys just play dumb instead of being willing to take them under your wing and do as Gib was willing to do and SHARE your knowledge without making them feel dumb as doorknobs. There's a certain amount of pride in knowing that you just helped someone learn something that you've just taken for granted, once you learned it. Try it, and you'll remember what it was like when you first discovered something that "EVERYONE" else seemed to know (by osmosis?) already!

The last item of observation I have is; It never hurts to be appreciative of what someone has done for you/us by saying "Thank You" or complimenting something you observe as having been a difficult achievement. More "burn-out" occurs from lack of appreciation I've observed, than from actual participation. Listen to the comments by people who have taken on tasks such as banquet organizer, or being club officers, when they've knocked themselves out trying to do something that no one else was willing to step up to the plate and do, when all they've gotten for their efforts was bellyaching. Is it any wonder that they decline when asked to do it again???

How often do they get someone who says "let me know how I can help!?" How often before or after a meeting, or a party/banquet, do people tend to ignore that tables and chairs need to be taken care of? Clean up needs to be done? It falls to a very few individuals who faithfully do the task and worry, if gone, if someone else will step up to the plate and get the job done.

Boy, this sounds like a parent scolding their child for being rude and/or selfish! Well, I'm not your parent! We can both be thankful for that! However; if any of the observations I've stated just happen to prick your conscience, I'm hoping that at the next meeting, I'll be seeing many of you who have never done anything more than come to the meeting, sit in your same spots, mutter about the same faults of some one or other, decide that with the turning of the Fall leaves, you'll be thinking about how YOU can make the rest of us happy we belong to one of the BEST DARN AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS IN THE AREA!!!

One final note: In case you think that I myself feel that I haven't been guilty of any of the above mentioned "sins" of omission, or commission, I'd be deceiving both of us if I even pretended that it wasn't so. Perhaps, maybe why I've been so able to see some of these faults is because, I've had the mirror of conscience held up in front of me, and it wasn't a pretty sight folks! I'm just as guilty as some of the rest of you, and it is my pledge that I'm going to try harder to raise my own standards of conduct at the meetings, which will in turn make them more enjoyable not just for others, but I'll get the fallout from the warmth and camaraderie with others in the club as well.

Flea Market 2003 Submitted by Michael, N7WA

No, this year, we didn't have the traditional kick-off meeting in September for our annual fleamarket. Lest you think that indicates we are running late or behind—think again. The database is up and running. All pre-registrations are entered. The vendor mailing list is compiled and letters printed. Flyers are at the Radio Club of Tacoma display at the Puyallup Fair Hobby Hall.

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And... last but not least, sanctioning has been requested from the ARRL.

Of course, this is only the beginning. It was just felt that with our experienced team, that the additional meeting really wasn't needed this year. However, the October 3rd meeting (7:30PM Salvation Army HQ) remains as originally scheduled. All Chairs are asked to attend. Anybody else who is interested in the Fleamarket is welcome and encouraged to attend as well.

At the meeting, we will be reviewing last year's event—successes and failures—and the run to 2003. In

light of the economy and despite the increase in costs, prices are remaining at same level they have been for the last 5 years. As such, there will be a concerted effort to reduce costs and increase attendance.

I will be having the flyers printed up in the next month. I sure appreciate the help over the past couple years in getting them labeled. Let me know if you are available to do so this November.

One last reminder—the Fleamarket will be March 8th. Do yourself a favor and tell the boss to reserve a day of vacation so you can be there for setup on March 7th. You don't want to miss any part of the biggest and best Ham event in the Pacific Northwest.

Sticky Fingers

Submitted by Michael, N7WA

Every year, about this time, the Puyallup Fair rolls around. I really enjoy the Fair. It usually coincides with my annual vacation and Diane and I love going down opening day. We check out the 4-H cat show, the farms animals, the Hobby Hall Ham Radio display (sign that log), and well, just about everything except the rides. A favorite for me is to check out the homemade canning efforts on the second floor of the Pavilion. I enjoy canning—Jelly, Jam, fruits, pickles, even Salsa. I grow it, I can it, I eat it. I am sure there are other members or family in the Club who enjoy canning as well. In honor of the Fair and to test our internal abilities, we will be having a non-Ham contest this Club meeting—our own homemade Jelly/Jam contest. Except we are going to take it one step further.

You see, down at the Fair, the Jellies and Jams are judged on their looks. Nobody ever tastes the stuff. Well, we are going to have some freshly home baked bread available, we're going to open those jars up, and eat the stuff. Members will judge the best entry. You can

base your winner on looks, taste, smell...whatever.

Here are the rules:

- Each entry will be assigned a number and judging will be based on the entry number. You can identify the type of entry (Raspberry Jam, Peach Marmalade, etc) but not who made it.
- No commercial products posing as homemade.
- Members and immediate family can submit entries. Submit as many different entries as you wish.
- Entries must have been processed in calendar year 2002

Please try to have your entries at the Salvation Army HQ by 9:30AM so people can have a to chance judge them. Judging will continue until the start of the program (after the break).

Oh, did I mention? There will be prizes.

General Meeting Minutes, 08-17-02

Officers present:

-President – Jack Grimmett (N7IHS); -Vice President – Jo Hallstrom (KB7UFM); -Secretary – Kim Wolborsky (KD7FYD); Treasurer – Jim Etzwiler (KD7BAT); -Radio Officer - Ken Rau (K7YR)

Trustees Present:

-Trustee #1 & COB– Brendan Burget (KD7IKV); -Trustee #3 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL); Trustee #4 – Mitch Gill (K7TUT); -Trustee #5 – Alan Hughes (KB7SVU);

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 Jim NYHKO, and seconded by Dave, KBJERF to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the Relay. The motion was approved.

Officer Reports

President: Jack (N7IHS): Nothing to report.

Vice President: Jo (KB7UFM): 3 new members, none are here today. Also 3 prospective members, not present.

Secretary: Kim (KD7FYD): Has The Logger's Bark. Also our refund check from the insurance company finally arrived.

Treasurer: Jim (KD7BAT):

Activity Manage & Relay: Mike (N7WA):

Radio Officer: Ken Rau (K7YR) Went through equipment trailers, secured and inventoried. Amplifier should arrive in a week or so.

Standing Committee Reports

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

Facilities: Steve Cook (KD7IQL): Inventoried equipment, electronic copy is available now, will be in Relay next month. About 200 feet of rope will be scrapped, take if you want. Everything else is in good shape.

Strategic Planning: Barry (KC7YB): Not present

Technical: Jack (N7IHS):

Public Service Committee: Brendan (KD7IKV): Not meeting today, will meet next month.

Education: Mitch (K7TUT): Not present.

Picnic: Dawn Humphrey (KC7YYB): She is setting up at the picnic.

Public Service Events: 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.

Alligator Award: Calvin (KC7IYP): Armano (N7VIQ), will be receiving the alligator, hand delivered by Calvin.

Old Business: None

New Business

Lloyd Haverman (WA7HNY): Eric Gronau, K7EFG, had a brain injury in a car accident, and has lost some mobility in his right side. He is at Good Samaritan hospital in Puyallup.

Also, Lloyd has a flyer on cross field antennas. In Europe, were able to cover with 30,000 watts the same field that needed 100,000 watts with a normal antenna. Scott will write an article for the relay.

Jim M. (N7HKO): Pat Nicholson looking for new members for the Pierce County Medical Emergency Service. Phone number is 253-222-2236 Repeater 147.41.

Ted (N0YC): Looking for help to support the Saturday, September 14th American Heart Association Walk. About 3000 participants are expected. Need 4 more people.

Steve Cook KD7IQL: Looking for older members, information for field days from 1984-1991. Missing records for those years.

Nils (W7RUJ): Our honorary member from Norway, Leif Skorr, is coming back to Seattle next week, will be here for a couple of weeks.

Jack: Insulated vest \$80.00 made by Hot Press with embroidery, have sizes up to 6x. They have a donated a medium size jacket to be raffled, along with 9 hats at next club meeting. They have also volunteered to make special award caps for the club. Brendan noted that Hot Press supports us continuously, so please consider them first.

Ham radio site: AC6V.COM

Fred: wm7d.net or wm7d.com? Allows you to search for other hams.

Good of the Order

There being no further business Brendan KD7IKV moved to adjourn and Nils (W7RUJ), seconded the motion, Jack (N7IHS) closed the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Attested: Kim Wolborsky, KD7FYD, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes, 08-28-2002

Officers present: President Jack Grimmett (N7IHS); Vice President – Jo Hallstrom (KB7UFM); Secretary – Kim Wolborsky (KD7FYD); Treasurer - Jim Etwiler (KD7BAT); Activity Manager – Mike Dinkelman (N7WA)

Trustees Present: Trustee #1 & COB – Brendan Burget (KD7IKV); Trustee #2 - Barry Wolborsky (KC7YB); Trustee #3 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL); Trustee #4 - Mitch Gill (K7TUT);

Visitors: Dawn Humphrey (KC7YYB), Dan Humphrey (N7QHC), Nils Hallstrom (W7RUJ)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

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

Officer Reports

COB: Brendan Burget (KD7IKV): Nothing to report

President: Jack Grimmett (N7IHS): Nothing to report.

Vice President: Jo Hallstrom (KB7UFM): Application from John McDowell (KD7SLK), new ham, tech, would like to attend field day, flea market, public service, Jo recommends, Barry (KC7YB) seconds, passed. Jo and Nils sponsored him.

Secretary: Kim Wolborsky (KD7FYD): Gave Jim (KD7BAT) the refund check from insurance company, and one dues check.

Treasurer: Jim Etwiler (KD7BAT): Just got dues from last meeting, and from people approved at last board meeting. Received \$325.00 from insurance company. Disbursements were for refreshments at the picnic, Dawn's bills for picnic are still outstanding. Thinks he now has all field day expenses.

Activities Manager: Mike Dinkelman (N7WA): Rick Beatty (NU7Z) will give the September program on uhf/vhf microwave. 13th September is the next Relay due date. There will be an in-club homemade jelly and jam contest in September. Mike will bring bread. He still hasn't had any replies about the request for a presentation for the boy scout group. None of the committee chairs have contacted the gentleman who requested it. Mike will provide the presentation if necessary.

Radio Officer: Ken Rau (K7YR): Not present.

Committees Liaison Reports

Technical: Alan Hughes (KB7SVU): Not present.

Public Service: Brendan Burget (KD7IKV): No news. Due to the picnic, the committee didn't meet last month.

Education: Mitch Gill (K7TUT): Terry Dettman's son, who had volunteered to be chairman, has passed away. A group at public health would like a technician class for about 10 people, on two weekdays. Barry (KC7YB) noted that we should let them know that they can't drill with ham radios if being paid for the drill.

Strategic Planning: Barry Wolborsky (KC7YB): Last month Barry put a final article saying strategic planning would be dead until next year. There was only one response, so he declared the committee dead. Jack would really like the survey to go out. Barry called Sam Sullivan about the procedures, has not heard back.

Facilities: Steve Cook (KD7IQL): Did an inventory of what was at the water tower, about 200 feet of rope will be given away at the next meeting. Nils suggests that we destroy the rope, Steve and the board agreed. Steve will remind Ken to bring the rotors to Mike at the next General Meeting.

Field Day: Alan Hughes (KB7SVU): Not present.

Picnic: Dawn Humphrey (KC7YYB): Went well.

Old Business: None.

New Business

Mitch (K7TUT): His new job (congratulations Mitch!) is retail, will be working evenings and weekends. Will try to get one weekend a month free, informed COB that he is resigning from the board effective tomorrow. Jack moves to accept his resignation, Barry seconds, motion passed.

Per the bylaws, an election will be held at the next General Meeting. Barry moved that we publish in the newsletter that Trustee #4 position is open, and that the election for this position will be held at the next General Meeting. Jo seconded, motion passed.

Jack (N7IHS):

- 1 ½ years ago Mike suggested we have a meeting on membership. Jack would like to schedule that for January.
- We are running out of books on the bylaws and articles of incorporation – only 5 left. They need to be revised to include Ken Rau, plus typo corrections. Mitch motions that the revised books be printed on 8 ½ by 11 format, published on demand to save cost. Barry seconded, motion passed.
- Would like to have any suggestions for changes to the budget to Jim Etwiler before the end of September. This will make the

budget process less stressful. The board can review in October and approve in November. Board approved the idea.

Jim (KD7BAT). Moves that the board transfer \$50.00 from the field day budget to the trailer license budget. Jack seconded. Currently license budget is \$90.00. All trailers are now billed the minimum \$30.00 that cars are billed. Leaves us \$50.00 short in the trailer license budget column. Board approved.

Brendan (KD7IKV): A member suggested that we invite some returning veterans without families to our Christmas party. Jack moved that we let the Christmas chair decide on and handle this. Barry seconded, motion carried.

Mike (N7WA) We still need a Christmas party chairman.

There was discussion on how to improve membership interest and involvement. Suggestions included making the General Meetings more fun, letting new members know they are welcome and encouraged to volunteer, keep the programs and General Meetings short and interesting.

There being no further business a motion by Barry (KC7YB) seconded by Jo (KB7UFM) to adjourn was made, and the chairman closed the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Attested: Kim Wolborsky, KD7FYD, Secretary

Wanted—Writers Those who follow the reflector may have seen my pleadings for articles this month. It's a pretty thin Relay compared to my historical norms and unless we get more input, it'll stay that way. Looking on the bright side—it saves money. A couple people did respond to my efforts and may try to produce something regular starting with October. (I won't embarrass them in case things fall through.) If you would like to help fill this Relay—please feel welcome. It doesn't take much—just a desire to write and a subject you enjoy. 73 dink

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Sept—Oct 2002

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 15 RN | 16 | 17 DA | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Club Meeting 10AM |
| 22 RN | 23 Fall Begins | 24 DA Aids Walk at Seattle N7JLG 206 523-5255 | 25 Board Meeting 7:15 PM | 26 PSN | 27 | 28 Diabetes Walk-a- Thon KD7KUN 425-881-6260 |
| 29 RN | 30 | 1 DA | 2 | 3 PSN Fleamarket Meeting 7:30 PM | 4 | 5 Issaquah Salmon Days Parade N7LEX 425-488-0905 |
| 6 RN Salmon Days Foot Race KA7TTY 425-392-7623 | 7 | 8 DA | 9 | 10 PSN | 11 Relay Deadline | 12 |
| 13 RN | 14 Columbus Day | 15 | 16 | 17 PSN | 18 | 19 Club Meeting 10AM |

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

