



For the best work in Mike & Key . . .

Michael Dinkelman / N7WA

President

At the Annual Banquet in late March, our club recognized several members for their exceptional performance. The next time you see any of these individuals, tell them thanks!

Field Day MVP: It wouldn't be the same for many folks without *Rita Danielson, KD7CNU*, our "Barracks Mom" keeping the barracks sane and organized.

Flea Market MVPs: *Atsushi Sasaki, W7KN*, came all the way from Japan and worked his tail off. *Scott Robinson AG7T* didn't come quite as far but was tagged for exceptional effort.

Outstanding Service Awards: Five co-winners this year.

1: *Dick Radford, WA7NIW*, is always the "doer" in the background, willing to tackle the undone jobs on any committee or activity. Very active at Field Day and the Flea Market, a mainstay of the Public Service Committee, he is directly responsible for drawing the Seafair Marshals'

Continued on Page 6



Amy McElroy

March is the month when we honor our own. At this year's Awards Banquet, Pam N7PRS and Gary KG7KU received the Outstanding Service Award.

Below: Dick WA7NIW was also bestowed the Outstanding Service Award by Awards Committee members Sam N7RHE and Carolyn WV7Q.

More photos and coverage on Pages 6-7.



The Inside Story

Get the real scoop on our new secretary and trustee.

Pages 4-5

Ken Jackson was a great Elmer and masterful diplomat.

Page 5

It's spring—and the lineup of public service events is growing.

Page 8



The *K7LED Relay*, published monthly, is the official newsletter of the Mike & Key Amateur Radio Club. Mike & Key ARC is an ARRL-affiliated club dedicated to the growth and betterment of amateur radio.

The club meets at 10 A.M. the third Saturday of every month at Salvation Army Headquarters, 720 S. Tobin Street, in Renton (near the southeast corner of Renton Airport). Anyone interested in amateur radio is invited to participate in the Mike & Key ARC and its activities. Annual dues are \$12 for individuals and \$18 for families.



Postal Address

P.O. Box 4234
Renton, WA 98057-4234

K7LED Repeaters

146.82 output / 146.22 input (PL 103.5)
Squak Mountain

224.120 output / 222.520 input (PL 103.5)
Tiger Mountain

Web Site

www.mikeandkey.com

E-mail

info@mikeandkey.com

Re ector

<http://groups.yahoo.com/mkarc>

Send dues to

Treasurer Jack Grimmett
10624 148th Avenue SE
Renton, WA 98059-4203

Send newsletter submissions to

Relay Editor Paul McElroy
6947 Coal Creek Pkwy SE — No. 1000
Newcastle, WA 98059-3136
k7stq@arrl.net

Club Contacts

President	Michael Dinkelman	N7WA	mwdink@eskimo.com	253-631-3756
Vice President	Sam Sullivan	N7RHE	svsullivan@comcast.net	253-631-0663
Secretary	Gary Bryan	KG7KU	glacialview@worldnet.att.net	253-661-7882
Treasurer	Jack Grimmett	N7IHS	n7ihs@aol.com	425-271-7955
Activity Manager	John Long Jr.	KW7A	john@thelongs.us	425-837-0802
Radio Officer	Terry Dettmann	WX7S	wx7s@cfsystems.org	425-821-5832
Trustees				
No. 1	Scott Robinson	AG7T	sg7@nmlink.com	425-788-0162
No. 2	Dick Radford	WA7NIW	wa7niw@arrl.net	425-828-9791
No. 3 (CoB)	Steve Cook	KD7IQL	kd7iql@arrl.net	206-781-2293
No. 4	Bing Clisbee	KG7SF	pbclisbee@comcast.net	425-392-0961
No. 5	Dave Smith	KB7PSN	kb7psn@yahoo.com	425-235-5095
Logo Committee	Dan & Dawn Humphrey	N7QHC / KC7YYB	n7qhcdan@juno.com	206-243-0163
Webmasters	Jim Etwiler / Dave Smith	KD7BAT / KB7PSN	kd7bat@arrl.net	206-633-1512

Several club resources are available electronically:

Web: The club's site at www.mikeandkey.com includes extensive information about club events, VEC testing, membership, past editions of the *Relay* and more.

Mike & Key Online

Reflector: The public message board offers an easy and free way to converse with club members. To sign up, surf to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/mkarc>.

E-Relay: Want the newsletter in color and a day or two before the print edition arrives by regular mail? You'll also help the club save money in printing and postage costs.

To sign up, send a message to the editor: k7stq@arrl.net.

Get our *Guide* in the public's hands

Michael Dinkelman / N7WA

President

For some odd reason, this club has decided once wasn't enough and you have placed me back in a position way beyond my abilities. My hair is quite a bit shorter this time ... I can only hope my wisdom is greater. Either way, I thank you for placing your confidence in me.

From the Hot Seat

This year, as in the past, the Public Service Committee has done a great job in producing our *Puget Sound Radio Guide*. We gave away quite a few at the Flea Market. However, the job is not done. We have a couple thousand left over and we need to be a bit more proactive in continuing to distribute these booklets throughout the year.

Think about the places you could drop off a few: Radio Shack, VetCo, Alphatronics and other electronics outlets are a good beginning. But don't be afraid to think of non-commercial possibilities. How about a small stack for your local library? Many libraries have a location for flyers and free publications. Do you have a community or senior center in your town? They may take a few. I've even seen bulletin boards at the local market that have a rack for pamphlets.

Let's not think of this guide as a once-a-year event but an ongoing work in progress. If we distribute only a 100 a month (three a day) in the year, we'll have gotten rid of them all and placed our info in front of many more people.

In just a couple of months, we'll be in a headlong rush to get ready for Field Day weekend (June 25-27). This is a big social and operating event for the club. Much of it has to do with our unique location and the excellent people we have organizing the event. I hope you'll reserve that weekend to come up to Fort Flagler and join in.

There are plenty of opportunities for learning about emergency setup and for operating. Sounds like satellite operations might be back this year, as well. If you have a tent, RV or don't mind sleep-



Amy McElroy

Brendan KD7IKV, the club's president for 2003, hands over his gavel to Mike N7WA at the Awards Banquet.

ing in your vehicle, there is plenty of room in the Wagonwheel—no reservations required. However, if a slot in the Barracks suits your needs better, be sure to get your reservations in as soon as you can (contact Steve Cook or Brendan Burget).

Beyond that, it sounds like all the bands have chairs so it's really up to all of you to come on down and have fun. As we get closer to the event, look for further information in the *Relay*.

One last item for this month: It looks like John KW7A will have to step down as activity manager for health reasons. This is unfortunate because John has been doing a great job.

This means we will need to elect a new activity manager at the next meeting. I would really like to avoid the debacle we experienced last year in the secretary position. There is no reason a club of this size and activity shouldn't be able to fill out its board positions.

The activity manager organizes the monthly raffle at the general meeting. Secondly, this person schedules the monthly program. Neither of these tasks need be done in a vacuum as help and advice is available for the asking.

I'd really like to see a volunteer (or two) at the next meeting. In the meantime, our best wishes to John for a quick and speedy recovery.

Key Club Dates

Next General mtg.: **April 17**

Board mtg.: **April 28**

Relay deadline: **May 7**

The countdown begins for Field Day

Steve Cook / KD7IQL

Field Day Co-Chairman

7 days and counting. I would like to thank Brendan KD7IKV, Alan KB7SVU, Gary KG7KU, Jim KN6TC and Jim N7HKO for their help on the tower and generator work party on April 3rd.

We have a new stainless steel cable for the crank-up tower. The group of us pulled the generator out of the trailer and changed the oil and oil filter. We will hold a second work party to fix the 20-meter beam and finish the work on the generator.

We are looking for people to haul the three club trailers up to Fort Flagler and back to Seattle. If you can help, see me or Brendan KD7IKV.

We are also looking for people to help set up on Friday, June 25, starting at 10 A.M.

This year's Field Day band chairmen are:

VHF: Mike KD7LAX and Hideki KD7TCL.



Steve KD7IQL

It's a dirty job, but ... From left, Brend KD7IKV, Alan KB7SVU, Gary KG7KU, Jim KN6TC and Jim N7NKO work on the generator to get it ready for Field Day.

- 10- / 80-meter:** Terry WX7S.
- 15-meter:** Richard N7MER, Paul N7DOH and Carolyn WV7Q.
- 20-meter:** Curtis N7MWC and Dawn N7VWH.
- 40-meter:** Dean N7HKO
- GOTA (Get On The Air):** Mike K7OV.

- CW Beach:** Mike N7WA.
 - Safety Officer:** Scott AG7T.
 - Wagon Master / Barracks:** Rita KD7CNU.
 - The Grill Master:** Wayne KC7ORB.
- We will open the list of people to operate and log after the pot-luck on Friday.

New secretary is a familiar face in the club

Gary Bryan / KG7KU

Secretary

My introduction to Amateur Radio began in 1988. A coworker brought to the office a handheld and a sheet of paper showing the Evergreen Intertie. This intrigued me, as I was looking for something "stronger than a CB."

My wife Pam, N7PRS, and I had been traveling extensively into Canada, extending even to Alaska. We made two such trips in our '84 Honda Civic. In the remote stretches of upper B.C.

and Yukon, I needed something with more "punch" than CB for emergency purposes.

Closer to home, I found public service opportunities abounded in the Seattle area and began volunteering for events. Ham radio is clearly more fulfilling than just travel, and Pam and I have worked volunteer radio events since 1991.

I am currently a member of the Seafair Parade Marshals, and the SEAFAIR Torchlight-Route coordinator for 2004.

My experience with Amateur Radio has been a most enjoyable

one. I have met many wonderful people along the way.

I have a special regard and respect for all the work Chuck WA7EBH and Joyce N7JPW Stroehrer and Wayne Moddison, K6DOW, have contributed to public service. My appreciation continues to grow for their leadership in the club, as well as for others I have observed over the past three years as a member.

These exemplary leaders have led me to consider being more involved in club activities, and ultimately to a commitment to serve the club as secretary.

Ken: A premier Elmer and diplomat

Carolyn Pasquier / WV7Q

Awards Committee Chairwoman

The Ken Jackson Award was first presented in 1999, shortly after Ken's (K7PZX) death. This award recognizes the club member who has excelled in ham radio educational and Elmering activities.

Ken was one of the founding members of this club. Each year at the Awards Banquet, we reminisce about how the young hams who were the first members discovered girls and cars, causing the club to fold for a few years. It was Ken who rescued and kept the original club records.

Ken was a technical guy who was always willing to patiently share. With Ken, there were no stupid questions. If you were interested in any aspect of ham radio, he would explain it in as many ways as necessary.

Ken was a great promoter of radio activity. Anything that benefited the hobby was worth his time.

I first met Ken in the late 1980s at my first Mike & Key Field Day. I was on a team of two women and three kids trying to set up the novice station for 10 meters. At that time, only Nov-

ices, Techs and non-hams could assemble that station.

Ken happened by and took pity on us. He instructed us on the fine art of antenna assembly and tower raising, but he couldn't touch anything. Whenever Ken introduced me to anyone, he always told the story of how we met at that Field Day.



Ken had a Unique Diplomatic Approach.

He was such a gentlemen, that the whole experience left quite an impression on him. Years later, he was still stunned at watching the five of us hoisting that tower and antenna, while all he could do was watch.

Each of the four times I ran for club president and lost, Ken encouraged me to try again.

"A woman can be president of the Mike and Key," he'd say. "You just need to run until they know you're serious."

When I finally became president (on my fifth try), it just happened to be the year of the club's 25th anniversary. Ken

spent many hours telling me stories about our history and helping me locate our founding members. Just as Ken had kept the original club papers so we could reorganize in 1970, he had the 25-year-old rosters, and even the original ones so we could locate our founders for the celebration.

We laughed a lot. I learned wonderful terms like, "Gonset Goodie Box," "Peeker Tweeker," "Motorola Brick," "Modulated Water Closet," and "Holy Toledo, here comes Ken!"

Ken had a Unique Diplomatic Approach. He wanted everyone to get along. Whenever Ken detected a disagreement, he would find a way to become the most controversial part of the debate. By setting himself up as the common enemy, he would cause the disagreeing parties to become allies and usually friends.

Somehow, he managed to become a better friend to both.

Ken was always a major part of our Flea Market. Ken loved to meet new people. He always did the early morning talk-in.

Ken has left his mark on our activities. He was always there, and always will be, in one form or another. K7PZX, 88, WV7Q.

Trustee 4 is a longtime ham with many calls

Bing Clisbee / KG7SF

Trustee No. 4

I am happy to serve as a trustee of the Mike & Key Club—the most friendly and organized of all the clubs that I've attended (not to mention the all-time best Field Day adventures).

My XYL Iris, KC7FEJ, and I have three children (all grown).

We have 4^{3/4} grandchildren.

I was first licensed on July 10, 1961, in Bell, Calif., as a Novice WV6SNF.

Upgraded to WA6SNF, General class, one year later in 1962. I have held the following call letters due to military service and job relocation: DL4JR, West Germany; WD6DSY; WA7PND. On May 21, 1993, I was finally able

to copy Morse code at 20 WPM—and passed the Extra written and code test in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and became KG7SF (always wanted a "K" and a "7" in my call letters).

My ham friends and family call me Bing. Yes, that's my real birth certificate-verified middle name. Besides, the phonetics flow better than with "Perry."

Friendship Award debuts this year

Continued from Page 1

participation into our club. Just last year, he took on all communications responsibilities for all of the Seafair Parades when, at the last minute, the person with that assignment couldn't do it.

2-3: *Mike K7JML* and *Ronnie KC7UFS LaFerla* have always been "spark plugs" keeping things upbeat and fun at meetings and activities. They are always ready to chair various activities, especially the annual Christmas party, and help with other club activities, including Field Day and Flea Market.

4-5: *Gary KG7KU* and *Pam N7PRS Bryan* have stepped up to be the coordinators of public service events. Both also serve as Seafair Marshals. Pam took on the announcing and talk-in responsibilities at Flea Market this year, and both have been active



All photos Amy McElroy

Paul K7STQ was bestowed with the little known but prestigious Putz Award for his work on the K7LED Relay.



Darla KC7SIT was among the many who went home with valuable goodies.

members of the Public Service Committee.

Gary has also been active on the Long-Range Planning Committee, helped coordinate and did a great job of emceeing the Awards Banquet last year, and will be club secretary this year.

Jo Hallstrom Friendship Award: This new award recognizes the member who is a promoter of the friendship of our club. It was created this year to honor our beloved *Jo Hallstrom KB7UFM*. Jo also exhibited these traits as a ham as well as in the community and her church, and therefore deserves to be the first honoree, posthumously.

President's Award: *Brendan Burget, KD7IKV*, has left his mark in just a short time. A few months after becoming a member, he joined a very dilapidated Public Service Committee that had but four members. Within a year, he was chairman and had rejuvenated it to well over 20 members. He has since served as chairman of the board, co-chaired a great Field Day and will be co-chair again this year. And, of course, he served as president in 2003.

Ken Jackson Award: *Scott Robinson, AG7T*, is this year's winner for his educational activi-

ties, helping other hams, active participation in presenting technical programs, VE participation, and Field Day involvement. See Page 5 for a some more on Ken Jackson himself.

Pop Brown Award: Two co-winners this year.

1: *Jo Hallstrom, KB7UFM*, was an active participant in Field Day for the past 10 years, served as a committee chairwoman on the Flea Market for six years and served on the board as vice president. She was also an active radio operator with awards for Worked All States, Worked All Countries, DXCC (Century Club 100 Countries Mixed Bands), IOTA (worked 100 islands on the air) and *World Radio's Award* for Worked 100 Nations on 15 meters (actual numbers exceed 235 countries). While only licensed 10 years, she did more hamming than many of us have, or will, in a lifetime.

2: *Alan Hughes, KB7SVU*, for his always available service for all club activities, his willingness to assist club members with their special projects and needs, and his leadership as chairman of the board and presidency.



Jack N7IHS, our treasurer, sports a new, dare we say more dashing, look.



Banquet organizer and "Tower Rat" Alan KB7SVU won the Pop Brown.



Joyce N7JPW scored a direct hit in the photo identification contest.

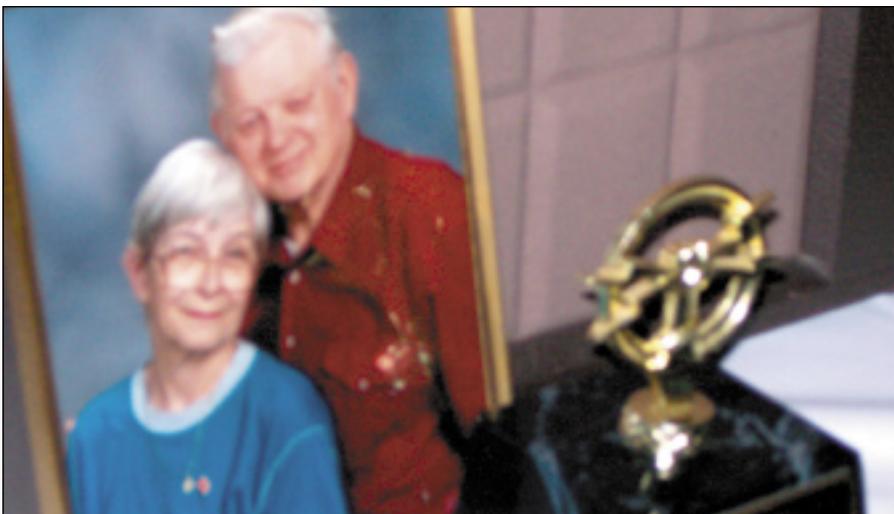


Scott KC7UOC took home a bit of history: The H-T used by Jo KB7UFM.



Pop Brown winners on hand included, from left, Chuck WA7EBH, Joyce N7JPW, Steve K7KOT, Sam N7RHE, Diane KB7DNE, Hal N7NW, Mike N7WA, Lyn Drexler (representing Jo KB7UFM),

Mary W7QGP, Harry W7JWJ, Carolyn WV7Q, Alan KB7SVU and Mike WB7AYU. Steve K7KOT was the earliest winner present; his plaque is dated 1972.



Jo KB7UFM and Nils W7RUJ attended in spirit. **Right:** Lyn Drexler accepted two awards on behalf of Jo, her late mother.



Hams needed for 2 events

Mark C. Whitaker / KD7KUN

Bellevue ARES Emerg. Coordinator

A couple of events coming up are in need of volunteers and I have been asked to round up communications people.

The first event is the Multiple Sclerosis Walk-A-Thon on Sunday, April 18, in the University of Washington area.

This is a four-mile walk, and I anticipate it will be about a three- to four-hour event. Hand-held radios should be sufficient.

The second event is the American Diabetes Association Tour de' Cure Bike-A-Thon on Saturday, May 22, in the Orting area. This ride encompasses two loops which total 50 miles with some riders doing both loops

twice to make it a 100-mile ride.

This will be an all-day event (0700 to about 1800) and will require the use of mobile radios. I will need four to five people who can drive the course (vehicles may be provided so if you have mobile gear that is easily transferred to another vehicle that would be a plus).

I would like to have three or four volunteers to assist me on the afternoon of April 17 to go to Orting and test out radio paths, probably starting at around 1400 and taking a couple of hours at most, depending on how many people can help.

If you can help on any of these dates, please do so. I want to get Amateur Radio out there and make it shine for these groups!

Congrats to long-timers

This is the season when we like to recognize members who have continuously stayed with the club through the years.

During the past year, the following members reached the specified milestones. While no member reached Life Member status (25 years), the 30-year club is certainly growing.

The club would like to recognize the following members:

30 years

Hal Goodell, N7NW
Harry Lewis, W7JWJ
Mary Lewis, W7QGP

15 years

Lloyd Haverman, WA7HNY
Earl Swiney, WZ7H
Ralph Schumacher, WX7T
Jack Grimmett, N7IHS
Claire Talltree, KB7GEW
Clinton Pozzi, N7HAM

10 years

Robert Cooker, KB7PEC
Al Hopwood, KB7THX

Scott Castonguay, KC7UOC
Gerhard Pantzer, KC7MAK
Gil Drynan, KB7ZQT
Michael Ross, KB7YXB
David Smith, KB7PSN
Melissa Donimirski, KB7YTFF
Frank Henshaw, K7VMG
Richard Danielson, K7RIC
Lyman Fitzgerald, KA7OES
Kathy Martin, KB7QMO

5 years

Jack McCall, W7TMW
Ruth Ashford, KD7DVC
Paul Bullard, KD7MVB
Ilona Kellison-Bullard, KD7MVA
Darrell Plank, WB7BSP
Jim Monaghan Sr., N7HKO
Rita Danielson, KD7CNU
Carl Barish, KC7ZK
Don Hickman, WF7Z
Jim Etwiler, KD7BAT
Frank Michels, KA7ZRM

Anniversary certificates will be available at the next club meeting or mailed if not picked up. Congratulations to you all!

Public Service Events

Saturday, April 17

Pierce County MS Walk

Tacoma

Contact: Dana, KD7KPZ

360-897-9015

kd7kpz@arrl.net

Saturday, April 17

Daffodil Parade

Tacoma-Puyallup-Sumner

Contact: Dana, KD7KPZ

360-897-9015

kd7kpz@arrl.net

Saturday, April 24

March of Dimes Walk

Seattle waterfront

Contact: Gene, W7AKA

425-226-4115

w7aka@arrl.net

Saturday, April 24

March of Dimes Walk

Tacoma

Contact: Dana, KD7KPZ

360-897-9015

kd7kpz@arrl.net

Saturday, April 24

Oak Harbor Parade

Contact: Tom, WB7OUT

206-784-9243

bc994@scn.org

Saturday, May 1

Husky Crew Races

University of Washington

Contact: Dick, WA7NIW

425-828-9791

wa7niw@arrl.net

Sunday, May 16

Capitol City Marathon

Olympia

Contact: Lee, KI7SS

360-866-0800

ki7ss@arrl.net

Monday, May 17

Nordic Days Parade

Ballard

Contact: Tom, WB7OUT

206-784-9243

bc994@scn.org

Electronic keyer needs good home and an Elmer

I am most content when the soldering iron is hot, I smell resin, parts are spread all over the table and I am making something "Ham" electronic—from brute-force filters to DFers to 160-meter antenna tuners, etc.

I saw an available electronic keyer kit in *World Radio*. Since I didn't have anything going at the time, I sensed contentment!

Their offer was two, at a reduced price, with the recommendation that one be built by, say, a youngster with the help of an Elmer. I bit. I enjoyed building one. It's quite small, simple to operate, has three memories and other neat features—and a great project to get someone involved.

I still have one kit. I bet you know what I'm suggesting. Interested? Know anyone who might be?

Contact Jim KN6TC at jimkn6tc@erthlink.net.

Rave reviews from far and wide for our hamfest

Diane Dinkelman / KB7DNE

Relay Correspondent

Each year, I get comments on next year's pre-registrations about the Flea Market.

This year I would like to share a few of these written comments with you. We also get a great many comments during the event that are as complimentary as the following.

From Liberty Lake, Wash. "Another great hamfest—thanks!"

From Gig Harbor: "Thanks for moving me downstairs. This was my best year ever. Mike."

From Dupont, Wash.: "We

just attended 2003. It was great. You folks do a great job! We had fun and everyone was so kind. Thanks!"

From Aumsville, Ore.: "Like always, the 'best' electronic and flea market in Oregon and Washington."

From Canoga Park, Calif.: "Had a fantastic show! You guys do a bang up job! Arleen and I always love coming up from California and visiting our Washington pals and gals! Keep it up—great job!!"

From Tacoma: "I very much appreciate all your hard work! You do a great job."

For Sale

Icom IC-735, packaged with power supply in insulated case: \$400.

Icom IC-551D with power supply cables and shop manual. Just back from former Icom tech: \$450.

Ameritron AL-80 amplifier with spare tube: \$625.

Contact Jack N7ZS at 425-454-3617 or nz7s@comcast.net.

For Sale

Hy-Gain 10-15-20 three-element triband beam with Ham-M rotator: \$200.

Alliance U-100 rotators: two available at \$25 each.

Kenwood TS-520S HF CW/SSB transceiver with speaker, spare drivers and finals, mic, manuals, etc.: \$200.

Contact John KW7A at 425-837-0802 or john@thelongs.us.

Meeting called to order by Brendan

In attendance: Brendan, Pam, Gary, Ron, Jim, Ted, Hideki, Dick, Nabilla KD7ZWP.

Old Business:

Booklet discussion: Everyone liked the visibility that the cover color gives us. Decided that we can't do anything about grammar in ads. No point in trying to get an ad from Radio Shack due to their departure from the Amateur Radio business. Discussion of other potential advertisers in the area. There was also discussion of accepting donations for the

Public Service Committee Minutes: March 20, 2004

booklet at the Flea Market. We also discussed the possibility of distributing the disk of programs and such that would be useful to hams that Mike Dinkelman produced.

We will be forming a subcommittee to collect corrections to information that was provided in the booklet. Ted and Gary volunteered to take on this function with collected information to go to Dick.

So far, we have the following correc-

tions:

Lilac City ARC instead of Liloci City.

Correct time for our VE testing sessions.

Highlight/bold the Mike & Key entry on the club contacts page.

Combine Preparing for Parade Communications and Emergency Preparedness checklists.

Change Club Contacts page to be more easily understood.

Meeting adjourned 14:12

Submitted by Dick Radford, WA7NIW

Officers present:

President – Brendan Burget (KD7IKV)
 Vice President – Sam Sullivan (N7RHE)
 Secretary – Paul McElroy (K7STQ)
 Treasurer – Jack Grimmertt (N7IHS)
 Activity Manager – John Long (KW7A)

Trustees present:

No. 3 – Steve Cook / CoB (KD7IQL)
 No. 4 – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)
 No. 5 – Dave Smith (KB7PSN)

President Burget called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. at the Salvation Army Building in Renton, Wash. All members and guests repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. The president made several announcements: The Mike & Key ARC is affiliated with the ARRL, which members are encouraged to join; everyone, including visitors, should sign the rosters; visitors are reminded not to vote on membership matters; smoking is allowed in the parking lot but not in front of the chapel. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion by Jim Monaghan Sr., N7HKO, and seconded by Steve KD7IQL to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the *K7LED Relay*. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

President – Brendan KD7IKV: Compliments Mike Dinkelman, N7WA, Fred Lowell, N7PZ, and other organizers of the Flea Market for their fine work. Hal Goodell, N7NW, says the success of the event is due to the hard work of many volunteers.

Vice President – Sam N7RHE: New member applications: Chris Altwegg, K7BRK, a Tech; Michelle Baskett, WA7PVE, an Extra; Joyce Baskett, KA7VXN, a Tech-Plus; and Bruce Lane, KC7GR, an Extra. All approved.

Secretary – Paul K7STQ: The latest edition of *The Logger's Bark* is available.

Treasurer – Jack N7IHS: Issued P&L report.

Activity Manager – John KW7A: Items for the \$5 raffle include another extension pole and six copies of the club's new CD of Ham radio programs and computer utilities. The \$1 raffle includes a pair of family radios, clip-on lamp, FM radio, two tape recorders and assorted other prizes. Icom will be on hand next month with a presentation about digital

General Meeting Minutes March 20, 2004

communications radios. They will be back later in the year to discuss their new, high-end IC-7800 HF radio.

Chairman of the Board – Steve KD7IQL: Elections (see New Business).

Standing Committee Reports

Those committees not reporting in the Relay are asked to report before the general membership.

Education – Dave KB7PSN: Nothing to report.

Facilities – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing to report.

Public Service – Dick WA7NIW: Please fill out the survey questionnaire about your abilities and equipment. The information will not be shared outside the club. Carolyn compliments committee on the fine job with the *2004 Special Events and Information Guide*. A committee meeting will be held after the general meeting at The Yankee Grill in the Holiday Inn at Rainier Avenue and Grady Way. All are welcome to attend.

Strategic Planning – Carolyn Pasquier (WV7Q): Work on the survey is continuing.

Public Service Communications – Gary Bryan (KG7KU): Listings of upcoming events are on the tables.

Field Day – Steve KD7IQL: A work party will be held Saturday, April 3, at the Hughes' residence to do maintenance on the generator and crank-up tower. Another date will be scheduled to fix the 20-meter beam. Scott AG7T and Terry WX7S are working on a 15-meter beam antenna design.

Awards Banquet – Tressie Hughes (KC7BAL): Tickets are going fast.

Alligator Award: Calvin KC7IYP will give anyone a prize who QSOs with him on the club repeater and holds the PTT button for longer than 90 seconds. To properly recognize the prestige of this award, Sam N7RHE presents Calvin with a stuffed alligator that Carolyn WV7Q found. It is complete with the club's logo on its hat.

New Business

Publicity: Jim N7HKO suggests that the club might get more members by putting a display in area libraries pointing out the benefits of Amateur Radio. He is also working with Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, vice director of the ARRL's North-western Division, to start a grass-roots movement to get the state Legislature to adopt an antenna bill.

Field Day: John KW7A is working on satellite communications for Field Day and is looking for helpers. Contact John, if interested.

Elections: Officers must be current members, are required to attend board and general meetings as well as fulfill other responsibilities specific to the position. Members were elected as follows:

President: Mike Dinkelman, N7WA
 Vice President: Sam Sullivan, N7RHE
 Secretary: Gary Bryan, KG7KU
 Treasurer: Jack Grimmertt, N7IHS
 Activity Manager: John Long Jr., KW7A
 Trustee No. 2: Dick Radford, WA7NIW
 Trustee No. 4: Bing Clisbee, KG7SF

Good of the Order

Sam is working on CERT training in Kent. He is looking for a half dozen people who are willing to become involved in participating in emergency radio communications.

There being no further business, Mike LaFerla, K7JML, moved and Jim N7HKO seconded a motion to adjourn. Approved and President Burget closed the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Attested: Paul McElroy – Secretary, K7STQ

Welcome, new members

The Mike & Key Club warmly welcomes Chris Altwegg, K7BRK, a Tech from Seattle; Michelle Baskett, WA7PVE, an Extra, and Joyce Baskett, KA7VXN, a Tech-Plus, from Tacoma; and Bruce Lane, KC7GR, an Extra from Kent. The four joined in March.



Officers present:

President – Brendan Burget (KD7IKV)
 Vice President – Sam Sullivan (N7RHE)
 Secretary – Paul McElroy (K7STQ)
 Treasurer – Jack Grimmatt (N7IHS)
 Radio Officer – Terry Dettmann (WX7S)

Trustees present:

No. 2 – Terry Dettmann (WX7S)
 No. 3 – Steve Cook / CoB (KD7IQL)
 No. 4 – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)
 No. 5 – Dave Smith (KB7PSN)

Visitors: Gary Bryan, KG7KU; Bing Clisbee, KG7SF; Mike Dinkelman, N7WA; Dawn KC7YYB and Dan N7QHC Humphrey.

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Salvation Army Building in Renton, Wash. Welcomed new officers: Mike N7WA, president; Gary KG7KU, secretary; Bing KG7SF, trustee no. 4.

Minutes: Motion by Sam N7RHE and seconded by Brendan KD7IKV to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the *K7LED Relay*. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

Chairman of the Board – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing to report.

President – Brendan KD7IKV: He learned a lot and had fun in the past year. He'll be back. Jack N7IHS lauds Brendan for doing a great job.

Vice President – Sam N7RHE: Two prospective members: Nabila Mashiyat, KD7ZWP, a Tech; Alan Shield, KD7NPH, a Tech. Both approved for submission to the membership.

Secretary – Paul K7STQ: Gary KG7KU has the mailbox key and will update the ARRL with the club's new officers.

Treasurer – Jack N7IHS: The club has 197 members. Issued a P&L report.

Radio Officer – Terry WX7S: Steve KD7IQL gives him documentation on the new repeater. Terry will develop a revised timeline for erecting it. Hopes are to have it operational this summer.

There are two 15-meter beams the club can acquire. Alan Hughes, KB7SVU, has another worth looking at. If either is in suitable condition, the club will not have to buy or build one.

The Communications Academy was a great success. It may be held at a larger

Board Meeting Minutes March 31, 2004

facility next year because so many Hams attended this year. Sixty-eight people registered for a hybrid emergency communications course Terry is coordinating.

Committee Liaison Reports
Facilities – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing to report.

Technical – Mike N7WA: He handed out several copies of the CD of Ham-related programs and utilities at the March general meeting. An upcoming article in the *Relay* will announce its availability.

Public Service – Dick WA7NIW: The committee discussed future of *The Guide* at the last meeting. They are looking into a coordinated effort to alleviate incorrect information.

About 45 surveys have been returned and the committee is working on computerizing the results.

Education – Dave KB7PSN: He spoke with BEARS and they are interested in co-sponsoring a Technician class with us. He is proposing that we provide the instructors and materials while they supply the facility. No date has been determined. Terry says that, as an ARRL mentor, he can help the club offer a variety of online courses other than entry-level Ham licensing.

Old Business

Membership renewals – Sam N7RHE: He just got an updated list of members who are in arrears and will soon send out an e-mail reminding them to pay their dues.

Awards – Sam, N7RHE: There are membership longevity awards that he did not present at the Awards Banquet, but will do so at the next meeting or mail them.

New Business

Web site: The club's current site is out of date and in dire need of revamping. Dave KB7PSN, who previously agreed to help with a redesign, has had difficulty coordinating with Jim Etwiler, KD7BAT, to gain access (on the new hosting company). Mike N7WA will get in touch with

Jim to expedite this issue.

Repeater nets: Steve KD7IQL asks Terry WX7S as radio officer to contact net control operators and remind them about proper procedures, when necessary.

Committee Liaisons: Bing KG7SF assumes chairmanship of Technical. Other assignments remain the same: Facilities, Steve KD7IQL; Strategic Planning, Scott AG7T; Public Service, Dick WA7NIW; and Education, Dave KB7PSN.

Chairman of the Board: Sam N7RHE nominates Steve KD7IQL. Paul K7STQ moves and Dave KB7PSN seconds a motion to approve Steve as chairman. Motion passed.

Board meeting time: Sam N7RHE moves and Paul K7STQ seconds a motion to change the meeting time to 7 p.m. Motion passed.

Good of the Order

There being no further business, Jack N7IHS moved and Dave KB7PSN seconded a motion to adjourn. Approved and Chairman Cook closed the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Attested: Paul McElroy – Secretary, K7STQ

Icom to show off its 1.2 GHz radio

Icom will be on hand at the April general meeting to demonstrate its D-Star 1.2 GHz digital radio.

They will be back at a future meeting to give us a glimpse of their new, state-of-the-art IC-7800 HF radio.

As you may have read in the president's column, John KW7A is stepping down as activity manager.

Nominations (even for yourself) will be accepted and members will vote on a replacement at the April meeting.





Ham Nets & Events for April / May 2004

Nets are on 146.82
unless indicated otherwise
Send calendar items
to the Relay editor: k7stq@arrl.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 2000 — King Co. ARES (weekly) 2000 — Amateur TV net: 147.08 (weekly)	12 0545 — Weather net: 145.33 (M - F) 1645 — Weather net (M-F)	13 2000 — Snoho. Co. RACES: 146.92 (weekly)	14 2000 — General Info & Tech net: 145.33 (weekly)	15 1900 — Pub. Service net (weekly)	16 2000 — Youth net: 145.33 (weekly)	17 0900 — Club net 1000 — Club mtg. 1300 — Ham exams Pierce County MS Walk — Tacoma
18 2030 — Snoho. Co. ARES: 146.92 (weekly)	19 1730 — Puget Sound Traffic Sys. (daily) 1830 — WA Emerg. HF: 3.985 (weekly)	20	21	22	23 Visalia DX Conv. (Fri. - Sun.)	24 March of Dimes Walk Seattle and Tacoma Oak Harbor Parade FL, KY, NE QSO parties
25 2200 — Northwest Astronomy net: 145.33 (weekly)	26 1800 — WARTS: 3.970 (daily) 1845 — WSN I: 3.658 (daily)	27	28 1915 — Board mtg.	29	30	1  10-10 Int'l. CW contest (Sat. - Sun.) Husky Crew Races
2 Indiana, New England QSO parties (Sat. - Sun.)	3 1900 — Elmer's net: 145.33 (weekly) 2000 — YL net: 145.33 (weekly)	4 2000 — Maple Valley ARC/ARES: 146.54 (weekly)	5 2030 — WARFA swapnet: 3.908 (weekly) 2100 — NWSOAR net (weekly)	6 2000 — Computer & Packet net: 145.33 (weekly) 2000 — Amateur TV net: 147.08 (weekly)	7 Relay deadline	8 0900 — WA Emerg. HF: 3.985 (weekly) NV, OR QSO Parties (Sat. - Sun.) FISTS Spring Sprint
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 0900 — Club net 1000 — Club mtg. 1300 — Ham exams