



All you need to know about our hamfest

Michael Dinkelman / N7WA

President

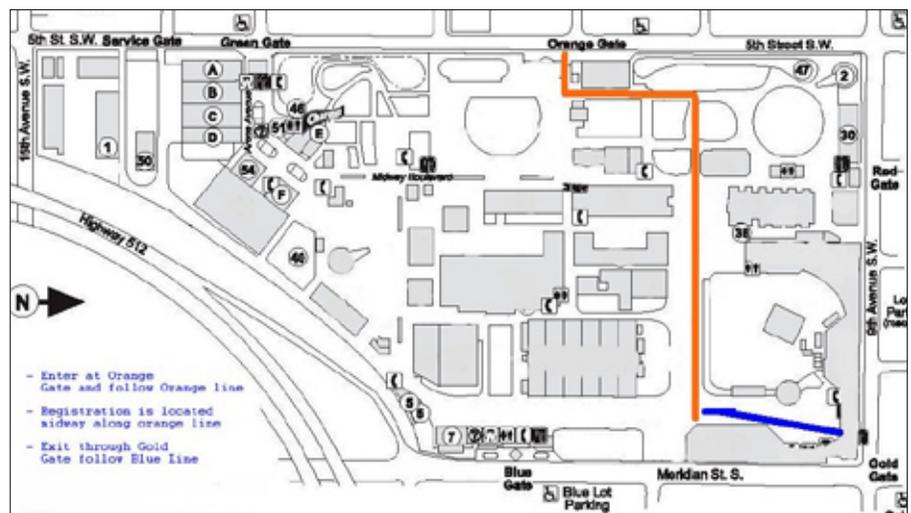
(Yeah, this is a repeat, but we have new members who have never done a Flea Market. Then again, a few of you may need a reminder, as well.)

Our Flea Market is a big deal around these parts, but I realize that new members to the club may be hesitant to jump in to support this event. Knowledge is kin, so here is a little overview on the whole operation.

All you old-timers can skip this ... at your own peril. By the way, we'll be going over this at the February program, as well.

Friday, March 11: At the crack of dawn, with roosters crowing, Hal N7NW is going to drag himself down to the Fairgrounds and start measuring the floor for table layout and the power drops. These and the phone lines need to go in before anything else happens.

So, everybody else, please sleep in and have a nice lei-



surely breakfast. Conserve that strength!

Finally somewhere between 9 and 10 A.M.—once the drops are in—you big and little brutes can show up to start help setting up. (Tables can't go in before electricity because they get in the way of the forklift used to install the power drops.)

Once they are in, though, we can start putting out tables and chairs. I suggest two-man crews (else you'll hurt yourself) and the more people who show, the

easier the work.

Be sure to bring gloves and real shoes—we don't want any smashed toes or fingers, either. We have about 300 tables to set up and probably 500 chairs. With 20 people, we can have the entire two floors done easily in a couple of hours.

Something to remember: Check each table for worthiness and make sure the legs are locked. We get charged for each

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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.

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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.

Helpers step up, but we need more

Michael Dinkelman / N7WA

President

What was important last month remains important this month. However, I'm pleased at the members' response to the call for action.

First, we got a good many more workers signed up to work the Flea Market in March. We could still use a few more in several areas, so if you haven't signed up please come forward at the

February meeting. Specific needs include traffic / gate controllers, ticket takers and

a couple of elevator operators. I'll be truthful, the first two require exposure to the elements, but they are very important jobs. That elevator job is rather cushy, but important for efficient loading and unloading.

Second, a number of you stepped forward to run for trustee positions in the upcoming elections. We still need more people nominated (or nominating themselves) for all positions, so please consider running.

Many current officers are going away due to ineligibility or simple burnout. It's time for fresh faces and the fresh ideas that come with them.

If you are interested in seeing a board meeting to check out how it works, join us at our new meeting place (for the foreseeable future) in SeaTac. We have lots of room and you can order good Italian food. (Beware, the treasurer ordered a full-size sandwich last month and found out it was a lot bigger than he expected.)

Currently, we are meeting at 7 P.M. on the second floor of Gallianos Cucina, 16435 Military Road S. Get there a little early to order food at the counter downstairs. Also, any candidates for treasurer *must* come to the next meeting (Feb. 23rd) to be approved by the board before the election in March.

We now have co-chairs for Field Day. Mike K7OV and Gary KG7KU have volunteered to run our operating event at Fort Flagler. I thank them both for doing so. Please reserve June 24-26th and come out to support the club's efforts.

The Awards Banquet date and site are locked in. Check out page 7 of this *Relay* for full information. The site is Barnaby's in Tukwila, where we've had many a successful dinner. One thing about Barnaby's is that space is limited, so don't delay on getting your tickets or you may miss out.

I've got a couple of good ideas for entertainment, but am always looking for more. It would be fun to follow on last year's idea and show a few more youthful pictures. Got any good ones?

Finally, the club received a late but pleasant Christmas gift from member Gerhard Pantzer DL8GBP / KC7MAK and the Lake Constance affiliation of DARC (Deutschen Amateur Radio Club). It is a book picturing Lake Bodensee (Lake Constance).

I had the pleasure of traveling there when I worked in Switzerland and the book does a good job of showing the beauty of the area. It'll be available at the club meeting for viewing, along with the Christmas greeting signed by the members of DARC.

See you at the club meeting.

Our radio officer is back on his 'feet'

Terry Dettmann / WX7S

Radio Officer

I want to thank everyone who was concerned about me and called or sent messages or what-ever over the last few months.

After four months down and on IV antibiotics, as well as a week's stint in the ICU and other

dark and mysterious places, I'm finally beginning to get back into operation.

Since I got out of the hospital, I've still been on IV antibiotics and bed rest.

But in late January, the doctor finally shifted me off IV treatment and pulled the IV line, which had been in my arm for

four months.

My open wounds have healed, as well. I'm not in the clear since my foot is still swollen and I have to hobble around on crutches, but I can actually start to get some things done.

I hope to see all of you at the February meeting. Until then ... 73s.

Key Club Dates

Next General mtg.: **Feb. 19**

Board mtg.: **Feb. 23**

Relay deadline: **Mar. 13**

Hour by hour at our club's hamfest

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one and don't want to pay for broken ones. On top of that, the customers get pretty upset when a table collapses with all their stuff.)

Please remember there is *no* need to drive on to the fairgrounds unless you are bringing setup materials. Please park out at the Gold parking lot and come in through the Administration entrance, located just west of the Gold Gate.

If you didn't pick up your badge at the February meeting, they will be available at the loading dock until 2 P.M., at which time they will move out to the Gold Gate.

Friday 11:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.:

At this point, we'll be taking a lunch break. We'll call out for pizza.

The tables should all be up! Following lunch, registration will be getting set up. Talk-in needs to start thinking about getting set up, as well. Hopefully, the pallet jacks have arrived.

Last minute details abound. We put up signs and the banner. Announcing and Country Store get set up. The clock ticks down. Hopefully, we are ready.

Friday 2 – 8 P.M.: At 2, we open the gates to the waiting hoards. They come in every type of vehicle. Small cars, big vans and clunkers that don't even belong on the road. Each piled with the same junk ... ah, I mean merchandise we saw last year. They race through registration, afraid of losing their place in line. They load pallet upon pallet and we pull each one to its place on the floor.

The first hour will be a madhouse—everyone running every which way. It'll eventually slow to a continuous stream, hour after hour.

As the sellers get set up, they start haggling among themselves. It becomes a social event as each gets caught up on the news from last year or the previous event.

The loading crews are the stars of this period, but Security, Talk-in, Country Store, Registration and Traffic Control all have a part to play.

We all look at the stuff as it comes in, but finally it's 7:30 P.M. and we'll start pushing everyone out the door.

The gate closes and the stragglers get unloaded. By 8, we can lock the doors and think about a nice dinner and maybe a few hours of sleep ... zzzzz ...

Saturday, March 12, 5 A.M.:

Before the crack of dawn and before any rooster in his right mind would crow, we are at the Gold Gate waiting to get in.

We have half an hour before we start letting sellers in again. Just enough time for a coffee, to unlock the loading doors and remind ourselves about how much fun we are having.

At 5:30, the loading process starts up again. Everyone is busy. Someone needs to check electrical cords and make sure fire extinguishers are not blocked prior to the inspection by the fire marshal. Everyone has a job to do.

As 7:30 rolls around, the ticket booths are prepped and a line has already formed out at the Gold Gate corner. Come 8 A.M., we are selling tickets and a line snakes its way from our

front doors.

Please remember that *nobody* uses the north doors during this time. That includes chairpersons, workers and vendors.

Meanwhile, inside, you would think we had already let the crowds in as the floor gets packed with sellers making last-minute deals among themselves.

By 8:30, we have closed the Orange Gate and it's one-half hour to show time. The last of the sellers are unloading and the Fire Department is making its inspection. Get those pallets out of the aisles and stack 'em outside.

Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.:

It's show time! What can I say? I just pick out a spot that overlooks the front door and watch them come in. I see a lot of friends, waving as they go by. As the buyers enter, they try to decide if their luck would be better upstairs or down. The floor is getting packed.

The Pallet, Traffic and Registration crews get to rest while others on the team are just getting started.

The ticket sellers will be busy for hours while Announcing and Talk-in are helping the lost and confused. Hopefully, the Country Store is selling your stuff. Next door, the VE team will be setting up to administer tests.

Small fires come up here and there—a load needs moving, a seller needs tending. But, overall, it'll be another fine event and we get to enjoy it during our own breaks.

Saturday 3 p.m.: Most of the crowd has cleared. The last of

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A few more volunteers are needed at Registration

Diane Dinkelman / KB7DNE

Flea Market Committee

Did you know that Registration covers a lot more than just our little booth out in the middle of the Fairgrounds?

We also have a traffic division that works the Orange Gate and the gate by the Loading Dock. In addition, we have a table at the Gold Gate to handle Registration problems that arise there.

It takes a minimum of nine people to cover these spots and two more to cover breaks. This does not include Mike N7WA, who runs packets, helps drive the Gator and resolves Registra-

tion problems inside the Pavilion building (which there can be many).

Right now, I only have seven people, including myself. I really need four more people. Some of the folks who helped last year are unable to be here this year.

I need three people Friday and Saturday to help and cover breaks at the Gold Gate, Registration and the Orange Gate. I also need someone to help at load-out Saturday at the Orange gate.

We really need you. Please contact me if you can help:

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We're approaching liftoff ... Note these last-minute details

Michael Dinkelman / N7WA

President

The committee met at Mike K7OV's place on Feb 1. Our thanks to Mike for hosting. This was the last meeting before the event takes place.

Facilities: Security plan and insurance info to be submitted. Pallet jacks to be ordered.

Registration: Discussed table sales. Still running behind. Will reduce the 18 table rows (near the Country Store) to 16 tables each and, if table sales don't fill out, will eliminate the last row of tables on the second floor.

Security: Guards have been ordered. The North doors must *not* be used Saturday morning prior to opening at 9 A.M. That means *everyone*—even committee members. Banner guard will

be threaded through the door handles.

Country Store: Ready to go. Discussed bank needs, door prize drawing and basket raffle.

Hospitality: Still not sure where Wayne's RV will fit. Final decision will be made on site on arrival.

Announcing / Talk-in: Good to go.

Traffic Control: Need more people for load-in and load-out.

Tickets: Need some ticket takers and hand stampers. Discussed bank.

The club's February program will review Flea Market procedures. Badges, for those already signed up, will be available at the February meeting.

Hour by hour, here's the lowdown on our hamfest

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the buyers are trying to ekk out deals with the last of the sellers. The door prizes were finally all given out about two hours ago.

Empty tables have appeared as sellers have sold out or otherwise packed up and left for the day.

It's been a long day and we are all tired of people and radios. Yet, the great egress is just starting.

At 3, the sellers can grab pallets and start loading out. As they race to their vehicles, we take away the tables and chairs and start stacking them back up.

Another reminder: The tables stack 15 high, *face down*, and are color coded. If we stack them wrong, the Fairgrounds will be happy to restack them for us—at \$35 a hour.

Over the next three hours, we will move out all those people it took two days to move in. Tempers will flare (but keep smiling), pallets run short, and the elevator will struggle with the load as we all sweat to move people and tables.

But it'll all get done, the floors will be swept and we'll all marvel at the job we've accomplished. As we head for Chinese food, we'll rehash the past two days' events, stuff ourselves silly, and pat ourselves on the back and on the belly.

Finally, after dinner, as we waddle our way to our cars we'll realize we did it! Another successful Flea Market ... and next year it'll be even better.

Like to talk? Here's the place for you!

Dorothy Lowell / KB7WSO

Relay Correspondent

With Fred and I off to sunnier climes for the winter months, we will miss the Flea Market for the first time in quite a few years, which is the downside of being gone for the winter.

For those of you new to the the Mike & Key ARC and the Flea Market, Fred always worked at the loading dock, and I helped Diane with Registration. I'd like to take a few paragraphs to encourage you to volunteer at Registration.

Why are you hams? Because you like to talk, obviously. Well, at registration you have the opportunity to greet every one of our sellers (and set the tone for a great event). To me, it's one of the best places to be!

Yes, you might be out in the rain and wind, but even then the people can put a smile on your face (and you can put one on

theirs).

You might work inside the booth, handing out packets and collecting fees.

Or you might "work the line," where you pick up each seller's entry slip and take it to the Registration booth to exchange for the packet.

Or you might work the Orange (outer) Gate, where sellers enter the Fairgrounds.

In any of those positions, you'll have the chance to talk during load-in and load-out.

Sign up! Diane is a great "boss" and makes sure her helpers get breaks. She can also be very entertaining.

And if you don't care to work the Registration area of the Flea Market, I encourage you to sign



Paul K7STQ

Atsushi Sasaki, W7KN/JRINKN, flew in from Tokyo to help out at the Registration area during last year's Mike & Key Flea Market.

up somewhere else.

After all, the saying "many hands make light work" is certainly applicable to this, the premiere ham event in the Pacific Northwest.

Hail to the quiet helpers in our club

Do you ever notice that when something needs to be done—no matter how many members are in the group—it's mostly the same handful of "worker bees" who sacrificially give of their time, talent and energy (sometimes \$\$\$, too) to get the job done?

Quite often, these same people continue to further the organization's cause by thinking up new ways of accomplishing a given task, thereby making the next call to serve easier.

This column is being offered as a tribute to those tireless few who "pick up the slack," "stand in the gap," "rise to the occasion"

Sights & Sounds by Sunrise

and make the rest of us look good.

These people seldom wish for notoriety. For the most part, they just "do what needs to be done" and fade back into the rest of the group.

Sometimes, their improvements aren't readily recognized until someone remembers an unpleasant "how it used to be" and someone else says, "Oh, yeah, 'so and so' fixed that after our last outing."

This self-motivated committee of one or more seldom waits

for the "powers that be" to finish cussin' and discussin' what should be done and how, before they've gone ahead and gotten it accomplished.

To these dedicated few, I say for all of us in the Mike & Key, *may your tribe increase!* And a hearty thank you from us all, the benefactors of your goodwill!

Perhaps if any names come to mind who fit the above description, give the Awards Committee a shout so they will be better able to decide where the next "Pop Brown," "Ken Jackson" and other awards should be presented.

73, KC7YYB Dawn

Store founder Dick Aspinwald gone silent key

Mary Lewis / W7QGP

Relay Correspondent

Richard "Dick" E. Aspinwald, W7PV, of North Seattle went silent key in late January.

Born Dec. 1, 1914, Dick is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and daughters, Susan and Judith.

Dick was the founder of Amateur Radio Supply in Georgetown and operated it from 1956 until 1989. Dick was a victim of Alzheimer's disease and spent his last few years in the Ida Culver House on Broadview.

Dick was raised and attended school in Spokane, then graduated with a degree in electrical engineering from Washington State University. He was a member of several national honor societies for mathematics and engineering.

After college, Dick spent seven years serving with the Westinghouse Radio Division in Baltimore.

After WWII, Dick returned to Seattle, where he founded the Radio Supply House. Included in his mailing to amateurs of the Northwest were club meeting notices and hamfest happenings, notably the Sea-Pac convention in Seaside, Ore.

In 1977, he mailed information to start the Northwest Computer Society. He was a welcome guest speaker at many area radio club meetings. Amateur radio classes were held in his facility and he supported club raffles with donations.

Old-timers will remember the DX table in his store where tall tales were told and told again. Dick will be missed.

73 and rest in peace.

Editor's note: Word comes to the Relay that George Coleman, W7GFC (previously KC7UFG), of Olympia also went SK on Jan. 20.



Gerhard DL8GPB/KC7MAK

From our distant member in Germany comes this peek at *Fastnacht* (or Mardi Gras). As Gerhard DL8GPB/KC7MAK explains: *Fastnacht* is a very old custom. It is intended to drive out the nasty ghosts of the darkness in winter. Here you see the "witches" of the *Tett nang* club. The masks are very expensive and cost \$1,000 or more. During this festival, club members engage in traditional street dances.

Awards Banquet is set for April 9 at Barnaby's

This year's Mike & Key Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, April 9.

After much searching, banquet Chairman Jim Monaghan, N7HKO, snagged Barnaby's in Tukwila as the location for our festivities.

Open bar will begin at 5 P.M., followed by dinner at 6.

Tickets cost \$20 per person for one of the following six entrees:

◆ Oven-roasted prime rib.

◆ Marinated chicken breast, topped with sautéed mushrooms, onions and melted provolone cheese.

◆ Fresh Hawaiian chicken marinated in pine-

apple juice, soy sauce and sherry.

◆ Fresh fish special (to be announced that evening).

◆ Large prawns sautéed with fresh vegetables, herbs, parmesan cheese and garlic sauce.

◆ Vegetable alfredo, served with a cream sauce, parmesan cheese, fresh vegetables and pasta.

Tickets may be purchased from Jim at the next two club meetings or by contacting him at 253-864-0834.

Barnaby's is located at 16401 West Valley Highway. Take Exit 1 off Interstate 405 and head south for one-half mile to Strander Boulevard.

Three resolutions for the new year

Editor's note: *This comes a tad late, but is still worthwhile.*

Ward Silver / N0AX

Special to the *Relay*

Here we are at the new year once again and I'm sure many of us are making firm resolutions of one sort or another. More exercise, quit (fill in the blank), do more, do less, and all are admirable in their intent.

What about ham radio? Shouldn't there be a few resolutions for our favorite pastime? (It is a pastime, isn't it?)

I offer three suggestions, in order of difficulty.

Resolution One Improve the Station

This one isn't so hard. Maybe all you have to do is dust! Surely, there is one gadget missing or some nagging problem that needs repair.

Mine is a goofy mike cord on a VHF / UHF rig that I keep "meaning to fix," but never quite seem to find the time for. You might choose to do a major upgrade, too.

At any rate, put shoulder to the wheel and improve your station's performance. Maybe I'll finish that new sound card interface!

Resolution Two Improve the Operator

Getting a little more difficult, this time. I know, we are all stellar operators and couldn't be any better. *Right.*

In our honest moments, we all know there are a few deficiencies in our operating or understanding skills. Is there some

style or mode that you haven't mastered? Maybe your logging accuracy isn't what it could be? Now is the time to pick something to focus on this year to be a better operator.

Perhaps it's a technical challenge instead. You could buy a book or take one of the ARRL's online courses. Pick an area that's new to you—satellites, low bands, digital modes. Get those neurons shaking off the rust. Look for me to get on meteor scatter this year—ka-ping!

Resolution Three Improve the Amateur Service

Ah, this is the tough one. It's one thing to put effort into your own abilities and station. It's quite another to figure out how to improve the hobby itself.

Your personal contribution of time and energy is usually

required. Is rotten operating giving you heartburn? Why not invite some young dogs over for a multi-op and lead by example. (You *are* a good example, right?)

Bemoaning the lack of new blood? Go give a talk on contesting at a general-purpose club meeting or volunteer to help them out on Field Day.

Take a good look at the excellent set of personal skills you have developed by contesting. How can these be put to work to improve the Amateur Service—and that's just what it is, a service—for everyone, not just contesters? You'll probably need to get out of your comfort zone a little bit, meet someone new and take a chance.

The result is guaranteed to expand your consciousness of ham radio as it enters the 21st century. It's a lot bigger than you might think, particularly if you've been licensed for a long time.

There may not be a clear topic that leaps to mind right away. That's fine—just hold the thought as the year wends its way along. The opportunity will present itself, I'm sure.

As the line in the movie *Polar Express* goes, the secret lies in getting on the train when it stops for you!

I wish all of you the best for the coming year. Natural disasters and conflict of various sorts will likely test our abilities in ways we wish they didn't. The world has funny ways of making things happen unexpectedly. And yet, there is a brightness to be found behind the front panel of a radio that is our special secret, shared by hams the world over.

Hope to see you there!

Ham radio book is great for everyone

Paul McElroy / K7STQ

Relay Editor

As you may know, Ward Silver is the author of *Ham Radio for Dummies*.

I bought a copy hoping to interest my XYL in our wonderful hobby. Unfortunately, that hasn't happened yet.

But I highly recommend the book even for licensed hams. Ward's explanations are easy to understand and I've learned lots of very useful information I haven't come across elsewhere.

CW is alive and well on the silver screen

It may be a 19th century communications mode, but CW made a key appearance in the recent movie *Vertical Limit*.

The Hollywood film about a mission to rescue three mountain climbers on K2 in the Himalayas was released in 2000.

When an avalanche buries the trio in a deep crevasse, their handheld radios are too weak to transmit voice. But one of the climbers manages to contact base camp by keying the mike to send bursts of static in Morse Code.

The realistic scene is a perfect example of why CW remains a valuable tool in emergency situations.

Have you studied to take the code test yet?

Audit Committee closes the books on club finances for fiscal year 2004

Date: Jan. 15, 2005
From: Audit Committee
To: Mike & Key ARC
Subject: Audit for FY 2004

On Jan. 15, 2005, the listed members conducted an audit of the club's financial records for the purpose of preparing this report.

Revenue

Revenue was traced from receipt records, club meetings, Flea Market, etc., through recording and deposit. In addition, a review was made of the monthly bank reconciliations and the timing of deposits.

No discrepancies were noted.

Expenditures

In reviewing expenditures and associated disbursements,

we took a monthly sampling of invoices and requests for reimbursements. In each case the items were confirmed for authorization.

No discrepancies were noted.

Comments

It is the opinion of the undersigned that the financial records of the Mike & Key Amateur Radio Club represent a fair and accurate record of cash receipts, disbursements, and deposits for the fiscal year 2004.

Signed by members of the Audit Committee:

Sam Sullivan, N7RHE, chair
Scott Robinson, AG7T, trustee
Dick Radford, WA7NIW, trustee
Paul McElroy, K7STQ
Jack Burrell, N7ZS

Meeting called to order by Brendan.

In attendance: Hideki, Dawn, Dan, Gary, Pam, Ted, Robert, Hal, Brendan, Dick

Old Business

Ad Sales - We have a problem. We haven't heard from Terry regarding ad sales progress. We have five pages to sell, with one-half page sold to Top Hat Novelties. Robert will contact AES and HRO. Dawn will contact ALF and the Mount Baker club. Someone needs to take Bud-dipole.

Brendan has to have the information within two weeks as he needs to get proofs for the ads by that time to have them ready for publication in time.

Brendan will check on prices for publication of the booklet.

Gary reports being a third of the way through verifying the nets list; expects a week or two for completion.

Public Service Minutes Jan. 15, 2005

There was discussion of moving or eliminating the "What is a directed net" section.

Point was made that we still want to make page layout/format consistent from page to page. Decision to eliminate the two rules, and replace with "Listen and monitor to learn procedures."

Jim was working on the repeater list with WWARA. They will verify our listings if given credit as the information source.

Dan is finished with hamfests with the exception of Centralia.

Difficulty reaching the contact person.

Ted has two items not resolved with exams. He has not heard back from Olympia after three attempts to contact

them. Pam will try to contact someone in Olympia.

There is a conflict with the Seattle sessions; no information available regarding location. Mary will get back to Ted regarding this.

Pam reports being about three-quarters done through the Public Service events. There are a couple of new events that will be included.

Steve reports making progress on the club contacts section, Gary is also continuing to research his portion.

So far, we are making good progress. We need to get the booklet to the printer no later than Feb. 16, so everyone needs to get working on their sections. We will need to get together for another session prior to that date to do final edits.

Brendan suggested midday Saturday, Jan. 29 at his house. Address is 7631 218th St. SW, Edmonds.

New Business - None

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 Secretary – Gary Bryan (KG7KU)
 Treasurer – Jack Grimmett (N7IHS)
 Activity Manager – Adrian Roth (KB7BVL)

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 No. 4 – Dick Vance / (K7NEX)
 No. 5 – Dave Smith (KB7PSN)

President Dinkelman 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.

Visitors: Program speaker Dr. Michael Sealfon of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion by Jim N7HKO and seconded by Mike K7OV to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the *K7LED Relay*. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

President – Mike N7WA: The next Mike & Key general membership meeting will be held Feb. 19. The next M&K board meeting will be held Jan. 26. All are invited to attend.

Vice President – Sam N7RHE: Mem-

Welcome, new members

The Mike & Key Club warmly welcomes these new members, who were approved in January:

Stephen Kangas, AE7SK, an Extra from North Bend.

Joe Lankford, K7JAL, an Extra from Enumclaw.

Hal Mueller, KE7BYN, a Technician from Seattle.

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ber applications – Steve Kangas AE7SK, Joe Lankford K7JAL and Hal Mueller KE7BYN. M&K membership voted and approved all three new members. Welcome aboard Steve, Joe and Hal.

Secretary – Gary KG7KU: The January '05 *Logger's Bark*, of the Radio Club of Tacoma, is available.

Treasurer – Jack N7IHS: Issued the P&L statement. Annual membership dues should be sent to Jack N7IHS.

Radio Officer – Terry WX7S: Not present, has been in and out of hospital.

Activity Manager – Adrian KB7BVL: Raffle items are available, please participate. The February program will consist of Flea Market “final” planning.

Chairman of the Board – Steve KD7IQL: Mike N7WA, on behalf of the chairman, opened an informal nomination for those interested in holding M&K Club officer positions, election for which occurs in March. Currently, the available positions are: president, vice president, secretary, activity manager, treasurer and three trustee positions.

Results of the first round of informal nominations: Secretary – Gary KG7KU; Trustees – Frank NA7O, Brendan KD7IKV.

Standing Committee Reports

Technical – Dick K7NEX: Nothing new to report.

Education – Dave KB7PSN: Nothing new to report.

Facilities – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing new to report.

Public Service – Dick WA7NIW: The committee will be meeting today at the Cedar River Smoke House in Renton.

Strategic Planning – Carolyn Pasquier WV7Q: Nothing new to report.

Public Service Communications – Dick WA7NIW: No event listings are scheduled for this month.

Flea Market – Hal N7NW: Planning is moving along well. There is need for more help—be sure to sign up. The next

Public Service Events

Sunday, Feb. 27

Chilly Hilly Bike Ride

Bainbridge Island

Contact: Gene, W7AKA

425-226-4115

w7aka@arrl.net

Flea Market meeting will be held Feb. 1 at Galliano's Cucina in SeaTac.

Old Business

Mike K7OV: The Alligator Award goes to Calvin KC7IYP. Actual transfer of the Award will occur upon Calvin's completion of “a mote surrounding the house.”

Paul K7STQ: Anyone with membership roster revisions, contact Paul K7STQ.

New Business

Mike N7WA: The Annual Awards Banquet, to be held in April, has a new chair, Jim N7HKO. Thanks, Jim.

Jim N7HKO: Date, location and menu for the Awards Banquet is being worked out.

Mike N7WA: The Field Day committee now has two co-chairs—Mike K7OV and Gary KG7KU. Thanks, Mike and Gary.

Good of the Order

Jim N7HKO: Jim and Calvin KC7IYP volunteer in advance to co-chair the M&K 2005 Holiday Dinner.

There being no further business, Jim N7HKO moved and Brendan KD7IKV seconded a motion to adjourn. Approved and President Dinkelman closed the meeting at 10:32 A.M.

Attested: Gary Bryan – Secretary, KG7KU

Board meeting change

Until further notice, Mike & Key Board of Directors meetings will be held at Gallianos Cucina, 16435 Military Road South in Seattle. Board meetings are open to all members.

Welcome to 18 new, young hams

Harry Lewis / W7JWJ

Relay Correspondent

Each semester Jay Sasnett, K7TTZ, teaches a Ham radio class at Salmon Bay Alternative Elementary and Middle School and each semester Mary W7QGP and myself assist in the VE examinations.

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, exams were administered to 20 students whose average age was 11 through 13.

On Feb. 1, FCC licenses were issued as listed below.

Only two students failed the Morse code test and one student passed the CW and failed the written. Of this group, one student is autistic. He passed. Another student has severe sight and muscle coordination. He passed.

Welcome to these new members in the Amateur Radio community!

KE7CTU – Cary D. Turner *
 KE7CTV – Kate G. Walford *
 KE7CTW – Nicholas D. Challoner *
 KE7CTX – Sequoi Price-Lazarus *
 KE7CTY – Anthony I. Peoples
 KE7CTZ – Luke J. McClure *
 KE7CUA – Dylan C.M. Jones *
 KE7CUB – Trillian V. Gunn *
 KE7CUC – Brandon R. Geronimo
 KE7CUD – Michael C. Friedhoff *
 KE7CUE – Janai I. Dial *
 KE7CUF – Max D. Departee *
 KE7CUG – Leon Phillips *
 KE7CUH – Sergei S. Litvinov **
 KE7CUI – Lyle Kleiss-Acres *
 KE7CUJ – Christopher D. Tritt *
 KE7CUK – Morgan A. Wood *
 KE7CUL – Grace A. Bowen *
 CW only – Gabriel J. Doran
 * = passed CW.

Officers present:

President – Michael Dinkelman (N7WA)
 Vice President – Sam Sullivan (N7RHE)
 Secretary – Gary Bryan (KG7KU)
 Treasurer – Jack Grimmatt (N7IHS)

Trustees present:

No. 2 – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)
 No. 3 – Steve Cook / CoB (KD7IQL)
 No. 4 – Dick Vance (K7NEX)
 No. 5 – Dave Smith (KB7PSN)

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. at Galliano's Cucina in SeaTac, Wash.

Visitors: Dan N7QHC and Dawn KC7YYB Humphrey, Jim Etwiler KD7BAT, Frank Tate NA7O.

Minutes: Motion by Sam N7RHE and seconded by Dick WA7NIW to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the *K7LED Relay*. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

Chairman of the Board – Steve KD7IQL: The next scheduled board meeting is Feb. 23.

President – Mike N7WA: Next general membership meeting is Feb. 19.

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Vice President – Sam N7RHE: Review of New Membership applications.

Secretary – Gary KG7KU: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer – Jack N7IHS: Provided P&L report.

Activity Manager – Adrian KB7BVL: Mike N7WA – Next program will be on the Flea Market.

Radio Officer – Terry WX7S: Nothing new to report.

Committee Liaison Reports

Facilities – Steve KD7IQL: Field Day planning will begin soon.

Strategic Planning – Carolyn WV7Q: Nothing new to report.

Technical – Dick K7NEX: Nothing new to report.

Public Service – Dick WA7NIW: *Puget Sound Guide* is in its first draft form. Advertisements needed.

Education – Dave KB7PSN: Nothing new to report.

Flea Market – Mike N7WA: Next meeting is Feb. 1.

Old Business – None

New Business

Jim KD7BAT: Options regarding the Mike & Key Web site domain name and ownership need to be considered. General discussion followed, as well as the description of options. It was voted to proceed with www.mikeandkey.org as the most practical long-term solution.

Good of the Order – None

There being no further business, Sam N7RHE moved and Jack N7IHS seconded a motion to adjourn. Approved and Chairman Cook closed the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Attested: Gary Bryan – Secretary, KG7KU





Ham Nets & Events February / March 2005

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 |
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| 13 2000 — King Co. ARES (weekly) 2000 — Amateur TV net: 147.08 (weekly) | 14 0545 — VWeather net: 145.33 (M-F) 1645 — VWeather net (M-F) | 15 2000 — Snoho. Co. RACES: 146.92 (weekly) | 16 2000 — General Info & Tech net: 145.33 (weekly) | 17 1900 — Pub. Service net (weekly) | 18 2000 — Youth net: 145.33 (weekly) | 19 0900 — Club net 1000 — Club mtg.  ARRL Int'l. DX contest (Sat. - Sun.) |
| 20 2030 — Snoho. Co. ARES: 146.92 (wky.) | 21 | 22 | 23 1915 — Board mtg. | 24 | 25 | 26  CQ Worldwide 160m SSB con. (Sat. - Sun.) |
| 27 Chilly Hilly Bike Ride Bainbridge Island | 28 1730 — VVARTS: 3.970 (daily) 1800 — VVSN I: 3.658 (daily) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 2200 — Northwest Astronomy net: 145.33 (weekly) | 7 1900 — Elmer's net: 145.33 (weekly) 2000 — YL net: 145.33 (weekly) | 8 1900 — Flea Market Committee mtg. (Mike Eakins' home) | 9 2030 — WARFA swapnet: 3.908 (weekly) 2100 — NWSOAR net (weekly) | 10 2000 — Computer & Packet net: 145.33 (weekly) 2000 — Amateur TV net: 147.08 (weekly) | 11 Flea Market Setup | 12 0900 — WA Emerg. HF: 3.985 (weekly) Flea Market |
| 13 Relay deadline | 14 1730 — Puget Sound Traffic Sys. (daily) 1800 — VVA Emerg. HF: 3.985 (weekly) | 15 2000 — Maple Valley ARC/ARES: 146.54 (weekly) | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 0900 — Club net 1000 — Club mtg. |