



Early fears fade into stress-free hamfest

Michael Dinkelman / N7WA

President

Well, that was a hoot! Wonderful spring-like weather, a sellout on tables and nary a major issue over two days. I don't know about you, but I had fun and I think our customers did, too.

It started out as a year to worry (for me, anyway). Table sales were the slowest in recent memory and the first floor didn't sell out until mid-January. (Normally it sells out by the first week of December.) We had no chairperson to organize the ticket sellers. We had a new chairman and how was that going to work out?

Well, the new chairman at Loading, Gary KG7KU, did a wonderful job keeping the pallet jockeys organized. The ticket sellers did a great job despite being left to their own devices most of the time. And the tables sales picked up and we pretty much sold everything we set up.

Of course, it wouldn't be as much fun if we didn't mention the table that Diane sold to three



Dick WA7NIW

We got gadgets! Radios, meters, mikes, modems—you name it, the Mike & Key ARC Flea Market has it all. Buyers swarm the floor looking for that needed part.

different people.

The event started out with setup just as it does every year. I think we started earlier than ever and got done in record time. We got dealt a load of funky old

tables and a load of the heavy ones but no pulled muscles were reported and nothing collapsed under load.

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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.

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.



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Web: The club's site at www.mikeandkey.org 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>.

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

Our prez moves on ... who'll step up?

Michael Dinkelman / N7WA

President

As I write this, the Flea Market is only two days off. My thanks to all who have volunteered to pitch in and work this event. Not only are you keeping your dues low, you're helping to sponsor an event with no equal in the Pacific Northwest.

From the Hot Seat

Officer elections will be held at the next club meeting. So far, we have several candidates for the trustee positions, one for secretary and one for treasurer. You need to start looking to your fellow club members, or yourself, to find candidates for president, vice president and activity manager.

In a club this size, that shouldn't be an issue.

Being an officer requires a few hours each month to attend the board and club meetings. If you have any questions about the duties of any particular position, see a current board member.

As for me, this will be my last presidential report for a while. I really want to thank all those who have supported and encouraged me in the last year. I appreciate all those who have asked me to run for a second term. But having held elected positions for several years running, as well as my other activities for the club, I'm looking forward to stepping back for a while.

I hope you'll support our new leadership in the coming year.

73, dink

A triple crown of Pacific Northwest ham events on tap

The Mike & Key Flea Market may be over, but the calendar of ham events is far from empty.

Sea-Pac, the ARRL's Northwestern Division convention, will be held Friday-Sunday, June 17-19, at the Seaside Convention Center, as usual.

More information is available on the Web at <http://seapac.org>.

The 50th annual Pacific Northwest DX convention is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, Aug. 5-7, at the Monarch Hotel in Portland. The Willamette Valley DX Club is sponsoring this year's event.

Registration and more info is available at www.wvdx.org/convention.php. Those who register before June 15 will receive a free raffle ticket for a \$1,000 gift certificate redeemable at Ham Radio Outlet.

And the Radio Club of Tacoma will hold its annual hamfest on Saturday, Aug. 13, in Spanaway.

More details at www.w7dk.org.

You can still buy tickets for the Awards Banquet

Tickets are still available for this year's Mike & Key Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 9, at Barnaby's in Tukwila.

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 sauteed mushrooms, onions and melted provolone cheese.

◆ Fresh Hawaiian chicken marinated in pineapple juice, soy sauce and sherry.

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

◆ Large prawns sauteed 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 N7HKO at the March club meeting 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.

Key Club Dates

Next General mtg.: **Mar. 19**

Board mtg.: **Mar. 30**

Relay deadline: **Apr. 8**



Richard WA7UEW

Curtis N7MWC and his son man the Country Store, where hopefuls vied for the chocolate and garden giveaway baskets.



Mike N7WA

An incident that shut down Highway 167 made for light crowds when the hamfest opened, but they picked up as the day wore on.



The hamfest is the perfect place to find radio gear from now (Icom showed off its new IC-7800) and yesteryear. (Photo by Dick WA7NIW)



Dick WA7NIW

ARRL Northwestern Division Director Greg Milnes, W7OZ, left, and League representatives were on hand to answer questions.



Richard WA7UEW

The Announcing crew kept the lines of communication open for the lost, strays and others needing help.



Left: Registration enjoyed elegant new digs this year, so fancy that they didn't need the traditional portable heaters on Saturday morning. (Photos by Mike N7WA)

Above: Wayne KC7ORB manned the Hospitality van, as usual. His new rig fit nicely by the State Patrol headquarters, which included the added benefit of a nice grassy area for those taking a break. (Photo by Richard WA7UEW)

Warm weather helps the crew shine

Diane Dinkelman / KB7DNE

Relay Correspondent

I know every year I tell you all about how my Registration crew suffers in the cold to help with the Flea Market.

Normally, it is true. But this year we suffered the sun and had to run around without coats. It was tough since we had all dressed so warm.

Not to mention that for the first time in 10 years, we had a nice, cozy building to work in. It was roomy, airy and clean. We did not even need a heater Saturday morning. The only thing lacking was a restroom; maybe next year.

At first, my crew thought it was a mistake and that someone would show up to kick us out.

Soon we started to relax and enjoy our newfound booth.

The Gold Gate, Orange Gate and, of course, the gate next to the loading dock was not able to share the high living that we, in our new booth, enjoyed. But they were happy just to be warm on the beautiful two days that we had Friday and Saturday.

We had a startling opening on Friday with our sellers backed up from the loading dock to the Orange Gate. Communications were great between my well-trained crew members and we were able to move the sellers in from the Orange Gate and the Gold Gate easily and efficiently.

Just to test their skills, I sold the same table three times Saturday morning and they were easily able to solve the problem

and make our customers happy with little help from me.

What a crew!

Load-out was especially difficult because of the 4X4s coming in and setting up on the road that we use to bring our sellers in.

My crew worked with their crew and was able to get all our sellers through the entanglement without a mishap and on time.

I want to thank my crew again this year for a job well done: Wayne K6DOW; Tressie KC7BAL; Jim KC7EVY; Jim KD7BAT; Mike K7JML; Atsushi W7KN; Chuck N7LMT; his wife, Gail; Will; my daughter, Susan; and last but not least my husband, Mike N7WA.

Another year with a job well done!

Hamfest goes off with nary a hitch

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Pizza arrived on time at 11:30 and the pizza joint even knew where the Fairgrounds were this year (without an address). Just like last year, I forgot the paper plates. Can somebody remind me next year?

Vendors were lined up all the way down Fifth Avenue and around the corner by the time we opened the gates at 2 P.M. Registration and the pallet crews were kept hopping for a good couple of hours until the initial deluge was dissipated.

Of course, when the sun is shining and the temperature is perfect for shirt-sleeves, how could anybody be unhappy?

That's pretty much it for Friday. The success in this year's Flea Market can be told by the fact that there were very few "events" and the same was true all the way through Saturday.

The early crowd seemed a bit sparse, but I think we can blame a lot of that on the "incident" that closed Highway 167. We got a fair amount of arrivals after 9 A.M.

We continue to have problems giving away door prizes and several were left over even after two drawings. Maybe somebody has a better idea on how to implement a door-prize system. Or, maybe, we should just discontinue it?

There was on-site demonstration of direction-finding at noon. A fair crowd popped out to see it. This may be worth pursuing in an expanded manner next year.

Other than that, there were no scheduled programs for the first time in several years.

Ham Radio Outlet was sched-



Mike N7WA

Under the direction of Gary KG7KU, the Loading Dock crew garnered one compliment after another from sellers for seamlessly moving them in and out

uled to return, but had to bow at the last minute due to several medical emergencies (it basically came down to shut the store in Portland or not come to Puyallup). They hope to come next year. ICOM had a double booth this year and that IC-7800 sure was a nice-looking radio. What's guy to do: buy food or a radio? Let me think about that ...

The basket drawings set up by Dawn and Curtis Hanner got a big boost by Pam N7PRS, who spent a lot of time and effort soliciting donations. A wide variety of baskets were available, plus a neat safe that attracted a lot of attention.

I don't know what the final sales were, but I saw a lot of red tickets in paper sacks. (I think my chocolate basket idea was a bigger hit than Diane's garden basket.)

Hospitality got moved this

year and I think it was for the better. Wayne KC7ORB's bigger-and-better RV was parked up near the State Patrol building. We had grass to sit and plenty of good food and refreshments.

I had to play waiter and make a number of runs to various locations in Outer Mongolia to feed and water the troops, but it keeps them happy. (By the way, the Fairgrounds gate guards think we are the best—nobody else feeds them like we do.)

Who am I forgetting? Announcing worked well, though we might need to go back to the antenna arrangement of the past several years to be able to run talk-in from the Fairgrounds.

The Country Store looked busy.

Security was efficient as usual, although there was a

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Dick WA7NIW

Adult paid attendance at this year's Flea Market came in at 2,055, more than 200 over last year. However, juniors were down.

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hassle about frequencies with a disgruntled customer who used very bad language while laying ownership claims about the frequency in use.

I mentioned the ticket sellers, but not the fact that they spent a good deal of time redirecting 4X4 customers in the afternoon hours.

We had a bunch of new people manning the gates and all did a wonderful job. I'm hoping we'll have some returning volunteers for next year out of that group.

Pallet crew—what can I say? I had customer after customer tell me we have the best system for loading and unloading. A lot of that simply comes from our experienced crews. I didn't hear how VE exams went—is that good sign?

Teardown was uneventful and load-out was accomplished in less than three hours. Somebody tossed Ted NOYC's new batteries in the trash during cleanup, but



Dick WA7NIW

Steve KD7IQL picks through the goodies looking for just the right stuff.

it looks like he managed to recover most of his purchases. (He won one of those baskets, too.)

It wasn't long after 6 P.M. when many of us were sitting down for a Chinese dinner. Again, the Main Garden outdid itself and there was way too much food to eat. A lot went home in takeout boxes.

Now, with my feet in the air, near the end of this report, I can say it was a successful event in

nearly all aspects. Huh?

How many people showed up? Well, that's a bit of a surprise. Whereas last year's adult attendance was up slightly at 1,841, this year, if the numbers hold up, we had an adult paid attendance of 2,055, an increase of more than 200. Maybe it was the weather?

Juniors were way down, only 76 instead of 120 like last year. Despite selling more tables, the seller/helper count was down a bit; we had 489 last year, but only 450 this year.

So, despite the worried start, we did pretty well in the end. Again, this was *your* effort that made it happen. From the chairman of the entire event to the guys who keep the elevator door open, it takes a team and we have a pretty good one.

Think about what we can do better next year. But before you go too far down that road, first give yourselves a pat on the back and bask in the glory of a job well done.

Congratulations to our longtime club members

The Mike & Key annual Awards Banquet is our chance to honor those who put their all into the club.

A special thanks goes to these longtime members:

25 Years – Life

Lloyd Haverman WA7HNY

20 Years

Hap King W7QCV

Wayne Moddison K6DOW

Vic Zum Brunnen WB7TBR

15 Years

Clinton Pozzi N7HAM

Eric Snyder N7DLV

Rick Antes KF7VG

Aldo Samboni N7MYM

Dick Vance K7NEX

James Hamlin W7FKI

John Black W7HIL

Dean Holton N7NKO

10 Years

Frank Henshaw K7VMG

Richard Danielson K7RIC

Lyman Fitzgerald KA7OES

Kathy Martin KB7QMO

Mike Foster N7MF

Gloria Svennungsen N7JJJ

Joe Langjahr KJ7DG

Marilyn Olson KB7WSH

5 Years

Jim Etwiler KD7BAT

Frank Michels KA7ZRM

Claire Navarre KD7FMP

Atsushi Sasaki W7KN

Barry Wolborsky KC7YB

Kimberly Wolborsky KD7FYD

Brendan Burget KD7IKV

Curtis Hanner N7MWC

Dawn Hanner N7VWH

Dorothy Lowell KB7WSO



Club's Web site address is switching over to .org

Jim Etwiler / KD7BAT

Webmaster

We have found out that the Mike & Key ARC does not "own" the domain name **mikeandkey.com** due to the way it was originally registered.

The registered "owners" for the domain name are no longer in business to transfer the recorded ownership to us (or anyone else for that matter).

After reviewing several options, the board has directed the webmaster to register **mikeandkey.org** for the club and begin using the new domain name.

Both names will be available for a transition period during most of the coming year.

Please update your Web browser Favorites, Bookmarks, etc., from **www.mikeandkey.com** to **www.mikeandkey.org**. Note that the new address is also used in the new 2005 *Amateur Radio Special Events & Information Guide*.

Our club has been contacted several times recently for adding

links to our Web site. Three that could be of interest are described below.

MicroHams is sponsoring three no-code Technician class courses in 2005: One already in February, May 13-15 and Oct. 14-16. Classes run 7 to 10 P.M. Friday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturday and 9 A.M. to noon Sunday.

The class is available to anyone, but registration in advance is requested because there is limited seating and materials. Testing will start at 1 P.M. Sunday and is also open to the public by reservation.

For more information, contact Scott Honaker at **n7wlo@arrl.net** or visit **www.microhams.com**.

The Amateur Radio Covered Bridge Society (or ARCBS) tells us: "We combine our love of amateur radio and covered bridges and have fun doing so."

You can visit their Web site to see what they're all about at **www.arcbs.org**.

Dan Morris, N7ENE, is the webmaster for W7SKY Sky Valley ARC in Sultan. Their Web site is at **www.w7sky.org**.

Can you relate? Ten undeniable truths about amateur radio

Editor's note: This comes to us from William Reuter, AEOBR, via www.eham.net.

I know these have been here before, but it is fun to revisit them. I can relate to 9 out of 10!

1. That antenna is only temporary.
2. "If my wife ever finds out what this stuff cost, I'm a dead man ..."
3. The worthless stuff thrown away today shows up on eBay tomorrow.
4. If you can't sneak it in through the basement window, bring it in through the front door wrapped in a fur coat.
5. You have absolutely no trouble finding your car in a crowded parking lot (unless you're at a hamfest).
6. One of your antennas or pieces of gear that you seldom, if ever, use develops a problem. Now, all of a sudden, you must get it fixed as if you use it daily.
7. The XYL will *always* need help with something *during* a QSO, never before or after.
8. During tornado watches and warnings, we are more concerned about our antennas coming down than we are about our house being blown up.
9. Computer nerds think that hams are the real weirdos.
10. "Christmas" and or "birthday" come about 15 times per year (or whenever an unbudgeted radio purchase comes up). Technically, I shouldn't be getting any more "presents" for the next 10 years!

Communications Academy prepares you for disasters

This year's Communications Academy will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3, at the Shoreline Conference Center.

Communications Academy is a non-profit coalition of volunteer communications teams who provide a professional-grade training opportunity for emergency communications teams.

By providing a once-a-year, large-scale venue for training, volunteer communicators are exposed to topics in emergency management, communications techniques and protocols, and real-life emergency responses.

The Communications Academy is open to anyone with an interest in emergency communications, volunteer or professional. The

presentations are designed to promote the development of knowledgeable, skilled emergency communicators who will support their local communities during a disaster or emergency response.

Registration through March 30 costs \$12.50 per day or \$24 for both days. After that, you can register or walk in for \$15 per day or \$28 for both days.

This year's keynote speaker at the Saturday banquet will be Bill Lokey of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Shoreline Conference Center is located at 18560 First Avenue NE in Shoreline.

More details are available at the academy's Web site at www.commacademy.org.

Visitors in the shack? Here's some advice

Editor's note: Brian Moran, N9ADG, of the Western Washington DX Club recently had some items to sell. He also offered a bit of advice that all hams might find useful.

Never give tours of your shack to your wife. Or anyone else who may ask questions of the variety of "what does this do?" and point at various pieces of equipment.

At least leave everything plugged in so you can show that everything is plugged in and bound to be hooked up.

Also, there's just no way to answer questions like "why are you keeping all these parts around to maybe someday build something that you have three-too-many-of already and which are assembled and working? Shouldn't you get rid of those parts, too?"

A good strategy may just be to hum softly and stare into the distance.

Officers present:

President – Michael Dinkelman (N7WA)
 Vice President – Sam Sullivan (N7RHE)
 Secretary – Gary Bryan (KG7KU)
 Treasurer – Jack Grimmett (N7IHS)
 Activity Manager – Adrian Roth (KB7BVL)
 Radio Officer – Terry Dettmann (WX7S)

Trustees present:

No. 1 – Scott Robinson (AG7T)
 No. 2 – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)
 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.

Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion by John WA7HQZ and seconded by Alan KB7SVU 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 board meeting will be held Feb 23 at Galliano's Cucina in SeaTac; the next general membership meeting will be held March 19.

Vice President – Sam N7RHE: Please review your M&K Club dues status to see if your dues are due. The M&K general membership voted on and approved two new members: Mike Hansow, KA7CSE, and Chuck Richardson, N7LMT.

Welcome, new members

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

Mike Hansow, KA7CSE, a General from Auburn.

Chuck Richardson, N7LMT, an Advanced from Seattle.

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Secretary – Gary KG7KU: The February '05 *Logger's Bark* of the Radio Club of Tacoma is available. Also received notification in the mail that the Yakima Hamfest is scheduled for April 16.

Treasurer – Jack N7IHS: Issued the P&L statement.

Radio Officer – Terry WX7S: Present and accounted for ... is doing much better and wants to attend Field Day.

Activity Manager – Adrian KB7BVL: Raffle items are available, please participate.

Chairman of the Board – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing new to report at this time.

Standing Committee Reports

Technical – Dick K7NEX: Nothing new to report at this time.

Education – Dave KB7PSN: Nothing new to report at this time.

Facilities – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing new to report at this time.

Public Service – Dick WA7NIW: Ted NOYC reports that the committee encourages you to support those who have placed ads in the 2005 *Puget Sound Guide*.

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

Public Service Communications – Dick WA7NIW: Event listings can be found on the tables.

Flea Market – Hal N7NW: We can always use more help—be sure to sign up. An information presentation will be held following today's meeting. There will be no meeting March 1.

Field Day – Alan KB7SVU: Nothing new to report at this time.

Banquet – Jim N7HKO: Scheduled for Barnaby's in Renton at 6 P.M. April 9. Be sure to sign up. Room for about 80.

Old Business

Public Service Events

**Saturday, March 26
 Parade**

Woodinville
 Contact: Gene, N7QLT
 425-485-5405
 gbudbill@seafairparademarshals.org

The prestigious Alligator Award remains in the ownership of the Right Honorable Calvin KC7IYP.

New Business – None

Good of the Order

Mike N7WA – Activity on the DX Ham bands will increase this weekend [Feb 19-20], with the ARRL DX contest.

Hal KE7BYN – The MicroHams ARC is helping with work on a Tall Ship in Lake Union. There are two radios that need some work—both the hardware and software that drives it. Anyone interested, please see Hal KE7BYN.

Jim N7HKO – Read an article written by ARRL that expressed the need for hams to be diligent, to continue to make the public aware of the importance of ham radio bands and the ham radio operator skills that provide communication support during emergencies.

Terry WX7S – Has someone willing to provide a radio direction-finding demonstration at the Flea Market, if there is interest.

Jim N7HKO – Echo Link information needed.

Terry WX7S – Reminder that the 2005 Communications Academy will be held April 2-3 in Shoreline.

There being no further business, Ted NOYC moved and Scott AG7T seconded a motion to adjourn. Approved and President Dinkelman closed the meeting at 10:32 A.M.

Attested: Gary Bryan – Secretary, KG7KU



Congress mulls ham radio protection act

At the urging of the ARRL, Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-Fla.) has introduced The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005 into the U.S. House of Representatives.

HR 691 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where Bilirakis serves as vice chairman. Like previous versions of the proposal, the measure would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio if the FCC reallocates primary amateur frequencies, reduces any secondary amateur

allocations or makes additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce their utility to amateurs.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, says the legislation "is vital for ensuring that the Amateur Radio Service, the only 100 percent fail-safe emergency communication capability, remains a viable public safety option."

HR 691 references Amateur Radio's role in providing "voluntary, non-commercial radio service, particularly emergency communications," and it points out that hams have "consistently

and reliably" provided communication support in the event of emergencies and disasters. As the measure notes, FCC actions already have led to the loss of at least 107 MHz of spectrum to radio amateurs.

Efforts now will focus on attracting additional cosponsors for the legislation. The ARRL is encouraging members to urge their congressional representatives to sign aboard HR 691. Work is proceeding to have identical legislation introduced in the Senate.

— The ARRL

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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 P.M. at Galliano's Cucina in SeaTac, Wash.

Visitors: Meredith; Frank Tate, NA7O; Dan N7QHC and Dawn KC7YYB Humphrey; Jim Etwiler, KD7BAT; Ted Boessenroth, N0YC.

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 March 30. Keep in mind club elections, which are just around the corner. Be thinking about your involvement in a leadership position.

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

Vice President – Sam N7RHE: Re-

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view of new membership applications.

Secretary – Gary KG7KU: Nothing new to report at this time.

Treasurer – Jack N7IHS: Nothing new to report at this time.

Activity Manager – Adrian KB7BVL: Nothing new to report at this time.

Radio Officer – Terry WX7S: Nothing new to report at this time.

Committee Liaison Reports

Facilities – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Technical – Dick K7NEX: Nothing new to report at this time.

Public Service – Dick WA7NIW: The *Puget Sound Guide* is set to go to publish tomorrow (Feb 24).

Education – Dave KB7PSN: Nothing new to report at this time.

Flea Market – Mike N7WA: All sys-

tems are "go."

Field Day – Steve KD7IQL: General advisory and guiding thoughts... Be advised the Field Day rules change from year to year, and the changes can be subtle. The committee should begin soon to determine subcommittee assignments and duties. Be sure to include people resources in the planning, such as those who have served previously.

Old Business

Jim KD7BAT – Domain name work continues. The Web site will soon be ready for transition. A few functional issues are being worked out.

New Business

Sam N7RHE – Awards Banquet is scheduled for 6 P.M. April 9 at Barnaby's. Cost is \$20. The awards are in process.

Jim KD7BAT – The nominees for treasurer need formal approval. Nominee: Jack N7IHS. Mike N7WA moved to approve the nominee and Dick K7NEX seconded. Motion passed.

Good of the Order – None

There being no further business, Sam N7RHE moved and Dick K7NEX seconded a motion to adjourn. Approved and Chairman Cook closed the meeting at 7:54 P.M.




Attested: Gary Bryan – Secretary, KG7KU





Ham Nets & Events March / April 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
13 2000 — King Co. ARES (weekly) 2000 — Amateur TV net: 147.08 (weekly)	14 0545 — Weather net: 145.33 (M-F) 1645 — Weather 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.  Russian DX contest (Sat. - Sun.)
20 2030 — Snoho. Co. ARES: 146.92 (wkly.)	21	22	23	24	25	26
27  CQWorldwide WPX SSB con. (Sun. - Mon.)	28 1730 — VVARTS: 3.970 (daily) 1800 — VVSN I: 3.658 (daily)	29	30 1900 — Board mtg.	31	1	2 Woodville Parade  SP DX contest (Sat. - Sun.)
3 2200 — Northwest Astronomy net: 145.33 (weekly)	4 1900 — Elmer's net: 145.33 (weekly) 2000 — YL net: 145.33 (weekly)	5 1900 — Flea Market Committee mtg. (Mike Eakins' home)	6 2030 — WARFA swapnet: 3.908 (weekly) 2100 — NWSOAR net (weekly)	7 2000 — Computer & Packet net: 145.33 (weekly) 2000 — Amateur TV net: 147.08 (weekly)	8 Relay deadline	9 0900 — WA Emerg. HF: 3.985 (weekly)
10	11 1730 — Puget Sound Traffic Sys. (daily) 1800 — VVA Emerg. HF: 3.985 (weekly)	12 2000 — Maple Valley ARC/ARES: 146.54 (weekly)	13	14	15	16 0900 — Club net 1000 — Club mtg. Yakima ARC Hamfest Selah Civic Center