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Club honors our dedicated activists

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Well, the annual Mike & Key ARC Banquet concluded just a couple of hours ago. After a short soak in the hot tub to recover, I think I can manage to relate the happenings of the evening.

This year's banquet was held at Barnaby's in Tukwila. My thanks to Jim N7HKO for organizing the event and making the arrangements.

The crowd seemed to be a tad on the low side, but that had a positive consequence since we weren't crowded together on each other's laps as we usually have been there. Paul K7STQ was master of ceremonies and also deserves some thanks for taking on that job. After a bit of "Fleaspeak," dinner was on.

Following dinner, Chuck WA7EBH gave the club history running from the early days of Pop Brown to the present. (However, it did sound a bit like Chuck is looking to pass that important job on to another generation.)

Diane KB7DNE

Brendan KD7IKV, won the game "Pin the Handheld on the Ham." A relatively new member of the club, Brendan also walked away with the prestigious Pop Brown Award.

For sure, there is a lot of lore and history in this organization and we now have members reaching their 35th year.

Then came a bit of entertainment as we played another round of "Guess the Member." This bit of diversion involves trying to guess a club member from their childhood pictures.

Fred N7PZ, Dave KB7PSN, Sam N7RHE and Adrian KB7BVL were all victims of this travesty. Still, it was harder to decide who got it worse, the ones being pictured or the lucky prize winners who guessed them.

It does look like the Alien Hand Puppet was a definite hit, but the Rubber Chicken got passed off after Fred N7PZ won a really neat potato gun—300 shots from one potato! Never did see the Chicken Chucker in

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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 club is good—help make it better

Sam Sullivan / N7RHE
President

From the Hot Seat

First of all, thank you for electing me as your president. I hope I can live up to your wishes.

I wasn't sure how to start, so "The State of the Club" came to mind. The state of our club is good. Membership is holding fairly steady at 200 and meeting attendance averages 70 people, which is good considering how geographically far-ranging our membership is.

We've come off a great Flea Market and last year did really well at Field Day. Dave KB7PSN has already volunteered to chair the picnic on Aug. 20th. Mike K7OV, Alan KB7SVU and Gary KG7KU have stepped forward to co-chair Field Day.

As the *Relay* goes to press, we are having the annual Awards Banquet chaired by Jim N7HKO and emcee'd by Paul K7STQ. This is always a grand affair when we give tribute to those who make our club the dynamic group it is. Although this is how we acknowledge these people publicly, you and I can always thank those who do things on the spot, too.

Can we improve? Yes, we can.

We always need more people to help at the major events like Field Day and the Flea Market. We always need suggestions and volunteers for the programs. If you have any ideas for a program or other activity, give your input to Dawn KC7YYB.

I'm thinking about a program to demonstrate the use of tracking generators and spectrum analyzers to test band-pass filters, traps and antennas, or a demonstration of time-domain reflectometry to test cables and connectors.

Other soldering classes and antenna demos like we've done in the past are possibilities, too. I think we need more technical opportunities, and request your suggestions for subjects.

You are unique. You are the only person in the world with your call sign. QRZ says there are 292 David Smiths with licenses, but only one David KB7PSN.

It has come up several times in meetings that we're a ham radio club and, of course, use call signs. I admit I'm not good with call signs. I even have trouble learning people's last names—let alone their call. Not being an old-time ham, I've never gotten the hang of learning calls. My personal goal is to overcome this handicap and recognize the unique identity a call gives.

With this in mind, wear your name badges and hats with call signs. During the meetings, give your name and call when speaking so we can learn who you are. This also assists the secretary in accurately recording the events of the meeting.

This is our club; help keep it the best one known. Contact any of the board members with ideas and suggestions. I can be reached at 253-631-0663, **svsullivan@comcast.net** or at **n7rhe@arrl.net**.

Welcome to our new club officers

There's a new byline on the president's column, of course, since we just held club elections (no recounts necessary).

A hearty welcome to our new and returning officers—along with the membership's thanks for stepping forward to help keep the Mike & Key ARC vibrant.

You'll find a complete listing of the Board of Directors on page 2 (and in the meeting minutes).

Elsewhere in this issue, you'll also find biographies of several officers who were brave enough to document their colorful (unsavory?) backgrounds.

And our heartfelt thanks to the retiring officers for their tireless dedication!

Stepping down, but not out, are Mike N7WA, Adrian KB7BVL, Scott AG7T, Steve KD7IQL and Dave KB7PSN.

How to build the K2

Guy Molinari, N7ZG, will present the April program on building an Elecraft K2 transceiver.

Programs & Activities

Guy, one of our new trustees, is an aficionado of CW and DX'ing

Key Club Dates Next General mtg.: **Apr. 16** Board mtg.: **Apr. 27** *Relay* deadline: **May 13**

Boyhood interest leads to a life in ham radio

Guy Molinari / N7ZG
Trustee No. 3

I can remember being interested in radio and electronics at a very young age. I saved enough money from a paper route to buy a CB radio.

When my 12th birthday rolled around, I begged my Dad to buy a ground plane antenna. I begged even harder to get him to install it on the chimney of our house on Long Island, N.Y. CB was a pretty big letdown, as you can imagine (one of the hit songs at that time in '75 was "Convoy").

My Dad served in the Navy in the late '50s as a signal intelligence technician. He learned to copy CW at about 25 WPM on a "mill" to help keep Khrushchev honest. He was also a voracious reader and would take me to the library when he had free time.

He loved to read novels by Alistair MacClean and Ray Bradbury, so he would head for the fiction section and I would head for the electronics shelves. There were quite a few books about ham radio, including *How to Be a Ham*. I don't remember the author, but I think I read it cover to cover about five times.

There were also copies of *The ARRL Handbook*. I found it fascinating to read about the homebrew projects even though the info seemed way beyond my abilities and grasp.

I began to study for the Novice license exam and talked my Dad into teaching me the code. It was really tough and after a few frustrating sessions we both gave up. I kept on trying, though, and ordered a set of Morse code tapes from the ARRL.

I also bartered with a school chum to get his old Hallicrafters receiver. I can't remember what the model was, but I can tell you it was for SW broadcasts and not for ham use. It did have a BFO switch so I could copy CW on the ham bands.

It wasn't easy and a few years later I was able to get my code speed up to 5 WPM. When I was 15, I passed the Novice exam. I finally had my ham ticket!

I had to take a bus about 20 miles or so to the Harrison radio store in Farmingdale, N.Y. A friendly salesman gave me the exam. I bought a used Drake 2-NT transmitter and 2-C receiver from him and finally put WA2WYP on the air. Not bad for a kid without an Elmer. I was making CW contacts from all over the United States.

The QSL cards started coming and my Mom was impressed. I was the kind of kid who wasn't easily motivated, as you might say. My code speed quickly jumped to about 10 WPM and I participated in the Novice Night contest. I think I posted a decent score in the NLI section.

It was during a low point in the sunspot cycle because my only DX contact was FG7BP in Guadeloupe. I never got his card.

A few years later (after I graduated high school), the sunspots were returning and I bought a used Drake R4-A and T4-X setup. My code speed was up around 15 WPM and I was able to ace the General exam.

I was excited to get on 20-meter phone and work some DX. I probably ended up making more contacts on CW, though. Two hundred watts and a low dipole didn't cut the mustard, I guess.

Cortland KA5S

Guy N7ZG loves to DX on CW.

Believe it or not, almost all of the fire departments on Long Island are volunteer, so I joined up. Between that and girls, radio fell by the wayside.

I got a job doing computer programming work in the mid-Eighties in New York City. I married a gal I met at work and we moved to Seattle in 1987. My son, Ben, was born that year.

That relationship was rocky, at best, and didn't last but a few years. I was focused on building a career as a computer software engineer and finally remarried in 1993 to my wife, Kelley.

After the dot-com debacle in 2000, I was looking for something to do beyond my working life. With some cajoling from my brother-in-law, Jordan Thompson, N7XLD, I returned to ham radio. He lent me his Yaesu FT-817 QRP rig and ancillary gear.

I had to retake the exams be-

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A seasoned hand takes on activities

Dawn Humphrey / KC7YYB
Activity Manager

Hello! Your new activity manager here. Dawn is the name and KC7YYB is the call.

I've been a member since 1991 with my husband, Dan, N7QHC. I've only had my call since '96.

Although the activity manager is new to me, the selling of raffle tickets and gathering prizes is not.

The first experience with the prize business was co-chairing the spring banquet with Joyce Stroeher, N7JPW, then again by myself, and again co-chairing with Dave KB7PSN. I was selling tickets for the raffles as a helper to Activity Manager John Long, KW7A, in 2002-03 and again with Mike N7WA.

Upcoming programs

The May program is going to be by our man in uniform, Mitchell Gill, otherwise known as K7"TUT." He will be sharing in his inimitable style information on "Emergency Communications / Homeland Security" with some sidebars experienced on his tour.

Jack N7ZS

Dawn KC7YYB has been a stalwart in the Field Day Hospitality Tent.

The June meeting will focus on Field Day. Gary KG7KU, is looking for band chairs and volunteers to work the information booth, since yours truly has been working it with no relief every year—with the exception of getting to tour the Port Townsend lighthouse.

Now, Dan and I do not mind setting it up and manning it for the first couple or three hours. But it really would be nice if someone else would take the spot for a while. Someone who enjoys meeting people, isn't afraid to ask them to log in, and will invite them to explore the various stations.

If you've been thinking that because we've done it over and over, it was a spot set in cement—not true! If someone even wants to do it from beginning to end, we don't mind. Go for it!

I want to thank people who have come forward with ideas for programs. I asked for ideas and bless those of you who have stepped up! Thank you again!

One more exciting thing, at least to me. When I asked Dave KB7PSN to check on the availability of the Renton parks for our picnic, he also volunteered to be our picnic chairman. To which I say "good job," and think he will have some good ideas for our August picnic.

If our club people keep actively participating as they have so far this year, we ought to accomplish many things that have been on hold for a long time.

Looking forward to a great year of service to the community and our club—KC7YYB Dawn.

Our new prez is a veteran of the board

Sam Sullivan / N7RHE
President

I joined the club in June of 1991. I've served two years as a trustee and three terms as vice president.

I first got interested in Amateur Radio in the late Fifties through my uncle, Sam Sullivan, W6WXU (SK). His daughter—my cousin, Joan—now has his W6WXU call.

Despite the help of Elmer Cliff, K7IAR, I left for college and the big world about then. So I never got around to getting licensed until the no-code Technician overcame my laziness about learning code.

My goal is still to learn code and upgrade to Extra.

After three years of college, I attended a three-year electronics school, graduating in 1968. I got my commercial First Class Radiotelephone license in 1967.

I worked as a broadcast engineer in AM, FM and TV for three years. I then became an electronics technician for the Federal Aviation Administration. I retired in the fall of 2000 after 30 years as an electronics engineer with the FAA.

I've been married to my college sweetheart, Sharon, for almost 41 years. We have three children and four grandchildren.

Barracks to the beach — it's no bluff

Gary Bryan / KG7KU
Field Day Co-Chairman

I entered Fort Flagler State Park on Marrowstone Island, turned left toward the Park Ranger entrance and said I was with the Mike & Key Club.

The Ranger motioned to the right, which when I entered looked like a group camp. I asked a ham if this was the right place, and he said something about a "Wagon Wheel."

I said I had reservations. He motioned to a building and said, "Barracks." At the Barracks, I asked about the Field Day site, an arm pointed and the voice said, "Bunker."

I made my way to the Bunker and asked about CW. An arm pointed to a curvy road and the voice said, "Beach." I said, "You're bluffing me," and the voice just said, "No, beach."

And so I'm thinking *where am I*, and *who are these people*? Why, none other than Mike & Key Club hams, ready to do their stuff, *big time*. So began my indoctrination into one of the club's main events.

This year there are three Field Day Co-Chairs: Mike Eakins, K7OV; Gary Bryan, KG7KU; and Alan Hughes, KB7SUV; not necessarily listed in order of experience.

They are looking for your commitment to make this year even better than the last.

Mike K7OV is the contact for band chair and other assignments, so let him know your level of commitment.

The Field Day Planning Committee has carried forward the assignments from last year, so the list looks like this:

GOTA: ?

2M phone: Mike KD7LAX and Hideki KD7TCI.

10 / 80M phone: ?

15M phone: Carolyn WV7Q.

20M phone: Dawn N7VWH and Curtis N7NWC.

40M phone: Dean N7NKO.

15 / 40M CW: Mike N7WA.

20 / 80M CW: Mike N7WA.

Also:

Safety: Scott AG7T.

Antenna / Bluff Site: Alan KB7SVU.

Public Greeters: Dawn KC7YYB and Dan N7QHC.

Wagon Wheel: Jack N7IHS.

Chuck Wagon: Wayne KC7ORB.

Barracks: Rita KD7CNU.

Other help is needed to haul equipment and trailers.

Look for Mike K7OV at the April 16 general membership meeting to sign up.

Guy returns to radio ... after an interlude

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cause my ticket had long expired. I passed Elements 1, 2 and 3 in one session and had my General ticket back. I was amazed I could still copy code after almost 20 years.

A few weeks later, I took my Element 4 exam and got my Extra class upgrade. At this test session, I met Harry and Mary Lewis. Mary recruited me to the ranks of a VE examiner.

Conditions on HF were great and I was able to achieve QRP WAC, WAS, DXCC and IOTA with 5 watts and various wires in the tree in the backyard.

The next step for me was to join a local club and expand my horizons a little. I joined the Mike & Key Club in 2003 and attended my first Field Day that year.

I met a lot of good folks and was encouraged to spend some time on CW Beach. I met Dink N7WA, Brian N7RVD, Jim W7FKI, Chuck N7BV and many others. As a result, my new obsession is now contesting.

My copy speed is now in the 30-35 WPM range, but you will find me on SSB, as well.

I have just over 200 countries confirmed and will probably update my DXCC totals in the next year. It is getting much harder to work new ones now, especially as the current cycle declines.

I recently put up a 55-foot crankup tower and am trying to make my station on a 50-by-100 lot as competitive as possible in the "little pistol" category.

Many thanks to all of the club members who helped me with my tower project. Your kindness and service will not be forgotten.

I look forward to serving you as a club trustee. I will work to preserve the unique spirit, culture and heritage of the club, and help keep us on top of the scoreboard on Field Day. I see the Flea Market as the financial lifeblood of the club and will continue to participate in its success.

Every year, I meet more club members and learn more about our our interesting hobby. I am told by those in the know that being a member of the board is a great way to learn about the inner workings of the club.

Thank you for your vote of confidence in last month's elections.

Hot off their world tour, the PL Tones—Carolyn WV7Q on guitar flanked by Mike N7WA and Sam N7RHE on vocals—perform the hit single 'Alligator' at the Mike & Key Club Awards Banquet. (Photo by Dick WA7NIW)

Music, games and more at the club's awards banquet

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action, though.

Another bit of entertainment was a round of "Pin the Handheld on the Ham." Three more victims this time—Jim N7HKO, Eric N7DLV and Brendan KD7IKV. They were each blindfolded, spun around and directed by the group down the room toward a lifelike drawing of a helpless ham.

Brendan won, but I can see where improvement is needed in the game. (We need to take off the old handhelds and draw them in so subsequent players don't have an advantage.)

Then, it was time for serious stuff—recognizing the new board and those who have made the past year(s) successful. I passed the gavel to Sam N7RHE and Sam passed the vice presidential Viking helmet to Carolyn WV7Q.

Field Day award winners were Dick WA7NIW and Little John WA7HQG. The Flea Market MVP was Jim KC7EVY.

Finally, the Pop Brown Award was presented to Brendan KD7IKV, who has had a relatively short but remarkable career of club involvement.

Following the awards, there was a musical interlude by the world-renowned trio "PL Tones." This group—comprised of Carolyn WV7Q on guitar, Sam N7RHE and yours truly—regaled the audience with their rendition of "Alligator," a little ditty about those who time out the repeater.

(Unfortunately, the group disbanded shortly after its performance in a rather nasty dispute over royalties.)

Which leads us up to the final door-prize drawing and the end of the evening. My thanks to all who came and participated—especially to those who organized and ran the event.

Diane KB7DNE

Top: Chuck WA7EBH recounts the club's history. **Below:** Jim N7HKO organized this year's banquet.

Club help on VE testing spans 21 years

Jan M. Van Allen / K7YH
VE/OO — Special to the *Relay*

It's been some time since I sat down and wrote something for the *K7LED Relay*, and while I am no longer a member of the club, I'm still active in a way.

Every third Saturday of the month, the members of the Mike & Key assemble for their meeting. They share much—a desire to have the comradeship of Amateur Radio operators from throughout the area.

Planning for the various club functions takes time and efforts from many. Actually, participating in those activities also consumes a lot of time, and then there are the committees to meet, study and plan the club's operations.

I sometimes wonder how many hours are spent by the members on everything the club does in a year's time. It would be interesting to know!

And yet, when the meetings are over on Saturday morning, it isn't finished for a few. There is the meeting of a group that shares the same name of the club, meets in the same place and does a lot to bolster the activities of the club.

That's when the Mike & Key Volunteer Examiners test sessions are held.

There are 14 VECs (Volunteer Examiner Coordinators) in the system, and they meet to form the test pools whereby we gain new Amateur Radio operators. When that has been accomplished, the test pools are sent to the test teams to examine candidates for licensure.

This system was established in 1980 to replace a federal system that was being dismantled due to budget cuts. It most certainly threatened the future of Amateur Radio.

Paul K7STQ

The Mike & Key's Frank Krieger, KA7QHG, has served at 248 Amateur Radio exam sessions as a VE. Test sessions sponsored by the club began on July 21, 1984.

The ARRL and Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA (SK), and others created the VEC system to ensure that the Amateur Service would continue to grow and prosper.

Celebrating 25 years of service this year, the VEC system enjoys a reputation of high integrity and serves the amateur community with great dedication.

Several years ago, the Boeing BEARS ARC had a team that performed the testing function at the Boeing Recreation Center. The Mike & Key team, which started July 21, 1984, met at the United Good Neighbor Center across from Valley General Hospital.

Due to circumstances, that team became defunct shortly after the club started meeting at the Salvation Army headquarters in Renton. Some of the Mike & Key team soon joined the Boeing team and continued for several years at the Recreation Center, and elsewhere when requested.

At the same time, Harry and Mary Lewis held test sessions

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Club members lead the way in VE sessions

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at the Riverside Inn in Tukwila, and some of the BEARS team aided in their efforts.

About five years ago, BEARS decided to no longer sponsor a team, and the members asked for sponsorship from the Mike & Key ARC.

I do not think anyone has a handle on how many hams have been tested and licensed through their efforts. But when the FCC realigned the Amateur Service, the Mike & Key team and Harry and Mary's folks got together and we processed more than 140 applicants in one day.

When we asked the Mike & Key ARC for their sponsorship, we asked to share the name of the club, but we are separate from the organization.

The board and the membership do not control the activities of the VE team, and this is for good reason. That is to protect both the team and the club from and charges of wrongdoing. (I am sure you have all read about the problems in other VEC operations.)

When cheating has been discovered, that person has been removed from the test session and the test destroyed.

Rick Antes, KF7VG, would not tolerate excessive noise or cheating. That high standard continues today.

On the average, a test session lasts two to four hours—or in the case of the Flea Market many more.

So you may ask how many hours does the team spend? Hard to say; no one tracks that number.

But the ARRL has a Web site that reveals how many test sessions VEs have participated in since they were credentialed.

In Washington state, the leader in the number of sessions served is our own Frank Krieger, KA7QHG, with 248.

Others, to name just a few, include:

Mary Lewis, W7QGP, 244;
Harry Lewis, W7JWJ, 196;
Rick Antes, KF7VG, 114;
Jan M. Van Allen, K7YH, 92;
Scott Robinson, AG7T, 66;
Lew Navarre, W7QMP, 40;
Jim Monaghan, N7HKO, 29.

Frank still serves as team liaison, I serve as team contact, Scott and Jim round out the team, with the assistance of several temps who volunteer when I am unable to attend.

Our team swells considerably when we hold the Flea Market test (usually 60 or so candidates).

You may ask where are they today. Jim Christiansen retired his W5YI team (from our UGN days), Rick Antes retired as team liaison and Frank became the head man. Harry and Mary still have test sessions, now held at the Telephone Pioneers Museum in Seattle.

So, that ham sitting across the table from you, likely as not, came from one of the test sessions that we have worked. *We* thank you for your desire to become an Amateur Radio operator, and for your continuing interest by becoming a member of our club!

Public Service Events

Saturday, April 16
Daffodil Parades
Tacoma-Puyallup-Sumner
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seafairparademarshals.org

Saturday, April 23
March of Dimes Walk
Seattle
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Saturday, April 23
March of Dimes Walk
Tacoma
Contact: Judy LeFluene
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Saturday, April 30
Oak Harbor Parade
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Saturday, May 7
Husky Crew Races
University of Washington
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Sunday, May 15
Capitol City Marathon
Olympia
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Tuesday, May 17
Leif Erikson Parade
Ballard
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Officers present:
President – Michael Dinkelman (N7WA)
Vice President – Sam Sullivan (N7RHE)
Secretary – Gary Bryan (KG7KU)
Treasurer – Jack Grimmett (N7IHS)
Activity Manager – Adrian Roth (KB7BVL)

Trustees present:
No. 3 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL)
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.

Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion by Steve KD7IQL and seconded by Dick N7NEX 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 is April 16.

Vice President – Sam N7RHE: New membership applicant, Jason Cotton KE7CBS. The membership voted and approved Jason as a new member. Welcome aboard, Jason.

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

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

Welcome, new member

The Mike & Key Club warmly welcomes our newest member, who was approved in March:

Jason Cotton, KE7CBS, a Technician from Renton.

General Meeting Minutes March 19, 2005

Radio Officer – Terry WX7S: Has found work in Southern California.

Hal N7NW: A review of the repeater site and equipment is under way in a deliberate approach to determine repeater / equipment current status.

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

Chairman of the Board – Steve KD7IQL: The Mike & Key Board meets March 30 at Galliano's Cucina in SeaTac. Elections will be held today later in the program.

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: We are very preliminary in finding another meeting site.

Public Service – Dick WA7NIW: Brendan KD7IKV- The new *Puget Sound Amateur Radio Special Events & Information Guide* is published, as a result of a lot of good work from the committee members. Thank you, committee members.

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: Thanks to all of you who put many hours in making the Flea Market successful this year.

Larry AB7FJ: Vendors upstairs made good comments, saying this is the best run Flea Market.

Curtis N7MWC: Thanks to all who helped in the Country Store this year, especially Pam N7PRS, who provided baskets for the raffle drawings.

Jim N7HKO: My appreciation to those VEs who helped with testing this year.

Frank KA7QHG: Thanks also to all the VEs who helped make the testing a success.

All the M&K Club members applauded the good work of the collective team.

Field Day – Alan KB7SVU: Gary KG7KU – Meetings will begin in earnest soon. All are welcome to participate in planning and the actual event—it is a fun time for everyone.

Banquet – Jim N7HKO: Places are still available for signup. Please see Jim. Location / date: Barnaby's, April 9, 6 P.M.

Old Business

Alligator – "Please direct me to Calvin's KC7IYP place, as I hear he has a mote prepared."

New Business – None

Good of the Order

Elections – Steve KD7IQL: The Mike and Key ARC enters into club leadership position elections today. The M&K Club members were led by Steve and were conducted through the election process. The results are as follows:

President – Sam N7RHE
Vice-President – Carolyn WV7Q
Secretary – Gary KG7KU
Treasurer – Jack N7IHS
Activity Manager – Dawn KC7YYB
Radio Officer – *
Trustee No.1 – Brendan KD7IKV
Trustee No. 3 – Guy N7ZG
Trustee No. 5 – Frank NA7O

* The position of radio officer is filled by appointment and at the discretion of the board members.

There being no further business, Mike N7WA moved and Dave KB7PSN seconded a motion to adjourn. Approved and President Dinkelman closed the meeting at 11:49 A.M.

Attested: Gary Bryan – Secretary, KG7KU

Rush Drake, W7RM, SK

Rush Drake, W7RM, a DX and contesting legend in the Northwest, went silent key March 11.

Numerous tributes to Rush can be found in the April edition of the WWDXC *Totem Tabloid* at:

www.wwdxc.org/tabloid.pdf

A round of applause for our hamfest

Mike & Key members who volunteer at the Flea Market are often too busy to hear what the hordes think as they pass by the loading dock and ticket gate and swarm through the Pavilion hall.

So here's a small sampling of comments from people who attended last month's event:

"Thanks for a great 2005 show."—Dan Howard, Milwaukie, Ore.

"Your seller loading is the best I have ever seen in 20 years of camera shows, gun shows, etc. Great coordination. Thank you."—Virgil Howard, Seattle.

"It was an interesting day. Spoke with prospective members, along with Corner React members. Thanks and 73."—Charles Beckmeier, W7CEB, Northwest React Council, Kirkland.

"Great at the loading dock this year."—Paul Fullmer, BEARS, Auburn.

"2005 was another year of well-organized swapmeet. Congratulations. 73."—Bob Schafer, Aumsville, Ore.

"Thanks for another great hamfest."—Jim Ehrhardt, Liberty Lake, Wash.

"Keep up the good work."—Blair Shaw, Sweet Grass, Mont.

Board Meeting Minutes March 30, 2005

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

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

Incoming officers and trustees present: Sam N7RHE, president; Carolyn WV7Q, vice president; Gary KG7KU, secretary; Jack N7IHS, treasurer; Dawn KC7YYB, activity manager; Brendan Burget, KD7IKV, trustee no. 1; Guy Molinari, N7ZG, trustee no. 3; Frank Tate, NA7O, trustee no. 5.

Visitors: Jim Etzwiler, KD7BAT; Meredith.

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

Minutes: Motion by Dick K7NEX 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 April 27.

President – Mike N7WA: Next general membership meeting is April 16.

Vice President – Sam N7RHE: Review of new membership applications.

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

Treasurer – Jack N7IHS: Issued P&L report.

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

Radio Officer – Terry WX7S: General discussion as to current status. Terry expressed the desire to get to the site and begin work.

Committee Liaison Reports

Facilities – Steve KD7IQL: A very preliminary search continues for a new general member meeting location.

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

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

Public Service – Dick WA7NIW: Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Old Business – None

New Business

Web site – Jim KD7BAT: A slight redesign of the M&K Web site has received positive responses. Will proceed with posting the new design.

Picnic – Dave KB7PSN: Has reserved the site, needs to be reimbursed.

Field Day – Gary KG7KU: Will be setting up meetings to determine band chairs, food, equipment needs, etc.

Banquet – General discussion, no actual report. Location / date: Barnaby's, April 9, 6 p.m.

Transfer of New Officers – Motion by Steve KD7IQL and seconded by Dave KB7PSN to formally close the board meeting session under the existing officer and trustee positions, thereby enacting the transfer of positions to the newly elected officers and trustees. Motion passed at 7:45 P.M.

New Board Chairman and Liaison Assignments – The trustees elected Brendan KD7IKV as board chairman, with liaison assignments for the trustee positions as follows: No. 1 (Brendan KD7IKV) Facilities; No. 2 (Dick WA7NIW) Public Service; No. 3 (Guy N7ZG) Education; No. 4 (Dick K7NEX) Technical; and No. 5 (Frank NA7O) Strategic Planning.

Good of the Order

Brendan KD7IKV – Expressed the need for the board & club to focus on getting the new repeater operational.

There being no further business, Jack N7IHS moved and Dick WA7NIW seconded a motion to adjourn. Approved and (new) Chairman Brendan closed the meeting at 8:11 P.M.

Attested: Gary Bryan – Secretary, KG7KU

Ham Nets & Events
April / May 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
10 2000 — King Co. ARES (weekly) 2000 — Amateur TV net: 147.08 (weekly)	**11** 0545 — Weather net: 145.33 (M – F) 1645 — Weather net (M-F)	**12** 2000 — Snoho. Co. RACES: 146.92 (weekly)	**13** 2000 — General / Tech info: 145.33 (weekly) 2100 — NWSOAR net (weekly)	**14** 2000 — Computer & Packet net: 145.33 (weekly) 2000 — Amateur TV net: 147.08 (weekly)	**15** 2000 — Youth net: 145.33 (weekly)	**16** 0900 — Club net 1000 — Club mtg. Daffodil Parade Tacoma-Puyallup
17 2030 — Snoho. Co. ARES: 146.92 (wkly.)	**18** 2000 — YL net: 145.33 (weekly)	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23** 0900 — NW Swap net: 145.33 (weekly) March of Dimes Walk Seattle and Tacoma
24	**25**	**26**	**27** 1900 — Board mtg.	**28**	**29**	**30** Oak Harbor Parade
1 2200 — Northwest Astronomy net: 145.33 (weekly)	**2** 1730 — Puget Sound Traffic Sys. (daily) 1800 — WA Emerg. HF: 3.985 (weekly)	**3**	**4**	**5** 1900 — Pub. Service net (weekly)	**6**	**7** 0900 — WA ARES HF: 3.985 (weekly) Husky Crew Races Univ. of Washington
8	**9** 1830 — WA ARES: 3.985 (weekly) 1930 — PS Repeater: 146.96 (weekly)	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13** *Relay* deadline	**14** Stanwood / Camano ARC Flea Market