



From the Hot Seat...

LET GEORGE DO IT

by Sam Sullivan N7RHE, President

As we grew up we often heard the expression “let George do it”. This was usually uttered when we didn’t want to do a task or needed volunteers who were not forthcoming. Well, over the years George has gotten old and very tired. We only have two members in our club named George and one of them goes by his middle name. This means there is only one member to do all the jobs that need to be done.

Two very important events are coming up next month, Flea Market and annual elections. We need many more volunteers for setup and operation for flea market. Mike, N7WA, will tell us how many people we need. By the way, Mike’s name is not George, so he and the committee need lots of help. The last several years I’ve notice many of our more senior members hefting tables, pulling pallet jacks, and other heavy work when they should really be playing Checkers or Dominoes. Come on younger people help us out. The flea market is the lion’s share of our annual operating budget. Without the flea market profit our dues would have to raise to at least \$45 per year to make up for the loss and keep our activities at the level we’ve grown to like. “let George do it” won’t work in this case.

Elections. The jobs are not hard; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activity Chair are one-year terms. Trustees are two-year terms. This year we have to elect four Trustees, Trustee 1, 2, 3, and 5. That is nine positions. The Executive Board is where all the decisions and activities of the club are conceived and approved. New ideas and energy really vitalize the board and the Club. Some of our more involved Board members over the years have been fairly new members with fresh outlooks that appreciate the club history but can see fresh roads beyond those already traveled. Nominate someone you think would bring fresh energy and ideas. Volunteer yourself.

Many of the present board members are “retreads”, meaning they’ve served many times before because, you guessed it, “let George do it”.

For education ideas or to join the committee, contact Hal KE7BYN or Guy N7ZG. For the Technical committee contact Steve KD7IQL. If you have any ideas for a program or would like to present a program contact Dawn KC7YYB. To assist the Radio Officer contact Paul N7DOH. For field day, contact Brendan, KD7IKV or Steve, KD7IQL.

QST QST de YI9TU

by SGT Mitch Gill K7TUT / YI9TU, Portable in Iraq

Some of you are aware by now that I have been extended here in Iraq for another 4 months so I guess I will be missing yet another Field Day. I was looking forward to bringing Tyler and it would bring back some fond memories of the first time Tyler was there. He still talks about those times and now that the code requirement has gone away he is seriously working on getting his General.

It should not be a big problem as he passed it years ago except failed the code. He just could not grasp it and really did not like it at all. Its been almost 7 years since he got his Technician license and has been off the air for most of that time. Tried to get him onto satellites and 6 meters but he wanted to work HF with his Swan500C. It is now being repaired, if it is repairable. [Continued on Page 5]

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

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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You will also save the club some money in printing and postage costs. To sign up, send a message to the editor: kg7ku@arrl.net.

February 2007

FleaMarket 2007

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

Here we stand on the precipice of another Mike & Key Electronics FleaMarket. This will be our 26th event and it is a long ways from those humble beginnings at the LongAcres racetrack years ago.

This year has had some issues. As with the general Amateur population, we have key members deciding to spend their winters in sunnier climes. Then, we've just plain lost a few as Silent Keys. This has left us very deficient in leadership roles as new members don't seem to want to step up for some reason. After last month's plea at the Club meeting, we are close to having a minimum staffing level for the event itself. We've been fortunate that a fair number of NON-club members find this a fun and worthwhile event and do sign up to help. However, we still need more people out front to sell and take tickets and to staff the Announcing booth.

We haven't found anybody willing to take on the Hospitality area. This Club has been spoiled over that past few years by the great job Wayne Heath did and I think everyone will miss being able to take a break and get a hot bite to eat and drink. An RV is not required to do this job. We have identified the overhang at the State Patrol building and some "pop-up" shelters (Club members own several) on the lawn there as suitable substitutes for someone with a little ingenuity. Talk to me if you're interested.

Badges and schedules will be available for pickup at the February meeting (if you have already signed up). You don't HAVE to pick them up, they will also be available on-site during the event.

Following is the basic schedule. This will be discussed in detail as the February program which is geared towards newcomers and old timers alike. We'll discuss how the event is run and what is expected from the workers. This is the time to get questions answered.

FleaMarket Schedule:

March 9th 9AM-noon, table setup...

We need lots of people to show up to do this grunt work. There are 300 tables to be put out and 500 chairs. Work shoes and gloves are essential.

Noon-12:30 pizza lunch provided by the Club for setup workers

12:20-2PM, final setup (banners, table numbers, details)

2PM-7:30PM Vendors arrive. Loading crews, Security, Country Store, Announcing (talk-in), and Registration will be busy

Out by 8PM

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March 10th 5AM workers allowed entry to fairgrounds...

5:30AM-8:30AM Vendors arrive. Loading crews, Security, Country Store, Announcing (talk-in), and Registration will be busy. Tickets go on sale at 8AM and we need the bulk of our security at the door at 8AM. We close the gate at 8:30 to vendors and clear the floor of pallets to prepare for the 9AM opening.

9AM-3PM Enjoy the fruits of your labor

3PM – whenever Tear down the tables and get the vendors out.

6PM-ish – Chinese dinner

March 11th Heal thy wounds. -----

There is no doubt that it is a lot of work to put this on and none of us is getting any younger. (That elevator is getting pretty elderly too.) Still, it's a lot of fun and it would be hard to imagine a March in this area without a Mike & Key Electronics FleaMarket. We have vendors that come all the way from Arizona and California. One of our former regulars, who moved back east a few years ago, is very excited because he just happens to be in the area this year and can participate. I hope you'll join us in continuing this fine tradition.

FleaMarket Committee Meeting

Held 02/06/2007, 7PM, the Dinkelman residence

In attendance...Hal Goodell, Gil Drynan, Kathy Martin, Gary Bryan, Diane Dinkelman, Curtis Hanner, Michael Dinkelman.

Hal...Reservations have been made for the Chinese dinner. Pallet jacks and golf cart to be ordered shortly. Insurance certificate request to be made.

Kathy...We still need people to sell and take tickets.

Curtis...Country Store is ready. This would be a good year for someone to step up and be trained to take over the Chairmanship for next year. No basket drawings this year. Discussed the required bank needed.

Gary...Loading dock is ready

Gil...New phone system this year. We will not need to run wires but will use the fairgrounds PBX system. This will change how some areas dial each other and there will be specific dialing instructions based on the phone being used.

Diane...Sales are slow. Half of the tables on second floor are still unsold and half the booths downstairs are unsold. Haven't heard a peep out of ICOM.

Mike...We need a chair for the Announcing area. Pam has had to withdraw for personal reasons. Also, unless we get a chair to step up, there will be no Hospitality area this year.

Badges and schedules will be available at the next Club meeting for those who have already signed up. Any new signups will be directed towards Tickets and Announcing areas. February program will be the FleaMarket Powerpoint presentation.

February 2007

Sights & Sounds by Sunrise

by Dawn KC7YYB, Activity Chair

Thank You, ladies and gentlemen. With the "One last Chance" drawing for December's prizes, your additional purchases, brought our monthly budget for purchasing gifts up, thereby making up for our lost revenue from the cancelled meeting in December. Thank You again, for the positive comments on the selection of year-end prizes.

I've gotten some muttering over, "non-radio" oriented monthly prizes. With the limited budget I have maintained in order to have significant funds left for the year-end prizes, which *are* radio related; I've gotten generic gifts that are either donated, or worth at least \$3 each. That is the average amount purchased by the participants.

Now, as for the next person taking over my post, I'll let you know what is entailed, so that those of you who might consider running for the spot, will have some sort of idea the requirements.

Then, the part of the job that I've fallen down on, with the exception of when I've had help, is getting a program setup. This is also the job that finds or tackles someone to host the Annual Spring Banquet and the Summer Picnic, our two main events each year. You aren't limited though. In the past there have been bowling parties and baseball games. If you can stir up interest in something out of the ordinary that would boost your budget, go for it!!

If you choose to continue the raffle as it has been, [which as far as I know, *isn't set in stone*]; you will need access to prizes that are *below retail*, so that you may offer *quality*, but still keep the profit for putting in the December prize drawing. Otherwise, if it is legal, you could run a half and half drawing, or gift certificates [like we've had when there was still a ham radio store in the area.] Whatever you do, you need to keep enough for monthly gift(s) as well as the year end.

The reason I've belabored this, is because the raffle is entirely self-sustaining, just like the coffee fund. Theoretically, if I received \$60 in sales, I'd "bank" \$20-\$25 towards Dec and the balance would be for purchasing the next month's items. I've tried to have at least 3 items, graduating in value available for each month's drawing. None of this goes through the treasurer.

Our program for February will be the final sign-ups for Flea-market, and the nominations for our changing of the club officers for the March voting. Again, I want to thank all of you for your encouragement and participation in the club activities, that are not just the raffles, but in any or all of the events we have throughout the year. Active members make interesting clubs that others want to belong to, or watch with envy. I'm proud to be an active member in the Mike & Key.

73, from Dawn KC7YYB.

K7LED Relay

A Matter of Perspective...

FleaMarket 1982

Contributed by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

Just for fun, I went back to the February 1982 Relay and pulled the "Presidents Report" (by Hal N7NW) and the flyer. By the way, did you notice that was a TWO day – Saturday and Sunday - event? Enjoy!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March 13th and 14th---We all know what is going to happen and by the time you are reading this so will fifteen to twenty thousand other folks throughout the Pacific Northwest. The Electronics Flea Market 1982 is off and running, thanks to those who showed up at Amateur Radio Supply to help stuff, staple, label and sort fifteen thousand flyers this last weekend. About ten members and wives participated on Friday and an equal number gathered on Saturday to make short work of this task.

Now that the PR is out we can turn our heads to the other tasks which need to be done prior to that weekend. Unfortunately the sign up sheet which was passed out at the last meeting has turned up missing. So we will be routing another at the meeting.

The location, if you haven't heard, will be at Longacres. They have excellent facilities with lots and lots of free parking. Space is also available for self contained R/V parking. If you know someone from out of town please let them know.

All indications are pointing to a very successful event. But how well we pull it off to make it a yearly effort will require a lot of club member participation before and during the flea market.

This being the February meeting we will begin the nominations for the 1982 officers, with elections to be held at the March meeting, March 20th. Please give this important club matter your fullest attention.

Also at the February meeting we will discuss Field Day 1982. Due to the excellent program on the Victoria to Maui sailboat race at the January meeting we did not have time to get into Field Day. So lets all think June 1982 and get on with the planning.

++++SEE YOU AT THE MEETING++++

Hal N7NW

Desert Art

by SGT Mitch Gill Y19TU/K7TUT

The cold wind blows softly across the desert bringing rain that dripped from the antenna in steady drops. Soldiers walked by and would scratch their heads asking if I was trying to make some artistic comment about the war. "Artistic comment?", I asked the one young private as I stood at my front door. "Yeah, you have two slinky's tied together up on a pole, what does that mean?"



'Slinky' Antenna

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Obviously he was neither an artist nor a ham I thought as I told him, "My boy you must have seen a lot of art in your life. Maybe you have visited an art museum and seen my work". The young soldier nodded with his chin in hand as he carefully looked over and studied the design before him.

"Yeah, I think I have", he responded with a look that he hoped I would perceive as intelligence. So I asked him, "Tell me what you think it means as I would respect an opinion from a bright young man like yourself". I leaned forward to listen intently as he moved his head from left to right and right to left studying and thinking. Then a small but thin smile came across his face.

"Well Sergeant, I think that the slinky represents our extension here in Iraq. We were going home in March and now its going to be August. The piece in the middle represents yourself or maybe the Brigade and how it is being stretched in time, duty and responsibility. But its not too stretched meaning that we are not stretched thin and able to do our duty here in Iraq. As for the black cable running down and into your hooch. I see that as your lifeline to the closest thing you have to a home. So how did I do?"

I looked down on the Private as I leaned up against the doorframe rubbing my chin with my hand. I thought for a moment of how this young man had taken a simple antenna and made it into something of a piece of art. A representation of our time here in Iraq. I thought to myself that it might be better to have him walk by daily and admire the artwork and his own ability to decipher its hidden message. Nawwww. "Its a radio antenna!" and I slammed the door shut.

.....My thanks to Alan and Richard for the slinky antenna. I have been working a lot of stations on 40 that I could not work before. It is true that I have been extended here as we are part of the troops being kept here to support the buildup in Baghdad. My thanks to all of you for your continued support.

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We have conned...oops, I mean convinced my lovely non-Ham wife to share a station in the house. I guess being in a war has softened her up and I am going to take advantage oops.....I mean I am really grateful for her kind change of heart on the subject. No more cold days or nights in the smelly shed with the oil heater and the radio to keep me partially warm. I used to call it the dog house rather than the Ham shack. So over the last several years I have moved from the house, to the garage, out to the shed and now back to the house. She is even going to let me have the tower up!!



Our very own SGT Mitch Gill K7TUT/YI9TU is featured on the cover of World Radio, January '07. Way to go, Mitch!

Now the problem is going to be fighting over the time on the radio with Tyler. If he takes off on the radio I have no doubt that he will be challenging me on everything he can as he loves nothing more than to beat Dad. It is what drives the boy. For some unknown reason he has always enjoyed topping his old man so I can see him every time he contacts a new country flashing it at me with that sly smile he always had. He is turning 18 in April and he drives now. His love is fixing cars and trucks and then beating them up and doing it all again. He has become actually very good at it. He also loves tube radios and wants to learn to repair them.

We will see how long that last as everything other than cars is but a fleeting whimsical brief spurt of fun for him. He still has that devilish grin and people still adore him but I know him. I used to have that feeling of "Wow wouldn't it be great to have one of the kids interested in Ham Radio" but now that old dread seems to be sinking in again. If he decides to jump back into Ham Radio I can see him conning me and Mom out of more and more. I think I should just get a T shirt with a picture of a sucker on the front!

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QST QST de YI9TU... [Continued from Page 5]

So you are probably wondering what is new in Iraq. Being extended has been rough for my family and I. Difficult when you are making plans to come home and then wham, you are here for an extra four months (at least 4). I am still glad to be here doing something that helps. I know there are some of you who feel this war is wrong (and I can respect that) but as for me; I believe that it would be a lot worse for us if we were not here. I also have had the opportunity to meet with the Iraqi people several times and have come to respect them and enjoy their company. The kids are the most fun and are thrilled when we bring them toys and clothes and food which the Brigade does at least three times a week to different villages in the area.



Mitch: 'My good friend Ali'

I have met the Governor of the Province, the Sheik of the largest tribe here, and many, many of those who daily come to try to get work on the base. My first instincts was to be wary of them but as time moves on I found that they are a good people who for the first time are experiencing a sense of freedom they have not had. One of the pictures is my good friend Ali who, as most Iraqi's here, is poor. I gave him 5 dollars as a gift as it is about 3 days pay here but I forgot that it is their tradition to give back with something more than what you have given them. That was a mistake on my part but it is so hard to see them struggling to feed their families and not give. He has taught me a lot about the people here.

The insurgents and terrorist are still near and we just had a rocket attack last weekend. As the battles continue in Baghdad we are constantly aware that things could get hotter here as well. We watch what's going on in Baghdad but bear in mind that we know more than what you are seeing and we are confident and hopeful. This will probably be our last chance to help the vast majority of peaceful Iraqi's as the political tide is changing in the U.S. I would hate to see this country torn apart if the politicians force us to return too quickly.

Last month the new Secretary of Defense paid us a visit and went to the Ziggurat. I was not able to go as I was the backup security and the primary soldier went instead. It was good of him to take the time to stop by and say hello to the troops.



Mitch: 'Secretary of Defense'

Well, enough about that, I am close to 1000 contacts and over 70 countries. The slinky antenna is working wonders here after I moved it a North-South direction to work Europe and Africa. The bad news is that the 20 amp power supply died. Luckily I have a 3 amp here that was for the 817 that was damaged so I can run at least 5 watts but will be searching now for another 20 amp. I did manage to get the J20 dxpedition in Djibouti with 5 watts and that was a kick. I am still pretty much running CW but have been on PSK31 with no results. I tested it and I seem to be getting out fine so I am not sure what is going on.

Backing off the drive or increasing the drive seems to make no difference. I will just keep trying until I get one contact and do some experiments with them to see what is going on. Since I love CW though it has not been a big problem but as soon as the bands open more in the summer I am sure I will move to SSB as well. I also have a good friend of mine who is sending me a Bobtail for 20 meters. If I can get that up I will have some gain and will keep that pointed towards the states. But I don't know how it will do as I am surrounded by concrete walls and steel buildings. Its worth a shot as the slinky made a difference and anything that can help make contacts in the states is welcome here.

I have also finally got a table to use and its worked out really well. I have my TV on one end and the radio and computer on the other. Its still a little Spartan as I sit on a field stool which is not very comfortable. I have people scrounging for a desk chair and maybe someday I will get one.

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I call home almost daily from here as we have Voice over IP. It cost me about 40 dollars a month to talk for a half hour almost every day. I do not have it in the shack or I would also get on Echolink (which is blocked unless you have the private internet in your room that I cant get as its saturated). Makes it hard also for spotting DX or checking propagation. At least at work I can check to see what is going on with the bands and see how propagation is for the day.

Wrote an article for World Radio and was surprised to find me on the front page. That's why there is only one photo of me for this article with my Kevlar (helmet) on. My head was so swelled it took three guys with a pry bar to get the Kevlar off! HA. See the pics.



Mitch: 'Swelled head'

With that all said I am happy to have had the opportunity to see a few of you when I was on leave for Christmas. I enjoyed that time and wish I would have had more time as there was so many of you that I wanted to say Hi too. I appreciate all of you and know that I am in your thoughts as well as you are in mine. Just remember that I have not abdicated yet so are still my loyal subject of Moronovia. 73 and thanks again.

Mike&Key General Meeting Minutes

held 01/20/07

Officers present:

- x President – Sam Sullivan (N7RHE)
- x Vice President – Carolyn Pasquier (WV7Q)
- x Secretary – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)
- x Treasurer – Jack Grimmer (N7IHS)
- x Activity Manager – Dawn Humphrey (KC7YYB)
- x Radio Officer – Paul Roth (N7DOH)

Trustees present:

- x No. 1 – Brendan Burget (KD7IKV) Chairman of the Board
- No. 2 – Pam Bryan (N7PRS)
- x No. 3 – Guy Molinari (N7ZG)
- x No. 4 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL)
- x No. 5 – Frank Tate (NA7O)

President Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. at the Salvation Army building in Renton, WA. All members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. President Sullivan 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. Do you plan on upgrading your license, if not, would you be willing to Elmer someone who does?

Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the *K7LED Relay* made by Dave KB7PSN and seconded by Scott AG7T. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

President – Sam N7RHE: Rita, our Barracks Mom sent information about the work party at Fort Flagler scheduled for SuperBowl weekend. There will be TVs on site for after the work is finished.

Vice President – Carolyn WV7Q: New pins are available and are nicer than the old ones. Presented prospective new members to the Club. Bill Morton, no call at this time, Terry Barham WA7PML, and Ron Stein W7GAX. All were approved.

Secretary – Dick WA7NIW: We received a flyer from a new restaurant in the mail.

Treasurer – Jack N7IHS: The Club's books are in good order. Gave Balance Sheet summary. Audit Committee approved the books for 2006.

Activity Manager – Dawn KC7YYB: The BIG Raffle will be today, one last chance to get tickets.

Chairman of the Board – Brendan KD7IKV: Still working on the MOU with King County ARES. [The Mike & Key Board meets on the last Wednesday of the month, at Galliano's Cucina in SeaTac].

Radio Officer – Paul N7DOH: New repeater is ready to go up on the Hill, just need to have the road repaired to it is passable.

Standing Committee Reports:

Relay – Gary KG7KU: All is going well.

Webmaster – Jim KD7BAT:.

Strategic Planning – Frank NA7O: No report.

Facilities – Brendan KD7IKV: New keys for the Post Office Box have been distributed.

Technical – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing new to report.

Education – Guy N7ZG (No report)

Public Service – Pam N7PRS: Ted N0YC reported the availability of a radio for short term loan to interested persons.

Flea Market -- Mike N7WA: We need to get MORE PEOPLE to sign up for all areas to make this event happen. It doesn't happen by itself. The more people we have the less work there will be for any one of us. Tickets, Phones, Pallet Crew chairs all made pitches for workers.

VE Exams -- Scott AG7T: Gave report from the Relay regarding exam sessions and licenses issued. With the removal of Morse from license requirements he expects a real rush to upgrade. There will be a large requirement for Examiners at the Flea Market. See him to sign up.

Field Day -- Steve KD7IQL & Brendan KD7IKV: We placed 19th over all, Number 1 in Western Washington, and third in 6A.

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General Meeting Minutes... [Continued from Pg 7]

Awards Banquet - Scott KC7UOC: Banquet will be April 14 at Muckleshoot Casino. We need a new chair as Scott is unable to continue at this time.

Old Business:

Old Generator. Drawing was held to select which interested person gets the old generator. And the winner is... Mike Cross WB7AYU.

Alligator Award- No report.

New Business –

The new budget was presented. Steve KD7IQL moved that the budget be approved as presented. Ted N0YC seconded. Motion passed.

Nominations were opened for the annual elections. Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activity Manager, and odd numbered trustees are open.

President - Carolyn Pasquier WV7Q

Vice President – Alan Hughes KB7SVU

Secretary – Dick Radford WA7NIW

Treasurer – Mike Dinkelman N7WA, Jim Etwiler KD7BAT

Activity Manager – Michele Baskett WA7PVE

Trustee - Guy Molinari N7ZG and Sam Sullivan N7RHE

Good of the Order – Ken Rau K7YR has a tower that was vertical, that is now horizontal and would appreciate help putting it back vertical.

Sea Pac has changed their date to the first weekend in June

There being no further business, Brendan KD7IKV moved to adjourn. Motion passed, and President Sullivan closed the meeting at 11:08 AM

Attested: Dick Radford WA7NIW, Secretary

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Visitors in attendance: Dave Smith, Jim Etwiler, Adrian Roth, Michelle Cross.

Chairman Brendan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Galliano's Cucina in SeaTac, Wash.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting, was made by Sam N7RHE, and seconded by Steve KD7IQL. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

Chairman of the Board – Brendan KD7IKV: Nothing to report.

President – Sam N7RHE: We need a Chair for the Banquet.

Vice President – Carolyn WV7Q: No new applicants: Carolyn has received a letter notifying us of the passing of Ted Silva WB7RMD a member of this club.

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

Treasurer – Jack N7IHS: Reported that he collected \$402 in dues this past month, and \$650 in advertising for the pamphlet from HRO, Top Hat, and SEAFAIR.

Reported on the differences between the general account and the Flea Market account. They are separate accounts, both administered by the Club Treasurer.

Activity Manager – Dawn KC7YYB: The program at the next meeting will be Mike Dinkelman talking about the Flea Market.

Radio Officer – Paul N7DOH: The repeater will be moved up the hill when the road gets repaired which will happen after the snow on the mountain melts in April or May.

Committee Liaison Reports

Webmaster –

Facilities – Brendan KD7IKV: Nothing new to report. Jim KD7BAT will contact Salvation Army to see if the larger room will be available for VE testing in the future.

Strategic Planning – Frank NA7O: Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Public Service – Pam N7PRS: Lots of progress has been made on Data Collection for the Pamphlet. We will be meeting on Feb. 11 at 1:00 to do the final edit.

Education – Guy N7ZG: Not present. However, Paul N7DOH reported that there were 19 applicants for licenses, 18 passed their tests at the last club VE session. Usual turnout is about 10.

Field Day – Brendan KD7IKV / Steve KD7IQL: Thanks to Michelle Cross WB7AYU looking through some old files, our Field Day records are complete. A copy will be given to the Secretary. Trailer and Generator work will have to be completed soon. Shuffling of the stations on the bluff will happen so as to minimize the negative impact that operating Digital modes has on the other stations. After 10 years, Dan and Dawn are stepping down from handling the Information Tent. A new volunteer is being sought to head up this function.

Awards Banquet – Chair position is open.

Picnic- Dave KB7PSN: Picnic will be after the Club Meeting in August at Coulon Beach.

Old Business-

MOU: No response from ARES as of this time.

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New Business-

Jack N7IHS moved that we should appoint a capital equipment project manager to oversee the expenditures for the trailer and any labor or accessories involved. Seconded by Sam N7RHE. Motion passed. The Board appointed Jim Etwiler KD7BAT for this position.

Good of the Order- Jim KD7BAT got an email saying that there was a closet full of equipment left behind by a Silent Key which he picked up. There are tubes, a transmitter, and much miscellaneous stuff. He will prepare a list and perhaps this equipment will show up in the Country Store.

There being no further business, Steve KD7IQL moved for adjournment. Motion Passed and Chairman Brendan closed the meeting at 7:59 pm.

Attested: Dick Radford WA7NIW -- Secretary

Report from the Audit Committee...

**MIKE AND KEY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

General Account Audit

January 20, 2007

From: Audit Committee

To: Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club

Subject: Audit for fiscal year 2006

On January 20, 2007, 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, etc., through recording and deposit. In addition a review was made of the monthly bank reconciliation's 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 and Key Amateur Radio Club represent a fairly accurate record of cash receipts, disbursements, and deposits for the fiscal year 2006.

Signed by Members of the Audit Committee:

Sam Sullivan N7RHE, Chair
Brendan Burgett, KD7IQL Trustee
Guy Molinari N7ZG Trustee
Mike Dinkelman N7WA
Jim Etwiler KD7BAT

K7LED Relay

Public Service Committee Minutes

January 20, 2007

Meeting called to order by Brendan.

In attendance: Brendan, Dawn, Dan, Dave, Jim, Hideki, Ivy, Ted, Gary, Robert, Michelle, and Dick

Pamphlet Progress

Area Nets: Dave KB7PSN reports 5% finished.

Public Service events list: Pam reports almost finished. SEAFair dates are collected, 50% finished due to people not yet having events scheduled.

Hamfests: Dan reported that Kitsap County won't be having a Hamfest this year. Coos Bay is going to be dropped because of distance. Need information on Yakima, Stanwood,

Field Day: Dawn will rewrite the Field Day section

Repeater listings: Robert is checking against web updates, and checking with ARRL software listing, and WWARA.

Examination schedules: Ted is nearly finished with the list. New order will be published.

Ad Sales: HRO, Top Hat, and SEAFair have paid for ads. Prices are \$250 for a full page, \$150 for a half page.

How to become a ham: Ted reports that he is finished with rewrite.

Club Contacts: Gary and Ivy will split these.

Emergency Preparedness: Robert will assemble a list of web sites to use as resources.

Discussion of the cover color for this year's booklet. Decided to look at the samples that Brendan has and compare with previous years.

Discussed rewrite of the Club contact information on the back of the pamphlet.

Finalizing meeting to be at Brendan's Sunday Feb 11th at 1:00 PM

Are You A Writer?

by Gary Bryan KG7KU

If you have ever considered dabbling in some creative writing... or if you have come across some material that you feel other Hams would be interested in, be sure to drop me a line for consideration in its inclusion in the Club Newsletter. Email: kg7ku @ arrl.net

Ham Nets & Events for 2007 -- FEBRUARY / MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 2000 -- King Co. ARES 146.82 (Weekly) 2200 -- NW Astronomy Net 145.33 (Weekly)	12 0545 & 1645 -- Weather Net 145.33 (M-F) 1730 -- Puget Sound Traffic Sys. 146.82 (Daily)	13 2000 -- Snohomish Co. RACES 146.92 (Weekly)	14 2000 -- General /Tech Info 145.33 (Weekly) 2100 -- NWSOAR Net 146.82 (Weekly)	15 1900 -- M&K Public Service Net 146.82 (Weekly) 2000 -- Computer & Packet Net 145.33 (Weekly)	16 2000 -- Youth Net 145.33 (Weekly)	17 1000 -- M&K Club Meeting 1300 -- Ham Radio exams
18 2030 -- Snohomish Co. ARES 146.92 (Weekly)	19 1800 -- WA Emerg. HF 3.985 (Weekly) 1830 -- WA ARES 3.985 (Weekly) 1930 -- Puget Sound Repeater Group 146.96 (Weekly)	20	21	22 2000 -- Amateur TV Net 147.08 (Weekly)	23	24 0900 -- WA ARES HF Net 3.985 (Weekly) Public Service: Chilly Hilly Bike Ride - Bainbridge Island Doo Wop Rally - Montesano-Brooklyn Area
25	26 2000 -- YL Net 145.33 (Weekly)	27	28 1900 - M&K ARC Board Meeting	01 March	02	03 0900 -- NW Swap Net 145.33 (Weekly)
04	05	06	07	08	09 Relay deadline	10