



From the Club President...

Your Help Is Needed

by Mike Eakins K7OV, President

Each year, the president of the club selects 2 trustees and 3 club members to be an "Auditing Committee" for the purpose of reviewing the finances and property of the club in order to be sure all is in order. Their report would be given to the Board for review and dissemination as the Board may direct. I have selected two trustees but I need 3 club members to fill the open positions. This board meets no later than January and at their discretion. The fact is, although I have talked with a few people, I have not had the opportunity to talk with you all. Thus, if you would like to be on the committee, or are just willing to be on it, please contact me and let me know. I would like to get this going as soon as possible.

I have written about volunteerism in the past, but several key volunteer spots remain open. Due to the lack of someone to step forward, the Christmas party had to be canceled for this year. Since Dink, N7WA, heads up the Activities Committee position, he may have more to say at our next Club meeting. It is not hard to see just how important your participation is in our Club activities.

Also needing help, is Steve, KD7IQL, our Field Day Chair. Having been there myself, I can't express to you how important it is to have help with these projects. How sad it would be, if our club was unable to hold a Field Day event because of a lack of help!

Coming up in March is our annual Mike and Key Flea Market, a Northwest event that draws people from all over the world. Have you let Mike, N7WA, know that you are willing to help? I know that sometimes we wait until the last minute to volunteer, but I would encourage you to step forward sooner rather than later, if for no other reason than to lessen the stress on those who are taking the lead.

The very tradition and nature of Amateur Radio operators in the past, down to this day, has been one of volunteerism and community service. Community service extends to your fellow club members. Making our club a nice thing to be a part of is not the responsibility of the Board or your President, but resides on the membership as a whole. YOU are the Club! Please, volunteer!

73, Mike - K7OV

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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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Mike & Key Online -- Several club resources are available electronically:

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

Reflector — The Club's public message board offers an easy and free way to converse with club members.

To sign up, surf to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/mkarc>.

E-Relay — Want the newsletter in color and a day or two before the print edition arrives by regular mail?

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

Upcoming Club Activities - October

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA, Activity Manager

The program for the upcoming club meeting will be a presentation by Mitch, K7TUT about his Ham radio activities while stationed in Iraq last year. You can't find this kind of program anywhere else in the country. Make sure you come to the meeting and stay for the program.

I need a program for November. I have a couple feelers out but no commitments. If I don't get anything, or a better suggestion, then you may be stuck with me talking about my efforts in the last 18 months in making some cool bandpass filters. We used them to good effect at Field Day to eliminate interference between the 2 CW stations and I think we passed a couple out to some SSB stations. (Their real reason for existence is so I can run two radios at home at the same time in a contest without blowing one up.)

There will be an encore presentation of the K3LR method of soldering PL-259's (onto RG8 type coax) prior to the October Club meeting. Seems many of you showed up late to the September demonstration and didn't get the full effect. The demo starts at 9:15AM. I'll also have full color pictures of what can happen when you use the traditional method of soldering the braid (it ain't pretty). Some people expressed a concern about impedance bumps. That also came up on the Towntalk reflector, It's been measured and PL259's soldered using the K3LR method have a negligible impedance bump up through 150Mhz. (If you want to go higher, you may want to consider using the traditional method but if you end up with what the above pictures show, I think you have a bigger problem than an impedance bump.)

Sadly, there will be no Christmas Party this year - no one volunteered to organize the effort. Volunteering is the lifeblood of an organization like this - from running for office, writing articles for the Relay, Elmering, and organizing and participating in activities. If you check out our state charter, we are not the traditional non-profit type organization that many charities fall under but rather a "brotherhood" type of organization. To me a "brotherhood" speaks of an active membership that likes to be involved and interactive. What's even more fun is when you can join up with others in the organization and organize together.

By the way, I'll soon need a volunteer to organize the Awards Banquet. I'll want one by December. Also, we'll need some more volunteers to help Steve with his Field Day efforts next June.

Bell Ringing

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

If you read the Board Meeting minutes, you should be able to glean that the Salvation Army is going to an hourly rate for their facilities. Actually, for our convenience, they've made that rate pretty close to what we already donate on a yearly basis. However, they have provided a bonus for us if we are willing to help them.

They will knock off \$5 a hour (that's \$25 a club meeting and \$300 a year) off that rate if we will simply do an 8 hour day worth of bell ringing this upcoming holiday season. Now me, I found it a lot of fun to do bell ringing the last time I participated without the added benefit of helping the Club coffers so I have made this a club activity for December.

Signup sheets will be available starting in October. I would like to schedule four 2 hour shifts. I would prefer that we have two people on each shift to keep each other company and to provide relief so that means 8 people. Now, if we get more interested, we can shorten the shifts. If we get less, than I guess we can figure out what can be done with what we have.

The plan is to do this the 1st of December which happens to be the first Saturday in December and 9 days after Thanksgiving. I think the Salvation Army wants to put us in front of Fry's Electronics which would be an interesting place to spend some off shift time but it hasn't been nailed down yet. (If you haven't been down in that area recently, it's really gone RETAIL with stores popping up all over the place.)

PSC minutes for September 15, 2007

Meeting called to order by Brendan at 12:31 PM.

In attendance: Brendan, Talin, Dick, Dave, Robert, and visitor Meredith

Old Business: No old business. Regarding the Pamphlet, it is time to get going with lining up advertising for next year's edition.

New Business: We need to get more people to attend the committee meetings. There have been a total of 6 members in attendance for the past two meetings. This is not enough. We also need a new Chair as Brendan is going to have to resign from that position after 4 years.

It is important that more committee members attend the monthly meetings. We also need more people to

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serve on the committee. As in all things, more people makes for less work for any one individual. If you think the concept of Public Service and the pamphlet we produce every year are good things, we need your help.

We also need more people to step up to take the Thursday night Public Service net as Gary's work schedule sometimes prevents him from taking the net.

The meeting was adjourned at 12-48 PM.

Public Service Committee Secretary,
Dick, WA7NIW

Fleamarket Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2007

In attendance: Jack Grimmet, Jim Etwiler, Kathy Martin, Carolyn Pasquier, Hal Goodell, Jim Aigner, Curtis Hanner, Diane Dinkelman, Michael Dinkelman

Known chairs for 2008: Overall Chair and Facilities: Hal, Country Store: Jim Aigner, Tickets: Kathy, Registration: Diane, Publicity: Mike, Treasurer: Carolyn (After the meeting Al Hughes agreed to do Security, Mike Eakins agreed to do the Announcement Booth, Gil Drynan is doing the phones. Michelle Baskett indicated a willingness to do Hospitality. This still leaves the Pallet Crew up in the air.)

Reports:

Hal: Initial deposit made. ARRL sanctioning has been received. The problem with pallet jacks last year shouldn't be an issue for 2008. As we get closer to the event, we should try a new avenue for advertising – Craigslist.

Kathy: nothing much to report. Would like another person to help with co-chairing the ticket area now that Jim Aigner is going to run the Country Store.

Jim Aigner: Several questions about the Country Store. Curtis provided a handoff of materials and answers to questions. Many thanks to Curtis and Dawn Hanner for their efforts in the Country Store over the past several years.

Diane: We have about 47 tables and a couple booths pre-registered. We have enough tickets for 2008 but should look into a purchase for 2009 and beyond.

Carolyn: Many questions about banks and money handling processes. Has a crew already picked out. Expect more control in money handling and exchanges. Jack will have the checkbook while Carolyn is out of town the next couple months.

Mike: Sanctioning applied for (and received). Labels ordered. Flyer presented. Vendor letters will be going out by the end of the month. We should be

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able to hand out labels and flyers at the November meeting to labelers. Worker signup sheets should be available starting with the October club meeting.

Jim Etwiler: Please provide Fleamarket materials for the Web site

Next meeting: November 6th, 7PM and the Dinkelman household. All Club members welcome.

Field Day 2008

By Steven Cook KD7IQL

This year 2008 we will be having changes. Unfortunately, we missed getting the Wagon Wheel this year. We did get the Boy Scout camp. One of the biggest difference between this site and the wagon wheel is that the boy scout camp is farther from the bluff and the site does not allow RV parking. The Scout camp has room for about 40 people. We will have the use of the fire pit in the scout camp as well as the fire pit by the barracks. Also we can use the same building we use this year for the potlucks. I understand that this is not the ideal layout for this year. Please remember that Field Day is an emergency exercise and I think we can adapt to this new change. Go to the following link for more Park information:

<http://parks.wa.gov/parkpage.asp?selectedpark=Fort+Flagler&pageno=2>.

Fort Flagler does have a number of RV spaces available w/o hook-up as well as about 7 RV sites with water and power available as of OCT 7th. Please call 1-888-226-7688 to make reservations. Please call ASAP spots will go quick.

I would like to have a field day meeting after the December or January meeting to start working on field day for 2008. Any help would be welcomed.

Mike&Key General Meeting Minutes

held 09-15-2007

Officers present:

_President – Mike Eakins (K7OV)
_Vice President – Bert Nielson (AF7V)
_Secretary – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)
_Treasurer – Carolyn Pasquier (WV7Q)
_Activity Manager – Mike Dinkelman (N7WA)
_Radio Officer – Paul Roth (N7DOH)

Trustees present:

_No. 1 – Frank Tate (NA7O)
_No. 2 – Gil Drynan, (W7GIL)
_No. 3 – Terry Barham (WA7PML)
_No. 4 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL)
_No. 5 – Hal Mueller (N3YX)

President Eakins called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM at the Salvation Army building in Renton, WA. All members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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President Eakins 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. This month's question was, "How many years have you been licensed, or what year did you become licensed"? As you might imagine, the answers varied from 1941 to last month.

Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the *K7LED Relay* made by Steve KD7IQL and seconded by Dick K7NEX. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

President – Mike K7OV: The President's report is in the Relay.

Vice President – Bert AF7V: Presented Kristie Ghioni KE7MYZ and John H. Keene KE7OND for membership. Both were approved by the members.

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

Treasurer – Carolyn WV7Q: The Club's books are in good order. Gave Balance Sheet summary. The deadline for submitting receipts for reimbursement for Field Day is NOW, or never.

Activity Manager – Mike N7WA: Today's program started with a demo on another way to solder PL-259 connectors and will continue with one on antenna modeling and will be presented by Scott AG7T. We need chairs for both the Christmas Party and the Banquet. The first Flea Market meeting will be at the Dinkleman home Oct. 2. Still need someone to take over running the Country Store.

Chairman of the Board – Steve KD7IQL: The next Board meeting will be on September 26.

Radio Officer – Paul N7DOH: Nothing new to report, still working on the repeaters. The repeater on Squak was repaired and worked for about 24 hours.

Relay Editor – Gary KG7KU: Not present, nothing reported.

Webmaster – Jim KD7BAT: The web site is working OK, now that the meeting date has been fixed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning – Frank NA7O: Nothing to report.

Facilities – Terry WA7PML: Not present, no report.

Education – Hal N3YX: An agreement is in place with the city of Seattle for use of a facility for a class, also Renton. There is a need for instructors and Elmers.

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Public Service – Gil W7GIL: Will be meeting at Cedar River Smokehouse after the program for lunch and a planning meeting.

Technical – Steve KD7IQL: Will see if enough people are present for a kick off meeting after this meeting. The technical committee aids the Radio Officer, so this is one way to gain access to the repeater sites for work parties.

VE Exams -- Scott AG7T: Last month there were 9 participants, 7 Technicians and 2 Extras. Things are getting to more of a sustainable

Flea Market – Hal N7NW / Mike N7WA: Flea Market was covered under Activity Manager.

Field Day -- Steve KD7IQL / Brendan KD7IKV: Nothing to report, will get things started next month. Looking for co-chairs for next year. Scores should be out in the next month or so.

Awards Banquet – Chair position is open, please volunteer.

Old Business: No old business to handle.

Alligator Award- Has Littlejohn fallen in love with that little statue? No, he is not here due to a knee injury from an antenna party at Dean's. Get well soon, Littlejohn. Today's safety message, watch out for holes in the ground.

New Business: No new business to handle.

Good of the Order –

ARRL will be starting new courses, see the web site for details.

The next Mike & Key General Membership meeting is October 20.

The picnic went well, the rain held off until the end of the event.

Mike Dinkelman is looking for old Relays to scan and put onto a CD, or the web site. He is trying to get a complete set.

The drawing will be at the break, tickets are a dollar, and self serve.

The East Tiger site needs an off mountain site for a UHF radio, antenna, and Internet connection.

Ivy WA7IVY is a Notary and will be available at club meetings for members' notary needs at no charge.

There being no further business, Steve KD7IKV moved to adjourn. Motion passed, and President Eakins closed the meeting at 11:00 AM

Attested: Dick Radford WA7NIW, Secretary

October 2007 Mike&Key Board Meeting Minutes

held 09-26-2007

Officers present:

- _ President – Mike Eakins (K7OV)
- x** Vice President – Bert Nielson (AF7V)
- x** Secretary – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)
- x** Treasurer – Carolyn Pasquier (WV7Q)
- x** Activity Manager – Mike Dinkelman (N7WA)
- x** Radio Officer – Paul Roth (N7DOH)

Trustees present:

- x** No. 1 – Frank Tate (NA7O)
- _ No. 2 – Gil Drynan, (W7GIL)
- x** No. 3 – Terry Barham (WA7PML)
- x** No. 4 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL)
- _ No. 5 – Hal Mueller (N3YX)

Visitors in attendance: Adrian Roth, Jack Grimmitt, Loras Gassman, Jim Etzwiler, and Daniel Stevens KL7WM.

Chairman Steve KD7IQL called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Galliano's Cucina in SeaTac, Wash.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting, was made by Carolyn WV7Q and seconded by Mike N7WA. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Chairman of the Board – The club received correspondence from a ham in Russia who wanted to join the club, preferably as an Honorary member. Not likely that he will be able to attend a meeting to qualify for a regular membership. Another offer came in for Silent Key's call sign from a family member.

President – Mike K7OV: Not present, no report.

Vice President – Bert AF7V : Received membership applications from Jessie Vaughn, no call, and John Heaney KD7ANH. Both were approved. There was another application that was not approved for membership.

Secretary – Dick WA7NIW: Nothing to report

Treasurer – Carolyn WV7Q: The Club's books are in good order. Sent Balance Sheet summary to the Board.

Activity Manager – Mike N7WA: Next month's program is Mitch K7TUT on operations from Iraq. Since there was no volunteer to chair the Christmas Party, there will not be one. Still looking for Relays from 1996 to 2000.

Radio Officer – Paul N7DOH: Not a lot to report. We need to get tip supports on the antenna on Tiger before the snow comes. He hopes to get to the Squak site to get the equipment off for repairs. Repairs have eliminated the interference problem with one of the link radios on Tiger.

Relay Editor – Gary KG7KU:

Webmaster – Jim KD7BAT: Nothing to report. Sorting pictures from Field Day for the Web site.

Standing Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning – Frank NA7O: Submitted an item for the Swap Page.

Facilities –: Terry WA7PML: Salvation Army has changed their policy on use of their facility. This would result in an increase of our contribution to them. This could be reduced if we commit to one day of bell

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ringing for them. Terry proposed that we accept the rate that included the bell ringing. It was pointed out that we have tried to get volunteers for bell ringing the past couple of years and have not been successful. Mike N7WA moved that we pay Salvation Army quarterly. Bert AF7V seconded, motion passed. Terry moved that we accept the \$25 per hour rate and Mike N7WA seconded. Motion passed. If we get the bell ringers, we can go for the lower rate of \$20 per hour.

Education –: Hal N3YX: Not present.

Public Service – Gil W7GIL: Not present.

Technical – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing to report.

Field Day -- Steve KD7IQL / Brendan KD7IKV: Steve will contact the Fort regarding the Wagonwheel for next year.

Awards Banquet - Gary KG7KU:

Old Business- No Old Business

New Business- Bert requests someone to fill in for him at the next meeting as he will be out of state.

Gary KG7KU thanked everyone for their articles for the Relay. The "Fold method" for sending the Relay worked OK, and saved a considerable amount of money on postage.

Steve brought up the old equipment trailer disposal item. There are people interested in it. Terry WA7PML moved that we have a sealed bid auction with a \$500 reserve. Frank NA7O seconded. Motion passed.

Good of the Order- Nothing for the Good of the Order.

There being no further business, Frank NA7O moved for adjournment. Motion Passed and Chairman Steve closed the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Attested: Dick Radford WA7NIW -- Secretary

Celebrate our October CLUB Members...

Contributed by Carolyn WV7Q

As of October 2007, these folks have been Mike & Key members for the number of years stated.

Congratulations to all of you, and thanks for your participation and service.

Each of you makes us who we are.

Chuck Stroehrer	WA7EBH	37 Years
Pete Hedberg	K7WTG	37 Years
Steve Tillett	K7KOT	37 Years
Jim Christiansen	K7ND	35 Years
Prahlad Ayengar	KB7AFS	20 Years
Diane Dinkleman	KB7DNE	15 Years
Scott Castonguay	KC7UOC	14 Years
Gloria Svennungsen	N7JJJ	13 Years
Brenda Doss		11 Years
Venessa Doss	KC7SFT	11 Years

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Celebrate Our Members... [Cont'd from Pg 6]

Darrell Plank	WB7BSP	9 Years
Rita Danielson	KD7CNU	9 Years
David Mitchell	WA7DTM	7 Years
Debbie Jurasek	KD7LAY	7 Years
Greg Pietrucha	W7HRC	7 Years
Michael Jurasek	KD7LAX	7 Years
Sylvia Burns	KD7BMD	7 Years
Jim Telgenhoff	KC7EVY	6 Years
Paul McElroy	K7STQ	5 Years
Pete Bradley	N7GBI	2 Years
William Harris	W7KXB	2 Years
Frank Jennings	N7TRL	1 Year
Tokuza Okumura	AD7JA	1 Year

Excerpts from the DX Bulletin

Provided by the ARRL

ITALY, I. Members of the ARI Ivrea are QRV as IU1ARI until the end of October in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani. QSL via IQ1IV.

UGANDA, 5X. Arik, EK6DO is QRV as 5X1AB from Kampala. QSL via K6EID.

KENYA, 5Z. Miki, YT1CS is QRV as 5Z4/YT1CS from Coast Province South Group, IOTA AF-067, until the end of October. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

SENEGAL, 6W. Jovica, 6W1SJ is QRV using mostly CW with some SSB and digital activity while on work assignment. QSL via T93Y.

GAMBIA, C5. Members of the Mosquitoes Contest Club will be QRV as C52C from October 17 to 30. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters with four stations operating simultaneously. QSL via OM2FY.

CHILE, CE. Roberto, YV5IAL will be QRV as CE2/YV5IAL from October 15 to 21. Activity is mainly on 40, 15 and 10 meters using QRP power and PSK31 on 40 meters. QSL to home call.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Bill, N7OU is QRV as E51NOU from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, until November 3. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and low power, generally on the weekends. QSL to home call.

IRELAND, EI. To commemorate the Marconi experiments from Clifden, special event station EI100MFT will be QRV from October 13 to 17. QSL via bureau.

TEMOTU PROVINCE, H40. KM9D and KF4TUG are QRV as H40MY. QSL this operation via OM2SA.

ARGENTINA, LU. Members of the Grupo Argentino de CW are QRV as LU1DZ/E, LU5FZ/D, LU6UO/D, LU7BTO/D, LW1EXU/D and LW2DX/D in celebration of the group's 30th anniversary. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters with two stations.

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NETHERLANDS, PA. To mark the JOTA Scouts' Golden Jubilee, special event station PA50JOTA will be QRV from October 17 to 30 from Nieuweroord. QSL via PA3EFR.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Operators IZ5FSA, IW5DPF and I5IHE will be QRV as S79LL, S79SO and S79LC, respectively, from Praslin Island from October 14 to 19. QSL direct to home calls.

DODECANESE, SV5. Ermanno, SV0XAN/5 is QRV until October 20 from the islands Lipsi, Agathonisi and Arkoi, IOTA EU-001. QSL via IK2WZD.

TURKEY, TA. TA2IJ is QRV as TC84IJ until October 21. QSL to home call.

MEXICO, XE. Dave, NN1N will be QRV as 4A3A in his spare time from October 14 to 22. QSL to home call.

SYRIA, YK. Syrian amateurs may use the 6C60 prefix from October 15 to November 11 in celebration of 60 years of amateur radio here.

MONTENEGRO, 4O. In commemoration of the admission of the Republic of Montenegro into the Council of Europe, special event station 4O0CE will be QRV from October 17 to 21. QSL via F5LGF.

CHATHAM ISLANDS, ZL7. Ulli, DL2AH will be QRV as ZL7/DL2AH from October 17 to 30. QSL to home call.

From the ARRL Newsroom...

From the ARRL Letter/American Radio Relay League

SPECTRUM DEFENSE FUND MARKS ELEVENTH YEAR

First begun in 1996 to protect the 2 meter band from "Little LEOs" (low-earth orbiting satellites), the ARRL's Spectrum Defense Fund marks its eleventh annual appeal this year, urging members to take a stand to protect the Amateur Radio spectrum from broadband over power lines (BPL). The ARRL's concern is not whether BPL will ultimately succeed or fail, but whether the federal government will fulfill its obligation to ensure that BPL systems - if and when they are deployed - will not pollute the radio spectrum.

The ARRL first brought problems concerning BPL interference to light five years ago in the October 2002 issue of QST, calling it a potential source of "radio smog." In that time, the League has fought hard to protect our precious spectrum, including the fight for "stronger protection against BPL interference in the FCC's rules, and when the FCC failed to go far enough we took them to court -- a huge but necessary financial commitment. We have taken our case to Congress, seeking legislation directing the FCC to do a serious study of the interference issue. We have done our technical homework, verifying the inadequacy of the FCC's rules and documenting violations by irresponsible BPL companies," Sumner said.

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GET READY FOR JOTA

Jamboree on the Air will celebrate its 50th year this year when it gets on the air October 19-21. Normally a 48 hour event, this year's JOTA will be 50 hours long in recognition of the anniversary. The fun begins at 2200 (local time) October 19 and ends at midnight (local time) October 21.

An on-the-air operating event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau, JOTA was founded in 1958 by Les Mitchell, G3BHK. It has grown to become the largest international Scout event. More than half a million Scouts and Guides in more than 100 countries participate in JOTA, involving as many as 10,000 Amateur Radio stations.

The event relies on the Amateur Radio community and local hams for its success. Getting Boy and Girl Scouts (including Cubs and Brownies) on the air to talk with other Scouts around the world provides a great opportunity to expose youth to Amateur Radio. Some troops and clubs team up to make a big splash with lots of activities, radios and antennas, offering a variety of modes to experience. For others, JOTA provides an opportunity to coach a smaller group of Scouts and to just have fun talking on the radio. Scouts usually enjoy communicating by speaking into a microphone, but some radio amateurs are able to provide other modes, such as slow-scan TV or amateur TV, satellites, packet radio, RTTY or even EME!

For more information on the 2007 Jamboree on the Air, please visit the ARRL JOTA Web site <http://www.arrl.org/scouts/jota> where you can find general rules, suggested exchanges and recommended frequencies. There will also be a place on the ARRL Web site to tell your JOTA stories at <http://www.arrl.org/scouts/jota/Stories/>.

IN BRIEF:

* ARRL Continuing Education Course Registration: Registration remains open through Sunday, October 7, 2007 for these online courses beginning on Friday October 19, 2007: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002); Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003R2); Antenna Modeling (EC-004); HF Digital Communications (EC-005); VHF/UHF - Life Beyond the Repeater (EC-008), and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011). To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the Continuing Education Program Coordinator cce@arrl.org.

* Florida Hams Help Nab Burglary Suspects: Some hams in Florida got an earful when they heard what turned out to be teenagers planning various robberies over the Jupiter Farms 444.400 MHz CERT repeater. On September 8, Al Moreschi, AG4BV, of Jupiter, and John Levey, KI4HTL, a retired police officer, of Palm Beach Gardens, overheard, according to Moreschi, "what sounded like men talking about committing a burglary and we were monitoring them on one of the local ham repeaters." Moreschi said he and his fellow hams notified local law enforcement agencies of the

break-in, but the alleged thieves "didn't describe the house well enough to get the exact address." The amateurs kept listening for the vandals to show up again on the repeater. On September 21, they were in luck. This time the hams were ready and had set up recording devices to capture the break-in as it transpired. Moreschi said he and his fellow hams recognized the voices and started recording; they also called the police. The last transmission heard over the air by the suspects was, "Code Red, Code Red, Code Red. There are cops everywhere, dude!" Three suspects were captured and arrested: one at the scene, one who was walking down a nearby road and one at a local grocery store. An official with the local sheriff's office said that the suspects were charged with burglary for the two break-ins; the three are suspects in other local robberies, as well. The tapes made by the hams are in the custody of the sheriff. Moreschi said that the suspects might also be facing charges from the Federal Communications Commission for operating without an amateur license. "We don't know how these kids got hold of the ham radios. Their transmissions came right over the CERT repeater, and that has a special tone and you have to have a special tone to key it up," Moreschi said.

* Redeem Those Soon-to-Expire International Reply Coupons: If you have old US-issued International Reply Coupons (IRCs), they can still be redeemed, but you need to do it very soon. IRCs issued prior to 2002 (the old small ones) can be redeemed for one penny less than the issue (stamped) price, and must be redeemed by October 10. IRCs with an expiration date of December 31, 2006 can also be redeemed for one penny less than the issue price; these must be submitted to the post office by September 1, 2008. All non-US stamped IRCs issued prior to December 31, 2006 are non-redeemable. For more information, please refer to pages 28 and 57 in US Postal Bulletin 22215 <http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2007/pb22215.pdf>, dated September 13, 2007. Thanks to "The Daily DX" for this information.

'Boeing Surplus' is Closing

by Michael Dinkelman, N7WA

Well, you've probably seen the announcement on the news. Boeing Surplus, one of the few "toystores" left for our ilk, will be closing retail operations as of December 21st. Certainly, it hasn't been the Boeing surplus of old, with lots of wiring and aluminum tubing, for a long time but it was still possible to pick up a good deal if you were vigilant (especially if you needed a surplus computer, desk, or chair.). Now Boeing will be selling it's surplus goodies off in lots to businesses that specialize in that sort of thing.

Bruce Lane, owner of Blue Feather Technologies, feels there is a chance to save the place. He asks that if you are interested to see his *[Continued on Page 9]*

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web page <http://www.saveboeingsurplus.com> -- with contact information for the head of the Shared Services group (they're responsible for all surplus operations, including the store).

In the meantime, there are a couple of stores left for our amusement. Alphatronics is still in Tukwila (look behind ComputerSonics) and has lots of parts, hardware, and tools. Vetco is on Northrup Way in Bellevue and has much in the way of connectors/adaptors, wire/cables, and tools.

Items For Sale...

For Sale: Heart interface

Freedom 10 inverter/battery charger
1000 watts ac output 120 volts
50 amp 12 volt charger
Price: make offer
Frank NA7O, Phone: 206-762-4732

For Sale: Club's Old Equipment Trailer

The club is selling the old equipment trailer. Since there are many people that have expressed an interest in buying the trailer, the Board has decided to use a sealed bid auction with a reserve price of \$500. All bids must be received by the November board meeting, Nov 28th. Trailer is 7' by 5'. Steven Cook, KD7IQL -- COB



Public Service Opportunities

by Gary Bryan KG7KU

"Funny you would ask," said the Ham Radio operator on the street, who had already been through the cold, the wind, and now a bright, warm sunny day -- "because before I became a Ham I used to want to be one of those Radio people, too...Now I *are* one!" Just another in a long list of scenerio's that play out each year, what with the advent of the Seattle Marathon, the Auburn Veteran's Day parade, the Special People's Holiday Cruise, there is plenty of Ham Volunteer Year left. Here is what remains on the plate:

November 10 - Veteran's Day Parade, Auburn

November 25 - Seattle Marathon, Seattle

December 3 - Santa Parade, Auburn

December 4 - Special People's Holiday Cruise, Seattle

December 19 (Approx.Date) - Santa Talks, Seattle

Be sure to sign-up and participate in Public Service opportunities and fill out your year in Ham Radio.

Ham Nets & Events for 2007 -- OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 2000 -- King Co. ARES 147.08 (Weekly) 2200 -- NW Astronomy Net 145.33 (Weekly)	15 0545 & 1645 -- Weather Net 145.33 (M-F) 1730 -- Puget Sound Traffic Sys. 146.82 (Daily) 1900 -- Seattle ACS 146.90 (Wkly)	16 2000 -- Snohomish Co. RACES 146.92 (Weekly)	17 2000 -- General /Tech Info 145.33 (Weekly) 2100 -- NWSOAR Net 146.82 (Weekly)	18 1900 -- M&K Public Service Net 146.82 (Weekly) 2000 -- Computer & Packet Net 145.33 (Weekly)	19 2000 -- Youth Net 145.33 (Weekly)	20 1000 -- M&K Club Meeting, Renton, WA 1300 -- Ham Radio Exams, Renton, WA
21 2030 -- Snohomish Co. ARES 146.92 (Weekly)	22 1800 -- WA Emerg. HF 3.985 (Weekly) 1830 -- WA ARES 3.985 (Weekly) 1930 -- PSRG 146.96 (Weekly)	23	24	25 2000 -- Amateur TV Net 147.08 (Weekly)	26	27 0900 -- WA ARES HF Net 3.985 (Weekly)
28	29 2000 -- YL Net 145.33 (Weekly)	30	31 1900 - M&K ARC Board Meeting	01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09 October Relay Article Deadline 23:59:59	10 Public Service-- Veteran's Day Parade, Auburn