



*From the Club President...*

### **Your Help Is Needed**

by Mike Eakins K7OV, President

Hello again! It's November again and time to think of things, like the holiday coming up this month. Since this is a time for families to get together again, most peoples thoughts are centered on Thanksgiving and so, not on ham radio, or club events. I would want to encourage you to think of your fellow club members as well, and don't forget that we have preparations under way for the upcoming Flea Market in March. Dink would welcome all the help he can get. It just take very little time, and the rewards to you and the club are hard to quantify, but trust me, they are very good!

I want to take the time to thank all of you who have stepped forward and went out of your way to greet new ones to our club. The results have been very gratifying and I am personally proud of you who did this. (Yes I brag about you!) You typify the attitude and friendly spirit this club has been noted for. Good Job!!!!

But, the job is never over, and we are all ambassadors, so please, if you see a new person at our club meetings or gatherings, go up to them and introduce yourself. Even better, take them around and introduce them to others as well! For my part, in addition to the above, I intend to continue to make a point during introductions at our meetings to make a public welcome to these ones, and will take some time to get to know them a little bit during that time for us all to get to know them.

I say again, you are all ambassadors at large for the Mike and Key Club. Please invite and make people feel friendly, both in person and on the repeater when new ones show up. Let's let everyone know that the Mike and Key Club is the "Friendly" club and the only one they need!

73,

Mike Eakins – K7OV

### **Ray Leslie - WA7EKH, Silent Key**

Contributed by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

We seem to be experiencing this type of news all too frequently these days. We have lost another long time Club member. Ray Leslie, WA7EKH, went silent key on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Ray Leslie was a major part of this Club for a long time through the 1980's and first half part of the 1990's. Seemingly guff, (OK, he WAS REALLY gruff) to those who didn't get to know him; Ray really cared about the Club. Once you did get to know him, the gruffness was just a facade (he reminded me a lot of my Grandfather that way).

My first major dealings with Ray had to do with the Relay. He was always looking for articles (things haven't changed much) and I bit. This was all during the cusp of the PC computer era (the mid 80's) and Ray experimented a lot in computer publishing (a big step up from the paste-up days) and the putting the Club member data into a database. When Ray gave up the Relay, it became my turn and I got a lot of help and advice (as well as that clunky database program) .

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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](http://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](mailto:kg7ku@arrl.net).

been down in that area recently, it's really gone RETAIL with stores popping up all over the place.)

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## Upcoming Club Activities-November

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA, Activity Manager

I hope you enjoyed Mitch K7TUT's rather unique look at his tour in Iraq last month. If you have any leads on other program speakers, please let me know.

For November, I found out that Scott AG7T was only able to get into describing some of the antenna modeling software that was available during his September presentation and not actually into any actual design work. This month, Scott will pick up where he left off and promises me that modeling is in the plan. Here's one way you can do some antenna work without going out in the cold and wet.

As mentioned in last month's Relay, I passed around a signup sheet for volunteers interested in doing some bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Looks like we got enough volunteers (though a few more would be appreciated). The signup sheet will go around again this month. We're shooting for Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you could volunteer an hour or two, the club and the Salvation Army will both appreciate it. The location hasn't been nailed down but Fry's Electronics has been mentioned.

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## Salvation Army: Bell Ringing

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

[Article repeated from last month's *Relay*, in the interest of getting volunteers to help... -Ed.]

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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## PSC Minutes for October 20, 2007

The Public Service Committee did not meet this month.

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## Fleamarket Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2007

Meeting held, nothing new to report.

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## Mike&Key General Meeting Minutes

held 10-20-2007

### Officers present:

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

### Trustees present:

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

President Eakins called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM at the Salvation Army building in Renton, Wa. All members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 by telling the group how many stations they have. The number varied from 1 to about 30.

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 Ivy WA7IVY. Motion passed.

### Officer Reports:

**President** – Mike K7OV.

**Vice President** – Bert AF7V: Not Present. Report by Steve KD7IQL. None of the membership candidates were present.

**Secretary** – Dick WA7NIW: Has flyers on the Mount Baker ARC Ham Fest.

**Treasurer** – Carolyn WV7Q: Jack KD7IHS is filling in, but has no information.

**Activity Manager** – Mike N7WA: Today's program is by Mitch K7TUT on his operations in Iraq. We have a bell ringing activity for Salvation Army scheduled for Dec. 1. Please sign up as this could get us a reduction in rent for the next year.

**Chairman of the Board** – Steve KD7IQL: The old equipment trailer is going to be offered at auction, sealed bid, reserve amount is \$500.

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### General Mtg Minutes... [Cont'd from Page 3]

**Radio Officer** – Paul N7DOH: Nothing new to report.

**Relay Editor** – Gary KG7KU: Not present.

**Webmaster** – Jim KD7BAT: Not present.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning** – Frank NA7O: Nothing to report

**Facilities** –: Terry WA7PML: Not present.

**Education** –: Hal N3YX: There will be a class at South Seattle Community College, two weekends in November.

**Public Service** – Gil W7GIL: Nothing to report

**Technical** – Steve KD7IQL: Will try to meet during the break.

**VE Exams** -- Scott AG7T: There were 16 participants, and 9 Technicians, 2 Generals, and 3 Extras were awarded.

**Flea Market** – Hal N7NW / Mike N7WA: Flea market meeting will be in November.

**Field Day** -- Steve KD7IQL / Brendan KD7IKV: We did not get the wagonwheel this year. Someone beat us to it, but we have the Boy Scout Camp which is tent only. RV parking will have to be in the campground, the barracks will probably fill up quickly, so get your sign ups in soon. There will be a work party at Fort Flagler that we can help with on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** No Old Business.

#### **Awards-**

**Alligator Award-** Littlejohn made a long speech regarding the Alligator Award, which he currently holds. He mentioned the "shame" of possessing the award, etc. This explains why he has the award. He then presented it to Dean for about the 15<sup>th</sup> time. Dean then made a short acceptance speech about how it wasn't really a shame to have it.

#### **New Business :**

JOTA is this weekend, check for information on frequencies and times.

ARRL is looking to recruit new participants in the Official Observer program.

Ray Leslie WA7EKH became a Silent Key on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2007. He was a long time member of the club who was instrumental in a number of club projects over the years.

#### **Good of the Order –**

The Mike & Key Board next meets October 31, at Galliano's Cucina in SeaTac.

Boeing Surplus is closing

Alan Hughes announced that Tall Ships is coming back to Tacoma this coming July. He can use volunteers for the event.

Michelle Cross asked whether the alligator award applies to both of our repeaters. If so, Comcast Cable deserves to have it for the 220 repeater

There being no further business, Littlejohn WA7HQG moved to adjourn.

Motion passed, and President Eakins closed the meeting at 10:51AM

Attested: Dick Radford WA7NIW, Secretary

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## Mike&Key Board Meeting Minutes

held 10-31-2007

#### **Officers present:**

\_President – Mike Eakins (K7OV)

x Vice President – Bert Nielson (AF7V)

x Secretary – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)

\_Treasurer – Carolyn Pasquier (WV7Q)

x Activity Manager – Mike Dinkelman (N7WA)

\_Radio Officer – Paul Roth (N7DOH)

#### **Trustees present:**

x No. 1 – Frank Tate (NA7O)

x No. 2 – Gil Drynan, (W7GIL)

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x No. 3 – Terry Barham (WA7PML)

x No. 4 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL)

x No. 5 – Hal Mueller (N3YX)

**Visitors in attendance:** Dave Smith, Dan and Dawn Humphrey, Dick Vance.

Chairman Steve KD7IQL 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 Bert AF7V and seconded by Mike N7WA. Motion passed.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**Chairman of the Board** – Thanks for your support in the membership issue. There is a note in the Relay that the close of the trailer sale will occur at the November Board meeting.

**President** – Mike K7OV: Not present.

**Vice President** – Bert AF7V : We had 46 members, 38 ARRL members and 4 guests present at the last General meeting. There was one new applicant for membership, Bob Ledoux KE7JPI. Approved by the Board.

**Secretary** – Dick WA7NIW: Nothing to report.

**Treasurer** – Carolyn WV7Q: Jack N7IHS was standing in for Carolyn, nothing new to report.

**Activity Manager** – Mike N7WA: Next meeting's program will be Antenna Modeling part 2 by Scott AG7T. We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army. The tentative date is December 1.

**Radio Officer** – Paul N7DOH: Not Present

**Relay Editor** – Gary KG7KU: The mailings are going fine. Due to the need to be out of town on publication weekend, the Relay will come out a bit early this time.

**Webmaster** – Jim KD7BAT: Not Present

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning** – Frank NA7O: Nothing to report.

**Facilities** –: Terry WA7PML: Nothing to report.

**Education** –: Hal N3YX: Technician class will be held November 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Seattle Community College Administration building Siegal Center.

**Public Service** – Gil W7GIL: Nothing to report, we still need a Chair for the Public Service Committee. It's time to get moving with the pamphlet.

**Technical** – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing to report.

**VE Exams** -- Scott AG7T: Not present, will get report at the next General meeting.

**Flea Market** – Hal N7NW / Mike N7WA: Next Flea Market meeting is next Tuesday.

**Field Day** -- Steve KD7IQL / Brendan KD7IKV:

Awards Banquet - Gary KG7KU:

**Old Business-** No old business.

#### **New Business-**

There was discussion of beginning a By-Laws update process. What is printed in the By-Laws document is not the same as an interpretation that is on the web site. Chairman Steve is going to propose to the members that a By-Laws committee be formed to evaluate what we have and make recommendations as to whether we revise them or not. The Audit Committee has been formed, the makeup of which will be announced later, and when they will meet.

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

There being no further business, Terry WA7PML moved for adjournment. Motion Passed and Chairman Steve closed the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Attested: Dick Radford WA7NIW -- Secretary

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### Celebrate our November CLUB Members

Contributed by Carolyn WV7Q

As of November 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.

Jack Grimmett	N7IHS	19 Years
Jim Hamlin	W7FKI	18 Years
Dick Bridges	N7YOB	15 Years
Gil Drynan	W7GIL	14 Years
Joe Langjahr	KJ7DG	13 Years
Fred Roberts	W6TKV	12 Years
Wayne Heath	KC7ORB	11 Years
Mike LaFerla	K7JML	10 Years
Ronnie LaFerla	KC7UFS	10 Years
Dick Radford	WA7NIW	7 Years
Dave Mackin	KB7ERF	6 Years
Mike Eakins	K7OV	6 Years
Hideki Saito	WU7J	5 Years
Adam Koczarski	KA7ARK	2 Years
Tim Kane	K7ANE	1 Year

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### Ray Leslie, Silent Key... [Cont'd from Page 1]

Ray was highly involved in the Fleamarket as the Registration Chair after our move to the Pavilion. Again, he introduced computers into the process. Diane, my wife, spent her first days as a fleamarket worker Ray's guidance. When he stepped down from that, Diane was able to step in.

I remember when the ARRL decided to publish the design of the "Mike & Keyer" but wanted a printed circuit board to be available. Ray stepped up, and using computer layout software, he produced one and even paid to have some made up which he then tried to sell in kits. I doubt he ever made his money back but he had fun and learned a lot.

Ray used to stop by our house (with his wife Eleanor) when we lived in downtown Kent for social visits. The conversation frequently drifted to making the fleamarket the "Dayton of the West" and getting the Club a permanent Home/Clubhouse. Alas, over the past decade Ray drifted away and we haven't talked in years though Diane and I have wondered frequently how he was doing (especially around Fleamarket time). I still have visions of him upstairs at his house surrounding by computers and stacks of magazines/papers.

Which reminds me, Ray used to perform paper drives back when paper was worth something. He would try to get club members to bring newspaper in on Club meeting day and then took it down for recycling. For a while, there was money in it but even

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Ray's big truck couldn't haul enough to make it worthwhile in the end.

One last thing. Check the signature in your booklet of bylaws. You'll find Ray's signature there in the last revision. Ray always made sure the bylaws got a regular scrubbing every couple years and usually ran the committee. Some of us wondered if it was worth all that but you could never doubt Ray's willingness to jump in and volunteer.

Rest in Peace Ray. ... :-

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### Excerpts from the ARRL Letter Provided by the ARRL

==> World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07)

The end of the second week of the four-week 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07) is drawing near, but -- at least as far as the amateur services are concerned -- there is not much as of yet in the way of firm conclusions. An unexpected highlight of the opening plenary was the announcement by Secretary-General Hamadoun Toure, at the end of his prepared remarks, that he had earned his Amateur Radio license. We seldom, if ever, have received such prominence during the opening ceremonies of a conference.

Progress on the agenda items of interest to the Amateur Services has been slow. The 4-10 MHz issue is bogged down, with opponents of HF broadcasting expansion holding fast to a position of "no change." HF BC proponents are not nearly as numerous as in 2003 and are mainly in Europe; they have backed off from an initial position of 350 kHz of expansion down to 200 kHz, but there has not yet been any movement from the other side. In the meantime work on the other 4-10 MHz issues, including the possibility of a 5-MHz secondary amateur allocation (which so far is supported by the European BC proponents), cannot progress. Even if the HF BC allocation could be settled quickly, which seems unlikely at this point, time is running out to complete work on the rest of these issues.

Early this week it appeared that the issue of a 135.7-137.8 kHz secondary allocation to the Amateur Service had been settled favorably; however, it turned out that the concerns of some

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Arab administrations had not been fully satisfied and more work needed to be done. On Friday morning, November 2, the allocation was approved at the Working Group 4C level with two footnotes, one of which limits power to 1 W EIRP and a second that allows countries in Region 1 to opt out of the allocation if they wish. Saudi Arabia repeated its opposition to the allocation and requested that this be noted in the Working

==> Are you ready for Sweepstakes  
The third weekend of November is the ARRL SSBW Sweepstakes. Sweepstakes, or "SS," is the premier domestic contest, bringing in thousands of amateurs throughout all 80 ARRL Sections in the United States and Canada. The object is to make as many two-way contacts in as many of the 80 ARRL Sections as possible, on 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 and 160 meters. Sweepstakes has the reputation of having the longest "exchange" of any other contest around: a consecutive serial number, power class, your call sign, the year you were first licensed and your ARRL section.

This goes way back to the beginning of the event. Sweepstakes used to be a test of passing traffic.

The 2007 ARRL SSB Sweepstakes begins at 2100 UTC on Saturday, November 17 and will go until 0300 UTC Monday, November 5. Pins are available from the ARRL for making 100 contacts in the CW Sweepstakes; participants who work all 80 sections -- known as a Clean Sweep -- are eligible to purchase a Sweepstakes coffee mug highlighting their accomplishment. For complete rules and entry forms, please see the ARRL Sweepstakes Web site <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2007/novss.html>.

==> ARRL AND MFJ TEAM UP TO OFFER 40 METER TRANSCEIVER KITS

Earlier this fall, ARRL introduced the third edition of its "Low Power Communication" book, written by Rich Arland, W3OSS. This new edition includes the complete assembly manual for a 40 meter transceiver kit produced by MFJ Enterprises. "ARRL has also bundled the book with the kit, giving readers a firsthand experience at project-building and operating," said ARRL Sales and Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R.

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This is the first time ARRL has offered a publication bundled with a radio kit. Inderbitzen said orders for the kit have been brisk.

The kit selected for this offering is the MFJ 40 Meter CW Cub Transceiver Kit. The project includes some pre-assembled parts such as surface mounted components. Kit builders get to solder on connectors, inductors, trimmer capacitors and potentiometers. It takes only a few hours to complete the kit and get it on the air. "Building the kit is a natural application for someone enjoying this book," said Inderbitzen.

==> FCC ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

On November 1, the FCC released information regarding enforcement actions against six radio amateurs: Stanley S. Gillette, W4TYW, of Comer, Georgia; Charles K. Caprio, AD8Q, of Bullhead City, Arizona; Todd E. Dougherty, N9OGL, of Taylorville, Illinois; Robert C. Moldenhauer, W9CQ, of Middleton, Wisconsin; James D. Ogden, N7KPU, of Prescott Valley, Arizona, and Anthony M. Amato, KR4UQ, of Chester, Virginia.

==>SOLAR UPDATE

Tad "Just Enjoy this Ride on My Trip around the Sun" Cook, K7RA, this week reports: The average for August, September and October (centered on September) at 5.4 is the lowest yet for this side of Cycle 23.

==>IN BRIEF:

\* Hollingsworth to Stay Put at FCC: Riley Hollingsworth, Special Counsel for the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, has decided not to retire; he had announced last week that he would leave the FCC in January 2008. "After spending the entire weekend thinking about the decision [to retire], it became more and more clear to me that it just isn't the right decision for me right now. There are several issues on the table that I want to continue to work through with the amateur community." The Enforcement Bureau is the primary organizational unit within the Federal Communications Commission that is responsible for enforcement of provisions of the Communications Act, the Commission's rules, Commission orders and terms and conditions of station authorizations, as well as enforcement of Amateur Radio rules (Part 97).

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\* ARRL DXCC Desk Approves 9U0A Operation: ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the 2007 9U0A DXpedition to Burundi has been approved for DXCC credit. "If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk <DXCC@arrl.org> and you will be placed on the list for update," Moore said.

\* ARRL DXCC Desk Approves D2DX Operation: ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the 2007 D2DX DXpedition to Angola has been approved for DXCC credit. "If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk <DXCC@arrl.org> and you will be placed on the list for update," Moore said.

Separated At Birth -- Legend Lives On

Photos contributed by Dave Smith KB7PSN

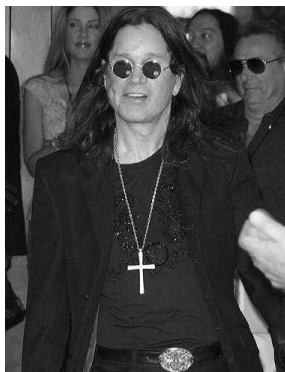
Text contributed by Gary KG7KU

Sometimes there comes along in a lifetime, certain unknown quirks, certain unexplained phenomena...to keep us all guessing -- that perhaps 'WE ARE NOT ALONE.'

Such a segment -- or rather wrinkle -- in the Space-Time continuum occurred during the last Club Board meeting held in SeaTac. Sure, we can blame it on the moon (it was in its last quarter?), or we can even blame it on the Ozone Layer (at night?), or perhaps if we want to seek out meaningful bantor, we might suggest it was because it was Halloween night (well, it was indeed October 31st...hmmmmm).

Reminiscences of years long forgotten (though such strange things as these can never be forgotten), huddled and draped in the crisp coolness of a late fall day, what would make such a clatter as the shutters rattled with an eerie wind-blown entry of some stranger passing in the night (or rather, did not pass in the night, but came inside where it was warmer). Okay, then, let's cut to the chase. Just when people swiveled in their chairs to see what was the matter, in walks none other than Twin2, not to be confused with Twin1 (although, in reality, the whole concept of Twins is that one is often mistaken to be the other). Did I say cut to the chase?

Here they are, or more accurately stated there they were, or more specifically, there the one was, which looked like the other (?) --



Twin 1 -- Somewhere else      Twin 2 -- in SeaTac

Someone was quoted as saying "Ozzie looked like he needed his hair combed last night."

Sights & Sounds by Sunrise

By Dawn KC7YYB

Wishing you all a very thoughtful and appreciative Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving time has prompted this very sad observation, please use it or ignore it. I hope you really give it some thought.

Christmas, agreed, is a very busy time. It is also a time for enjoying the company of others.

The fact that no one felt the calling to step up and head up a Christmas party for our ham club, expecting that the usual "worker bees" would surely take up the cause, saddens me.

Have we become so apathetic, or lazy, riding on the coattails of a few team-minded individuals who are the ones who tirelessly make sure that this group be envied as one of the better clubs in the area, that they do not even give a thought that these people soon tire of being the only ones to step up when something needs to be done?

Burn-out is a very well known symptom of over-dependence upon these dependable people. It promotes the possibility of many "we've always done . . ." such as our Christmas party getting left by the wayside. There are other things that also stand to be lost to the group due to the loss of these people due to lack of appreciation. Expecting others to do something that they haven't really said they'd be willing to do is a prime example. "So and so has 'always' done that" is a prime example of what I'm trying to illustrate.

This coming field day is going to be much different this year for accommodations since we've missed out on the wagonwheel. Reason? We expected someone else to take care of it, and SURPRISE! they didn't realize the time value of getting in our reservations, so we don't have it - period, end of story!

If the Mike and Key Amateur Radio club is going to continue with the proud heritage that we have enjoyed in the past, many of us are going to have to take stock in what our individual contribution to the club is, and see if there is something we CAN do, that we haven't stepped up and offered.

Well, that's my rant for now, and please forgive me, if I've stepped on your toes a bit, but maybe you are one of those I've referred to, BUT if you are one of the faithful over-used, and under-appreciated, please realize that I'm NOT talking to you!

Hopefully, those of you who have been working in the background, serving to make this a great club, I say "May your tribe increase." You are really and truly appreciated, especially by this contributor.

Again please accept these wishes for a very grateful and appreciative Thanksgiving. 73

# Ham Nets & Events for 2007 -- NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>11</b> 2000 -- King Co. ARES 147.08 (Weekly) <b>2200</b> -- NW Astronomy Net 145.33 (Weekly)	<b>12</b> 0545 & 1645 -- Weather Net 145.33 (M-F) <b>1730</b> -- Puget Sound Traffic Sys. 146.82 (Daily) <b>1900</b> -- Seattle ACS 146.90 (Wkly)	<b>13</b> 2000 -- Snohomish Co. RACES 146.92 (Weekly)	<b>14</b> 2000 -- General /Tech Info 145.33 (Weekly) <b>2100</b> -- NWSOAR Net 146.82 (Weekly)	<b>15</b> 1900 -- M&K Public Service Net 146.82 (Weekly) <b>2000</b> -- Computer & Packet Net 145.33 (Weekly)	<b>16</b> 2000 -- Youth Net 145.33 (Weekly)	<b>17</b> 1000 -- M&K Club Meeting, Renton, WA <b>1300</b> -- Ham Radio Exams, Renton, WA
<b>18</b> 2030 -- Snohomish Co. ARES 146.92 (Weekly)	<b>19</b> 1800 -- WA Emerg. HF 3.985 (Weekly) 1830 -- WA ARES 3.985 (Weekly) 1930 -- PSRG 146.96 (Weekly)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 2000 -- Amateur TV Net 147.08 (Weekly)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 0900 -- WA ARES HF Net 3.985 (Weekly)
<b>25</b> Public Service-- Seattle Marathon - Seattle	<b>26</b> 2000 -- YL Net 145.33 (Weekly)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1900 - M&K ARC Board Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>01</b> <b>DECEMBER</b> Public Service-- Santa Parade -- Auburn
<b>02</b> Public Service-- Special People's Holiday Cruise- Seattle	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b> December Relay Article Deadline 23:59:59	<b>08</b>