



From our Club President...

Opportunities & Challenges Ahead

by Dick Radford WA7NIW, President

I feel very honored at having been chosen to be your President. At this time I want to congratulate the incoming officers, and thank the outgoing officers for their service to the club. I feel that we have a Board that will lead this club effectively through the next year. I want to welcome Hal Mueller N3YX to the position of Board Chairman.

We have both opportunities and challenges ahead of us this year. We need to get the new Repeater up on the mountain and I'm sure that our Radio Officer will appreciate any help he can get to see that this particular task is accomplished. We have new challenges ahead of us at Field Day with the more spread out accommodations for campers and Barracks inhabitants. I'm sure that our Field Day chairs will appreciate any help in shuttling people out to the operating site for set up, operations, and tear down.

In addition to these, there are numerous opportunities for Public Service coming up soon. Two that come to mind are the Crew Races in the Montlake Cut on May 3, and the Ballard parade on May 17. Help is needed for both of these events and the contact information is in the Public Service booklet that was distributed at the Flea Market and is still available at the meetings.

It's a big job keeping a club like the Mike and Key going throughout the year and it takes the efforts of a great number of people to do it. Those who hold the various offices are the most visible, but often times the most important work is done by others who are not so visible. This could be something as easy as presenting a friendly face and warm greeting to visitors who come to our meetings and other activities. Who knows, that new person just might bring something special to the club that we didn't even know we needed. See you at the next meeting. --Dick, WA7NIW

M&K Banquet - Awards Conveyed

by Sam Sullivan N7RHE

The annual awards were given during the annual banquet, held March 28. In addition to longevity certificates the following awards were given.

Flea Market MVP's were given by Hal Goodell N7NW, flea market chair. Hal said how these people were always there doing the jobs that needed to be done but were always in the background. Congratulations to Susie Fleming and Loras Gassmann for a job well done for the success of the flea market. Susie has assisted in past flea markets too. Both Susie and Loras are nonmembers of the club. Thanks.

Field Day MVP's were given by Steve Cook, KD7IQL, field day chair. Steve said these people were always jumping in to help and get things done. Congratulations to Tim Kane K7ANE and Bert Nielson AF7V, for helping make field day successful.

Mike Eakins K7OV, received the past presidents award. Thanks Mike for a very successful year at the helm.

After acknowledging the past recipients of the Pop Brown award, this years Pop Brown was bestowed to a long deserving kingpin of the club, Jack Grimmert N7IHS. Jack has filled most of the chairs in the board and club over the years. Thanks, Jack, for all your efforts for us.

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On the Web — The Club's site at 'www.mikeandkey.org' includes extensive information about Club activities and events, such as: VE 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.

Activities for April

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

It's been fun trying to bring you interesting programs over the past year. I know this is the scary part for the incoming Activity Manager so I hope that you will keep providing Jack with ideas for fascinating discussions over the coming months.

The April program will be on Satellites. This is another of the oft-mentioned ideas provided by the Club members a couple months ago. Bob W7LRD will be our speaker and I've asked him to keep it at the beginner's level. Many thanks to Dick K7NEX for asking Bob to speak to us.

In May, I will be doing a talk on the NCDXF Beacon system along with (I hope) a demonstration of some software. The beacon system is invaluable when it comes to checking out the condition of 10-20M and you might be surprised at what you can hear (and see).

The June program will be about (what else?) Field Day. By the way, I've been a bit surprised at the stuff I have been hearing lately. "If there ain't no Wagon Wheel – I ain't going!" Well, I'll guarantee you, if the big one hits, there will be no Wagon Wheel either. Field Day is about flexibility; making due with what we have and improvising from there. Frankly, we're pretty lucky to have the site we have, the equipment we have, and the organization we have. You've had 9 months notice that the Wagon Wheel isn't available. Borrow a tent (nice ones were only \$99 at CostCo) and leave the 5MPG gas guzzler at home this year – you can't afford to drive it anyway. Sleeping in a nice cushy bed just makes it harder to get up to do the 2AM shift on 40 and 80 meters anyway.

Haven't heard anybody take up the picnic Chairmanship yet. Getting a bit late to secure a site. Of course, if a picnic isn't of interest, we can always use that money to buy some new equipment for CW Beach. (I saw some \$20K antenna trailers on Ebay... 100 footers!).

Dick WA7NIW and I were having a chat at the banquet about a possible program idea. Anybody interested in learning how to access your records on the FCC Web site? We could set up a computer and show you how to get on-line, modify and/or renew your license. No muss, little fuss. It's so easy, it's almost child's play except that acronyms like ULS, CORES, and FRN seem to scare people away. Let me know if that would be a program of interest.

One last item, Jack N7ZS donated an AEA keyer to the club raffle months and months ago. I figured we could get more out of selling it which we did at the Fleamarket. That puts \$50 more into the raffle Treasury. Thanks, Jack.

Extra Class Study Group

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

A couple weeks ago, I sent a strawman out on the reflector looking for those people that indicated they would like to upgrade to Extra. It's been updated and reproduced below. The only real difference is, because of time constraints, that it is no longer up for discussion as to the day of the week and the location it will be held (initially anyway).

Back in January, the question asked at the meeting was: **"What would you like the the Mike & Key to teach you in 2008?"** Many members answered they needed help upgrading to Extra Class. So, I am offering the following in an attempt to fill this need.

Based on the input I've received over the Club reflector, I am starting a weekly study group, in April, for those who desire to upgrade. Session would be on Wednesday nights. The first session would be April 23rd and the last session would be June 18th which would give participants a chance to take the test from the current question pool following the June Club meeting. That would give us 9 weeks to to cover the nine Element 4 sub-elements. However, if it goes faster - all the better.

Here is how I see it:

1) This is not a Club sponsored project. The Club is not paying for materials and it would be a personal commitment between me and you. There would be no cost. This is open to non-Club members, so feel free to publicize the study group, but preference will be given to Mike & Key members.

2) My current intention is to hold this in my home (unless a more central location can be found) and this places a limit on the number of participants. On the other hand, a limited group size can mean a bit more personal attention and ability to work out the theory. I think I can handle 10 students in my single car garage (yes, it's heated) but I would like a minimum of four committed participants (I think I have that already).

3) I agree this is not the ideal location (I live out east of Kent) especially if you have to travel a long ways. However, my options are limited. However, since I work in Redmond, I can easily move or rotate locations if YOU have the room or can suggest a more centralized location. We can discuss that at the first session unless you can find something before the first session (it'll save me from having to clean out the garage).

4) Sessions are scheduled to run from 7PM to 9PM. If things go faster than expected, we can cover more material or adjourn earlier. This would be a study group and will require home study by the participants (Extra Class is not a weekend cram course.) You should be able to purchase a study guide from the vendor of your choice. I will be using the ARRL Extra **[Continued on Page 4]**

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Class License Guide myself (I took my Advanced/Extra elements over 20 years ago so I expect I will be rusty).

5) You should currently hold a General or Advanced license or certificates that would allow you to take Element 4.

6) If you are an Extra and willing to teach (even part time), I'd be interested in hearing from you as well.

Extra Class represents the pinnacle of our hobby. I'm excited by the increase of those who have obtained the license but I realize some people just need a bit of help to make that jump. Even if the scheduling of these sessions isn't ideal (and I know we all live busy lives), I hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity. If it's successful, maybe we can provide additional session in the future. Please contact me at mwdink@eskimo.com or 253 631 3756 if you wish to commit, have questions, or help out.

Seventh District QSO Party

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

The first Saturday in May will be the 7th District QSO Party. This is a friendly low key contest where everybody outside the 7th district tries to work as many Hams and county's inside the 7th district. We, inside the district, try to work everybody in and out.

Now, you can work this from home, that's for sure. However, like last year, I would like to throw open the N7WA annex of the K7LED superstation for those who meet ANY of the following qualifications.

- *Would like to have some fun*
-- or --
- *Would like to have some fun*

Old timers and newbies alike are welcome. I don't care if you are the newbie with his brand new Technician ticket or an Extra Class with 40 years experience. A couple of people took me up on this last year and I think they both had a good time. It would be nice to have a few more this year. The test runs from 6AM local to midnight on May 3rd. Now, I'm not gonna do too much mentoring early in the morning or after dark unless you are really desperate but the rest of the day is open. Just let me know when you want to drop by and I'll make the station available. (I'll probably be playing during the test myself off and on all day myself.) You can do it for a few minutes or a few hours. I'll teach you the basics (if you need teaching), techniques (if you want it), or simply be on call while you run 'em.

The main rig is an FT1000MP and, of course, both CW and SSB are available – you pick your poison. For antennas, there is a 2 element 40M yagi at 100', a big tribander at 90', a medium tribander at 60', and an 80M inverted Vee at 90'. Here's your chance to do something with those new HF privileges or you could even call it practice for Field Day. Let me know if you are interested.

How 'Bout That Banquet?

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

With the sky spitting snow, around 50 Club members braved the elements on Friday, March 27 to attend the Annual Club Banquet. Both the event day (Friday!) and venue (Burien Elks) were new as were a number of the attendees.

After dinner, we had some entertainment as the CW Tones (with new member Adrian KB7BVL) led the crowd in a rousing rendition of "We'll be Pushing Around the Pallets when they Come". Then there was the amazing competition of **Pin the Handheld on the Ham (with CW guidance)**. Many thanks to our competitors Mitch NA7US, Eric N7DLV, and winner Tim K7ANE. Finally, we altered Gary KG7KU's Ozzy personality to something more fun-loving, re-crowned Mitch NA7US as King Tut, and brought grounded snowbird Dick K7NEX a bit of Arizona. Now if all of that sounds like you missed something – you did. You'll just have to fill in the details with someone who was there.

Service awards included the following:

Thirty Five Years: Dick Lundstrom WA7UEW January 2008, Jim Carpenter K7PHZ March 2008

Thirty Years: Tim Schneebeck K7QMI Apr '07

Twenty Years: Carolyn Pasquier WV7Q April 2007, Jim Maras WA7FMT July 2007, Prahlad Ayengar KB7AFS October 2007, Norman Ahrens N7KWZ December 2007

Fifteen Years: Ryan Martin N7TNI April 2007, Ermanno Rusi N7VIQ July 2007, Betty Westby N7UII September 2007, John McGee KI7OT September 2007, Diane Dinkelman KB7DNE October 2007, Richard Bridges N7YOB November 2007, Robert Crooker KB7PEC March 2008

Ten Years: Chris Antes KC7YES August 2007, John Walenceus KC7WOX August 2007, Mike LaFerla K7JML November 2007, Ronnie LaFerla KC7UFS November 2007, Ted Roubal KC7ZEO December 2007, Jack McCall W7TMW March 2008

Five Years: Jim Darby NY1R May 2007, Terry Dettmann WX7S June 2007, Daniel Stevens KL7WM June 2007, Paul McElroy K7STQ October 2007, Hideki Saito WU7J November 2007, and Paul Donnor KD7SSD February 2008

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Annual Awards went to the following:

Pop Brown: Jack Grimmet N7IHS

President's Award: Mike Eakins K7OV

Field Day MVP's: Tim Kane K7ANE and Bert Nielson AF7V

Fleamarket MVP's: Loras Gassman and Susan Fleming

Several Silent Keys were recognized: Steve Tillet K7KOT, Ralph Schumacher WX7T, and Lew Rambo

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Standing Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning – Frank NA7O: Looking for new ideas

Facilities –: Jeff KE7FRJ: No report.

Education –: Hal N3YX: One class scheduled with the City of Seattle ACS, classes scheduled through Red Cross. There are enough classes scheduled that they are looking for help teaching.

Public Service – Gil W7GIL: The booklets are out. There are some new ideas regarding reinstating the Public Service Net on Thursday evenings.

Technical – Steve KD7IQL: Nothing to report

VE Exams -- Scott AG7T: Last month there were 11 exams given, 3 Technicians, 4 Generals, and 2 Extras. At the Flea Market there were 50 exams given, 19 Technicians, 14 Generals, and 7 Extras.

Flea Market – Hal N7NW / Mike N7WA: Thanks to all the Chairs, and all those who participated. We were short at some positions, but all went well. Attendance was down from last year, but consistent with the past few years.

Field Day -- Steve KD7IQL / Brendan KD7IKV: Looking for a chair for 20 meters. Barracks are not full.

Awards Banquet - Gary KG7KU: Banquet is at 7:00 PM March 28 at the Burien Elks Club on First South between Kennedy High School and Fred Meyer. Tickets are available from Dawn KD7YYB. We need a final count by March 21.

Old Business:

Elections: Nominations

President

Steve KD7IQL

Dick WA7NIW-elected

Vice President

Steve KD7IQL

Tim K7ANE-elected

Mitch NA7US

Secretary

Ivy WA7IVY-elected

Treasurer

Carolyn WV7Q-elected

Activities Manager

Michelle WA7PVE-not present, disqualified

Jack N7IHS-elected

Trustee #2

Steve KD7IQL-elected

Robert KD7WNV

Mitch NA7US

Trustee #4

Robert KD7WNV-elected

Mitch NA7US

Awards-

Alligator Award- Possession will not change at this time.

New Business: Red Cross is conducting a net on Tuesday evenings on our repeater.

Good of the Order –

Communications Academy is April 3, 4

Rachelle Danielson has some music videos available on U-Tube, www.youtube.com/rachelledanielson.

The Mike & Key Board next meets April 9, at 7:00 in El Charro, the Mexican Restaurant in front of the old Lewis and Clark Bowling Alley. The next Mike & Key General Membership meeting is April 19.

There being no further business, Scott AG7T moved to adjourn. Motion passed, and President Eakins closed the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Attested: Dick Radford WA7NIW, Secretary

Mike&Key General Meeting Minutes

held 03-15-2008

Officers present:

_President – Mike Eakins (K7OV)

x_Vice President – Mitch Gill (NA7US)

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)

x_No. 2 – Gil Drynan, (W7GIL)

x_No. 3 – Jeff Stevens (KE7FRJ)

x_No. 4 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL)

x_No. 5 – Hal Mueller (N3YX)

Vice President Gill called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM at the Salvation Army building in Renton, Wa.

All members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Gill made several announcements: The Mike & Key ARC is affiliated with the ARRL, which members are encouraged to join; everyone, including visitors, should sign the rosters; visitors are reminded not to vote on membership matters; smoking is allowed in the parking lot but not in front of the chapel.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the *K7LED Relay* made by Gil W7GIL and seconded by Steve KD7IQL. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

President – Mike K7OV: Not present.

Vice President – Mitch Gill NA7US: Presented David Whitlock KE7QLM for membership. Approved.

Secretary – Dick WA7NIW: Received flyer for Stanwood Camano ARC regarding their flea market.

Treasurer – Carolyn WV7Q: The Club's books are in good order. Gave Balance Sheet summary. The Flea Market Bank deposits all agreed with what she thought was deposited.

Activity Manager – Mike N7WA: Thanked all for showing up at the Flea Market. The "program" today will be elections.

Chairman of the Board – Steve KD7IQL: Gave background as to qualifications for participation in the elections.

Radio Officer – Paul N7DOH: Nothing new to report at this time.

Relay Editor – Gary KG7KU: No general announcements, thanks to all those who contribute to the newsletter.

Webmaster – Jim KD7BAT: The web site is fairly well up to date. Waiting for the latest data from the Public Service Committee regarding the pamphlet.

**April 2008
Mike&Key Board Meeting Minutes**

held 04-09-2008

Officers present:

- _ President – Mike Eakins (K7OV)
- _ Vice President – Mitch Gill (NA7US)
- x** Secretary – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)
- x** Treasurer – Carolyn Pasquier (WV7Q)
- x** Activity Manager – Mike Dinkelman (N7WA)
- _ Radio Officer – Paul Roth (N7DOH)

Trustees present:

- x** No. 1 – Frank Tate (NA7O)
- _ No. 2 – Gil Drynan, (W7GIL)
- _ No. 3 – Jeff Stevens (KE7FRJ)
- x** No. 4 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL)
- x** No. 5 – Hal Mueller (N3YX)

Visitors in attendance:

Chairman Steve KD7IQL called the meeting to order, 7:05PM.

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

Officer Reports:

Chairman of the Board – Steve KD7IQL: Thanks to our outgoing Board members for their service to the club.

President – Mike K7OV: Not present, no report

Vice President – Mitch NA7US: Tim K7ANE filling in for Mitch presented one candidate for membership, Frank Qualls KD7QER. Approved by the Board.

Secretary – Dick WA7NIW: Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Carolyn WV7Q: The Club's books are in good order. Gave Balance Sheet summary. Asked about whether there are more pamphlets left from the Flea Market. It appears that there are not. The Banquet bills are all in and we were under budget for the meals, as well as for the awards given out this year. We need more medallions for the awards. Hal moved and Carolyn seconded to allocate leftover banquet money to purchase these. Motion passed.

Activity Manager – Mike N7WA: This month's program will be on Satellites. Next month's program will be on the Northern California DX Foundation Beacon system.

Radio Officer – Paul N7DOH: Not present, no report.

Relay Editor – Gary KG7KU: Not present, no report.

Webmaster – Jim KD7BAT: Not present, no report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning – Frank NA7O: No input received, everything must be fine.

Facilities –: Jeff KE7FRJ: Not present, no report.

Education –: Hal N3YX: Classes continue.

Public Service – Gil W7GIL: Not present, no report.

Technical – Steve KD7IQL: We need to redefine the role of the technical committee.

VE Exams -- Scott AG7T:

Flea Market – Hal N7NW / Mike N7WA: Carolyn reported that we did great at the Flea Market.

Field Day -- Steve KD7IQL / Brendan KD7IKV: The new shirts and pins are available from ARRL. The Event Exhibit Kit and some other informational packets have been ordered. ARRL has created a Site Locator tool so people can put in a location and see what Field Day operations are going to be close to them. There was discussion of compliance with park rules at Field Day.

Awards Banquet–Dawn KCYYB: Not present. The event went well.

Old Business- No Old Business.

New Business- No New Business.

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

There being no further business, Hal moved for adjournment. Motion Passed and Chairman Steve closed the meeting at

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8:42 pm. --Attested: Dick Radford WA7NIW -- Secretary

New Board -- Minutes -- 04-08-2008

Officers present:

- X President Dick Radford (WA7NIW)
- X Vice President Tim Kane (K7ANE)
- X Secretary Ivy Nelson-Groves (WA7IVY)
- X Treasurer Carolyn Pasquier (WV7Q)
- X Activity Manager Jack (N7IHS)
- Radio Officer – Paul Roth (N7DOH)

Trustees present:

- X No. 1 – Frank Tate (NA7O)
- X No. 2 – Steve (KD7IQL)
- No. 3 – Jeff Stevens (KE7FRJ)
- X No. 4 – Robert (KD7WNV)
- X No. 5 – Hal Mueller (N3YX)

Visitors in attendance: None

Election of Chairman of the board: **Hal Mueller(N3YX)**

Trustees were selected for the Standing Committees as required by the Mike & Key ARC by-laws:

Technical and Special Interest	Steve KD7IQL
Public Service	Frank NA7O
Education and Training	Hal N3YX
Strategic Planning	Robert KD7WNV
Facilities and Publicity	Jeff KE7FRJ

Next board meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7 May 2008. Next board meeting location will be El Charro Restaurant, 15838 Tukwila International Blvd, Tukwila, WA 98188.

Attested: Ivy Nelson-Groves WA7IVY -- Secretary

Let's celebrate our April members.

by Carolyn Pasquier WV7Q

As of April 2008, 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.

Jan Hart	WA7HWX	36 Years
Tim Schneebeck	K7QMI	31 Years
Carolyn Pasquier	WV7Q	21 Years
Earl Swiney	WZ7H	30 Years
Jean Swiney	KB7CLF	28 Years
Ryan Martin	N7TNI	16 Years
Darla Harris	KC7SI T	12 Years
Claire Navarre	KD7FMP	9 Years
Mitch Gill	NA7US	7 Years
Tyler Gill	KD7MJO	7 Years
Gary Bryan	KG7KU	7 Years
Stephen Luke	KB7FGV	5 Years
Rachel Martin	(NoCall)	5 Years
Terry Martin	(NoCall)	5 Years
Michelle Baskett	WA7PVE	4 Years
Joyce Baskett	KA7VXN	4 Years
Douglas Johnson	KD7RI K	4 Years
Elliott Neyme	W7OVP	2 Years
Bert Nielson	AF7V	2 Years
Mark Sandler	K7MAS	2 Years
Phillip Sheridan I I I	KE7HAV	2 Years

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Sights and Sounds by Sunrise

by Dawn Humphrey KC7YYB

Wow! The end of March was more like April Fool's Day as far as the weather was concerned. I was as nervous as a school girl on her first date, the day of the Awards Banquet. It truly seemed that Murphy was at work both with my preparations [early birds can attest to that] and the weather first thing Friday morning.

As to my preparations, due to a visit from our daughter, the time I'd figured on having to finish up everything in time for Friday was GONE! But I wish to give a great big THANK YOU to the wonderful helpers that I couldn't have succeeded without!!!

I'm thinking that the banquet was a success, mostly because most of you dared to show up after the way things looked in the morning, plus many of you complimented the way it went, and again I say THANK YOU! To make anything a success, people have to show up, programs have to be arranged, Thank You, Mike, N7WA, and Bryan, KG7KU, and the food has to be good and REASONABLY PRICED! I think we met all of those criteria.

So, as I reflect back on these things from the road [we're on our way to Pennsylvania] I feel that we're on the road again as to the content and class of Awards Banquets as we've enjoyed in the past. I hope you all do too! 73 -- Dawn KC7YYB

Your Invitation to the Alaska -- 'Arctic Circle' --

Hamfest And Convention

Contributed by Daniel Stevens KL7WM

[Ed.Note-- The Alaska Hamfest and Convention promises to be among the few exceptional and extraordinary opportunities to come the Ham Radio way, in say, our lifetime. If you are fascinated by the Northern Lights phenom, then this may be your chance to etch your call sign IN THE NORTHERN LIGHTS!!! Read on...]

Here is the information about the Alaska 2008 ARRL HAMFEST Convention this summer.

We are inviting all 722,000 FCC Licensed U.S.A. Hams to come up and operate.

This will get you to Alaska's Arctic Circle WEB-Page: <http://akhamfest.com/arcticcirclespecial.php>

This will get you to the Anchorage Convention WEB-Page: <http://akhamfest.com/index.php> .

The Alaska 2008 ARRL Convention is really going to cover just a little over 2 weeks of activity. It starts out on July 25th 2008 up at Alaska's Arctic Circle 66° 33' North and the intersection of the Dalton Highway 200 miles North of Fairbanks Alaska. Online is the official website for this event:

<http://akhamfest.com/arcticcirclespecial.php> There the Convention will have 4 stations on the Air. Two

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Radios on the HF Bands and one Satellite and one on 146.52MHz FM Local Simplex.

This end of July time of Year it should be ~20+ hours of Sunlight and very warm +80° to 90° hot. evenings are Cool down in the 40° range.

This is a VERY Remote part of the World. Bring everything with you. See:

http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/ak/fdo/maps_and_documents.Par.93717.File.dat/2007_Dalton_Visitor_Guide.pdf

It is a once in a lifetime place to go and ride in the SunRise - SunSet Terminator for up to 6+ hours of active RF enhanced DX+Fun band openings to all parts of the World. Alaska's Arctic Circle does this Summertime ride, slowly into and through the Midnight-Sunset Terminator,, Then for up to 4 hours, 66°33'N will skirt right up next to the back side (Night) of the Active Terminator Zone (now at The Top of the World) and re-enter into the SunRise Zone for an extra hot time and another slow 2+ hours of RF+DX Fun as Alaska's Arctic Circle exits back into full Summertime Alaska Sunshine. It makes for +6 to +8 hours of full and active radio propagation.

The full ARRL Convention then continues on Down in Anchorage Alaska for Aug 1- Aug 3, 2008. Aug 4, 2008 Will have the HAARP Tour and demo. <http://www.haarp.alaska.edu/>

Aug 5, to Aug 10 will be back on the Air up at Alaska's Arctic Circle working DX.

<http://akhamfest.com/arcticcirclespecial.php>

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Ward Silver N0AX Receives Honors At Dayton Hamvention

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Hamvention® Names 2008 Award Winners

DAYTON, OH -- Three amateur radio (ham) operators who have made significant contributions to the Amateur Radio Service, will be honored guests when Hamvention® 2008 opens in Hara Arena on May 16.

Recipients of this year's Hamvention® awards are Ward Silver, N0AX, whose books and teaching materials have helped many become hams; Tom McDermott, N5EG, whose technical contributions helped digital ham radio expand; and Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, who started Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day (ARMAD) in 2003 as a way for Amateur Radio to express support and appreciation for our service men and women.

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Ward N0AX Amateur of Year... [Cont'd from Pg7]

Frank Beafore, WS8B, Hamvention® Awards Chairman said selecting the winners from the number of worthy nominees presented a tough task for the committee. "We believe the winners all have made significant contributions to the ham radio community. We were impressed with the quality of the nominations.

Hamvention® Chairman Carl Rose, K8CPR, praised the winners, saying: "On behalf of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) and Hamvention® 2008 it is my pleasure to congratulate this year's Award Winners. I ask all hams to join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions and the many years of service the winners have given to the amateur radio service."

Ward Silver, was named Amateur of the Year for his many contributions including Ham Radio for Dummies, his first effort to show that becoming a ham does not have to be a difficult challenge. His additional books, magazine articles and his Hands On column in QST have all helped many hams develop their knowledge and skills. Though he has been honored for his efforts, including receiving the Bill Orr Technical Writing Award from the ARRL, he said, "The best reward, though, is hearing from readers that have found my writing helpful in understanding some aspect of electronics or radio."

He was first licensed at age 17 in 1972 as WNØGQP, and upgraded to Extra and NØAX in 1975. A contester and DXer he appears in the DXCC Honor Roll, lots of contest Top Ten boxes, and on a few record lists.

While living on Vashon Island, near Seattle WA, he worked closely with community leaders and the Vashon-Maury Island Radio Club (W7VMI) to provide effective emergency communications. Working together, the fire district, CERT, and radio club members have created one of the best local communications systems in the state of Washington.

He continues to pursue a variety of writing and editing projects with the ARRL, such as the training manuals for all three license classes and the ARRL Contester's Rate Sheet biweekly newsletter read by nearly 17,000 subscribers. He said, "Ham radio continues to open doors for me and I am honored to enjoy friendship of my many ham radio friends in every corner of the globe."

Emery McClendon, KBPIBW, received the Hamvention award for Special Achievement for his efforts starting ARMAD or Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day in 2003. He said he started ARMAD "as a way to have Amateur Radio serve as a tool for the people of our communities to be able to express 'live' support and appreciation for our Troops, Veterans, Military Retired; and First Responders." The event has become popular and spread to other communities. Several Military Support Groups have developed an interest in having Amateur Radio as a part of their activities. This resulted in Amateur Radio being introduced to thousands of people worldwide that otherwise would have never known about our public service.

McClendon, a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who became an Amateur Radio Operator 16 years ago. His interest in organizing Military Special Events came from his four years of service in the U.S. Air Force, and two years in the Indiana Air National Guard. In 2001 he was asked to make Amateur Radio a part of The Vietnam Wall Experience for the City Of Fort Wayne, and in 2003 was asked to organize Amateur Radio into the Fort Wayne Glen Beck Rally For America. The

K7LED Relay

events went so well that he was asked to organize Amateur Radio for the National Rally For America held in Huntington, West Virginia.

He is active with two local Amateur Radio Clubs, and with giving presentations about Amateur Radio to community groups. His activities, including ARMAD, have resulted in many TV, Radio, and media stories over the past five years giving Amateur Radio community exposure.

The Hamvention Technical Achievement Award goes to Thomas C. McDermott, N5EG, for his more than 20 years of involvement in projects which further the development of amateur radio. He co-developed the TexNet packet switching network in 1986, based on datagram routing. In the 1990's it covered much of the south central United States. He was the founder of the Texas Packet Radio Society. In 1994 he developed the TAPR-AMSAT windows software development system for the DSP-93 modem, including software-based instruments (oscilloscope, spectrum analyzer, signal generator). In 1996 he wrote a textbook on Wireless Digital Communications for TAPR, and developed the TAPR VNA in 2004. These projects provide an on-going revenue stream for TAPR to help fund other activities and development projects. Tom received the ARRL technical excellence award in 2005, and is a life member of the ARRL.

He enjoys operating RTTY and an occasional contest. He is married and lives in Medford, Oregon.

Hamvention, the world's largest amateur radio gathering, brings more than 20,000 people to the greater Dayton area each year. The three-day event includes exhibits, a flea market, forums and education sessions.

For more information about Dayton Hamvention 2008 (scheduled for May 16-18), visit the website at www.hamvention.org or e-mail media@hamvention.org.

M&K Banquet 2008 Moments

**Comments provided by Gary Bryan KG7KU
Photos provided by Michael Dinkelman N7WA**



Where else can you make a complete 'Donkey' of yourself, trying to Pin the Radio on the Ham, and have fun doing it? Shown here is Mitch Gill NA7US, doing just that, all the while 'Strutting his TUT' on the floor.

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Tim Kane K7ANE comes away the 'Pin the Radio' winner, having scored a beautifully executed 'perfect 10.'



Meet the new 'Ozzy' was all the buzz. [Ed.Note-- not finding this to be humorous, the M.C. (Yours Truly) quickly sat down with a magic marker and wrote on his knuckles-- 'Nikki Sixx' and so changed the world once again. Thanks, Mötley Crüe.]



Mitch, not pleased with the results, dons his 'Bio-Chemical Spill Hazard' cape, and attempts to cast a spell for the purpose of -- and I quote -- 'Make the world go away.' Following threats of lawsuits based on copyright infringement laws, Mitch backed down. Nonetheless, imagine a world in which there is only Mitch... Oh, boy...



On a bit more serious note, Jack Grimmatt N7IHS, receives the 'Pop' Brown award for his selfless contributions to the benefit of the Club. Congratulations, Jack.



Ozzy Twins, revisited (reference Nov '07 Relay), the moment that caused a great commotion at the Board Meeting one All Hallows Eve night.

For those who attended, Kudos on determining that you were destined for a great evening of food and entertainment. Much thanks must be extended to Dawn KC7YYB and Dan N7QHC Humphrey for mustering the resources to ensure there was an Annual Banquet location suitable for the Club. Their tireless efforts extend beyond the Awards banquet, are noticed and hereby acknowledged.

Hey, hey, what'ya say? How about planning on attending in 2009? See you there, or be square.

Ham Nets & Events for 2008 -- APRIL / MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 2000 -- King Co. ARES 147.08 (Weekly) 2200 -- NW Astronomy Net 145.33 (Weekly)	14 0545 & 1645 -- Weather Net 145.33 (M-F) 1730 -- Puget Sound Traffic Sys. 146.82 (Daily) 1900 -- Seattle ACS 146.90 (Wkly)	15 2000 -- Snohomish Co. RACES 146.92 (Weekly)	16 2000 -- General /Tech Info 145.33 (Weekly) 2100 -- NWSOAR Net 146.82 (Weekly)	17 1900 -- M&K Public Service Net 146.82 (Weekly) 2000 -- Computer & Packet Net 145.33 (Weekly) <u>Public Service--</u> [17-20] Olympus Rally	18 2000 -- Youth Net 145.33 (Weekly)	19 1000 -- M&K Club Meeting, Renton, WA 1300 -- Ham Radio Exams, Renton, WA 2000 -- Amateur TV Net 147.08 (Weekly)
20 1915 -- Kids Net Net 145.49 (Weekly) 2030 -- Snohomish Co. ARES 146.92 (Weekly)	21 1800 -- WA Emerg. HF 3.985 (Weekly) 1830 -- WA ARES 3.985 (Weekly) 1930 -- PSRG 146.96 (Weekly)	22	23 Extra Class Study Group	24	25	26 0900 -- WA ARES HF Net 3.985 (Weekly) <u>Public Service--</u> Oak Harbor Parade Walk & Roll, Run- Arlington
27	28 2000 -- YL Net 145.33 (Weekly)	29	30 Extra Class Study Group	01 MAY	02	03 <u>Public Service--</u> Husky Crew Races, UW Campus, 8am
04	057	06	07 Extra Class Study Group 1900 - M&K ARC Board Meeting [Time / Place subject to change]	08	09 Relay Articles Due	10