



*From our Club President...*

### Prepare Now For Winter Storms

by Dick Radford WA7NIW, President

We just got a warning in the weather with this "Pineapple Express" bringing warm moist air to the area. This might be a good time to check that those batteries are charged and that our Go Kits are ready. This is the kind of weather that brings flooding to the area quite regularly.

Next year's budget is in development, so be sure to let the Board know what items you think need to be changed to make it reflect the direction the club should be going in.

I'm not sure just how many of us have signed up to ring bells for the Salvation Army, but I am sure that there is room for more (there always is), and it's fun to do with a partner and the time goes by quickly. Be sure to sign up at the meeting.

Thanks to the ARRL for prompt action that kept commercial experimental digital communications out of our 40 meter band. The original frequency plan for this high power digital mode was to include 7.1 to 7.3 MHz. The modified license now excludes this range. This should be a reminder that our spectrum is precious and limited and needs to be protected from those who would take it from us. Thanks again, ARRL.

-- Dick, WA7NIW

### Bring a Can, Ring a Bell

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

The current economic situation has certainly made an impact on the Salvation Army. One, it has increased the number of clients they are assisting at their food bank in Renton. Two, it has reduced donations.

At the next couple meetings, it would be nice if the Mike & Key members could help out – if you are able. If you can, bring an unopened non-perishable food item and we'll collect them up for the Salvation Army food bank. Myself, I usually end up with extra cans or boxes of "stuff" in my cupboard and this is a good opportunity to clear it out. (Feel free to bring more if you want.) If you prefer to donate cash, the Salvation Army can get a lot more food out of a dollar than you or I so we'll have a donation can or kettle as well.

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

## November Program

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

The November program will be a video presentation on the production of tubes (valves) by the Blackburn Manufacturing Company in Britain. Some of you may have already seen this on the internet but it's a fascinating video (though old) about how tubes were/are manufactured. Even if I wasn't a Ham, I would find the manufacturing process fascinating in of itself. It runs about 30 minutes.

### **Bring A Can, Ring A Bell... [Cont'd from Page 1]**

While, we are at it, Jim KD7BAT is organizing this year's bell ringing activities. Last year we collected a lot of money for the Salvation Army while saving them the money they would normally have had to pay in wages. It would be really cool if we had enough bell ringers to staff two locations. It's a lot of fun and puts a new perspective on your life as you walk by other bell ringers in the subsequent weeks. (I always made sure I had some change in my pocket whenever I went out after ringing myself.) By the way, the Salvation Army does discount our rent for helping out so

You may have another charity you prefer to donate too and I encourage you to do so. Many are in dire straits this year and I expect some of you may be as well. However, if you have the ability to help the Mike & Key help out the Salvation Army, I know they and the Club would appreciate it.

## Salvation Army: Bell Ringing

by Jim Etwiler KD7BAT, Webmaster

The Renton Salvation Army has asked Mike and Key to participate in raising funds as bell ringers again this season. The Mike and Key Board has approved our participation again this year. Now we need volunteers to man the location for eight hours. That's only one hour each for eight volunteers (or more, it's more fun in pairs)

We have asked for assignment at Fry's again this year for Saturday, December 6, as our first choice and Saturday, December 13, as a second choice.

This activity last year raised hundreds of dollars in donations for the Salvation Army and saved the club about \$300 in meeting room expenses. You can help the Mike and Key Club and help the Salvation Army help others!

There will be a sign up sheet at the October membership meeting. Please sign up, or contact, Jim Etwiler, KD7BAT, 206-633-1512, or email me: [KD7BAT@ARRL.NET](mailto:KD7BAT@ARRL.NET).

## M&K Budget '09 Considerations

by Carolyn Pasquier WV7Q, Treasurer

At the November 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the Budget for 2009 was discussed and is in its preliminary form. This budget will be finalized and approved by the Board at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Then it will be presented for approval by you, the members, at the December 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. If you have any input for the budget, please attend the Board Meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, or share your ideas with your favorite Board Member.

-- Carolyn WV7Q

### **Excerpt from The ARRL Letter, November 7--**

## Richard Garriott, W5KWQ, Back On Terra Firma

After 10 days on the International Space Station (ISS), Richard Garriott, W5KWQ, returned to Earth October 23 on Soyuz TMA-12. Garriott is the son of Owen Garriott, W5LFL, who in 1983 was the first ham to make QSOs from space. While Richard was on board the ISS, he too made QSOs, furthering what has now become a family tradition. "This mission to the ISS fulfilled a lifelong dream to experience spaceflight, just as my father first did 25 years ago [on STS-9]," Richard said. "It's an honor to be the first American to follow a parent into space." Richard took off from Star City in Kazakhstan on October 12.

While on board the ISS, Richard conducted scientific experiments and environmental research -- he also had a chance to do quite a bit of Amateur Radio, including sending slow-scan TV (SSTV) images <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/sstv.html>>. Calling the chance to make QSOs from space a "great opportunity," he described speaking directly with hams and trading call signs to be an "unexpected joy" and said in his blog that he was pleased "to find so many enthusiastic hams who were so well informed and interested in my activities in orbit. When I began my transmissions with preplanned SSTV images, including 'pirate messages,' test patterns and family images, I did not know how they would be received. But it seemed that fellow hams really enjoyed seeing this beginning to my time on the International Space Station."

Through the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station program (ARISS) <<http://www.rac.ca/ariss/oindex.htm>>, Richard made numerous contacts via Amateur Radio with school children. He said he found speaking to students "most rewarding...Growing up in an astronaut family, I firmly

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**Garriott, W5KWQ, Back...** [Cont'd from Page 3]

believed that every person could go to space, and now I have. I took this opportunity to inspire [the students] with my adventure and let them know they can achieve their wildest dreams as well with hard work and perseverance." To date, there have been 379 ARISS ISS-to-Earth QSOs.

Richard Glueck, N1MDZ, a teacher at Orono Middle School in Orono, Maine, said students in his classes were excited about making contact via Amateur Radio with Richard on the ISS. "Richard recorded our contact and wished us well," Glueck told the ARRL. "We returned the greeting. It made the afternoon for my Social Studies class. We made the contact using straight FM voice. Our contact was heavy on the static, and we were hearing Garriott respond to various hams in Iowa and Michigan, as well. We heard the data transmission of the SSTV during the early morning passes."

Saying he "clearly remembers" Sputnik in 1957, Glueck said the "growth of space technology and human inhabitation impacts my life in a huge way. I firmly believe that while modern kids take space flight and satellites for granted, that this is a good thing, Amateur Radio is the most significant manner in which teachers can get kids to interact with spaceflight in a personal manner."

**Contest Updates**

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

I had just one log entry for the \$25 gift card for participating in the Salmon Run. Congratulations to Dean N7NKO. Now I would have normally considered Dean ineligible because he is borderline MKARC-CSCO (see September article). Anyone else could have won with a single QSO. However (sigh!), no one else applied.

For the competitions coming up in 2009 (First to WAS, First to DXCC), only one non- MKARCCSCO person has expressed interest. You must sign up before the end of the year to participate. There is \$75 in gift certificates up for grabs. If I deem that there is insufficient interest, I guess we can just save the money and spend it on the repeater (note passive-aggressive attitude about spending money on repeater).

If interested, please see the competition rules in the September Relay ([http://www.mikeandkey.org/newsletters/Relay\\_2008\\_09c.pdf](http://www.mikeandkey.org/newsletters/Relay_2008_09c.pdf)) and see me at the Club meeting.

**ARRL VEC Announces Exam Fee Increase**

Contributed by Sam Sullivan N7RHS

On November 6, The ARRL VEC <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/>> announced that as of January 1, 2009, the fee to take an ARRL Volunteer Examiner (VE)-administered Amateur Radio license exam will increase by \$1, from \$14 to \$15. This is the first time in four years that the examination fee has been adjusted.

**Celebrate Our December Members-**

by Carolyn Pasquier WV7Q, Treasurer

As of December 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	20 Years
Jim Hamlin	W7FKI	19 Years
Dick Bridges	N7YOB	16 Years
Gil Drynan	W7GIL	15 Years
Joe Langjahr	KJ7DG	14 Years
Fred Roberts	W6TKV	13 Years
Mike LaFerla	K7JML	11 Years
Ronnie LaFerla	KC7UFS	11 Years
Dick Radford	WA7NIW	8 Years
Dave Mackin	KB7ERF	7 Years
Mike Eakins	K7OV	7 Years
Hideki Saito	WU7J	6 Years
Adam Koczarski	KA7ARK	3 Years
Tim Kane	K7ANE	2 Years

**Flea Market Updates**

by Michael Dinkelman N7WA

Minutes from 10/7/2008 meeting. In attendance: Jim Aigner, Gil Drynan, Kathy Martin, Hal Goodell, Diane Dinkelman, Michael Dinkelman.

Sanctioning received from ARRL. Plan is for 12,000 folded flyers, 1000 flat. We either have to seal the flyers or put in envelopes this year (we will envelope). Should get additional discount for using certified address barcodes (on the labels) from the ARRL. Vendor letters to go out the end of October (they did). Some costs have gone up at Fairgrounds. Need a process for tracking Fairground keys and radios. Forty-five pre-registrations.

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**Flea Market Updates... [Continued from Page 4]**

Will want pens to check for counterfeit bills at the ticket booth this year. Kathy is willing to help co-chair at tickets but wants another person to chair with (I think Jack Grimmet has committed). Announcing Booth has no chairperson at this time. Check with Alan for Security and Gary for Loading Dock (both have now signed on). We could use fewer people at the Country Store and more at Tickets and Announcing.

Next meeting - December 2nd, Dinkelman residence, 7PM.

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My thanks to all who signed up in the worker book. It'll be at all the Club meetings through February. I can't reiterate enough how important it is that all available Club members help out. We need over 100 bodies over the course of the weekend to make this event fly. Some areas are way overstocked - the Country Store for example. Some are way undermanned - tickets and PA. You might want to consider helping out in those areas.

In addition, we have had very few members venture out to help at the gates (Orange and Gold). One of our main workers out there can no longer do the job over two days because of health. It's time we stop having one member do two days of IronMan duty when several members could easily do it and spread out the job. If we can't get a reasonable spread with the self-signup system, it might be time for the Committee to start assigning jobs and times. Rather not do that but we can't hold this event if everybody only wants to work the Country Store or the Loading dock.

I will need labelers this month. It'll be a longer process this time because envelope stuffing is now part of the job. For this reason, I would like to spread the job between more workers. You can do it sitting in front of the TV. They just need to be done by the December meeting. I'll even deliver and pickup. This is another job that could use some new blood. We have 200 members, many are new - this is a great way to get INVOLVED.

We still need a chair for the PA/Talkin booth. I would prefer an experienced Club member in this job - someone who has been to the event and preferably someone who has worked the PA before. It's a two day commitment for the event unless you can find a co-chair (which is actually a great way to chair some of these areas).

A Hot Press hat list is being taken. This is for workers who 1) don't have a Hot press hat or 2) their old one is greater than 3 years old. If we get too many requests, priority will go to those without hats and I'll draw names out of a hat from those who have a hat to fill out the list. Please don't order a hat unless you plan on working. The past two years I've ordered hats for people who never came to the event and have never

been seen again. That's a waste of a great donation by Hot Press.

Any questions, email me at: mwdink@eskimo.com or call evenings at 253-631-3756. I'll also be at the next Club Meeting.

**Mike&Key General Meeting Minutes**  
Meeting held 10-18-2008

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 hours  
Pledge of Allegiance.

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; If you wish to go outside during the break, the Salvation Army requests that we do so on the West side of the building. This is a small room, and if you have conversations that must be carried out, please carry them out to the other room. Members and guest introductions.

Quorum was present.

There was a correction to the calendar listed on the minutes, and Mike K7OV made the motion to accept the corrected Minutes and Gil W7GIL seconds. Motion passed. Correction to the calendar: No flea market meeting on Election eve.

**Officer Reports:**

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

**Vice President** – Tim K7ANE: New members to vote upon: Mindi Mattson KE7WLZ; Erik Friele KE7UYC; both were voted into membership. There were a number of certificates given out for years service in the club.

**Secretary** – Ivy WA7IVY: Mount Baker ARC sent flyers for their hamfest on Oct 25.

**Treasurer** – Carolyn WV7Q: Jack N7IHS is filling in for Carolyn WV7Q this month and will be collecting dues and paying bills. The club's books are in order.

**Activity Manager** – Jack N7IHS: Jim Spencer will be our speaker today, NW Division Director for the ARRL. Christmas party has no volunteer for chairman so we won't be having one. We will have an awards banquet so we will need some help for that. See Jeff KE7FRJ if you want to help out.

**Chairman of the Board** –Hal N3YX: not present. It was mentioned that the board is in the process of putting together the budget for next year.

**Radio Officer** – Paul N7DOH: new repeater should be back from the manufacturer in a week. Paul will be painting the structures today on Tiger Mountain, so he could use some help.

**Relay Editor** – Gary KG7KU: Please submit articles a week prior to the meeting.

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

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning** – Robert KD7WNV: nothing to report.

**Facilities and Publicity** –: Jeff KE7FRJ: The MFJ antenna analyzer has been checked in.

**Education and Training** –: Hal N3YX: not present.

**Public Service** – Frank NA7O: Robert KD7WNV: Met last month and started distributing assignments. Looking for people to help out on the committee, especially

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**General Mtg Minutes...** [Continued from Page 5]

some of our newer members. Meeting of the public service committee after the meeting today at the Cedar River Smokehouse.

**Technical and Special Interest** – Steve KD7IQL: Donated radio was tested and is at the club station right now; please feel free to use it at the meetings. We will use this radio at field day as well.

**Other Committees** (as appropriate)

**VE Exams** -- Scott AG7T: 11 people tested, 8 passed the technician exam, 2 passed the general exam, 1 passed the extra exam. Exams today at 12:30.

**Field Day** -- Steve KD7IQL / Brendan KD7IKV: We got the Wagon Wheel! We have it from Monday through Monday morning. Looking for a GOTA chair, and other band chairs as well. We have the barracks reserved for this year.

**Old Business:** No old business

**Alligator Award** – Dean N7NKO. No new awardee this month.

**New Business:**

Captain Terry from the Salvation Army spoke to the membership to request volunteers for Bell Ringing this Christmas (Nov 24-Dec 24), and for food donations for their food bank. Please bring food donations to each meeting. Mike N7WA has signup sheets for bell ringers.

Mike N7WA has the flea market signup sheets. Need a chairman for announcing. We also need some help for setup on Friday; vendors start setting up at 2pm on Friday. Need a lot of people for Saturday.

**Good of the Order –**

Reminder that the flea market will be March 7th. Please save this date on your calendar.

Rita KD7CNU: Our club is a member of the Ft. Flagler Group Camp Association and Feb 14<sup>th</sup> will be the annual work-day at Ft. Flagler, rain or shine. If you have any ideas for camp improvements, let Rita know by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hal N7NW brought some electronic books donated to the club. Please take what you want.

Tim K7ANE mentioned that the membership. Sam N7RHE would like a list of the titles on the website. Tim stated that the titles will also be put in the relay.

Frank NA7O wants the alligator brought to each meeting.

Mike N7WA says that there was an award winner for a contest last month: Dean N7NKO. Next year we will have an award for worked all 50 and for 100 countries.

Steve KD7IQL: if you want to nominate someone for an award, please contact the awards committee. It was suggested that the list of awards be put into the Relay. The three major awards are listed on the website.

The Mike & Key Board next meets on the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at El Charro in SeaTac.

The next Mike & Key General Membership meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Little John WA7HQG made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. The motion was passed. Meeting adjourned 10:40.

5 guests; 45 members present at the meeting.

Attested: Ivy Nelson-Groves WA7IVY – Secretary

**K7LED Relay**

**Mike&Key Board Meeting Minutes**

**Held 11-05-2008**

**Officers present:**

**X** \_President – Dick Radford (WA7NIW)

\_Vice President – Tim Kane (K7ANE)

**X** \_Secretary – Ivy Nelson-Groves (WA7IVY)

**X** \_Treasurer – Carolyn Pasquier (WV7Q)

**X** \_Activity Manager – Jack Grimmett (N7IHS)

**X** \_Radio Officer – Paul Roth (N7DOH)

**Trustees present:**

\_No. 1 – Frank Tate (NA7O)

**X** \_No. 2 – Steve Cook (KD7IQL)

\_No. 3 – Jeff Stevens (KE7FRJ)

**X** \_No. 4 – Robert Grinnell (KD7WNV)

**X** \_No. 5 – Hal Mueller (N3YX)

**Visitors in attendance:** Dick Vance K7NEX; Dan Humphrey N7QHC; Dawn Humphrey KC7YYB; Loras Gassmann; Meredith Radford; Adrian Roth KB7BVL.

Chairman Hal (N3YX) called the meeting to order at 19:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting was made by Ivy (WA7IVY) and seconded by Steve (KD7IQL). Motion passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chairman of the Board** – Hal (N3YX): Discussion of the attendance of board members and officers at meetings. The secretary will compile a spreadsheet with the attendance of board members and officers and send to the board as well as a listing of new members and when they were voted into membership or approved.

**President** – Dick (WA7NIW): nothing to report.

**Vice President** – Tim (K7ANE): Bryan Cardoza (NB2J); approved by the board. Nine completed applications were turned over to Jack (N7IHS).

**Secretary** – Ivy (WA7IVY): picked up the mail and gave to the treasurer.

**Treasurer** – Carolyn Pasquier (WV7Q): No report at this time, but she thanks Jack (N7IHS) for all his assistance during her absence.

**Activity Manager** – Jack (N7IHS): We will have one of two possible speakers for the next general meeting. We will not be having a Christmas party since we could not get a chair for this event.

**Radio Officer** – Paul (N7DOH): Motorola repeater is still out for repair.

**Editor Reports:**

**Relay Editor** – Gary (KG7KU): not present.

**Webmaster** – Jim (KD7BAT): Nothing new to report.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning** – Robert (KD7WNV): nothing new to report

**Facilities and Publicity** – Jeff (KE7FRJ): not present.

**Education and Training** – Hal (N3YX): we received the money past due for the class at the Red Cross, but he forgot to bring it to the meeting.

**Public Service** – Frank (NA7O): Robert (KD7WNV): We have begun to make assignments for the new public service booklet, but we need more help on this committee.

**Technical and Special Interest** – Steve (KD7IQL): Frank Vyborny, (KF7TX)'s family member gave the equipment to the club, and the radio was tested last month at the last general meeting.

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**Special Committee and Project Reports:**

**Field Day** -- Steve (KD7IQL)/ Brendan (KD7IKV): Field Day results came out this week: We placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 6A and 16<sup>th</sup> nationwide, 1<sup>st</sup> in WWA; 2<sup>nd</sup> west of the Mississippi. Need to make the point to the membership that this is not just "Field Day" but a "Field Day Weekend". Rita (KD7CNU) would like to have people pay a refundable reservation deposit of \$30 to reserve a space in the barracks. Dick (WA7NIW) made a motion to empower Rita (KD7CNU) to make decisions regarding occupancy of the barracks at her discretion; Ivy (WA7IVY) seconds the motion. Motion carries.

**Bylaws Review** – Jack (N7IHS): Nothing new to report.

**Old Business -**

Budget discussion:

Suggestions made at last month's board meeting

- Annual awards increase for operating awards during the course of the year.
- Field Day: Generator Gas to be increased to \$75 and Trailer Tow to \$200; Barracks fees to \$550 based on this year's actual
- Post office box rental increased to \$150

Awards: Banquet this year had the additional expense of new perpetual plaque and medallion expenses. We expect this to be less next year, so we would like to increase to \$450. Operating awards budgeted at \$100 (new line item).

Banquet: Meal prices increase due to inflation.

Capital Equipment: Repeater upgrade line to \$2000 to finish equipping the new repeater (controller) and antennas on Tiger Mountain; change line to read "Repeaters". New Equipment and Repair to \$1000.

Miscellaneous items: Change Insurance to \$320. Website: increase to \$150 since domain registration expires Feb 09.

**New Business** – No new business.

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

There being no further business, Dick (WA7NIW) moved for adjournment. Motion Passed and Chairman Hal (N3YX) closed the meeting at 21:10 pm.

Attested: Ivy Nelson-Groves (WA7IVY) – Secretary

**Any Members Remember--  
John Kludt?**

**by Jim Etwiler KD7BAT, Webmaster**

We received the following email from John.

"You do not know me but I go back a very long way with the Mike and Key Radio club. My name is John Kludt, K7SYS, and I was first licensed through the Mike and Key Radio Club as KN7SYS in 1964 or thereabouts. In those days we met in K7LED's basement and ham shack. And to a teenager quite an impressive ham shack it was!

I now live in Atlanta, Georgia, and still enjoy ham radio, most PSK-31 and a fair smattering of CW on 40 meters. My mom still lives in Seattle and one of these days when I am up your way I would like to attend a Mike and Key club meeting."

**Sights and Sounds by Sunrise**

**by Dawn Humphrey KC7YYB**

Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, the time has come to be already set up for a Christmas party *if* we'd have had a volunteer step up to the plate. It really isn't a difficult task, but apparently, we've become so busy and tied up with our own seasonal plans that we really didn't care if we had one or not, so the rumor is that the budget items for picnic and Christmas Party might be eliminated.

If you've got a question or comment grab a Board member. Do you wish for the Board to go along with that idea, or are any of you willing to make the commitment right now to take on one or more of these annual projects?

Am I the only one who remembers the fun events that this club used to partake in that encompassed the *whole* family, not just the hams? I remember the once a month gabfests at the Federal Way OCB or at a BBQ rib place in Kent. I liked those times, where it wasn't just "business as usual" at the club meetings.

There were Mariner outings with the Mike and Key name up on the diamond vision board, and although I didn't get in on them, I've heard about the bowling parties.

Hey! Remember fellow hams, if you want your spouse or your kids to be interested in your hobby, you have to have social events! I also remember our Christmas parties being a potluck at the Salvation Army, which I think was quashed one year or two by the toy distribution that was held there, but that is done at another facility now, so the venue is once again a possible place if someone wanted to do some delegating and get the ball rolling. Those were fun times with inexpensive gift exchange [after a fun time of trading]

Otherwise, the only time families may be included, is at Field Day, where the time before the event is where we get to meet the families of those we see once a month. I've heard comments about the "real business" ought to be handled by the board, and that we really like being able to "talk shop" with the other members and not always have a program.

Do you think that we ought to have some social gatherings of this group? Or is this strictly an Amateur Radio group who in my opinion will eventually die off for lack of involving family, friends in this neat hobby and vital service in an emergency.

It seems to be an age old problem with any group or club; the "Let George do it Syndrome". Well, folks it seems as though "George, Sally, or whoever" has gotten tired and feels that there ought to be some other equally qualified member just as capable of doing it as they have been.

Please! Give it some thought, eh?

73 - Dawn KC7YYB

## Ham Nets &amp; Events for 2008 -- NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>09</b> 2000 -- King Co. ARES 147.08 (Weekly) 2200 -- NW Astronomy Net 145.33 (Weekly)	<b>10</b> 0545 & 1645 -- Weather Net 145.33 (M-F) 1730 -- Puget Sound Traffic Sys. 146.82 (Daily) 1900 -- Seattle ACS 146.90 (Weekly)	<b>11</b> 2000 -- Snohomish Co. RACES 146.92 (Weekly)	<b>12</b> 2000 -- General /Tech Info 145.33 (Weekly) 2100 -- NWSOAR Net 146.82 (Weekly)	<b>13</b> 1900 -- M&K Public Service Net 146.82 (Weekly) 2000 -- Computer & Packet Net 145.33 (Weekly)	<b>14</b> 2000 -- Youth Net 145.33 (Weekly)	<b>15</b> 1000 -- M&K Club Meeting, Renton 1230 -- Ham Radio Exams, Renton 2000 -- Amateur TV Net 147.08 (Weekly)
<b>16</b> 1915 -- Kids Net Net 145.49 (Weekly) 2030 -- Snohomish Co. ARES 146.92 (Weekly)	<b>17</b> 1800 -- WA Emerg. HF 3.985 (Weekly) 1830 -- WA ARES 3.985 (Weekly) 1930 -- PSRG 146.96 (Weekly)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 0900 -- WA ARES HF Net 3.985 (Weekly)
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 2000 -- YL Net 145.33 (Weekly)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <i>Public Service-- -Seattle Marathon</i>	<b>01</b> <b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>02</b> 1900: Flea Market Mtg	<b>03</b> 1900: M&K Board Mtg	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>07</b> <i>Public Service-- -Special People's Holiday Cruise, Seattle</i>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Relay Articles Due	<b>13</b>