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Newsletter of the North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club

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February, 2007

Minutes of the NKARC Business Meeting of 24 January 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chris McGraw. New officers were announced as:

President: Chris McGraw, KB2SKP
Vice-President: Jerry Turner, K9CCZ
Secretary: Malcolm Mannan, NF7M
Treasurer: Scott Hogin, N2ZEN

Minutes of the previous (25 October 2006) business meeting had been distributed to all officers earlier. A Treasurer's report was presented which indicated that there was \$908 in the checking account, \$3,839 in the savings account, and \$2,000 in a 10-month CD. It was recommended that another \$2,000 be put into another CD.

A plan to hold future business meetings on the fourth Saturday, perhaps at 9:00 a.m. at the All Star Bowling Alley in Silverdale, was discussed. Other venues, such as the Silverdale Community Center and the Holiday Inn Express, were also suggested. However, no definite conclusion was reached because an alternative plan to hold just one meeting a month was also discussed. That alternative would require a location suitable for programs. The question was left for further consideration.

It was observed that the Morse code license require-

ment would be eliminated as of February 23, 2007. An additional exam session by the VE team was scheduled for April 7, 2007, to accommodate those who might wish to take the General written exam, or handle a paper upgrade based on previous credit for the written exam.

A Multiple Sclerosis Walkathon is scheduled for April 24, 2007 with activities at both Bainbridge Island and at Klahowya School. Amateur radio support for these events was requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace Ory, K7ORY, Official Substitute Assistant Secretary

2007 Club Dues

Time flies and it's time to renew our memberships again. Put a check for your dues in the mail and address it to the club (Box 2268, Silverdale, WA 98383-2268), or bring it to one of the presentation meetings. Dues are \$15/year (\$12 for seniors & students).

Scott Hogin, N2ZEN

Saving Amateur Radio Repeaters

The Problem:

All Amateur Radio Licensees living in Washington State will be affected by a new interpretation of state Tax Law by the Washington State Department of Revenue. This new "interpretation" will result in repeater operators potentially having to pay hundreds to thousands of dollars in taxes for the value of the use of repeater sites as valued by the Department of revenue. This is particularly a problem for sites where repeater operators pay a token of the actual costs that other site users pay. This is likely to result in many repeater operators being forced to shut down and remove their repeaters, potentially crippling emergency preparedness and response as well as harming the hobby.

The current Washington State law simply does not provide an exemption for these amateur radio repeater systems. The applicable RCW is 82.29A. It can be reviewed at:

[http://www.mrsc.org/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=1egpage.htm\\$vid=rcwwac:leg](http://www.mrsc.org/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=1egpage.htm$vid=rcwwac:leg)

The Solution:

Representatives Skip Priest and Mark Miloscia have introduced House bill 2335 which, if passed, will provide an exemption from leasehold excise tax for amateur radio repeaters located on public property and used to support emergency management. The bill is currently in the house finance committee, where it needs to be approved. A hearing has been scheduled for March 2 with the house finance committee. It is very important that Hams in Washington State let their representatives in the Finance committee and the rest of the House know how important it is for this bill to be approved.

Submitted by KC7RRH with support from KL7BB and KB7WSD

73,
Ed, N7NVP

2007 Communications Academy

The 2007 Communications Academy is open to anyone with an interest in emergency communications, volunteer or professional. The presentations are designed to promote the development of knowledgeable, skilled emergency communicators who will support their local communities during a disaster or emergency response.

DATES: March 31 - April 1, 2007

LOCATION: Seattle Pacific University Campus

WEB ADDRESS: www.CommAcademy.org

Our 2007 keynote speaker is John Cline. As the director of the Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services from 1995 through 2003, Cline coordinated the State's disaster mitigation and preparedness programs and response and recovery operations to overcome the effects of fire, flood, ice and snow emergencies, and landslides. He directed the State's response and recovery for more than 50 local disasters, 25 state-declared major emergencies and disasters, and four Presidentially-declared disasters leading to physical and economic recovery of numerous communities throughout the State of Idaho. John has more than 40 years of combined service in antiterrorism, emergency planning, and response and recovery operations as a firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service, civilian and military police officer, and as an emergency manager.

Harold Kramer from the ARRL will be the Academy's second keynote speaker. As Chief Operating Officer for ARRL, he will speak on future directions for ARRL, with an emphasis on EmComm and Public Service.

This year's event will again offer an Introduction to Radio Communications.

The full schedule and online registration is expected to be available about February 15, 2007.

Sincerely,
Bruce Miller, kc7iay
CommAcademy PIO

Hat Tip: Horace Ory, K7ORY

Proposed Washington State Law Snares Ham Radio Operators

A number of proposed laws have been introduced into the Washington State Legislature that are designed to eliminate the hazard of talking/texting on cell phones while driving. All of these proposals are overly broad and could be interpreted to prohibit Amateur Radio operation (voice and digital modes) by the driver of a moving motor vehicle. The bill numbers are HB 1214, HB 1868 and SB 5037. Links to all of the bills can be found at:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/search.aspx?term=wireless&year=2007>.

If you have not contacted your legislators yet please do so.

73,
Ed, N7NVP

<http://www.arrl.org/sections/WWA.html>

Editor's note: Special kudos to NKARC club member John Houde, KC6PQE, for emailing me that this had been posted on the wa.gov website, suggesting that a blurb about it be included in "Solid Copy". Forwarding the email to Ed alerted him that the bill's status had changed. Additional information can also be obtained from: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/WWA.html>.

2007 Volunteer Examination Schedule

Quarterly exams will be held at the Poulsbo Library at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

April 7
May 19
August 4
November 3

An additional exam session will probably be held during the annual Hamfest.

Horace Ory, K7ORY

Mike & Key ARC Hamfest

The 26th annual Mike & Key ARC Hamfest will be Saturday, March 10, 2007 at the Pavilion Exhibition Hall of the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, WA. This is one of the largest and best attended hamfests in Washington. It will include extensive radio, electronics, and computer gear. It will also offer amateur radio license exams. Talk-in will be on the Mike & Key repeater: 146.82 (-) PL 103.5.

Hat Tip: Horace Ory, K7ORY

Calendar of Events

March 10th -- Mike & Key ARC Hamfest. <see elsewhere this newsletter for details>

March 31st - April 1st -- 2007 Communications Academy. <see elsewhere this newsletter for details>

April 7th -- Ham radio license (VE) testing - Community Room, Poulsbo Library, 700 NE Lincoln St., Poulsbo. Doors open at 9AM. Picture ID, original and photocopy of current amateur radio license and pending CSCE's needed. Cost of session is \$14.00. Cash only – No checks accepted. If you have any questions, please call Horace, K7ORY, at 360-779-2215. <see elsewhere this newsletter for additional dates>

RACES/ACS Net Sessions

The Kitsap RACES/ACS net is held on Sunday nights at 7:00PM on 28.330 MHz, and at 7:30PM on the 145.43 repeater (-600 offset, 179.9 PL tone). Check in and be informed on emergency communications in Kitsap County. The packet radio net is on 145.01 MHz at 7:00PM; connect and type "/talk" at the prompt.

Washington State Emergency Net

The Washington State Emergency Net (WSEN) meets at 1830 hours (local) for its Monday evening net. The WSEN also meets each Saturday morning at 0900 hours (local). The frequency of the net is 3985 kHz. (alternate: 7245 kHz.).

NKARC “Yahoo! Group”

Did you know that we have a NKARC group on Yahoo!? To join, you should obtain a free Yahoo! email account if you don't have one. This can be obtained at <http://www.yahoo.com/r/m1> - click on the “Sign Up” link. Once you have your email account activated, send an email to “NKARC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com” and await the response, which will contain instructions on how to complete the transaction.

NKARC web page

Visit the NKARC webpage at: <http://www.nkarc.org> and take a look at what is there. If you have any items advertised on the site that have been sold, please notify the webmaster of them. If you have any questions or ideas, email Bill, W7ARC at: webmaster@nkarc.org

Early Newsletter Delivery?

Want your newsletter as soon as it comes out of the word processor? Send your e-mail address to the newsletter editor, W7DY, and it will be emailed out in .PDF format immediately after proofreading. It costs approximately 70 cents per copy to print and mail a hardcopy of the newsletter. Receiving your newsletter electronically helps keep publishing costs down allowing the funds to be used for other club projects.

Change of Address or Call Sign?

Please notify the club secretary to update the roster if you changed your address, call sign or e-mail address. Include your phone number so that you can be contacted in case of emergency or for assistance. This will insure that you will get the latest news via the club newsletter. Either notify Malcolm at the meeting or drop a card to NKARC at PO Box 2268, Silverdale, WA 98383-2268. You can also send the changes via e-mail to Malcolm at nf7m@arrl.net.

NKARC Roster

The NKARC roster is distributed only to members in order to protect information that members may wish to keep private. Changes to the roster occur frequently, as members renew dues and update information throughout the year. A current copy of the NKARC member roster is maintained in the Files section of the NKARC Yahoo Group, where members of the group can download it. Not all NKARC members are members of the Yahoo group, and some may prefer not having to download it. Therefore, in order to provide copies of the roster to members, it will be emailed each January and July to members who have provided valid email addresses for the roster. Also, members may request copies from the club Secretary.

Keep Kitsap Green

Help the environment by properly disposing of discharged household batteries. This includes alkaline, regular zinc carbide batteries, and batteries with heavy metals such as ni-cads and lithium ion. The Solid Waste Facility on Hansville Road accepts the batteries as part of the county-wide recycling program. Otherwise, bring them to the club meetings for transfer to the disposal site. Do not bring lead-acid batteries to the meeting for disposal. It is your responsibility to take them to the Solid Waste Facility.

For more information:
<http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/default.htm>