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## Newsletter of the North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club

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### President's Corner

Hello again! Spring is here and the time is quickly approaching for our annual Hamfest! Thanks to the efforts of Ron Sefton {N7EM} we have a contract with the Kitsap Parks Department so everything is a go! At our upcoming meeting I will be asking for volunteers to divide up the tasks needed to make this a huge success. Mark all of your calendars and keep open October 13th and tell all your friends!

Along the lines of volunteers, we have many events coming up where our help has been requested. First in the line up is the MS Walk on April 14th. We have been asked about our availability for the Port Gamble Old Mill Festival June 8/9. The Rhapsody Ride will soon be upon us too! Soon we will be updating the calendar with all the upcoming events with points of contact, so stay tuned!

Coming soon will be an e-mail survey to find out what kind of topics you would like to see at future meetings, projects and events we can do as a club, alternative meeting times and locations and more. Here is your chance to tell us all how to make the club more fun and active! Please be looking for it in your e-mail and I ask you to take a few minutes and fill it out honestly because I really want to know what you all think.

The upcoming meeting we would like to have an informal Swap-Meet. So in doing your Spring

Cleaning, bring in those hidden treasures you aren't using any longer and let's see if someone else can use them! Also we will be offering 'Handheld Help'. Have a new HT that you just can't seem to get programmed? Have an old one that you can't find the book for and cannot recall how to set the PL Tone? Bring them to the meeting and let us all see if we can't help each other out!

In closing I look forward to the coming months and the opportunity to work with all of you! See you at the meeting!

73,  
Chris {KB2SKP}

### 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 business or presentation meetings. Dues are \$15/year (\$12 for seniors & students).

Scott Hogin, N2ZEN

## Minutes of the NKARC Business Meeting of 14 February 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Chris McGraw KB7SKP. There were 12 members in attendance. Minutes of the 25 October 2006 and the 24 January 2007 business meetings were read and approved. The Treasurer, Scott Hugin N2ZEN reported that the checking account held \$908, the savings account held \$3,840, and there was a \$2,000 CD. The report was approved.

Times and places for business meetings were discussed. The current meeting place, the Viking Park Club Room, is available for Wednesday evening meetings. For Saturday morning meetings, the Sun Room of the All Star Bowling Alley is available free, with flexible choices for days. The Holiday Inn Express meeting room is available with flexible Saturday scheduling at a cost of \$25 per event. Potential conflicts to be avoided included our VE exam sessions (April 7, May 19, August 4, and November 3), the Communications Academy (March 31), the MicroHams Digital Conference (April 24), Submarines on the Air (April 28), SeaPac (June 2), Field Day (June 23), EOC-to-EOC Drills (June 30, September 29, and December 29), Simulated Emergency Test (October 6), and no doubt other events, which may require flexible scheduling. President McGraw decided to poll the members concerning choices before selecting a time and place. The possibility of using the Viking Park gazebo on some Saturdays for construction projects (such as J-pole, quad, and other antennas, cables and interfaces for digital modes, battery pack rebuilding, etc.) was discussed with favor, and possible dates will be investigated. Leaders for such projects will have to be found and coerced.

Other possible uses for the currently scheduled fourth Wednesdays at Viking Park were discussed. The time available was considered too short for most classes, except possibly topical reviews applicable to license upgrades. On a related topic, Gene Fusch KC7QGM mentioned the possibility of use of a meeting room in Port Gamble for license classes. Also, video tapes for an electronics course obtained from Warren Norman N7SI were considered too lengthy for use on fourth Wednesdays, but

perhaps could be placed in a club lending library and checked out by members.

Possible alternate venues for a Hamfest were discussed. Suitable sites at reasonable costs were found to be rare in Kitsap County. An exhibit space of at least 5,000-6,000 square feet is needed, preferably with additional space of a few hundred square feet suitable for a VE session. Investigations will continue.

Future programs were discussed, from a list compiled at a recent meeting of topics of interest to members. A tentative partial schedule was drawn:

March 14:	Coax Properties and Use
April 11:	Equipment Swap Session
May 9:	Anderson Power Poles Use / Alternate Power Sources (Dual Topics)
June 13:	Search and Rescue Experiences in Hurricane Katrina

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace Ory K7ORY, Official Substitute Assistant Secretary

### Tasty Tibits

Check out the "Internet Ham Atlas" at <http://www.hamatlas.eu>, where you can find out information about DXCC countries, including their main callsign prefixes, callsign series, ITU zones, and CQ zones, and more.

There's also a photo gallery, and pictures of coin and paper currency, postage stamps, and satellite photos.

*Hat Tip: Ed Saftich, AK7H*

## 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](http://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*

## 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

## Calendar of Events

March 28th -- NKARC business meeting -  
7:30PM at the Viking Park Clubhouse, 1754 NE  
Mesford Rd. Poulsbo, WA

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

April 7th -- Ham radio license (VE) testing - Com-  
munity 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>

April 11th: NKARC general meeting: Equipment  
Swap Session / Handheld Help.

April 14th: MS Walk: 08:30 to 14:00, Bainbridge  
Island and Silverdale.

April 25th -- NKARC business meeting -  
7:30PM at the Viking Park Clubhouse, 1754 NE  
Mesford Rd. Poulsbo, WA

## **Washington State Emergency Net**

The Washington State Emergency Net (WSEN) currently meets at 1730 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.).

## **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.

## **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](mailto:webmaster@nkarc.org)

## **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](mailto: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>