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## Newsletter of the North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club

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### President's Corner

Howdy! The calendar says it's spring, but I don't think Mother Nature got the memo. Maybe the new Daylight Savings Time confused the issue...

We just had our first breakfast meeting at the Holiday Inn Express and had a great turn-out - check out some of the pictures below.

Spring and summer are shaping up to be a busy time for the members of the NK ARC. It's time to start getting ready for Field Day 2007 in June, and we are looking for a good location. A few of our members are looking into possible locations but if you know of a potential site, please let us know!

A number of special events are coming up in the next few months so keep an eye on the calendar in the club's Yahoo group. I'll be posting more infor-



mation there soon, but some of the activities coming up are the Governors Run, 7-Land QSO Party, Hotfoot 5K, and possibly the Kingston 4th of July Parade.

Preparations are on-going for the Hamfest. We will be sending out the solicitation to vendors on May 1st so if you know of someone you think would like to have a table or set up a display, let us know and we'll send off the application and flyer.

Well that about sums things up. It's been a great month and looking like a great year ahead. Talk to you soon and hope to see you at the next meeting on May 19th!

73,  
Chris  
{KB2SKP}



## April 21st Breakfast Meeting Notes

Our April meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Express in Poulsbo. The hotel's staff was great and the food excellent. It was really good to see so many of you come out for the meeting and breakfast. I really enjoyed the opportunity to share a cup of coffee (or orange juice, or milk, or water...) with some really great people.

For those of you unable to attend, we met at 1000 AM and had a leisurely breakfast/coffee gathering where we all got a chance to catch up with one another. Then at around 1040 or so I asked each person to introduce themselves as we had some new faces in the crowd. My intent was to keep the meeting somewhat informal, but still cover the basics, so we read the minutes and treasurer report then discussed some of the old business; Field Day Preparations, Hamfest Vendors, Special Event Support, a Club Repeater. The conversations were spirited and the mood light. I will not go into all the details here, but suffice to say I thought it went very well.

Horace {K7ORY} also brought a list of items donated by Betty Bibeau {KF6BOI} to the club. Some of the items were purchased after the meeting at an impromptu 'tailgate sale' out of the back of Horace's vehicle and some of the items will be placed in the club trailer for use during emergencies. The remaining items will be sold at the Hamfest. I want to thank Horace for all his efforts in inventorying the items and representing the club in such a professional manner.

We closed the meeting deciding to hold the next one on May 19th at 1000 in the same location (the Holiday Inn Express).

Chris, KB2SKP

### Club Repeater – Revisited

There appears to be some interest in the club setting up a repeater in the North end of the County. In our discussions the events of the past have been conveyed and all are in agreement that if this is to be done it needs to be done correctly. As there are already quite a number of 2m and 70cm repeaters in

the area I proposed a 6m repeater. I will be sending out a survey to gather your thoughts on the matter soon so be looking for a survey coming to your e-mail inbox soon!

Chris, KB2SKP

## Minutes of the NKARC Business Meeting 28 March 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Minutes of the 14 March 2007 business meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported that the checking account held \$921, the savings account held \$3,843, and there was \$2,025 in a CD. The report was approved. There was favorable discussion of adding more funds to another CD.

New license tags have been received and installed on the club trailer.

The club has been asked to assist with the Multiple Sclerosis Walkathon April 14. There will be activity both at Bainbridge Island and at Klohowsya School. Some members have signed on to help, but many more are needed. Contact Russ Swank.

The club has also been asked to support the Port Gamble Old Mill Festival June 8-9, 2007. It isn't yet clear what kind of support they need.

Concerning possible meeting places, it was reported that Stella's Pizza Shop had a private room that could be used. Also, Shiela's on the Poulsbo waterfront now has a private room that might be used.

The President reported that the results of a recent survey indicated that there was much interest in weekend social meetings. Therefore, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Express (West of Albertson's). [Note added: They will make their breakfast available at a price of \$10.00 starting at 10:00 a.m., and the meeting time has been adjusted to reflect this.]

There has been much activity at exam sessions

under the new license requirements, especially for the General license, but also Technician and Extra licenses. If the interest is sustained, it may be advisable to add additional exam sessions to the schedule.

Publicity for the hamfest was discussed. Many flyers have been distributed. An early letter to potential vendors was suggested, to be followed by a reminder in late summer. Updated flyers will be provided for the NKARC web page, and sent to other sites that list hamfests. A committee is needed to handle the hamfest, besides the few who are already active.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace Ory, Official Temporary Substitute Secretary

### **Minutes of the NKARC Business Meeting 14 March 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Chris McGraw KB2SKP. Minutes of the 14 February 2007 were read and approved with a call sign correction. The Treasurer reported that the checking account held \$1,185, the savings account held \$3,842, and there was \$2,025 in a CD. The report was approved.

The club received a written rental agreement cost statement for use of the President's Hall for the Hamfest, and the costs were favorable as had been given verbally. It was moved, seconded, and passed, that the President will sign the rental agreement and the Treasurer will send a check for the first payment.

The President said he would send a survey to members concerning preferences for meeting times and places. This is an attempt to expand member participation in club activities.

There was a consensus that the online membership application on the N KARC web page should have a disclaimer that membership is not effective until dues have been remitted to the club. Bill Frazier W7ARC will be asked to add the disclaimer.

The club has received a new license tag for the club trailer.

The upcoming Multiple Sclerosis Walkathon on April 14 has again asked for communications support, and members who could participate were asked to contact Russ Swank KI7PG.

The Submarines on the Air (SOTA) special event was discussed. It was noted that the museum apparently did not want our activity there. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the NKARC will not participate in SOTA this year.

The scouts Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) was discussed. The consensus was that the club plans to participate in JOTA this year, depending on arrangements that develop.

It was noted that the next meeting will be March 28, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace Ory K7ORY  
Official Temporary Substitute Assistant Secretary

### **2007 Volunteer Examination Schedule**

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

May 19  
August 4  
November 3

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

Horace Ory, K7ORY

## Calendar of Events

May 5th - 6th -- Seventh Call Area QSO Party (7QP)

May 6th -- Governor's Run. Point of contact: Chris, KB2SKP, kb2skp@tbrwolf.com

May 19th -- 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>

May 19th -- NKARC breakfast - 10:00AM at the Poulsbo Holiday Inn Express (North of Albertson's)

Jun 23rd -- Hot Foot 5K. Point of contact: Merv, N7IZ, n7iz@arrl.net

Jun 23rd - 24th -- Field Day (NKARC plans pending)

## Underpaid Authors Wanted

Here's a thought that comes to mind concerning getting interesting articles into the newsletter. Not all of us have great writing skills, but most of us have opinions, interesting tales to tell, or questions to ask. Our newsletter is a great place to put your ideas out to the rest of the ham world. If you would like to tell of your experiences, or to ask questions, technical, or ethical, submit them to our editor. Send them in any form and don't worry about being grammatically perfect. The Editor can tidy your handiwork and our readers will get more variety.

Ron, N7EM

## Club dues notice

It's still not too late to renew! The club's operating year is the same as the calendar year. 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 breakfast meetings. Dues are \$15/year (\$12 for seniors & students).

An application has been included as part of the newsletter (as an email attachment for those who receive it that way).

Scott Hogin, N2ZEN

## Get Ready for a Momentous Event!

At three minutes and four seconds after 2 AM on the 6th of May this year, the time and date will be 02:03:04 05/06/07. This won't happen again for 100 years! How many sunspot cycles is that, anyway?

(Thanks, Phil W7PDZ, with corrections)

If you prefer, at three minutes and four seconds after 12 AM on the 6th of May this year, the time and date will be 12:03:04 05/06/07. This also won't happen again for 100 years!

*Hat Tip: Horace Ory, K7ORY*

## 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 (at the usual ARRL email suffix), and it will be emailed out in .PDF format immediately after proofreading. It costs approximately 70 cents per copy to print and mail a hard-copy of the newsletter. Receiving your newsletter electronically helps keep publishing costs down allowing the funds to be used for other club projects.

## **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>