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Newsletter of the North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club

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Field Day Wrap Up!

Thanks to all who had the opportunity to join us for field day! This was a great time to see what we could be doing on the air in a remote location. Even though conditions were not so great, we were able to operate on 4 bands and make 27 CW, and 93 SSB contacts!

I think next year we should look into an enclosed tent for the SSB operators and some of the displays

and have a better plan for which bands to operate when, but overall I am happy with how things went. It was really great to see so many of you come out and help with setup/operation/teardown. Especially on Sunday - we had the whole site packed up just before the rain!

Thanks to Dave Gutierrez, WA6PMX for the photos!

Chris, KB2SKP



NTS Presentation Upcoming!

At the July 21st meeting, Jere Felten, W7TVA will be giving a presentation on the National Traffic System.

According to the Public Service Communications Manual:

“The National Traffic System plan is a means for systematizing amateur traffic handling facilities by making a structure available for an integrated traffic facility designed to achieve the utmost in two principal objectives: rapid movement of traffic from origin to destination, and training amateur operators to handle written traffic and participate in directed nets. These two objectives, which sometimes conflict with each other, are the underlying foundations of the National Traffic System.”

Come see what it's all about from one of Kitsap County's most engaging individuals!

Chris, KB2SKP

Kingston 4th of July Parade Report

Once again the NKARC provided radio communications for the Kingston 4th of July Parade. Everyone enjoyed the warm, sunny day. This year's parade was larger than those in the past, not so much for the number of entries, but the size of the entries. This included a group of over 100 from the new Kingston High School, and nearly 100 from the Kingston Junior High School band. There were fewer animal entries, but many more children's groups. With entries packed into every available holding area, radio communications were essential to their smooth integration into the fast parade. Even so, there was barely time for the parade to execute between ferries. The radio crew also helped to maintain separation between the pedestrians and traffic in the confusion after the parade.

Many thanks to Forrest Butler WA7EKK, Denny Johnson KJ7EL, Chris McGraw KB2SKP, Horace Ory K7ORY, Ed Pietras KA7UJA, Mike Sinnett N7IJP, and Jerry Turner K9CCZ. Experience with previous parades helped a lot! Communications

were handled smoothly and professionally. The parade wouldn't work any other way!

Horace, K7ORY

NKARC “Off-The-Wall” net

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all members to join me on the 145.43 MHz Repeater on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 for the NKARC “Off-The-Wall” net! At a previous meeting it was discussed that we don't get on the air with one another enough and for those members who are unable to make the meetings, this is a great way to get the word out and keep everyone up to date.

Chris, KB2SKP

VE Exam Session Report - 30 June 2007

This was the last session before the General Exam question pool changed, so there were many finishing up loose ends. It was the largest session we have had for many months. One candidate earned a Technician license, which he immediately upgraded to General. There were nine General licenses earned altogether. There was also one Extra class license earned. There were just enough VEs, so the session was slower than usual. Thanks to Carl Callender WN6V and Walt Winters AA7TL who handled most of the load of keeping the exam records straight.

Although a new General exam question pool became effective July 1, 2007, changes are relatively minor, and they pertain mostly to the new allocation of expanded phone segments in the 75 and 40m bands, and shifts of digital modes to lower frequencies. The new question pool may be downloaded from the ARRL web site.

The next exam session will be Saturday, August 4, 2007, 9:00 a.m. at the Poulsbo Library Community Room (lower level).

Horace, K7ORY

Calendar of Events

July 21st -- NKARC breakfast meeting - 10:00AM at the Poulsbo Holiday Inn Express (North of Albertson's). <see elsewhere this newsletter for information about our special guest speaker>

July 29th -- Tour De Kitsap – Coordinator: Peter Apgar (KB7TGF), kb7tgf@arrl.net

August 4th -- 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>

August 18th -- NKARC breakfast meeting - 10:00AM at the Poulsbo Holiday Inn Express (North of Albertson's).

August 25th -- Rhapsody Ride – Coordinator: Merv Archer (N7IZ), n7iz@arrl.net

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

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.

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

Washington State Emergency Net

The Washington State Emergency Net (WSEN) currently 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.).

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

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.

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.

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>