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## Newsletter of the North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club

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### NKARC Annual Picnic!

The NKARC will hold its annual picnic from 4PM to 6PM+ on Sunday, September 23rd at the QTH of Jerry Turner, K9CCZ, located half-way between Poulsbo and Kingston. Maps will be provided at the Saturday Holiday Inn Meeting on the 15th. Family members are welcome.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the club, and members are asked to bring a dish (salad, dessert, veggies, etc.). Soft drinks, water, beer, and wine will be provided by Jerry. There is plenty of room available for parking. Games will be provided. You might want to bring lawn chairs as Jerry has only twenty available. Talk in is on 147.52 simplex.

Directions (from the SR-305 intersection with Bond Road NE (SR-307) in Poulsbo): Drive ~2.3 miles and turn right at the NE Gunderson Road stop light. Proceed ~1.4 miles to take a left onto Port Gamble Road NE (at bottom of a hill). Drive to the second turn which is Foxglove Lane, turn right, and proceed to the next intersection and turn right. That will be Johanson and go to the end and turn right at Michaels Way. Go down the hill and up and stay left - parking and QTH is to the left. You'll see a big water tower, which can accommodate overflow parking nearby. Signs will be provided at the major intersections.

### Adieu from Scott and Mary Jane Hogin

We regret having to leave Silverdale WA and NKARC. Mary Jane is now currently working for Portland Police Bureau as an accountant. A lot nicer commute and very good working conditions. The amateurs in NKARC are a very fine group of people and we have been proud to be associated with the club. Wishing all members of the club the very best. You will be missed. We will check the web site from time to time to see what is going on.

73,  
Scott Hogin, N2ZEN  
Mary Jane Hogin, KD7CKN

### Secretary's Corner

The club has a new Treasurer, Warren Norman, N7SI, who replaces Scott Hogin, N2ZEN. We also have a Board Member who is taking my place - Bob Tomas, N7KTP.

We also have a newer 440 repeater, Thanks to Warren Norman. It is an ICOM RP-4020. I have set it up on the frequency pair of 442/447. I sent in a request to WWARA to reserve the pair for the club. I have programmed the repeater with KC7Z and show the repeater location Warren's house.

Malcolm, NF7M

*On behalf of the club, thanks for serving as treasurer, Scott!*  
Eric, W7DY

## NKARC hamfest

On October 13th, the NKARC Hamfest will be held at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds in the Presidents' Hall. This is the major fund-raiser for the club and it has a reputation of being a well run hamfest and swap meet.

Activities include license exams, door prizes, an ARRL/club info table, an antique radio auction/silent auction, the WWRA repeater table, the emergency communications van, and possibly an antique radio station.

It's not too late to reserve a table. For those who receive the NKARC newsletter in email format, a flyer has been included which contains the relevant information.

Volunteers are needed to work during the Hamfest with setup, takedown, security, ticket sales, and assistance to exhibitors. Do not think you will have to work during the entire Hamfest. Nor should you think you need specific skills to work at this event. The involvement of each and every member is required if this year's Hamfest is going to continue its run of successes from previous years.

Members are asked to wear their yellow NKARC jackets so that the public's questions about the club and ham radio can be answered.

The club also raises fund by staffing a table and selling donated items from club members. If you have any marketable items you wish to unload, please help out the club and bring them to be sold. *[Editor's note: In case your trash is not someone else's treasure, please remember to haul away all unsold material you bring to the hamfest].*

Eric, W7DY, et. al

## Edmund S. Pietras, KA7UJA (SK)

With deep regret we note the death of a long-time NKARC member, Edmund S. Pietras. Ed suffered a heart attack Tuesday, August 14, 2007. He participated in many NKARC activities, and was also active with the Kitsap County Alternate Communi-



cations System, the American Red Cross, and many other organizations. We will miss his friendly spirit and enthusiasm. We offer our condolences to his wife, Jan and to his family.

Horace, K7ORY

## VE Exam Session Report - 4 August 2007

At the August 4 exam session we gained one new Technician, one upgrade to General, and two upgrades to Extra (one from unlicensed).

We need more VEs, so if any member is interested, contact me for information on getting started.

Licenses from the August 4 session appeared in the FCC database by August 9. It appears that the FCC has now caught up to the recent surge in the number of licenses. They had been running slower during the last few months.

The next exam session will be at the NKARC Hamfest, October 13, 2007.

Horace, K7ORY

## NKARC Repeater Frequency Possibilities

We have heard from the WWARA UHF Band Coordinator:

*"I have three possible UHF pairs that may work for NKARC:*

*443.025, was at one time coordinated in Bremerton, but is expired. There is a co-channel in Malahat BC.*

*443.525, was at one time coordinated on Capitol Peak, expired in 03, maybe running uncoordinated. Co-channel Vancouver BC.*

*444.075, co-channel in Napavine and in Vancouver BC.*

*Have your members listen on these pairs for activity at least a few weeks.*

*Pick a pair that will work for your operations. Then I'll advise the BC coordinator of your planned operations. When we receive a confirmed OK to test. You may start the testing period. Your test period may last 90 to 120 days."*

As time permits, please listen up on the above frequencies and keep a log of any or lack of activity observed.

Chris, KB2SKP; Malcolm, NF7M

## Recent Surge in Amateur Radio Licensing:

The table below illustrates the recent surge in amateur radio licensing:

	Number of New Licenses	
License Class	1/1 - 7/1, 2006	1/1 - 7/1, 2007
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Technician	12,268	15,549
General	2,384	15,730
Extra	1,909	4,285

Horace, K7ORY

## Calendar of Events

September 15th -- NKARC breakfast meeting - 10:00AM at the Poulsbo Holiday Inn Express (North of Albertson's).

September 29th -- EOC-to-EOC Drill and Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.). For more info, see: <http://homepages.donobi.net/kcacs/>.

October 13th -- NKARC Hamfest and Electronics Swap Meet, 9 a.m., at the Presidents' Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton. Amateur radio license (VE) testing will be available at the Hamfest.

October 20th and 21st -- Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). Worldwide both days.

October 31st -- County-wide Emergency Drill. For more info, see: <http://homepages.donobi.net/kcacs/>.

November 3rd -- 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.

## NTS Presentation Overview

At the July 21st meeting, Jere Felten, W7TVA gave an excellent overview of the National Traffic System and formal message handling. We're fortunate to have as a resident of Kitsap County one of the top message handlers in the country.

Check out the "Noon time net" at noon, Pacific time. There are simultaneous nets - one on 40M at 7268.5 kHz (alt: 7283.5 kHz) and one on 75M at 3970 kHz. For more info, see: <http://www.noontimenet.com>.

Eric, W7DY; Nor, N7SI

## **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

## **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 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)

## **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](mailto:NKARC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)” and await the response, which will contain instructions on how to complete the transaction.

## **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).

## **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.