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Editor at bat...

This has taken a bit longer than what you may have wanted but I do hope it is what you want to represent our organization. I am willing to take any input on what you would like to see.

I have been licensed as a Technician for a year now. I am currently enrolled in the EmComm II class. As well as being a member here at NKARC I also am a member of Radio Club of Tacoma, ARRL, as well as several Navy alumni groups. I am retired from Government Service, 10 years US Navy along with several years with state and federal government. The bulk of my recent employment has involved working counseling with crisis teams and specialty of working with at-risk youth.

I currently volunteer as a transporter for R.E.D. (Rescue Every Dog), which takes me throughout the state. I also am involved with the Northwest Parkinson's Disease Education Center in Portland, OR.

NKARC 440 Repeater

Malcolm, NF7M, has reported that the 440 repeater is up and running for further testing. The repeater is near the Poulsbo Elementary School. He has installed the new duplexer and connected it to the UHF doublet antenna that was acquired from Ed Burette. The antenna is mounted on a 15 feet above the ground on the west side out of the house.

The repeater frequency is 444.075/449.075, using a PL tone 103.5. The clubs call, KC7Z, is broadcast every three minutes at 20 wpm when being used and remains silent when the repeater is not used. The current plan is to relocate the repeater to Ron Sefton's tower this spring.

Malcolm also gave information that can be included on home weather stations, like his. He states, "I got the system at COSTCO for less than \$100.00 and use the free weather underground software and web site to send my weather data on the Internet. It allows me to look at the

Kitsap EOC Drill
Communications Academy, Seattle (see web site) 4/5 & 4/6 9:00 a.m. 3/29
<http://www.commacademy.org>

EOC Face-to-Face Station 8 7:00 p.m. 4/8
MS Walk, Klahowya S.S. and BI 8:00 a.m. 4/12
Field Day 6/29 & 6/29

Upcoming events forward information to Editor to be included in future newsletters.
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Contributions for the cause...

Horace, W7ORY, provided information regarding the VE Program, primarily that the Ninth annual VEC/VE Manual is available online at the ARRL website at the following direct address: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vemanual>. This provides all the current information needed to know in order to be an ARRL Volunteer Examiner. Additional information from ARRL's VEC manager, Maria Somma, AB1FM, who stated that, "we've put a lot of work into it, taking suggestions from VE's all over the US. It is very comprehensive, yet easy to understand." Somma further stated the Manual was written to guide any prospective VE's.

For more information on the ARRL VE Program please see the website at:
<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/index.html>

Recognition...

Three VE's were given just recognition during our Annual Banquet, Dec. 2007. Carl Callender, WN6V; Don Gibson, NS7Q; and Ed Saftich, AK7H; have worked over 300 exam sessions with approximately 1000 hours of volunteer time. In recognition of their stalwart support of the NKARC VE program, each received a VE patch and the heartfelt thanks of the club.

Contributed by Horace Ory, W7ORY

VESTED – to have unquestionable rights to or privilege of...

I have been involved with several organizations, usually through ownership, that we were vested in the company. Mind you, we do not have an actual ownership, per se, in the NKARC, but we do have privileges afforded by being a member. As of the last check, 23 members are paid through 2008. On the other end, eight individuals have not paid since 2006 and 25 since 2007. Congratulations go to David Brooks who holds the record, of his "vestment", paid through 2012. Thanks David.

Field Day 2008

Once again, we are at that time of the year to start preparing for Field Day. Field Day, the fourth full weekend of June, 28 & 29, is for new and seasoned hams having 24 hours of operating fun. ARRL Field Day Manager, Dan Henderson, N1ND, says there are several rule changes this year, mainly considering Get On The Air (GOTA) Stations. Further information can be found at www.arrl.org/fieldday. There is more information being posted on the website.

Work Party

We have had several work parties over the past few months and there are at least one if not two more to be scheduled. One assignment was at Station 71 (Poulsbo) to redirect cabling to the ACC. A good turn out of six people ensured the job completed very timely. We worked at Station 81 (Kingston), on March 22, installing the antenna and running coax to the new administration area where the radios (ACC) are now. Both stations have 2m, 440, and 222 packet radios set up for use.

Continuing Education

On January 29th, many of us had the opportunity to receive some very useful information on Packet Radio. Horace Ory provided information on the basics of Packet and different nodes available in the area. Handouts with information on various software used, equipment set-ups, and connecting instructions were several of the subjects covered. If you were unable to attend you may want to consider attendance if offered again. Thanks to Horace, K7ORY, and Lester, AB7Y.

Remember, if you did not see it and you would like to, let me know so I can get ready for the next edition. jd