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Please note our new mailing address: **KBARA, PO Box 30801, Spokane WA 99223-3013**

The President's Corner

Hi All,

Here are some of the details of this last Spokane Hamfest, along with a recap of the 10/14/06 Hamfest meeting, held in Spangle at the Harvester Restaurant. And again, thanks to all for helping make this Hamfest a most successful event.

1. Here are the "numbers": profit \$3,192
return on the \$2,000 club seed money: 159.6%
return on actual expenses of \$3,421: 93.3%
attendance: 455
swap tables/commercial tables sold: 51
prize money spent: \$1,970
raffle tickets sold: \$2,460 (I do believe Bozo, N7DRA, sold the most raffle tickets)
2. The winners of the various prizes were:
volunteer prize Kenwood TM271A: Charles, KG8ZK
door prize Kenwood TM 271A: Tom, N7OUC
door prize ICOM IC-V-8: Jack, K7AZN
raffle prize Yaesu VX-6X: Guy, N7YRT
raffle prize Kenwood TM V708A: Julie, K7JSF
raffle prize Yaesu FT 897D: Jan, VE7QE
3. At the meeting, a multitude of subjects were covered, along with making plans for next year's event. These are the highlights: the various Hamfest seminars/attendance were reviewed; the sound system was critiqued.....unless you were right next to it, nothing could be heard due to poor room acoustics; Steve, K7AWB, will investigate a donation by ICOM; Radar Electric should be approached on attending the event; door prize tickets drawn should be put back into the tumbler just prior to the drawing for the big door prizes; the volunteer prize drawing should be advertised in advance to entice more help; corporate sponsorship should be pursued early in the year before the prizes are selected, hopefully by Duff, WA7BFN; the State Gambling Commission info seminar will be

attended by Neil, N7LVO, to keep up on the latest; the Saturday morning vendor setup was critiqued; lunch supplied by Owens Grocery & Deli had several complaints; and the liability insurance dilemma earlier this year was reviewed.

4. For future events, it was stressed that more club participation must be expected, and should be tied more stringently toward the seed money amount. With that in mind, NW Tri-State ARO has offered to take on the coffee shop duties for next year's event; the Spokane DX Association has been asked to take on the duties of the admission tables; and KBARA has offered to take on the Treasury functions (a new development since the meeting), along with the Chairmanship. These three clubs, then, would be allowed to contribute up to \$400 seed money, while Spokane Radio Amateurs, Palouse Hills ARC & IEVHF Radio Amateurs would be allowed to contribute up to \$200, unless they would shoulder some of the major Hamfest functions.

5. Next year's event will be September 22, 2007 at University High School. We are currently in the process of firming that up & the liability insurance with Steve, WA7WKX. We will then apply for ARRL WA State Convention status. It was agreed that all fees, event times (with the exception of the Saturday vendor setup time be moved from 8AM to 8:30AM) stay the same, as well as the talk-in frequency.

And that's the story. With the promise of more help from the clubs, I'm quite pleased to be able to put my head on the chopping block once again, and help as Chairman for this great event. Thanks very much for your support.

73 & happy holidays to all,

Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ
Chairman, Spokane Hamfest 2007
President, KBARA



Happy Holidays Everyone!

All Hams, their families & friends are welcome to join in a no-host Ham-it-up luncheon on:



**December 23, 2006, Saturday
1PM**

**Longhorn Barbecue
Restaurant**

2315 N Argonne Rd

Spokane Valley, WA 99212

Ho Ho Ho, (or maybe it should be "Hi Hi Hi")

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TEST SESSIONS

College Place/Walla Walla, WA Every May, August, November, February, third Sunday of month Walla Walla College, Industrial Technology Bldg., SW 4th & Bade St., College Place, WA, 99324
Contact: Mable Babbitt, WB5AVH, phone: (509)525-7003 e-mail: wa5zay@msn.com

Lewiston, ID Nez Perce County Court House, Emergency Management Office Basement, Lewiston ID 83501 Contact: Lyle Cable, phone: (509)758-8374

Spokane, WA Every month, 2nd Thursday, 5:00PM, upstairs meeting room, Trading Co. Stores (formerly Tidyman's Grocery), 13014 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA
Contact: Mary Qualtieri, AA7RT, phone (509)991-2192 email: aa7rt@arrrl.net



There are many Hams that could take advantage of our KBARA club and newsletter. Please remember to talk to at least one Ham friend, or new Ham to ask him to invest \$15 per year to keep KBARA Ham radio alive and well in Eastern Washington!



**Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater
Association**

Don't forget to plan ahead for the
**ARRL Field Day & Annual
Meeting/ Camp Out, June 23-24, 2007.**

Some FAMOUS HAMS in the USA, past & present

K1OKI	Mickey Schulof, Head of Sony
K2HEP	John Sculley, C.E.O. of Apple
K4LIB	Arthur Godfrey, TV Personality
K7UGA	Senator Barry Goldwater
KB2GSD	Walter Cronkite, CBS News
KB6LQS	Dick Rutan, Pilot of Voyager 1996
KB6OLJ	Paul J Cohen, Mathematician
N5YYS	Kath Sullivan, Chief scientist N.O.A.A.
N6FUP	Stu Cooks, Baseball player
N6GGM	Mrs. Stu Cooks, wife of n6fup
N6YDS	Precilla Presley, actress
N7KD	Joe Rudi, Baseball player
W6ZHH	Herbert Hoover, son of J.Edgar
W3CAE	Armin Meyer, U.S. Ambassador Japan
W5LFL	Tony England, Astronaut
W6EZV	General Curtis LeMAY
W6FZZ	Samuell F.B.Morse III
W6QYI	Cardinal Oger Mahoy
W8JK	John Kraus, Astronomer
WA2MKI	Larry Ferrai, Organ Player
WA4SIR	Ron Praise, Astronaut
WB4KCG	Ronnie Milsap,,Singer
WB6ACU	Joe Walsh, Singer
WB6RER	Andy Devine, Actor
WD4SKT	Donny Osmond, Entertainer



From North of the border

How the Christina Lake Amateur Radio Picnic got its start!

When we lived at Christina Lake, we were members of the Panoramaland Amateur Radio Club in Colville, WA. While attending a regular meeting, the members were trying to decide where the next annual picnic would be held. After several minutes of silence, we decided to ask if people would like to come to Christina Lake, as a change of scenery. They thought that this would be a nice change. So our first picnic was held at the Christina Lake Provincial Picnic Grounds on August 15, 1999. We decided that we would go early to secure enough tables so that we were all together.

Before the actual picnic, we decided that we would invite some of the local and surrounding clubs as well, just to give others a chance to meet face to face. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. We hosted one more PARC picnic before changing the name to Christina Lake Amateur Radio Picnic. There were so few PARC members attending at this point.



When we moved away from Christina Lake, we decided to keep this event going by returning each year and camping along with a few who did so while attending the previous picnics. Since we had to arrive at the site early, we decided to have a pancake breakfast for those who were camping with us and helping us set up. Our first pancake breakfast was a big success, with Jeannie WB7EVZ, making the original recipe of Phil VE7ALV, from Summerland, BC. Jeannie says that all the grains were freshly ground. With Jeannie's expertise in mixing the dry ingredients with the water and eggs, she became our first pancake expert. There were always people to lend a hand by flipping the pancakes. Our breakfast even got to be a big part of this event because some people could not attend the afternoon picnic so decided to come visit in the morning and have pancakes and sausages. This annual picnic got so popular that even a "motor home fire" could not keep our attendees away. Guy VA7GV and Dona VE7KLI were on their way over to join us, when their motor home caught fire, climbing up the Anarchist Mountain, out of Osoyoos, BC. After getting back home and dealing with their insurance company, they decided to continue on to our picnic. They showed up for the picnic carrying the antenna, the only thing left of their motor home. What dedication!!

We thought that after a few years of moving from the campground to the picnic ground and then back to the campground again, we decided to try holding the breakfast and picnic right at the campground. It saved us a lot of packing, unpacking, packing and unpacking again. Yes, we did have plenty of help but it was a big inconvenience for all concerned. It took a lot of time and by holding it in one spot, a lot of us were able to relax and enjoy the event more. We don't think that the move hurt our event in any way. We actually got more attendees than before. We are not too far from the beach and there is plenty of time for people to go for a swim between the breakfast and pot luck.

Our campout has also become more popular, with more and more people joining us for the weekend or longer.

When the picking is good, we go out and pick huckleberries to add to the pancake mix. When it isn't so good, we make sure we have some from the previous year to add.

With everyone pitching in to help with preparations, Jeannie passed on the pancake making over to Guy VA7GV, who now knows the secret to Phil's recipe. Jeannie took over cooking and serving up the sausages, until that job was passed on to someone else. We always have people like, Bill K7CTS, Dayle VE7OBD, Mike N1NG, Laurie VA7LGD, Mike VE7MMG, Wes KD7HGG, Dar VA7LUV, Fred VE7KBB, Adam (the son of Frank VA7FF) and several others who will put on the official CLARC Picnic Apron and lend a hand. If we have forgotten anyone, please forgive us.

We also have to say that without the generous donations from Noreen K7MRJ, Laurie VA7LGD & Roger VE7RND, Dona VE7KLI & Guy VA7GV, Genie VE7GVW & Mike VE7MMG, Fumi VE7VTE, Dorothy (wife of Rudy VE7YN), Jeannie WB7EVZ, Shirley VE7SLP & Doug VA7DP, Sue KC7BMT & Roger AB7PG, Fred VE7KBB and Jan VE7QE, we would not be having prize drawings. Actually Guy & Dona got us started on this. They came to us with a few donations and asked us to give them away. Well, once we mentioned that we would be having these drawings others decided to add to those prizes. We don't think that anyone has gone home without a prize. If they have, it's because they didn't put their name into the jar.

One of the prizes donated by Jeannie WB7EVZ, was a laughing monkey. She wanted to give this prize to someone in particular. She chose to give it to Guy VA7GV. The next year, he decided that it should be passed on to another person to hang onto until the next picnic. This monkey is now the official Christina Lake Amateur Radio Picnic Mascot named "CLARP". While in Guy's possession, he decided to make a vest for it. He brought it over and some adjustments were made and it's name was added to it. Guy then signed his name and call to it. At the next picnic, we had a vote for the name of the next person to hang on to CLARP. Bill K7CTS was the winner. While in the hands of Bill, his wife Noreen K7MRJ added a hat to CLARP, and Bill signed the vest. We changed the method of picking the next winner. We decided that each winner would have to choose the next one. Bill passed it on to Jeannie, who was very surprised and said it should go to someone else since she donated it to begin with. Her reasoning didn't work, she now has "CLARP". She has plans on adding something else to it and will pass it on at next year's picnic. It sounds like CLARP will be well dressed before long.

We have to express a BIG THANK YOU to Barb KB7WTN & Royal KB7WTO for donating their huge gas stove and griddle. Without this stove, we would be working on the smaller models and the cooking area would be a lot smaller and it would take a lot longer to keep up with the hungry crowd. We just hope that they will continue to come back from Hemet, CA to join us for this event.

As you can see it has become such a great success because of all the wonderful people who donate their time to help and to join us for this event. Thanks to all who attend and lend a hand. Sorry if we have missed mentioning anyone. It is so hard to keep track of all of you. With 82 attendees, it's not easy.

We'd like to add that the ladies have a great time exchanging quilting, sewing and other ideas. They bring along some of their projects and share them with all. The men also get together to build antennas and discuss ham radio in general. It's just a relaxing get-away for all. We have a few plans up our sleeves for next year.

We look forward to seeing everyone for our 9th Annual International Christina Lake Amateur Radio Picnic, which will be held on August 18, 2007. More details will be given out in the New Year.

“MERRY CHRISTMAS” and “A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR” TO ALL!

Your Northern Reps and Thursday AM Net Control Ops
Jan VE7QE & Roy VE7IS
Okanagan Falls, BC Canada

73's to all
Roy VE7IS & Jan VE7QE
Okanagan Falls, BC Canada

Pacific Northwest Hamfairs & Events
Courtesy of Lynn, N7CFO
<http://www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm>

February 17, 2007. Salem Hamfair & Computer/Electronics Swapmeet. Rickreall, Oregon at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Always the third Saturday in February. <http://www.qsl.net/w7sra>

March 10, 2007. Mike & Key Swap Meet. This is an ARRL sanctioned event. Puyallup fairgrounds exhibition hall, Puyallup, WA. mwdink@eskimo.com Flyer in PDF.

March 17, 2007. Langley Amateur Radio Association, Radio & Computer Swap Meet. Elks Hall, 263 street and Fraser Highway, Aldergrove BC. 0900 to 1300. For more information contact: Marilyn VE7OSS, msergi@shaw.ca.

March 31 - April 1, 2007. Communications Academy. Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA. <http://www.commacademy.org>

April 14, 2007. Yakima Hamfest. Yakima, Washington. Selah Civic Center, 216 South 1st Street, Selah, WA. Info, contact Lindsay Kooser, N7RHW Phone: 509-965-6612 Email: n7rhw@arrl.net. <http://w7aq.org/>

May 6, 2007. Kelowna Flea Market. Orchard City Amateur Radio Club. Kelowna, BC.

<http://www.ocarc.ca> For info, contact Carl, ve7clc@rac.ca or Keith, ve7kng@hotmail.com.

May 12, 2007. Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club (SCARC) Hamfest, Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood, WA. Contact Vic, N7KRE (360-387-7705). nwecop@tgi.net.

June 1-3, 2007. Sea-Pac Hamfest. ARRL Northwest Division Convention - this is an ARRL sanctioned event. Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon. Email n7thl@juno.com. www.seapac.org/.

June 8-10 2007. Wenatchee Hamfest, Apple City ARC. Dryden Gun Club. Dryden, WA. Free RV and tent sites, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday night potluck dinner. VE testing. Talk in 146.68, tone 156.7. <http://www.qsl.net/w7td/>.

June 10, 2007. Hamfest 2007. Kootenai Amateur Radio Society. Lions Club, Hiway 53, Rathdrum, ID. Always the 2nd Sat in June. Free overnight parking for self-contained RV's. Breakfast and lunch available on Saturday. Free entrance and free tables (first come, first serve), VE Exams. Talk in 146.98/.38. For more info contact Jim, N7ESU at (208)667-4915 or email n7esu@arrl.net.

June 16-17 2007. Northeast Montana Father's Day Hamfest. Down Stream Campground at Fort Peck Lake. Group campsite already reserved. ARRL DXCC, VUCC and WAS Field Card checking available, VE test

session Saturday at 1:00 PM. Contact Bob Parker, K7TNJ, at k7tnj@yahoo.com

contact John Ellingson, K7OSK, k7osk@boatanchor.com .

July 20-22, 2007. Glacier Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest... will be held at the Glacier Meadows Campground, 13 miles west of East Glacier on MT Hwy 2. Features include flea market, tailgating, vendors, dealer displays, old equipment auction, meetings (QCWA, ARES, annual hamfest), transmitter hunts, contests, seminars and programs, VE session, ARRL DXCC, VUCC and WAS field card checking. BBQ lunch, and supper (Saturday supper, bring your own meat, plates and utensils), breakfast (Sunday). For camping call (406) 226-4479. Talk-in 146.52. Admission is \$18 in advance, \$25 at the door, under 16, free. Tables are \$6 (for craft sale). Contact: Jim Cummins, N7YO, 1804 32nd St. So. Great Falls, MT, 59401, phone (406) 453-9992 or email n7yo@mpiwifi.com , also see www.gwhamfest.org

August 2007. Radio Club of Tacoma Hamfest and Electronics Fleamarket. 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Bethel Junior High School, 22001 38th Ave E., Spanaway, WA. www.w7dk.org

August 2007. Jefferson Amateur Radio Society (Jars). 24th Annual Swap and Potluck. Tom Pearce Park, Grants Pass, Oregon. http://www.jars-orca.org/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=6&mode=&orde

August 10-12, 2007. Pacific Northwest DX Convention. This event will be held in the Seattle area. The exact location will be announced at a later date.

July 21, 2007 Bandon Hamfest. Bandon, Oregon. (20 miles south of Coos Bay on Hwy 101). Southbound take a right at S.W. Eleventh St. (The stoplight in the south part of town) and follow the signs to "The Barn", aka "Bandon Community Building." Contact Ron W7VU at (541) 572-5546, w7vu@arrl.net or CCRC, PO Box 698, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420.

August 19, 2007. Antique Radio Swap Meet. Puget Sound Antique Radio Association. 9 AM to 1 PM. Shoreline museum parking lot. N. 175th & Linden, Avenue, North Seattle. One block west of Aurora Avenue - one mile west of I-5, exit 176. Free admission. http://www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara/swap.html

July 28, 2007. Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society Hamfest. Lewis County Fair Grounds, Chehalis, WA. There will be in an outdoor covered area with tables available and tailgate space for those that want to provide their own. For additional details,

September 22, 2007. Spokane Hamfest. (ARRL Washington State Convention) . This is an ARRL sanctioned event. University High School, Spokane, WA 99206. Contact Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ, n7wrq@aol.com . (509)448-5821. http://www.kbara.org

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