



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everyone!

Bob and I both would like to wish you and yours the best at this time of the year. May all your wishes come true.

As we come together and begin planning for the year 2007, Bob and I would like to ensure the membership knows the direction we would like to take the club. We are going to work with the board to have regular board meetings, which members can have input to, and watch the process. We are suggesting these meetings be at the Fire House before a regular meeting. We'll keep you posted as we work out the kinks.

We believe the board should have more of a direct input into the direction of the club and would propose some changes to the Bylaws. We have checked with some of the older members of the club and have found the Bylaws used to contain some of the positive changes we feel would enable the club have more input from club members.

That being said we have asked two of our senior club members to head up a Bylaw Review Committee. Our guidance to them is simple, they are autonomous; with the caveat they should find newer members of the club to serve with them. We will introduce this committee at the January meeting. Then the next time we hear from them should be their recommendations to all club members for consideration and feedback.

We are asking the committee, as one of their first discussions, to consider the definition of a "club member" paying attention to the term and when dues should be paid. This issue has caused considerable confusion in the past.

Bob and I plan to run the club by the Bylaws, which means there must be more participation from members to head up and staff the various committees called for in the Bylaws. The existing Bylaws will be distributed with this December QTC for all members to review and provide comments to the committee after January.

In this months QTC are a few questions for your consideration. The answers received will help us better understand the direction club members would like to see OUR club take. Return them to Bob or myself by email, at the January club meeting, or by snail mail.

We have secured the PA Fire Station from 6pm-10pm each meeting night in 2007. Some members have asked that we meet socially before the meeting or after. We would appreciate any feed back on this.

Both Bob and I are anxious to serve you in our new roles. We hope to see you at this year's club Christmas pot luck on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you.

Chuck N7BV  
Bob K6MBY

## Get Your License Here!

The next Clallam County Technician Class is scheduled for January 20, 27 and February 3 at Port Angeles Fire Station on 5th and Lural. Our schedule is to review of each chapter in the book "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual" with instructors

<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=9639#top>

on the first two Saturdays and review all questions on the third morning, with the exam in the afternoon. Thanks. 73, Chuck

## **Wanted:**

While most of us save our QST and other ham radio magazines, for those who don't, we would appreciate you bringing them to any club function or during the Training Sessions to that location for distribution to the new hams. Thanks. 73, Chuck

## New Club Directory

The new club directory is available. If you need a copy please contact either Nita Layman, KE7DRT, for a copy.

## Clallam County ARES/RACES

Clallam County ARES/RACES is actively looking for new members and would like you to consider joining. This is a chance to prepare to be part of a solution during an emergency.

The January 2nd 2007, meeting will be taken for registration. This is especially important this year as we will be taking pictures etc for a new ID card system.

All RACES members are required to pass the FEMA/NIMS training IS-100 and IS-700. These courses are free and have been mandated by Homeland Security. They are available on-line at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/is/>.

Chuck Jones, N7BV, EC Clallam County

## PROGRAM FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING

There will not be a typical club meeting in December in favor of a Christmas Party on Saturday December 9th at the Four Seasons Country Club. See page 4 for more details.

## 2 METER NETS

**CCARC :**  
Every Thursday 7:00 pm on the W7FEL Repeater.

**ARES/RACES:**  
Every Tuesday except 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm on the W7FEL Repeater.

W7FEL Repeater: 146.76 MHz., offset down 600 KHz. with a tone of 100 Hz.

**FYI**

To see the Westcoast Amateur Radio Assoc newsletter, go to their web page at [www.ve7vic.ca](http://www.ve7vic.ca) and click on news letter at the bottom of the page.

VOC Frank Doherty ARRL ARES VE .

The WARA news letter of Nov 2006 has an interesting reference to a web page at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amateur\\_radio\\_operator](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amateur_radio_operator) It shows the number of hams in several countries. Japan, with a population of 127 million, had 1,296,059 hams in 1999. The U;S., with almost 300 million population, has less than 700,000 hams.

VOC Frank Doherty ARRL ARES VE

**Information**

The QTC newsletter staff uses the Email address [ccarcqtc@yahoo.com](mailto:ccarcqtc@yahoo.com) and location on Yahoo to store articles and information that you send in. We also use it to send Emails back and forth between us regarding file formats. Thus we have limited the access to this Yahoo address to the three editors of the newsletter in order to prevent mishaps with information.

However, as this site has a compilation of all the Email addresses of members, we occasionally have been used to relay breaking news to the group.

Please respond directly to the originator of the Email, as sending your response back to [ccarcqtc@yahoo.com](mailto:ccarcqtc@yahoo.com) will not get to the originator of the message.

On another subject, please be aware due to spam fighting by Yahoo it takes four separate transmissions (limited to one per hour) to get the QTC Email out.

Thanks. *Da Staff!*

**COMING EVENTS**

Christmas Potluck  
December 9, 2006

At the Four Seasons Club  
House

Set up begins at 10:00 am. We should eat lunch about 12:30 pm.

Please remember to bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchange, clearly marked for male or female.

What to bring for the potluck. If the *suffix* of your call sign begins with:

A - F ---- Dessert

G - L ---- Vegetable or Casserole

M - R ---- Salad

S - Z ---- Appetizer

The club will provide the ham and beverages.

**A Note from Bob Pensworth, KC7HIR..**

Been working to much to have fun! I used to enjoy helping with the Lakewood Elks Lodge newsletter years ago, but the work to pay bills job at 50+ hours per week takes all my time.

Lately all I've been able to contribute to the club is help with ATV (Amateur TV) when Chandler Ellis kc7eyz wants to borrow my ATV station for a club demo.

73's

Bob Pensworth

## ARLB027 "Omnibus" Amateur Radio Report and Order Takes Effect December 15

With publication in the Federal Register November 15, the long-awaited changes to the amateur rules are set to take effect 30 days later, at 12:01 AM EST December 15. The so-called "Omnibus" Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, includes a significant expansion of the 75 meter phone band and a variety of other changes. The highlights:

- For Amateur Extra class licensees, the 75 meter phone band will start at 3600 kHz, while Advanced class licensees start at 3700 kHz and Generals at 3800 kHz. The high end of the CW/RTTY/Digital band is now 3600 kHz (although CW is allowed on the entire band).
- \* On 40 meters, Amateur Extra and Advanced licensees will be able to operate phone beginning at 7125 kHz, while Generals start at 7175 kHz. The top end of the CW/RTTY/Digital band will be 7125 kHz (although CW is allowed on the entire band).
- \* There are no changes to the 20 meter band.
- \* On 15 meters, the General class phone band now starts at 21275 kHz.
- \* On 10 meters, Novice and Technician Plus licensees can now operate CW/RTTY/Digital from 28000 kHz to 28300 kHz.
- \* In addition, Novices and Tech Plus licensees can use CW only on the same frequencies as General and Advanced licensees on the 80, 40 and 15 meter bands: 3525 kHz-3600 kHz; 7025 kHz-7125 kHz and 21025 kHz-21200 kHz. The Report&Order as published in the Federal Register clarified two items that had raised some concerns when it was first released October 10: That the 80/75 meter band split applies to all three IARU Regions, and that FCC licensees in Region 2, which includes North America, can continue to use RTTY/data emissions in the 7075-7100 kHz band.

Several controversial aspects of the proceeding are still to be resolved, although the FCC is working on an erratum for the inadvertent elimination of J2D emissions of more than 500 Hz bandwidth.

The Commission intends to release the erratum by the December 15 effective date. The FCC also took several other miscellaneous actions.

## SB QST ARL ARLB028 ARLB028 FCC corrects error in "Omnibus" Report And Order

The FCC has released an Erratum that corrects one error in the recent Report and Order (R&O) in WT Docket 04-140 -- the so-called "omnibus" Amateur Radio proceeding -- that inadvertently limited J2D emissions to an occupied bandwidth of 500 Hz. J2D emissions are data sent by modulating an SSB transmitter.

Had it been left to stand, the error would have rendered illegal below 30 MHz PACTOR III at full capability as well as Olivia and MT63 when operated at bandwidths greater than 500 Hz bandwidth, 1200 baud packet, Q15X25 and Clover 2000.

The FCC Erratum revises 97.3(c)(2) of the Amateur Service rules going into effect December 15 to read:

Data. Telemetry, telecommand and computer communications emissions having (i) designators with A, C, D, F, G, H, J or R as the first symbol, 1 as the second symbol, and D as the third symbol; (ii) emission J2D; and (iii) emissions A1C, F1C, F2C, J2C, and J3C having an occupied bandwidth of 500 Hz or less when transmitted on an amateur service frequency below 30 MHz. Only a digital code of a type specifically authorized in this part may be transmitted.

**CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**Minutes of the General Meeting November 8, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Roger K7RGR, Vice President.

Introductions were made around and birthdays for the months of November and December were acknowledged.

Leah, KE7EZX, announced that the Christmas party will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Four Seasons. Setup will start at 10 A.M. and the meal will start around 12 to 12:30.

Food assignments: A-F bring dessert; G-L bring vegetables/casseroles; M-R bring salad; S-Z bring appetizers.

There will be a gift exchange. Gifts are not to be over \$5.00, and are to be marked for male or female.

Roger K7RGR announced that the next Technician License class is to start January 20<sup>th</sup>. He also wants to know what interest there is in having a General License class.

The latest issue of QTC, the Club's newsletter, was reviewed by Roger. He encouraged everyone to read it. It is available on-line, and those who do not have on-line capability may receive it by mail.

The annual election of Club officers was held next.

It was moved and seconded that Chuck N7BV be nominated for President. It was then moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that Bob Sampson, K6MBY, be nominated for Vice-President. It was then moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that Rich Golding, N7NCN be nominated for Secretary. It was then moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that Frank Doherty, KJ7SK, be nominated as Treasurer. It was then moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Motion passed.

The term of Chuck, N7BV as a member of the Board of Directors, was expiring, so nominations were opened for one position. (The term of Tom Newcomb, KE7XX, expires in 2008, and the term of Roger Steelman W7GRS expires in 2007.) Nominated were Bill Carter, W7WEC, and Bob Kennedy, AC7RK. The voting on this position was done by written ballot. The ballots were counted by Leah Benadum, KE7EZX, Chuck McGilvra N7HFL, and Chuck Metz, W5RFL. The winner, by one vote, was Bob Kennedy.

Roger, K7RGR, wished to turn over the task of Repeater Trustee to someone else. Al Dawson, W7YLV volunteered, and was so appointed by Roger.

A thank you card to be sent to Russ Fish, K7INA, outgoing President, was passed around for members to sign.

Chuck, W5RFL, mentioned that his repeater is not being used much, and asked that members try it out and use it. (442.100 MHz, tone 100 MHz.) It has a wide area of coverage.

Nita, KE7DRT, asked for any corrections needing to be made to the Club Directory.

Tom, KE7XX, offered to be Santa Claus for "whoever".

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Minutes by Rich N7NCN

## Jingle Bell Run

Snow? Didn't stop these runners, or HAMS!! November 26TH proved to be the beginning of a blustery few days ahead of us here in Port Angeles. Snow flakes started early on this Sunday morning, and they weren't meant for the weak. Proof was in the 150 runners participating in the Jingle Bell 3K and 10K OMC annual run, along with those Hams who helped in communications from start to finish. No one really anticipated just how hard this white glistening wintry snow would fall, but the race was on. Nothing would stop this crowd now. Not even snow. Especially when it was so fitting to the occasion. The OMC Jingle Bell Run. Not often does it snow here to this degree, but on with the show...OK then, we mean RUN!! And run they did.

N7DWA, Dan, was at the starting point at the Vern Burton building, where children got a show off their Dash skills from point "A" to point "B" and back. Rosy cheeks from chilly air and excited children about ready to engage in their first run ever perhaps...and all those snow flakes made the name of the run much more thrilling. I suppose Jingle Bells and Santa are hand in hand with one another, which makes it even more to be excited about. Now, I was standing at the one mile position right on the Discovery Bay trail, half way between Francis Street Park and the landing on the pier, so I'm not sure which child won that dash, but whoever it was certainly had to be proud of themselves. There probably was snow beginning to stick in that vicinity, which made it very amusing for many happy tykes. At my position, snow was covering my umbrella, and the grass was turning white, so I can only assume it was blanketing 4TH Street. The tide that morning was at it's highest as well. Crashing waves hitting the rocks made the sound of thunder, while the mist covered me more then once. Time was now ticking to get the 3K and 10K runners started. It kept crossing my mind, "What are these people thinking of? Who in their right mind would WANT to run in this miserable weather?

Why didn't someone cancel this run"? I'm cold, getting gloves on, trying to manipulate the umbrella, the writing pad, my radio and stop watch, all with frozen fingers and only a wet bench to sit on. I stood. Didn't need that part wet too!!

As the flakes started getting larger, and coming down harder, the horn had been blown, and soon the best of the best would be coming at me, and if my lips weren't frozen together, I could call out their time. And come they did. Some with the normal garb a runner would wear, but this was a race in it's own league. These people came ready to have fun. Some wore Santa hats, some in Christmas colors, and I'll be darned if there weren't a couple young ladies wrapped as packages fit for a King. No more were my spirits hampered. I heard laughter, saw smiles from ear to ear, red, probably 1/2 frozen noses that Rudolph the red nosed Reindeer would fall in love with! Plus, many many "Thank yous" heard from some very dedicated athletes, who could probably do the Ididirod with OUT the dogs and sleds. Maybe they aren't so nuts after all. Not with this much enthusiasm. Needless to say, I was now glad to be standing at my post, because these die hards made my day. Once again, it felt good to out there, giving times and splits to those behind the leader, to be there in case some one was to fall, or needed to relay a message. Once again, as always, it felt good to be a part of a group of Hams who volunteer our communication skills to the community. But it wasn't over yet. Most runners have passed me, heading to Mile post 3, where KA7CSZ, Marsha, was posted, and then towards WA7NBF, Neil, which was the 10K turn around. These two seasoned pro's had been out at their positions as long as I had, and not a peep of misery from them. Way to go Marsha and Neil. I did enough complaining for us all..! So, as those fit athletes continued their trek, Marsha gave times and splits as they passed her on the way to their final 1/2 way mark, Neil, and gleefully, no one called into the finish line of any slips, slides or mishaps.

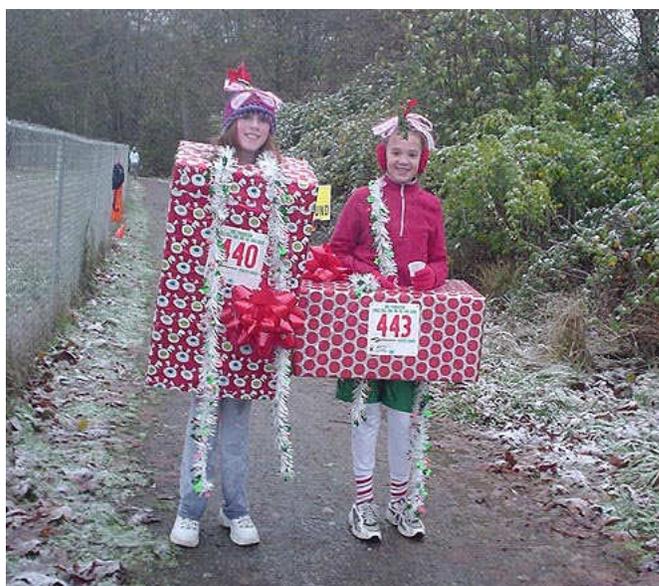
All runners made it back to the finish line safe and sound. Cold and wet, but safe. That's why we do the communications for these races. To make sure all runners are accounted for with no mishaps. We've had some over the many races we've worked. But not this one. These folks knew what the conditions were, and took the extra precautions to stay safe and healthy. Plus they had FUN!

That made for one happy day. But it's still not over. WA7NBF has to ride a bicycle in this snow back to his vehicle. On with the helmet.....but it won't fit over his head set. OK, forget the helmet. On with the gloves... Wait a minute...these gloves fit before the race..OH GREAT, they shrunk. Wet gloves and frozen fingers. Not a good match. OK, I'll put the poncho on, and head towards Marsha. Oh, why can't they make these poncho's longer? My legs are wet, and I'm cold...I'll just keep peddling, and get there... WHAT??..MY PEDAL JUST BROKE

OFF???' I'll call Marsha. She'll figure something out. Oh wonderful. Broken pedal, can't put my helmet on, I'm wet and cold, and now, my fingers are too cold to push the PTT button. No feeling in the fingers makes it hard to feel, to push....I'll push on. The runners did it, by golly, so can I. And make it Neil did. All in the name of the Jingle Bell Run. He says he learned a few lessons. 1, Inspect your bicycle before riding; 2, wear larger gloves for shrinkage, 3, ponchos don't work too well on a bike, as your legs get wet, very, very wet, and 4, it's hard to push the PTT button with frozen fingers. There's NO FEELING in them. Good lessons for us all Neil. Thanks..!

What a day was had by the runners and the communicators. An enjoyable ending to a day that started a few MORE days of traffic snarls and power outages. But we all pulled through, were able to stay in touch with one another, all in the name of Ham Radio. Amazingly fun hobby, don't you agree?

Pictures submitted by KA7CSZ, of our gifted girls, and WA7NBF, our frozen snowman. Ho Ho Ho...Merry Christmas to one and all! Nita, KE7DRT



**LOST.. one YAESU VX-7R** (Silver) triple band VHF/UHF Transceiver. Probably in or around the Super 8 Motel in Port Angeles during the Wind Storm approximately the third week of November. If found please notify  
John Betz WA7LIK  
201 Bear Meadow Road  
PO Box 2627  
360-452-9121 (home #)  
360-477-0103 (cell #)  
jbetz@olyphen.com

### **ARES Orientation Class**

In January, we will hold our first ever ARES orientation class. This is an important event where you will be filled in on all the particulars you'll need to know to be an effective emergency communicator within our Clallam County organization. If you're a new ARES member (joined within the past year) or if you're planning to join in the next couple of months, this 3 hour class is a *must*. It will be held Saturday, January 6th, 2007 beginning at 1 PM at the Port Angeles Fire Station, 5th and Laurel. To register, contact me at psh@olyphen.com or phone 457-9110.  
Paul Honore' W6IAM

### **OLYHAM LINK**

The OLYHAM web page has been down for a number of weeks due to a server problem. Casey is aware of the issue and is trying to make time to work on it.

## **FOR SALE OR TRADE**

### **For Sale:**

Elecraft K2 HF Transceiver  
Condition- Like New  
Power Output- .01-111 watts  
Bands- 10m-160m  
Filters- 4 built in  
Microphone- Heil w/ stand  
Built by- Dan N7DWA  
Rated as one of the top receivers in today's market.

Elecraft KAT100 Auto Antenna Tuner  
Condition- Like New  
Built By- Dan N7DWA  
Goes with the K2

Units will be sold together.  
Contact Dan Abbott N7DWA for details  
582-3824

### **Tower work, trenching or yard work**

Kevin will do tower work, dig hole for tower base (even in this weather), trench for underground coax and cables, put up antennas. He will also cut up any trees you might have had come down, haul it away, or split for your use. Will do pretty much any work you may need. Weather is no issue. Charge is \$12.00/hr with a 2 hour minimum, after Jan.1, 2007 cost will increase to \$14.00/hr with 2 hr. minimum due to high cost of gasoline. Has done work for Johan, KO6I, Chuck, N7BV, Jack, N7IHS, Ted, K7OM, and Rick, W7AV.

Call Kevin Cassidy at 460-9504 (cell phone).

Please note:

Your ad will run for two months. If your item/s sells or you want it to run longer, please E-mail the QTC Staff at ccarcqt@yahoo.com.

**What is a HAM?**

Here's another story about how the nickname "HAM" originated, as relayed by Russ Smith, W6ONK (now SK).

In 1908 three members of the Harvard Wireless Club, Albert S. Hyman, Bob Almy, and Reggie Murray, operated one of the first amateur wireless stations under the call "Hyman-Almy-Murray". To avoid a "glass fist", they soon shortened this to HyAlMu. Early in 1909 their call became confused with that of a Mexican ship, HYALMC, so the boys decided to use only the first letters of each name and the call became HAM.

In the early pioneer days of unregulated radio, amateurs picked their own frequency and call letters. Then, as now, some amateurs had better signals than some commercial stations. The resulting interference finally came to the attention of Congress, and they proposed to critically limit amateur activity.

In 1911, Albert Hyman chose as his thesis at Harvard the controversial Wireless Regulation Bill. Senator Walsh was so impressed that he asked Hyman to appear before the committee. Hyman described how the little amateur stations were built, and he almost cried when he told the crowded committee room that if the Bill went thru (sic) they would have to close their station because they could not afford the license fee and all the other requirements in the Bill.

Then the debate started and little station HAM became the symbol of all the little amateur stations in the country, crying out to be saved from the greed and menace of the big commercial stations. Nationwide publicity associated station HAM with amateurs. The Bill was finally changed and passed, with changes in favor of the "HAMs".

This article appeared in "Skip" publication March 1958.

**How to install a home security system.....**

1. Go to a second-hand store and buy a pair of men's used work boots, size 14-16.  
(next page)

**Treasures Report**

Balance in bank minus outstanding checks plus cash not yet deposited is \$3424.40

**VOC Frank Doherty ARRL ARES VE**

**ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS For 2006**

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Chuck Jones, N7BV

Please send submissions to the QTC via  
Ccarcqtq@yahoo.com

**YL LUNCHEON**

The December 8th luncheon will be at the Pedals Restaurant, Sequim.

Time: 11:30 a.m.

*Find us on the web at [www.olyham.com](http://www.olyham.com)  
Check it out. Lots of information about ham radio in Clallam County!*

2. Place them on your front porch, along with several empty beer cans, a copy of Guns & Ammo magazine and several NRA magazines.
3. Put a few giant dog dishes next to the boots and magazine.
4. Leave a note on your door that reads:  
Hey Bubba,  
Big Jim, Duke, Slim and I went to the gun shop for more ammunition. Back in an hour. Don't mess with the pit bulls -- they attacked the mailman this morning and messed him up real bad. I don't think Killer took part in it but it was hard to tell from all the blood.  
PS - I locked all four of 'em in the house. Better wait outside.

Description	Time/Date	Location	Contact
Clallam County ARES/RACES meeting	7 pm, first Tue of every month	Clallam County Courthouse EOC, 223 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> St., PA	Chuck Jones N7BV 360-452-4672
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club general meeting	7 pm, second Wed of every month	Port Angeles Fire Station 5 <sup>th</sup> & Laurel Streets, PA	Tom Newcomb KE7XX 360-452-8228
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club social breakfast	8 am, first Sat of every month	Joshua's Restaurant Hwy. 101 & Del Guzzi Dr.	Tom Newcomb KE7XX 360-452-8228
Clallam Country Amateur Radio Club YL social lunch	11:45 am 2d Fri of every month	Rotates - announced on Thursday night Net	

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- Ray K7VQF Dec 09
- Mike KE7EZO Dec 16
- Jim WA7LDM Dec 16
- Lynn XYL of Jerry KE7BVZ Dec 22
- April XYL of Roger K7RGR Dec 24
- Steve AE7EA Dec 28
- Bob AC7RK Dec 30

*Happy Birthday!*

**NET CHECK IN HONOR ROLL:** Stations that have checked in more than half of the Thursday night net check ins (in alphabetical order)...they are...drum roll please....

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| N7BV Chuck       | N7MXE Bliss                    |
| WB8BVK Chuck     | WA7NBF Neil                    |
| KE7CIA Troy      | K7NIA John 100%                |
| KE7DRT Nita 100% | KC7NMN Bess                    |
| AE7EA Steve      | KC7NPP Theron                  |
| KE7ENQ Steve     | K7PVZ Bob                      |
| KE7EZO Leah      | K7QCK Jim                      |
| N7GAM Gail       | AC7RK Bob                      |
| W6IAM Paul       | KJ7SK Frank                    |
| K7KEA Elizabeth  | K7VQF Ray                      |
| WA7LDM Jim 100%  | W7YLV Al                       |
| W7LG Gil         | KE7Z Dick                      |
| KC7LTW Donald    | KI7ZC Bob                      |
| K6MBY Bob        |                                |
| K5MTW Don        | <i>Submitted by John K7NIA</i> |

**These are questions that come to our mind as we think about the club moving into 2007. If you have any thoughts, please write them down. Sign your name or not.... Up to you.**

Should Executive Board meetings be open to anyone who wants to attend?

Very few people participate in field day. Over the past three years we notice it is the same group of 12-15 members. We have a great time and make several hundred contacts. On the other hand some clubs have a "contest outing" and make several thousand contacts. One, what could the club do to get YOU to participate in field day? And two, are you satisfied with our field day as it is or would you be interested in more antennas, stations and operators to make a contest outing?

The club membership directory contains names of members and non-members. It has been more of a Peninsula directory rather than a club directory. We don't hear any objection to having members and non-members published but, we do here comments that non-members be noted as such in the directory. Maybe a section for members and separate section for non-members. Maybe just an asterisk after a non-member. Any comments?

Prior to the 2000 re-write of the club by-laws the three elected board members had a bigger say in the running of the club, however, the club was having difficulty finding members to be officers, i.e., President, V.P, Secretary, Treasurer, as well as three additional members for the Executive Board. In order to reduce the number of people that needed to be active in the management of the club, it appears the responsibilities of the board were removed and placed in the hands of the officers. (There may be some debate in this analysis, however, the outcome is the same.) The question that some are considering is; should the Executive Board, who has a three year rolling membership, manage the operation of the club or should the Officers of the club, who can be elected for multiple years, one year at a time, manage the operation of the club?

The membership question. The question surfaced is generally about the payment of dues. Dues are payable the first of the calendar year. The by-laws indicated that members not paying dues by March 31st are dropped from the membership. In the recent past, non-paying members have continued to be on the club membership role for years at a time. Do you have an opinion on the dues issue? Should there be a non-paying membership for those that would like to get the QTC, as an example, but not take part in any of the other club activities?

## ELECTION PROCESS

Russ Fish advised he has received many phone calls and email complaints as to the way the elections were held/run at the November meeting. Because Russ would not reveal these persons to us so we could understand their concerns, Bob and I ask the current officers and board members to look into these allegations and, if the officers/board felt it necessary, schedule another vote.

To date we have received four written Emails and one verbal response from officers/ board members stating there was no difference with the November 06, 2006, elections as compared to elections in recent years. Additionally each Board member stated we should get on with club business. If you have a concern about the election process please use this opportunity to express your concerns or contact an officer or board member.

Thanks, Chuck and Bob