

CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

QTC
MAY 2014

BV Rambles:

GD.

Sorry this is late, but as they say things happen. Mike was supposed to do the newsletter this month but unfortunately he was under the weather. By the time he let me know Saturday night it was too late for me to do anything as we had a long day with Karen's family up here for Mothers Day and another one planned for Sunday down in Bremerton.

Of course Murphy was lurking in the bushes and jumped out Monday taking down our lawn tractor's starter motor. So I spent Monday trying to get to it and analyze what was going on, thanks to Dennis for the helpful hints. Tuesday morning found me downtown PA turning the starter motor over for a rebuild. Ugh!

Propagation still is on the up tick so get on the air and work some DX. Doesn't take much of an antenna on 10m.

Here is an article by N7WA, Mike from Kent. Mike has been a good friend ever since Karen and I moved out here in 1995. The article summarizes his trip to PJ2T on Curacao Island in the Caribbean. A vacation, no a radio vacation—fighting sticker bushes and cactus, all to operate in a contest. <http://ncjweb.com/features/mayjun14feat.pdf>

Read the article and see what a small world we live in—Mike K7IR has visited the CCARC here as the owner of SteppIR antennas, Ward N0AX has visited the CCARC several times giving programs on antennas etc.

We have another good program for this meeting. The USCG in Vietnam. When I first heard about the USCG being in Vietnam back in the 60's I was flabbergasted, but soon learn they had a job to do like the rest of us.

OK, the big elephant in the room this meeting and next is Field Day. I guess you could say you're not a real Amateur Radio Operator unless you have your calendar marked ahead ten years for FD.

This year FD is coupled with our fireworks stand which is what has put us into the black these last couple of years. It will be important that ARES & CCARC personnel work together to cover these two events as setup for both are on the same day Friday June 27th. Please try to be as flexible as possible and help out.

Ernie is looking for someone to help him file 501 papers for the club. Please contact him.

See you at our meeting on 14 May at 1900. 73, Chuck VA

Get Your License Here!

Our test session on 19 April produced 7 new Technicians and one new Extra licenses.

Chuck N7BV
ARRL VE-L

April Program

Gerry, WA7BUY will be presenting a program on the USCG in Vietnam. This should be a very interesting presentation.

We need articles for the QTC newsletter. This is your newsletter.

Tell us how you became interested in Ham Radio. What did you do over the summer (just like school) huh!

Did you put up a new antenna, buy a new radio? Tell us about it.

Did you try a new mode again tell us about it.

The more you submit the less blank space we will have!

Thanks, the staff!

CCARC QTC Newsletter

Just a little background on the QTC.

We use ccarcqtq@yahoo.com as a repository for information for the newsletter. So if you have something for the QTC, please send it to the yahoo address. Do not sent it to one of the editors as they will just have to turn around and resend it to the yahoo address.

Please make sure the article or information is complete. As we rotate editing the newsletter you cannot be sure which editor will be piecing the newsletter together.

Please remove as much formatting from within whatever program you are using if you know how, before sending it to ccarcqtq. We do not edit, except to change fonts to a standard non-serif font (Arial which is easier to read than Times Roman). We will run a spell checker.

When first conceived the editors were given free license, it still is that way. It was understood they would endeavor to include everything submitted, within reason. For instance, off color jokes etc. are not going to be printed. Thanks.

Have an idea for a club program? Pass them along to the members of the program committee: Bill Carter, Becky Winters, Janet Parris, or Chuck Jones. Thanks.

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 W7FEL Repeater.

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

On April 19, I examined and passed the Amateur Extra Class license exam at the Clallam County Amateur Radio Club sponsored classes and testing. This gives me the rights and responsibilities to operate at the highest levels of Amateur Radio. This was my first attempt at the Extra license and I missed eight on the fifty-question test. (I think you can miss twelve.) Not bad for someone who is not yet a technical wizard or electronics geek. For those who are considering an upgrade to their current license or are hesitant to become a part of Amateur Radio because of “The Test”, here are some of the ways I prepared.

Through the Club, I bought a copy of the ARRL License Manual for the level I was studying (Extra Class). The manual walks you through the equations, the charts, graphs and electronics diagrams basic to radio and explains components, test equipment, and a little geography. Each of the test questions you may face is covered in the manual and all questions are conveniently pooled for student practice.

In addition to the manual, I bought a set of flash cards to help prepare for the test. I put twenty or so cards in my pocket each day and reviewed them as time allowed while going about my usual activities.

There are also free, online sites that generate tests for you to practice, using the radio license questions. Two that I have used are aa9pw.com and qrz.com.

Another big help is to find yourself a mentor. The Club membership has a lot of folks with years of experience. They are able to translate the book learning into practical application. Paul (W6IAM) has written several books on electronics, which I read and they were helpful to me.

The best tip I can offer is to give yourself enough time to prepare and learn the material. It took me about two months of working with the flash cards and online testing to prepare for the exam. I read completely and underlined the ARRL Manual, too.

Don't get discouraged and don't panic. Once you pass your test, set your next goal in amateur radio and start working for that. Bruce (KD7WBM)

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NEWS FROM THE CC-ARES/RACES

By Bill Carter
Emergency Coordinator

Can you help during an Emergency? The answer is yes. Before I go into details there are some basic concepts we all need to consider. Even ARES/RACES members.

First take care of yourself. Then take care of your immediate family and residence. Next is your immediate neighborhood. Being a CERT or Neighborhood Watch team member is a help. Only then are you free to extend a helping hand.

The next thing to do is to regularly check into the Ham Club Repeater Net. Why? You hear it often, "This is a directed net". That discipline is required to keep things running smoothly.

When an event happens and you are free to help then listen on the Stripped Peak Repeater. Once the ARES check-in is complete and Net control is quieted down. That's when you can step in and offer to help. In most cases you will not be activated or directed to a remote location. That is accomplished by regular ARES/RACES members who will be covered by the County's Insurance program.

But what can you do? Condition reports are probably the main thing. Is the power, phone, internet service out? Are there roads blocked? It varies by type of incident. You can report neighbors that may need extra help. Oxygen or special meds are two examples.

Hams are noted for their disciplined use of their frequencies. This especially important during an incident. Sometimes you check-in and wait. And wait. When you check-in we'll probably mark your location on a map and use you in specific needs for your area.

If you have any questions about ARES/RACES then call me or eMail me at mycall@yahoo.com.

73, Bill Carter, W7WEC

General Meeting Minutes APRIL 12, 2014

1902 Meeting called to order by President Mike Rice, who lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were introductions all around.

1910 Paula, K7PAX presented Staying Safe in the wild world of the Internet and Social Engineering. There were plenty of hints and kinks to help us all.

1940 Break

2001 Meeting called back to order.
General minutes for March were approved.
All Officers reported. Nothing new.

2017 A verbal run-down of the Board meeting was given by Dennis, AD7TV

2019 Doug WA4KGY led a discussion on recent visits to the repeater site where everything was checked and some alignments were change. It is hoped these alignments help the folks out west.

2026 Moved and seconded to close the meeting.

Respectfully
Chuck Jones N7BV
CCARC Secretary

W7RJW "Net" Working

Some local nets to listen in on/participate in. This is one good way to learn how we communicate on the airwaves as amateur (ham) radio operators. I spent a year just listening to a couple of these nets and how experienced operators talk to each other, before I even tried for my Technician license. It REAL-
LY helped me a lot. I strongly recommend doing this on a regular basis. Enjoy!

Sunday:

LDS (Latter Day Saints) Emergency Net (you don't have to be a member to participate) 6pm on 146.760

Monday:

Elwha Emergency Net 5:30 pm On 146.760
WARA (West Coast Amateur Radio Association)
Club Net (Victoria, BC Canada) at 7pm on 146.840

Tuesday:

ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) Net
7pm on 146.760 (except for the first Tuesday of the month, when ARES meets at the Clallam County Courthouse)

Wednesday:

WARA (West Coast Amateur Radio Association)
Emergency Net 7pm on 146.840 Simplex Net immediately following: on 146.580

Thursday:

CCARC (Clallam County Amateur Radio Club) Net 7pm 146.760

W7RJW Rebecca J. Winters
CCARES Net Control Coordinator

**What's new on Ham Nation?**

<http://twit.tv/hn>

#146: We're All Off to Dayton!

APRS(Automatic Packet Reporting System), mobile beacon to Dayton, MFJ products, and more!

#145: K7AGE's Magic Drawing Board

Aluma Towers, running splits, sound card interfaces for PSK31, and more!

#144: Joe Walsh(WB6ACU) Enters Ham Radio

Joe Walsh(WB6ACU) returns to the show to talk about how he started with Ham radio, Field Day, questions from the chat room and more!

#143: Bob at NAB and DXing with Valerie

Bob's NAB experience, DX Code of Conduct, Arduino ID Timer, and more!

Have a cup of coffee, relax and watch one.

CCARC Committees

Activities Chair: Nita Lyman KE7DRT

Education and Training: Chuck Jones N7BV

Field Day Co-Chairs: Al Fisk KD7TFK, Vacant

Health and Welfare: Becky Winters W7RJW

Membership Chair: Becky Winters W7RJW

Net Coordinator: Mike Rice KF7VZZ

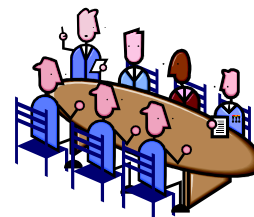
Program Co-Chairs: Janet Parris WA7JEP, Bill Carter W7WEC, Chuck Jones N7BV, Becky Winters W7RJW

Public Relations Chair: Bill McPherson W6JEQ

Publications (Newsletter): Chuck Jones N7BV, Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC, Mike Rice KF7VZZ

Technical Committee: Ernie Griffith W7EWG, Mark Merrikin AE7IP, Doug Welcker, WB4KGY

Web Site Administrator: Rik Scairpon WX7RIK



Clallam County Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting

April 9, 2014

- ◆ Meeting was called to order at 1145. Meeting was held at Smugglers Landing Port Angeles.
- ◆ A quick overview was discussed regarding ARES & CCARC interactions.
- ◆ Updates on the Repeater progress was discussed with thanks to those who helped with the alignments etc.
- ◆ Ernie will explore getting IRLP activated once the new controller is installed.
- ◆ It was decided the new controller should have 5-6 ports to support expansion.
- ◆ Doug WB4KGY and Bob K6MBY are to explore a direct link to Stripped Peak.
- ◆ Clarify with our membership about the PAFD rules.
- ◆ Approved donating \$100 to the PAFD Fund Raiser.
- ◆ Approved \$45 for George's outlays.
- ◆ Discussed rules for the loaner HF amplifier.

Chuck Jones N7BV

CCARC Secretary

FROM OUR TREASURER

As of Mar 30,2014

Bank Saving	8001.89
Bank Checking	2508.13
Outstanding Cheques:	0
Total	10510.02

Thanks,
Ernie Griffith
W7EWG
CC-ARC Treasurer

STRAY

[Robert Wilson](#)

May 12 at 1:17 PM

Have been watching my Geiger counter over here and it is working hard !!!

There is a very big pulse of radio activity due from the sun shortly, but a precursor arrived a bit ahead of schedule on May 11

and caused a short power outages at my place in PA. According to NASA much more of a solar radiation "hit" is expected in the next few days, perhaps more than ever experienced before.

So look for VHF DX and outages of the normal HF bands. It ought to be "interesting" IF IT HAPPENS.

73,

Rob Wilson (physicist who built the first satellites) & AL7KK

MAY'S BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY'S EVERYONE!!

Bill Carter	W7WEC	May 4
John Dundas	W6SU	May 21
Douglas Welcker	WB4KGY	May 24
Don Skidmore	K4HXE	May 31
Karen Jones	N7BV YL	Jun 05
Joanne Dundas	W6SU YL	Jun 06
Birgit Llewellyn	KF7 JQR	Jun 08

COMING EVENTS

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06/14/2014

Port Ludlow ARC Annual TailGate'r

Location: Port Ludlow,

WAType: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor:

Port Ludlow Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.n7pl.org>

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07/10/2010

Pacific Northwest Indoor/Outdoor Ham Radio Tailgate Swapmeet

Location: Chehalis, WA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.cvars.org>

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NEXT YL LUNCHEON
Friday 13 June

Black Bear Diner
1471 E. Washington
Sequim

Find us on the web at
www.olyham.net
Check it out. Lots of
information about ham
radio in Clallam County!

2013 YL Luncheons:

Reservations 11:30 2nd Friday of each month

- June** – Black Bear Diner – 1471 E. Washington - Sequim
- July** - Gordys Pasta and Pizza - 1123 E. First St.- PA
- August** - Mariners - 609 W. Washington - Sequim
- September** – Asian Buffet – PA
- October** – Paradise – 703 No. Sequim Ave – Sequim
- November** - Chestnut Cottage - 929 E. Front - Port Angeles
- December** - Cedars at Dungeness - 1965 Woodcock Rd. - Sequim

Description	Time/Date	Location	Contact
Clallam County ARES/RACES meeting	7 pm, 1st Tue of every month	Clallam County Courthouse EOC, 223 E. 4 th St., PA	Bill Carter 360-681-4375
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club general meeting	7 pm, 2d Wed of every month	Port Angeles Fire Station 5th and Laurel, PA	Chuck Jones N7BV 360-452-4672
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club social breakfast	8 am, 1st Sat of every month	Joshua's Restaurant Hwy. 101 & Del Guzzi Dr.	Chuck Jones N7BV 360-452-4672
Clallam Country Amateur Radio Club YL social lunch	11:45 am 2d Fri of every month	Rotates - announced on Thursday night Net (See QTC Newsletter)	

CC-ARC Welcomes new member/s:

CLUB OFFICERS For 2012

President: Mike Rice KF7VZZ KF7VZZ@Gmail.com

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