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CLALLAM COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO
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Excerpt from ARRL Letter for September 3, 2015
The ARRL Letter profiles some of the damage in the
Lake Chelan area.

Amateur Repeaters Fall Victim to Washington Wildfire

Two Central Washington repeaters, owned and operated by the Lake Chelan Amateur Radio Club, have been destroyed by one of the wildfires raging in that state. The co-located machines, one on 2 meters and one on 6 meters, were sited on Slide Ridge near Manson, Washington, in Chelan County. On August 27, the First Creek Fire completely leveled the building housing the repeaters. Scorched antennas and support structures are still standing but are likely beyond repair. The club's Roger Odorizzi, W7CH, said the repeaters had been offline for several days.

The site of the destroyed 2 and 6 meter repeaters on Slide Ridge, near Manson, Washington.



[Ken Rau, K7YR, photo]

"We knew the fire had wiped out the power going to our site, but we hoped for the best, that our mountaintop building was possibly spared," he said. "Now we have confirmation this was not the outcome." Odorizzi said the area remains

closed, and the club likely will not have access to it "for a long time."

The club's Ken Rau, K7YR, said the loss, in addition to the building, included the two repeaters, duplexers and antennas. The repeaters provided coverage in North Central Washington. Rau told ARRL that it's unlikely that the building housing the repeaters would be replaced. It once housed radio and TV broadcast translators, most no longer in use. Topography is also a factor. "This is a mountain site -- 4900 feet above mean sea level -- with power lines that were installed on a very steep slope."

Odorizzi said the club's foresight in tending the area around its 440 MHz FM repeater, located northeast of the city of Chelan, paid off. Although the fire took out power for 3 days, the 70 centimeter repeater site was saved because club members had taken care to clear brush and weeds from a wide perimeter around the building housing the machine.

"Get out there and do some weed abatement. The repeater you save may be your own!" Odorizzi said in a September 1 message. "The two repeaters we lost were on another mountaintop but were surrounded with a brushy area."

Odorizzi said recent rainfall in his area has helped to dissipate the smoke from the wildfires and dampened the flame-charred ground. Much cooler weather also was making life easier for the firefighters. "Locally, fire is not a threat now," he added.

Posted by: David Smith <kb7psn@yahoo.com>

Greetings to all CCARC members.

The summer season is beginning to wind down. The past few days have given us some well-needed rain. The trees seemingly are turning brown a wee bit early, and the nice warm mornings seem to have been taken off the list.

All this means it is time to consider what outside (antenna) work you will be needing to accomplish and start getting the materials on hand for the project(s).

The club is still in the throes of the review and revision(s) of the club bylaws, and I believe that this week's board meeting, as well as the general meeting on Wednesday will see a portion of the time devoted to status and further comments or revisions.

I will be following the proposed standing agenda just to see how well it will work.

Prepare for fall.
73, George W7TTY

CCARC Meeting Schedule

<u>Description</u>	<u>Time/Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Clallam County ARES/RACES meeting	7 pm, first Tue of every month,	Clallam County Courthouse EOC, 223 E. 4th St., PA,	Bill Carter, W7WEC 360-681-4375
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club general meeting	7 pm, second Wed of every month,	Port Angeles Fire Station, 5th & Laurel Streets,	Chuck Jones, N7BV 360-452-4672
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club Social Breakfast	8 am, first Sat of every month	Joshua's Restaurant Hwy. 101 & Del Guzzi Drive,	Chuck Jones, N7BV 360-452-4672
CCARC Board Meeting	As Announced	As Announced	Dennis Tilton AD7TV
Clallam Country Amateur Radio Club YL Social Lunch	11:30 am 2nd Fri of every month	See Above Schedule	Chuck Jones, N7BV 360-452-4672

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www.olyham.net
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Lots of information about
ham radio in Clallam
County

Have an idea for a club program?
Pass them along to the members of the program committee:
Paula K7PAX, Rob AL7KK, or Chuck Jones.

August 11 2015 Board Meeting

0905: Bill C. W7WEC, Doug WB4KGY; Ernie W7EWG; Mike R. KF7VZZ; Chuck N7BV; Bill Mc W6JEQ; David H. KE7TTT

After a short discussion it was agreed to not discuss the DRAFT. Bylaw review was put off until everyone had reviewed the documents.

Ernie reported it looked like we would make about \$2000 from the Firework Stand.

A discussion on what we could do besides the Firework Stand to make money. Nothing was found that would make as much money as the Firework Stand.

Forks will possibly switch to a large beam to hit the Striped Repeater.

It was discussed as our repeater is less than busy, consideration should be given to link it to another system to allow more use locally.

It was decided to prepare a list of "Elmer's" to be passed out at our class sessions.

Chuck to Email the Mike and Key Clubs list of Elmer's,

Looking into getting ID badges for new members. Sheldon volunteer to give it a try after receiving 'art-work'.

A calendar for the Newsletter and or the Website was discussed with no resolution other than to look into it.

Discussion on whether to cancel the monthly social breakfast, or what can be done to revive it.

1018 Adjourned

CQ-Contest:

The first indicators that Solar Cycle 25 may be similar in amplitude to Cycle 24

Until mid-2014 Solar Cycle 24 was remarkably quiet. Despite the steadily declining solar flux since mid-2014, the Sun's large-scale magnetic field suddenly strengthened late in 2014 reaching its highest value in more than twenty years. Using these and related observations, two Naval Research Laboratory researchers, Wang and Sheehy, predict in their August 2015 article in The Astrophysical Journal that Solar Cycle 25 may reach an amplitude similar to Solar Cycle 24.

Until the unexpectedly sudden and strong increase in the Sun's large-scale magnetic field, some solar scientists feared that Solar Cycle 25 might achieve a much lower amplitude than Cycle 24. Those fears might now be put to rest.

<http://aasnova.org/2015/09/02/witnessing-solar-rejuvenation>

73
Frank W3LPL

Saturday, September 5, classes began for the 2015 Clallam County Amateur Radio Clubs' Technician/General Classes and VE Exam Session. Several people showed for the class, the room was over half full! We could have as many as 15 or more exam-takers.

If you know of someone who is interested in getting their Technician's license, or who could use some help, send them our way. Our club's Technician/General Classes and VE Exam Session will continue on September 12 with review on the morning of September 19th. The Exam session will be at 1300 on September 19th.

2015 YL Luncheons:

Reservations 11:30 2nd Friday of each month
 September
 - Asian Buffett (Rite Aid Plaza) PA
 October
 - Paradise 703 N. Sequim Ave Sequim
 November
 - Chestnut Cottage 929 E. Front PA
 December
 - Cedars at Dungeness
 1965 Woodcock Sequim

CLUB OFFICERS For 2015

President: George Hutchison W7TTY
 Vice President: Dennis Tilton AD7TV
 Secretary: Chuck Jones N7BV
 Treasurer: Ernie Griffith W7EWG
 Board Member: Bill McPherson W6JEQ
 Board Member: Sheldon Koehler N7XEI
 Board Member: Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC

Find a wealth of information and links on the club website:
 OlyHAM.net
 Thanks to the website administrator,
 Rik W7RIK



Birthdays

Lonnie Pollard	KD7ONB	Oct 1
Bill Roberds	KG7ODW	Oct 13
Pamela Metz	KF7JQV YL	Oct 19
Glo Edes	WA6CUE YL	Oct 21
Robert Sampson	W6MBY	Oct 21
Sheldon Koehler	N7XEI	Oct 24
Jerry Holmes	KJ7DH	Oct 27

**Treasurer's Report
 As of Aug 31, 2015**

Bank Saving	3026.36
Bank Checki ng	3848.72
Savi ngs CD	1007.96
Total	7883.04

Thanks,
 Ernie Gri ffi th W7EWG
 CC-ARC Treasurer

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!

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.