

# CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



# **Spurious Emissions from AD7TV**

One of the exciting things about amateur radio is that it has so many facets that continue to multiply. When I was first licensed, back in 1961, my first receiver was a Collins 75A1 that weighed more that fifty pounds. My first transmitter was a Eico 720 with a Knight kit VFO that fed a 137 foot long wire strung between my rented second floor room to a pine tree in Burney California.

I'll never forget the first DX station I worked was JA1FTL in Japan. He was running a home brewed 807 transmitter at about 35 Watts, CW. Over the next few years came marriage and the purchase of our first home. The rigs progressed to a Hallicrafters SX-101 with a Gonset GSB-100 transmitter that was a great CW and SSB rig. These were followed by Heathkits and various other setups. After about eight years, raising a family and work got in the way and I let my ticket lapse. It wasn't until retiring to Port Angeles in 2003, that I got back on the air.

Boy, how things had changed! CW and SSB were still here but now there was PSK 31, computer interfaces, tiny little radios that would put out 100 Watts and covered all ham frequencies from 160 meters to 70 cm.

I built a simple one transistor sound card interface that allowed me to get on PSK. Then Software Defined Radio (SDR) caught my interest and I built a simple little transceiver kit that put out one Watt. I then home brewed a little ten Watt amplifier to boost that up a bit. These were exciting and creative projects and I was constantly learning new things.

The excitement continues as my test bench continues to grow with instruments that, in the past; I could only dream about owning. Now it is available as high quality surplus equipment, inexpensive microprocessor controlled frequency counters, RF Volt meters and Antenna analyzers.

The point I would like to make is that we do not have to settle on just one facet of ham radio. It is fun to expand our knowledge base and learn new and exciting things. Amateur radio has so much to offer in all areas. Social, technical, public service, competition and so many others.

I encourage each of us to look around, read, search the internet and explore for areas that may tweak your interest. Ham radio is fun and I challenge you to expand your horizons.

In closing, I encourage you to attend this Wednesdays meeting. The presentation will be given by a special guest from Bellingham on how not to put up a tower. Till then,

73, Dennis Tilton AD7TV President, CCARC

# **Get Your License Here!**

Next Classes Oct-Nov 29 & 5 & 12

> Next Exam July 25 1300 At Field Day

> Chuck N7BV ARRL VE-L

# **May Program**

"70 Years Of Antenna Disasters."

John W7KCN - Bellingham

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 ccarcqtc@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 ccarcqtc. We do not edit, except to change fonts to a standard non-serf font (Arial which is easer 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: Paula K7PAX, or Chuck N7BV.

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.

Field Day 2016

Yup, it's that time of year again! June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> is the 2016 ARRL Field Day.

Field Day is a great opportunity to try out HF, even if you are only a Technician Class operator. We run under the club call sign, W7FEL, and we have an Extra on site at all times. Please don't be shy, come on out and give it a try.

For those new to Ham Radio or new to the club, Field Day is an annual event put on by the ARRL. It accomplishes 3 things. First, it lets us set up radio gear in an "off grid" environment to let us test an emergency situation. Our club runs primarily on a generator. Last year one club member ran a radio setup on solar. Second, from 11am Saturday to 11am Sunday, it is a contest. We try and get as many contacts around the world as we can. We did pretty good last year for a club of our (small) size.

Lastly it is an important social time! As a club we get to mingle with other members and show off to the public our hobby. There are planned meals, a GOTA (Get on the Air) radio for non hams or inactive hams to try out a radio. Other agencies will be there from 12-5 on Saturday to promote their emergency preparedness capabilities.

This year we will be having a testing session on Saturday as well. No class, but come and take the test to upgrade. Tentative time is 1pm, more details as we get closer to Field Day.

We start setup at 9am on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> at the Clallam County Fairgrounds in the carnival field. We are always looking for help to set up and we do get fed for helping out. We need tent installers, radio hooker uppers, computer installers, cable runners and so on. A lot goes into setting up for Field Day.

If you are interested in being part of the tower crew, contact Dennis, AD7TV, about the up-coming class on how to install our portable 70' tower. This class is required for safety reasons and is quite fun. And watching this go up is cool!

And of course we need radio operators. Operation starts at 11am Saturday and radios run until 11am Sunday. Saturday evening is the busiest time, but late night and Sunday mornings are usually available to operate. And late night usually gets lots of contacts!

We then start load-out at 11am on Sunday to put it all away until next year.

I will be cooking again this year and food sign up sheets will be at the May and June club meetings.

Sheldon Koehler, N7XEI CCARC Chairman and Field day Co-Chair

# Ramblings:

# Here are some ramblings from this months editor:

FIELD DAY (FD) is now less than 2 month away. Bob Sampson, K6MBY and Dennis AC7TV spent the better part of a day checking out our rigs to ensure they still work. Next will be checking out our computers and rig-to-computer interfaces.

- (FD) A class on setting up the mobile crank-up tower for use at FD.
- (FD) A crew to clean the tri-band antenna and ensure it is working.

Here is the first three para's from the ARRL "2016 Information Packet"

"The imagination is one of the greatest tools in anyone's toolbox...... and hear in your mind's eye the sounds of last year's ARRL Field Day.

Field Day is always a different experience - not just from group to group but also from year to year. Set-ups change... Propagation changes... Participants come and go... Equipment from last year may be replaced with the next generation of gear... The tree used to support the 75-meter inverted-vee last year may have come down for firewood or some other purpose. That's one of the beauties of the Amateur Radio – we are always in some way given the opportunity to embrace change.

Adapting to those constant changes is where your imagination really comes into play for Field Day. That state of flux always provides everyone participating with the opportunity to share their knowledge, as well as learn from others. After all, once the last QSO is recorded and the last sweep to clean up the site is complete, it is really about the people – those we worked with during those magical hours and those we contacted during the brief weekend. "

Read the entire pdf at <a href="http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2016/2016FD">http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2016/2016FD</a> packet.pdf
We could use a couple of people to study this guide to ensure we are 1) operating correctly and 2) not missing out on any opportunities to maximize our score. Do not count on us/ them Old Timers to remember everything. Heck, I have to check my drivers license a couple times a month to see who I am!!

Tks. 73, Chuck N7BV

# 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 REALLY 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 0n 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

Check out the new for-

Have a cup of coffee, relax and watch one.



# FOR SALE or TRADE

Drake TR-7 HF Transceiver & R-7 Receiver. This was one of the best pairs made in the 80's. Still places on Sherwood Engineering's Lists see http://www.sherweng.com/table.html

Contact Chuck N7BV and I will put you in touch.

### **FREE**

One inch aluminum tubing It would make a good boom for a home brew 144/220/440 yagi. Available lengths are 86", 110", and 168". Contact 360 928-2580. Doug Welcker (WB4KGY)

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# **CCARC Committees**

Activities Chair: Nita Lyman KE7DRT

**Education and Training: Chuck Jones N7BV** 

Field Day Co-Chairs: Al Fisk KD7TFK, Health and Welfare: Becky Winters W7RJW Membership Chair: Mike Rice KF7VZZ Net Coordinator: Mike Rice KF7VZZ

Program Co-Chairs: Paula K7PAX, Rob AL7KK, Chuck Jones N7BV,

Public Relations Chair: Bill McPherson W6JEQ

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

Technical Committee Coordinator: Doug Welcker, WB4KGY

Web Site Administrator: Sheldon Koehler, N7XEI



# **CCARC General Meeting 2016-04-03**

1920 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions

Minutes from March were accepted as printed in QTC

Presentation by AD7TV, Dennis provided a Spectrum Analyzer for members to demonstrate the spectral purity of their HT's. A power strip was provided by Herm KG7WMZ.

A video of a Dxpedition was played.

Treasurer's report was printed in the March QTC

We welcome all the new hams to our group here in Clallam County.

Our training and testing session produced Eleven new Technicians; seven General; and two Extras.

Congratulation to all!

Thank you to whomever placed this in the PDN.



# TREASURER REPORT As of FEB 29, 2016

Checking Account 4,432.19

Savings Account 3,026.87

CD - Sound Bank 1,013.36

Total

Checking/Savings 8,472.42

Chuck Jones N7BV

CC-ARC Treasurer 2016

# **STRAYS**

Birthday lists has not been found—so using lists from past QTC's

You'll like this YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/embed/I3P15s4zWNQ

We would like to thank Marian McGilvra, YL of Chuck N7HFL for her always taking the time to coordinate the YL luncheon on the second Friday of the month.

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS **HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!!**

Richard Baty KG7FRO Jun 02

Rich Golding N7NCN Jun 05

Karen Jones N7BV YL Jun 05

Joanne Dundas W6SU YL Jun 06

Birgit Llewellyn KF7JQR Jun 08

Merrill Terpstra KA7FAM Jun 08

Jack Wise KC7ZXS Jun 09

Bob Pensworth WA7BOB Jun 14

Chuck McGilvra N7HFL Jun 14

Richard Edes WA6CUE Jun 16

# **COMING EVENTS**

05/14/2016 | SCARC's 25th Annual Electronic

Flea market and Hamfest Location: Stanwood, WA Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Stanwood-Camano Amateur Radio

Website: http://www.scarcwa.org

# **NEXT YL Luncheon**

# May 13 Friday

Downriggers 115 E. Railroad Ave Port Angeles

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

# 2015 YL Luncheons:

Reservations 11:30 2nd Friday of each month

May - Downriggers - 115 E. Railroad Ave. - Port Angeles 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 Buffer - 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                          |
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| Clallam County ARES/RACES meeting                  | 7 pm, 1st Tue of every month   | Clallam County Courthouse EOC, 223 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> St., PA      | Bill Carter<br>360-681-4375      |
| Clallam County Amateur Radio Club general meeting  | 7 pm, 2d Wed of every month    | Port Angeles Fire Station<br>5th and Laurel, PA                    | Chuck Jones N7BV<br>360-452-4672 |
| Clallam County Amateur Radio Club social breakfast | 8 am, 1st Sat of every month   | Bi-Monthly Joshua's Restaurant,<br>PA & Mariner Restaurant, Sequim | Chuck Jones N7BV<br>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:

Welcome to the 15 new technicians, from our spring class.

# **CLUB OFFICERS For 2015**

**President:** Dennis Tilton AD7TV 360-452-1217 ad7tv@wavecable.com **Vice President:** Bill Todd, N7MFB (360) 477-5427 wptodd@wavecable.com

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