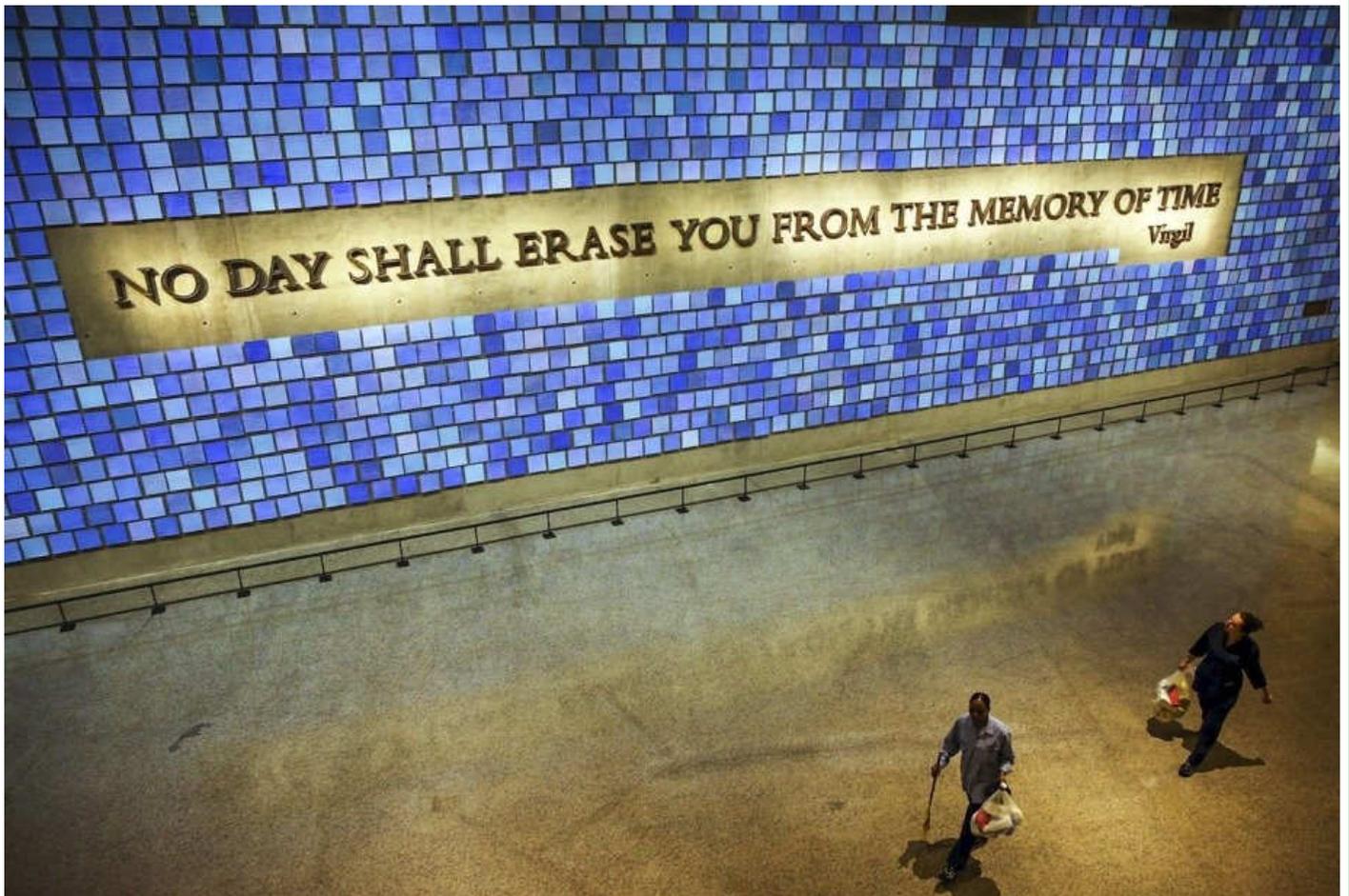




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**Salmon Run - something different submitted by Michael N7WA**

*For a number of years, I have been going out to do **Salmon Run** as a mobile. It's a blast and I enjoy the late Summer/early Fall scenery of Eastern Washington. One of the aspects of the Salmon Run is that there is a bonus station (W7DX). It's worth 500 points for each mode you work it on. The bonus station has travelled among various locations in Washington. This year, it lands, partially, at N7WA. When I first asked about being the bonus station, my first thoughts were for a multi-single or a multi-multi at my place. However, as I thought longer about it, my #1 goal was to have W7DX on all modes all the time and I don't think I could have supported that equipment-wise (or operator-wise). So I have contracted out the effort to different stations and we'll be running in the Unlimited class. (More like "Anything-Goes as long as it's legal" class.)*

*Up in Clallum county, I asked Chuck N7BV to manage the RTTY/Digital contacts. Over in Mason county, I asked Guy N7ZG to be the SSB station. Both these guys are experienced contesters with potent stations. Here, in King county, I will do the CW portion... what else? I have asked Dick W7UDH who helped out on CW Beach, if he could come over and help me. I have all my usual antennas and I put up a couple of NVIS antennas for local contacts.*

*I am going to miss my trip through eastern Washington. However, there is something said for sleeping in one's own bed. Hope we work you. It won't be for a lack of trying.*

*So the newbies are now asking... what's this **Salmon Run** thing? It's a contest where Hams across the country and parts of the world try to work Washington State Hams. They get credit for each county and a major effort is made to work all 39 counties. (Mind you, some of our county's have a Ham population of less than a hundred and are rarely on the air.) Alas, this is a HF thing but if you are a Tech, maybe you could find a partner with a General license or above. The rules for this event can be found at: [www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun-435/](http://www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun-435/) This event runs the same weekend as the Club meeting but runs most of the day Saturday and a good part of Sunday. Plenty of time to play. Oh, if you win, you get more than a certificate. There will be Smoked Salmon coming in the mail.*

**p.s. feel free to drop by N7WA and check us out.**

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**N7BV Comment:**

Bob Metz KF7JQV and Mark E. K7MAE are planning on helping me out on Saturday. I could use a couple of operators on Sunday. (Chuck [n7bv@yahoo.com](mailto:n7bv@yahoo.com)) FYI: N7BV can put two 2kw stations on the air at the same time.

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## **Missing meeting notes Submitted by Mike KF7VZZ**

CCARC General Meeting 2017-07-12

1900 Call to order, pledge of allegiance, introductions

Presentation:

Coast Guard Axiliary by David Larkin

- volunteers needed, please contact David.Larkin@cgauxnet.us

Demonstration of New CCARC Website and database

- with N7XEI and K7WWP

N7XEI reports the Fireworks netted ~2900\$

- also thanks the volunteers for participating in the Fireworks and Field Day events

Thanks to K7MAE for his hard work on self-contained radio boxes for the trailer

KD7TFK gave a cautionary tale, beware of mail and email scams.

2050 meeting adjourned

CCARC General Meeting 2017-08-09

1905 Call to order, pledge of allegiance, introductions

AA0RD - International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend

- 00.01UTC 19 August to 2400UTC 20 August 2017 (48 hours)

- please contact AA0RD@yahoo.com for more information

- 20m, 6, VHF and UHF

WB4KGY - Solar Eclipse viewing glasses are available at the Library

Open Nominations for the 3rd year board position were held

- Bill Peterson K7WWP was nominated

- K7WWP selected by voice vote of members present

K7WWP - Please submit your ideas for club programs!

Presentation - KG7WMZ on SDR (Software Defined Radio)

AD7TV invited members to share projects they've been working on

- Write a paragraph or an article on your project and send it to ccarcqtq@yahoo.com

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**CCARC Board Meeting 2017-09-06****Call to order 1910**

Present were KD7WBM, KG7WMZ, KF7VZZ, N7BV, WA6RQW, N7XEI, K7MAE, AD7TV, W7TTY

1. K7PAX resigned from her post as 2nd year Board Member, suggestions for replacement should include experience in amateur radio and with the club, although this is not a barrier for a qualified entrant. WB4KGY was recommended and will be invited to hold office.
2. Testing of radios and accessories from Field Day, in order to verify their operability and suitability for FD as systems. AD7TV will coordinate testing with a few volunteers.
3. Refurbishment of the club's beam antenna to meet testing as above, the addition of a second yagi to the tower at 40ft was discussed. Also, possible addition of support poles for 40m/80m dipole ends.
4. An equipment manager was recommended for inventory and upkeep. K7MAE will ask a few people..
5. Creation of a club elmer list, for people who really need it. N7XEI and AD7TV will consolidate for consideration.
6. Proposals for a kit-building class. AD7TV will provide a starter list.
7. Budget status and audit. N7XEI provided a treasurer's report and will consider possibilities for regaining the club's 501(c)3 designation.

**2045 Meeting adjourned.**

## Treasurers Report for August 2017

Below is the bank account balances for September 1<sup>st</sup>:

**Bank Account Balances 9/1/2017**

|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| Checking | 6826.94*       |
| Savings  | 3029.39        |
| CD       | <u>1040.76</u> |
| Total    | 10897.09       |

**August income** 14078.33

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Misc income | 50.00 |
| Dues paid   | 40.00 |
| Interest    | 1.85  |

**August expenses** 546.85

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| CCARES            | 500.00 |
| Firework expenses | 46.85  |

\* Check for \$270.00 written in July cleared August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CCARC Standing Committees**

**VE Education and Training:** Chuck Jones N7BV

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**CCARC Special Committees**

**Hamfest Table:** Mark Ellington K7MAE, Doug Welcker WB4KGY, Andrew Rowland KF7QYL

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**From the Editor:**

A thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter.

Paul W6IAM  
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Sorry If I missed someone.

Tks. 73, Chuck N7BV



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**Reservations are made for 11:30 - 2nd Friday of each  
month**

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,<br>223 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> St., PA   | Bruce Reiter KD7WBM<br>360-452-9851 |
| 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    |
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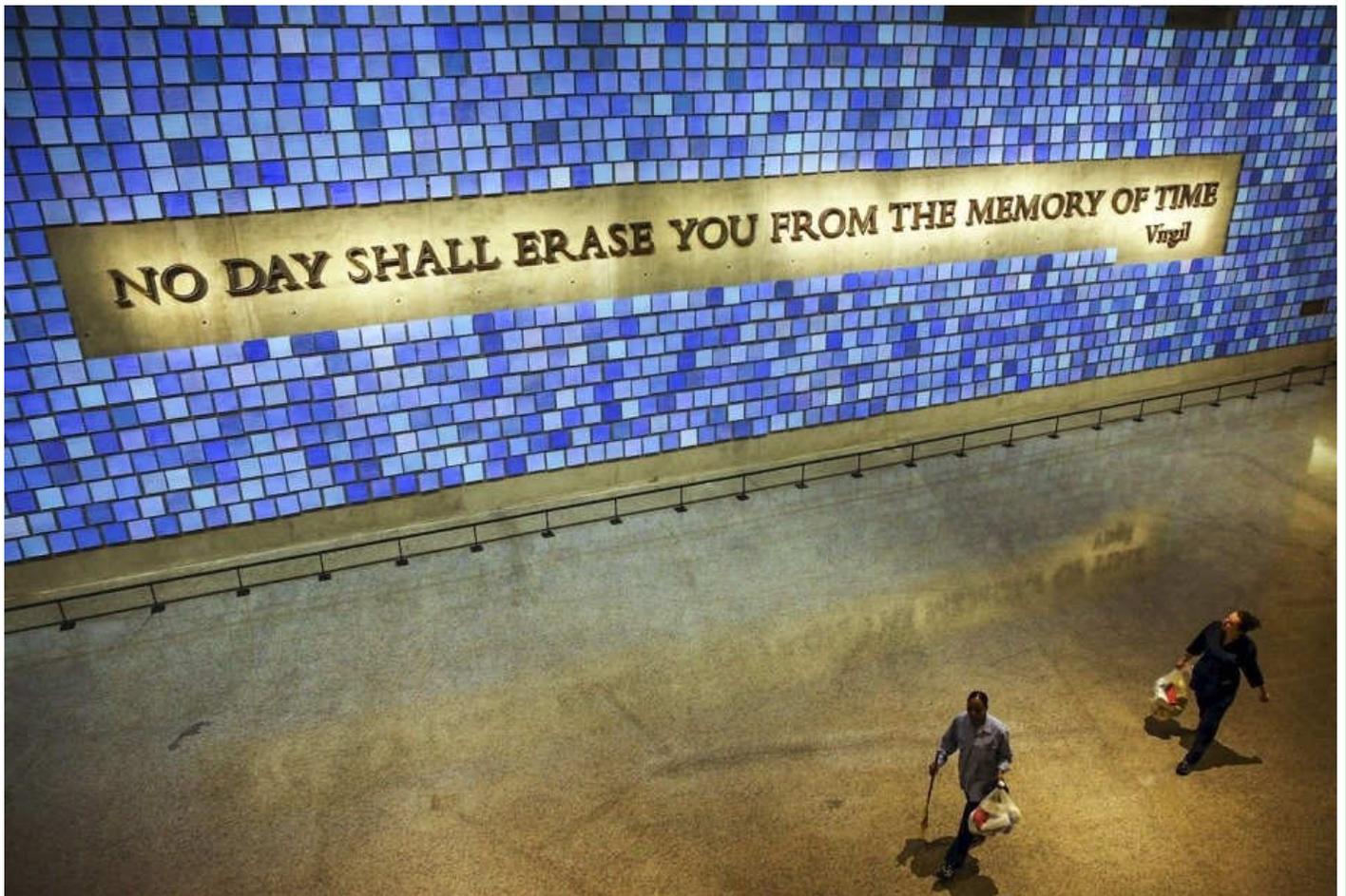
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Salmon Run - something different submitted by Michael N7WA

*For a number of years, I have been going out to do **Salmon Run** as a mobile. It's a blast and I enjoy the late Summer/early Fall scenery of Eastern Washington. One of the aspects of the Salmon Run is that there is a bonus station (W7DX). It's worth 500 points for each mode you work it on. The bonus station has travelled among various locations in Washington. This year, it lands, partially, at N7WA. When I first asked about being the bonus station, my first thoughts were for a multi-single or a multi-multi at my place. However, as I thought longer about it, my #1 goal was to have W7DX on all modes all the time and I don't think I could have supported that equipment-wise (or operator-wise). So I have contracted out the effort to different stations and we'll be running in the Unlimited class. (More like "Anything-Goes as long as it's legal" class.)*

Up in Clallum county, I asked Chuck N7BV to manage the RTTY/Digital contacts. Over in Mason county, I asked Guy N7ZG to be the SSB station. Both these guys are experienced contesters with potent stations. Here, in King county, I will do the CW portion... what else? I have asked Dick W7UDH who helped out on CW Beach, if he could come over and help me. I have all my usual antennas and I put up a couple of NVIS antennas for local contacts.

I am going to miss my trip through eastern Washington. However, there is something said for sleeping in one's own bed. Hope we work you. It won't be for a lack of trying.

*So the newbies are now asking... what's this **Salmon Run** thing? It's a contest where Hams across the country and parts of the world try to work Washington State Hams. They get credit for each county and a major effort is made to work all 39 counties. (Mind you, some of our county's have a Ham population of less than a hundred and are rarely on the air.) Alas, this is a HF thing but if you are a Tech, maybe you could find a partner with a General license or above. The rules for this event can be found at: www.wwdx.org/salmonrun-435/ This event runs the same weekend as the Club meeting but runs most of the day Saturday and a good part of Sunday. Plenty of time to play. Oh, if you win, you get more than a certificate. There will be Smoked Salmon coming in the mail.*

p.s. feel free to drop by N7WA and check us out.

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N7BV Comment:

Bob Metz KF7JQV and Mark E. K7MAE are planning on helping me out on Saturday. I could use a couple of operators on Sunday. (Chuck n7bv@yahoo.com) FYI: N7BV can put two 2kw stations on the air at the same time.

Operation Activity runs from 9:00 AM (1600Z) to midnight (0700Z) Saturday, and from 9:00 AM (1600Z) to 5:00 PM (2400Z) Sunday. Contacts count on SSB, CW, and Digital modes.

Also please feel free to drop by N7BV and check us out. Dog Riley says pls call first!

Missing meeting notes Submitted by Mike KF7VZZ

CCARC General Meeting 2017-07-12

1900 Call to order, pledge of allegiance, introductions

Presentation:

Coast Guard Axiliary by David Larkin

- volunteers needed, please contact David.Larkin@cgauxnet.us

Demonstration of New CCARC Website and database

- with N7XEI and K7WWP

N7XEI reports the Fireworks netted ~2900\$

- also thanks the volunteers for participating in the Fireworks and Field Day events

Thanks to K7MAE for his hard work on self-contained radio boxes for the trailer

KD7TFK gave a cautionary tale, beware of mail and email scams.

2050 meeting adjourned

CCARC General Meeting 2017-08-09

1905 Call to order, pledge of allegiance, introductions

AA0RD - International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend

- 00.01UTC 19 August to 2400UTC 20 August 2017 (48 hours)

- please contact AA0RD@yahoo.com for more information

- 20m, 6, VHF and UHF

WB4KGY - Solar Eclipse viewing glasses are available at the Library

Open Nominations for the 3rd year board position were held

- Bill Peterson K7WWP was nominated

- K7WWP selected by voice vote of members present

K7WWP - Please submit your ideas for club programs!

Presentation - KG7WMZ on SDR (Software Defined Radio)

AD7TV invited members to share projects they've been working on

- Write a paragraph or an article on your project and send it to ccarcqtq@yahoo.com

2050 meeting adjourned

CCARC Board Meeting 2017-09-06**Call to order 1910**

Present were KD7WBM, KG7WMZ, KF7VZZ, N7BV, WA6RQW, N7XEI, K7MAE, AD7TV, W7TTY

1. K7PAX resigned from her post as 2nd year Board Member, suggestions for replacement should include experience in amateur radio and with the club, although this is not a barrier for a qualified entrant. WB4KGY was recommended and will be invited to hold office.
2. Testing of radios and accessories from Field Day, in order to verify their operability and suitability for FD as systems. AD7TV will coordinate testing with a few volunteers.
3. Refurbishment of the club's beam antenna to meet testing as above, the addition of a second yagi to the tower at 40ft was discussed. Also, possible addition of support poles for 40m/80m dipole ends.
4. An equipment manager was recommended for inventory and upkeep. K7MAE will ask a few people..
5. Creation of a club elmer list, for people who really need it. N7XEI and AD7TV will consolidate for consideration.
6. Proposals for a kit-building class. AD7TV will provide a starter list.
7. Budget status and audit. N7XEI provided a treasurer's report and will consider possibilities for regaining the club's 501(c)3 designation.

2045 Meeting adjourned.

Treasurers Report for August 2017

Below is the bank account balances for September 1st:

Bank Account Balances 9/1/2017

Checking	6826.94*
Savings	3029.39
CD	<u>1040.76</u>
Total	10897.09

August income 14078.33

Misc income	50.00
Dues paid	40.00
Interest	1.85

August expenses 546.85

CCARES	500.00
Firework expenses	46.85

* Check for \$270.00 written in July cleared August 2nd.

CCARC Standing Committees

VE Education and Training: Chuck Jones N7BV

Field Day Co-Chairs: Al Fisk KD7TFK, Sheldon Koehler N7XEI, Linda Montelius KG7WMS, Ray Montelius KG7WNB

Health and Welfare: Nita Lyman KE7DRT

Membership Chair: Sheldon Koehler N7XEI

Net Coordinator: Mike Rice KF7VZZ

Program Chair: Bill Peterson K7WWP,

Public Relations: Bruce Reiter KD7WBM

Publications (Newsletter): Chuck Jones N7BV, Herm Halbach KG7WMZ

Technical Committee Coordinator: Doug Welcker, WB4KGY, Bob Sampson K6MBY, Bill Peterson K7WWP, Merrill Terpstra KA7FAM

Web Site Administrators: Sheldon Koehler N7XEI, Mike Rice KF7VZZ Bill Peterson K7WWP



CCARC Special Committees

Hamfest Table: Mark Ellington K7MAE, Doug Welcker WB4KGY, Andrew Rowland KF7QYL

Trailer: Mark Ellington K7MAE, Charlie Brown WA4DFT, Andrew Rowland KF7QYL, Bruce O'Rourke WA7CCC, Glen Muir WA6RQW

Fireworks: Nita Lyman KE7DRT, Ray Montelius KG7WNB, Bruce O'Rourke WA7CCC

From the Editor:

A thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter.

Paul W6IAM
Sheldon N7XEI
Mike KF7VZZ

Sorry If I missed someone.

Tks. 73, Chuck N7BV



**NEXT YL Luncheon
11 October**

**Paradise
703 No. Sequim Ave
Sequim**

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

2017 - CCARC Ladies Luncheon Schedule
**Reservations are made for 11:30 - 2nd Friday of each
month**

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	Bruce Reiter KD7WBM 360-452-9851
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	Bi-Monthly Joshua's Restaurant, PA & Mariner Restaurant, Sequim	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 Members](#)

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Board Member: TBD
Board Member: Bill Peterson (billp@alaska.net)