



# Clallam County Amateur Radio Club

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## President's Corner

This month's Corner echoes last's, but with a subsidiary reason I hadn't myself connected with, that part about little to say. So here's my quandary, with a request from Membership for suggestions:

Someone..., complained ... that there wasn't enough ham radio in ... columns, and I've taken that to my heart.

And now I'm hypersensitive to the criticism, realizing that my "expertise", such as it is, isn't in amateur radio but rather in a boatload of other subjects. Thus I can offer introduction & insight to club members on Impressionist & post-Impressionist painting and on dimensional analysis (all of those already covered), on how the apparent "overdimness" of the most distant Type 1A supernovae (a handful of such, mind you) has overturned cosmology (with companion piece on what Dark Energy is and isn't), on the subtle importance of Being Here Now (definitely a do-what-I-say-NOT-what-I-do opportunity), on the value of Linux & the diversity of its ecosystem, on how literature mostly reflects the milieu of its times (aside from Homer, Dante, Milton, & Shakespeare, the earliest I generally read is from the 1920's)... But I can't tell anyone, myself included, whether our own repeater is "Tone" or "Tone Squelch", let alone how to flip over to simplex when the Thursday evening Net drops duplex for a test; more complex ham radio topics..., might as well be on the moon. And that means I'm at a loss as to what I should fill in.

I've solicited & enthusiastically accepted submissions from others more knowledgeable in the craft (not hard to be such, RIGHT), but there's only so much of that to tap. So..., the CCARC Newsletter can have a, well, *colorful* monthly President's Corner with associated & hopefully educational white-space fillers on topics related, semi-related, & entirely unrelated to amateur radio, or it can have some seriously unconstrained white-space (perhaps I can *color* the white-space, like last month's Ukraine flag colors, but whatever).

And if you've been holding off on submitting your amateur-radio-oriented *Magnum Opus*, or even *Magnum Opus II* (*a la* Iain M Banks' "[Ultimate Ship the Second](#)") – no better intro to The Culture than the BBC's audio play of his novella "[The State of the Art](#)" – see what I mean about boatload?) to the Newsletter Editor, there's never been a better time....

When I took over this year's position of President, I was careful to describe my duties not as everything-here-is-mine but rather more as service-to-others. However, I continued to treat the Newsletter Editor as my own personal playpen, written for others to be sure, but nonetheless as subject to ~royal whim. This indirect criticism has made me re-consider.

So what's it to be fellow members, non-ham education/erudition/entertainment..., or just white-space? Please email me privately with your feedback (if you don't ~vote, you don't influence...); next month I'll summarize feedback, what I've learned, and plan for tailoring future Newsletters to suit.

Glen KJ7KLC



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## Board Meeting Minutes

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1900

Via Video Conference

### Attending:

- Board: President Glen KJ7KLC, VP Joe Wright, KG7JWW, Treasurer Rosemary KI7MZH, Secretary Jeramey KF7PMC, Chairman Sheldon N7XEI.
- Trustees: Bob K6MBY and Thomas N7DWU.
- Absent: None
- Others: Brent Besse VA7BNB, Doug Welcker WB4KGY, Jeff Foro WA7HDY.

1902 Called to Order by COB Sheldon.

Motion to approve Feb 2022 Minutes as posted by Tom, 2nd: Bob; Approved unanimously.

Rosemary presented treasurer report  
{*withheld*} CK Balance; {*withheld*} deposited this month, {*withheld*} outstanding; Savings Account {*withheld*} CD's same as last report. Membership 84 Members + 10 Life; 4 unpaid.

### New Business:

- Bob: Motion to sign up for 2 months Groups.IO Premium at \$20/month; 2nd Tom, Passed Unanimously, Bob Sampson will be the lead.
- Bylaw amendment proposed by Bob Sampson K6MBY, *et. al.* Board Recommendation to present to members as ENDORSED.  
→ See next page for entire text ←
- Web Page: Consider backup plan for QRZ Page, Web Site, succession planning.

### Old Business:

- Discussion of in-person events, haven't heard of PAFD allowing in-person meetings, will look for May possibly.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Sampson K6MBY, 2nd: Rosemary Day, KI7MZH approved unanimously.

Member meeting next Wednesday.

Meeting ended 1930.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeramey Johnson, KF7PMC  
Secretary



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TO: Board and Membership of CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

CLUB-ORIENTED FILLER

In accordance with Club Bylaws, Article XII: Amendments, paragraph 1, the below members, hereby propose that a new clause be added to the Bylaws of the Club, in Article III: Membership, Paragraph 4, Section (C), **new line (ii)** reading:

**“Any willful activity detrimental to Amateur Radio or to the Club.”**

Inserted, into the current Bylaws as noted in the red font below:

4. Membership in this Club may be terminated by:
  - a) Non-payment of Dues
  - b) Written request by the member to terminate their membership.
  - c) Unanimous recommendation by the Executive Board for:
    - i) Violation of the Amateur Code as defined by the American Radio Relay League.
    - ii) **Any willful activity detrimental to Amateur Radio or to the Club.**
  - d) Terminated and expired members will be dropped from the Club roster.

This clause was inadvertently omitted during the last Bylaws re-write, and we find it prudent to retain this language, and by this proposal remedy this omission by returning this language.

Proposed to the Executive Board during the April 6, 2022 Meeting for consideration and recommendation to the Membership, by the following Members who are in good standing.

Bob Sampson K6MBY  
Thomas Clark N7DWU  
Glen Kilpatrick KJ7KLC  
Joe Wright KG7JWW  
Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC  
Sheldon Koehler N7XEI

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From <https://www.radioreference.com/> via Chuck Storeher WA7EBH then Bob Sampson K6MBY we can ponder:

- Sequim 98382, has 447 licensed hams
- Port Angeles 98362, 234 licensed hams
- Port Angeles 98363, 50 licensed hams
- Joyce 98343, 7 licensed hams
- La Push 98350, 3 licensed hams
- Neah Bay 98357, 9 licensed hams
- Sekiu 98381, 4 licensed hams

*That’s a whole lotta local ham considering that our Treasurer Rosemary Day KI7MZH reported (last month’s Membership meeting) “67 People, 1 exempt; 10 life members.” and (last week’s Board meeting) “Membership 84 Members + 10 Life; 4 unpaid.” (me neither, but I’m sure that there’s a good explanation, so will entirely ignore the seeming discrepancy). Taking the most optimistic view, I get 94/754 or just under 12.5% (one in every eight) of the potential membership population enjoying actual affiliation with us.*

*Your faithful servant / 2022 President can only do so much, only think so much (there’s a reason why I was an engineer and not a salesman...). So I suggest that each of us take on the personal task of alerting those licensed hams that we run into in the course of daily life..., that we’re in this really nifty club that they might want to join....*

*And we can discuss possible outreach efforts at the Membership meeting upcoming.*



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## Club Meeting Minutes

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1900 *Via* Video Conference

Attending (16 at 1914):

- Members and Guests: Lee K7KC, Chuck N7BV, Ralph W6EJE, Roger K7RGR, Bill K7WWP, Cliff Keely AA6FE, Brent VA7BNB, Rik WX7RIK, Doug WB4KGY.
- Board: President Glen Kilpatrick KJ7KLC, VP Joe Wright, Treasurer Rosemary Day, Secretary Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC,
- Trustees: Chairman Sheldon N7XEI, Thomas Clark N7DWU, Bob Sampson K6MBY.

1901 Called to Order by President Glenn.

Officer Reports:

- Minutes for February, M: Tom N7DWU 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheldon N7XEI approved unanimous by members present.
- President: Newsletter
- Vice President: New Gunderson repeater arrived at Joe's house. It will go on a quick photo-tour and then coordinate for a lift for antenna and repeater swap-out.
- Treasurer statement - Statement: *{withheld}* Deposits since last meeting; 3 checks *{withheld}*; .41 interest, balance *{withheld}*; savings *{withheld}*; 3cds remain. Membership 67 People, 1 exempt; 10 life members. If you haven't paid your dues please contact Rosemary.

Committee Reports:

- Fireworks: Paperwork submitted last month.

- Field Day: Confirmed Reservation at Fairgrounds.

Old Business:

- Striped Repeater: Bob been in talks with Yaseu and when Gunderson repeater returns will likely ship this unit in for possible diagnosis.

New Business/Announcements:

- QSO Today this weekend (Fri/Sat/Sun) *via* ARRL presentations and classes, see Tom's email to Groups.IO.
- Mike & Key at Puyallup this weekend.
- Program Presentation by Bill K7WWP Wiring for Solar Power

Meeting adjourned 1937, M: Jeramey 2nd: Thomas, unanimously approved.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeramey Johnson, KF7PMC  
Secretary



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## Travels with Rita

Over the years, many have asked me how I got started in ham radio. Maybe some of you are interested too. I was nine years old back in 1952, and I read a book entitled: “The Hardy Boys and the Shortwave Mystery.” Boy was I pumped! I came home and told my Dad that I wanted to be a ham radio operator, and wanted to go into town right away and have him buy the radios and antennas for me. It was a Saturday, and I wanted to be on the air that afternoon. Certainly, I had a lot to learn.

Luckily, Dad knew more about this than I, and though he was happy about my new-found interest, he laid out some of the obstacles in my way through the journey necessary for my ultimate goal. Those obstacles included a theory examination and sending and receiving Morse Code in order to obtain a license to get on the air.

He did buy me a License Manual, but at 9 years old, the theory was a bit above my head. Besides, Morse Code was more than a little challenge for me at that age. He also bought me a Heathkit receiver kit. It was an AR-2, and as I remember, and it cost \$24.95 plus \$5.00 for the cabinet. It took this 9 year old kid four months to complete the build on my new shortwave receiver, and believe it or not, it worked perfectly FIRST TIME. Soon I had a wire draped over the barn, and was listening to all kinds of exciting signals. Boy was I hooked on listening to radio signals.

My continuing journey into the hobby didn't really take off for a few years until I was 13. I'd never given up on the license studies, and in November of 1956 I took my Novice test from another ham in town, and passed. I was issued KN6UVI. Back in those days a Novice license was only good for one year, and couldn't be renewed. You had to progress to Conditional or General if you were to continue as a licensed participant in the hobby.

With a Novice license finally in hand, and with a receiver, such as it was, I needed a transmitter. I built a two-tube transmitter on a picking box I got from inside the barn, and with a home-brew dipole antenna, I was on the air – crystal controlled on 3.735 megacycles (terminology of the time). I finally made my first contact between Modesto California and Stockton – a distance of about 30 miles. I was so excited! I still have the QSL card from that contact, though the ink used to document our contact has long ago faded away. If you hold the card just right up to the light, you can still see the indentation of the ballpoint pen where it wrote our QSO confirmation. What a treasure.

About seven months later, I was ready to progress to General, but had to take the test in front of real FCC examiners over on Battery Street in San Francisco. I'll never forget that day. One of the examiners was a very tall man, he couldn't have weighed

over 100 pounds, and had a nose like a duck's beak. It was very long, his glasses were perched down at the end of his nose, and I've never been more afraid of anyone else in my life. At the time, I was just a skinny little kid fresh off the farm. Anyway, I took the 13 wpm code test and passed without incident, but after taking the theory exam (part of the test included drawing five schematic diagrams from memory), this same examiner came over to my desk and pointed to one of my drawings and said: “What would happen if this resistor (he pointed to one) blew out?” Luckily, I knew the answer, so I was reluctantly allowed to pass. I'm absolutely certain he wanted me to fail. I had to wait almost 6 weeks for the FCC to process my examination application, and at that time became a General Class operator, dropping the “N” from my call sign. Dad now saw that I was serious about all this, and helped finance some more sophisticated equipment for me to use in the future.

Several years later, after having served four years in the Air Force and being trained as an aircraft radio repairman, I sat for my Advanced ticket on Battery Street. Again that same examiner tested me. After an extensive education in electronic theory while in the service, and having grown up a bit during my time there, I had no problem sitting in front of this old codger again. In fact, I mentally dared him to try and intimidate me.

Since that time, I've upgraded to Extra Class and had to take a Morse Code test at 20 wpm, though that requirement has now been dropped. Many years later I applied for and got a vanity call, W5NH, which I now enjoy. The reason for this change was that the “U” and “V” in K6UVI are so close to each other on CW that they often got mixed up when chasing DX in the pileups. The “N” and “H” in W5NH are totally dissimilar.

Because K6UVI was an original issue call sign, and I'd had it for so long, I really didn't want anyone else to ever get it. To make sure, I applied for, and received, a club license with K6UVI as its call sign. The club name still is the “Escalon Amateur Radio Service (EARS), and can be seen on QRZ.com I, as an Extra, was/am trustee, Rita was/is president of the club, and our now dead cat was our only member. Corny I know, but it worked. I still use K6UVI on occasion – in fact, my Echo/IRLP node here in the RV is licensed as K6UVI-L.

Yes it is, and has been, a most enjoyable 65+ years as an active ham. I hope everyone else gets as much joy and happiness from it as me.

Ernie, W5NH



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## Officers and Board Members

- President (& Newsletter Editor) [Glen Kilpatrick KJ7KLC](#) 503-776-0877
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- Secretary [Jeramey Johnston KF7PMC](#)
- Treasurer (& Membership) [Rosemary Day KI7MZH](#) 360-457-6895
- COB [Sheldon Koehler N7XEI](#)
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- 1<sup>st</sup> Year (& Inventory Manager) [Thomas Clark N7DWU](#) 719-238-8576
- Trustee [Clif Keely AA6FE](#)

## Nets, Frequencies, &c

- CCARC Net every Thursday at 7:00 pm on Striped Peak Repeater 146.760 minus with tone 100 Hz
- Clallam ARES Net Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Striped Peak Repeater 146.760 minus with tone 100 Hz
- “Weather Net” daily at 9:00 am on Striped Peak Repeater 146.760 minus with tone 100 Hz
- “The Watering Hole” SSB Net daily at 5:30pm Port Angeles 28.450 (USB)
- Olympic Peninsula DMR Sunday afternoon 4:30 pm Talk Group 31531 on K6MBY DMR or WF7W DMR or KC7EQO DMR or your local hotspot
- WF7W Port Angeles 145.310 minus tone 100 Hz
- KC7EQO Blyn Lookout 442.100 plus tone 100 Hz
- K6MBY/W6MPD 444.900 plus K6MBY (Sequim) tone 131.8 Hz or W6MPD (PA) tone 107.2 Hz

## New Members

- *“Lorem ipsum...”*

## Items for sale

- *“Lorem ipsum...”*

## Items wanted

- *“Lorem ipsum...”*

## Announcements

- N7NCN Richard Golding was formerly active in CCARC & ARES, died February 21<sup>st</sup>. See his obituary at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/peninsuladailynews/name/richard-golding-obituary?id=33465340>.