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President's Corner

God Save the Queen King.... Queen Elizabeth II is gone; she was born in 1926, and reigned from 1952 to her death last Thursday, thus making her “the longest-reigning British monarch and the longest-reigning female monarch in world history.” On her 21st birthday she pledged in a broadcast, “I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.” And she fulfilled her pledge; she did good.

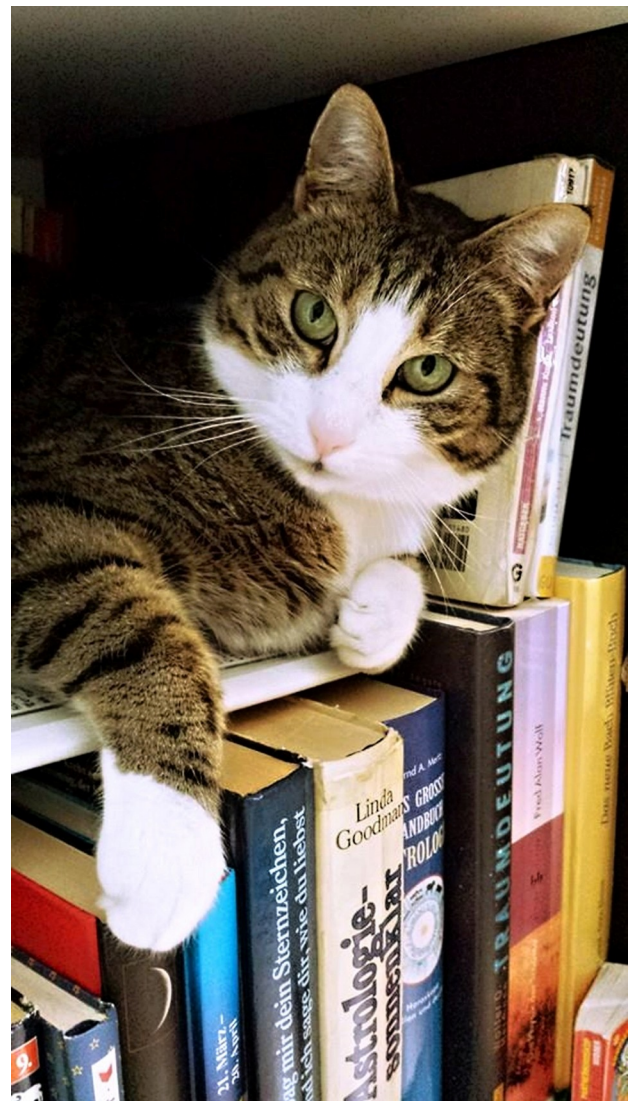
Her passing reminded me of a philosophy course (on audio CD) that I treated myself to years ago (and cannot lay my hands on right now, cannot even remember the author or title). One of the sessions contrasted lives to admire with lives to emulate. I admire John F Kennedy, who nowhere rose to a higher challenge than the Cuban Missile Crisis. I was in High School at the time, and had no clue how close we all came to a civilization-changing event. However, that’s “admire” for JFK, and not emulate. I deplore his personal behavior; he’s hardly the only public figure with feet of clay. If you’re interested, I suggest going where I intend going (next & again), a restart of Plutarch’s Lives (you may read / download at <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/674> if you’re interested). I remember the very first life, Theseus, definitely feet of clay.

Lives to emulate, for me, that’s a good deal harder. I believe that all of my heroes have been ~~cowboys~~ *authors*; the good ones tell us a pack of lies, and make us believe for a time.... But those same good ones also bare their souls, let us into their interior palaces, and teach us by their wisdom & their mistakes (see my “failure” comments in Paula Bond’s column below).

So I read. I squint at black on white (or perhaps sepia if it’s a computer screen), and pretty soon someone I’ve never met, all too frequently someone long dead, is speaking inside my head (books are magic). And I learn from those authors, about them and about me.

And that’s my suggestion. No time in history has had better access to the collective wisdom of the ages. Remember the Great Library of Alexandria? The Wiki says 40K to 400K books scrolls. By contrast the North Olympic Library System has 70K books online right now, the Gutenberg Project claims 60K, and I feel confident that Amazon can beat those estimates.

You have to work at it, but books make you think. So “veg” a little, what’s on TV tonight? Or might there be a better way to spend the time of your life?



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Board Meeting Minutes

{ No Board Meeting This Month }



An [otherwise-unremarkable sample of summer past](#), summer somewhere, and a reminder that the wealth of a nation is not found in the gold in its banks, or the uranium in its arsenals, but rather in the crops in its fields, the food that we all depend upon.



Here's another, [croplands under majestic skies](#).



And of course “wealth” is ultimately generated by its citizens. [These](#) all seem to be going somewhere; I'd prefer to think of that destination as the future.



Now if we only knew [This Undiscovered Country](#) a little better....



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CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Membership Meeting

August 10th, 2022 at 1900
Via Video Conference

Attending (14 total approximately 1935):

Members and Guests: Ralph W6EJE, Lee N7KC, Joe Wright, Roger K7RGR, Al KD7TFK, Glen KJ7KLC, Ed Bowen N7OZZ, Rik WX7RIK, Doug WB4KGY, Carole Woods, Jeff Price

Board: President Glen Kilpatrick KJ7KLC, VP Vacant, Treasurer/Secretary Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC, Chairman Sheldon N7XEI, Directors: Thomas Clark N7DWU, Absent: Bob Sampson K6MBY

At 1909 Called to Order by Secretary/Treasurer Jeramey, President Glenn in attendance but no audio connection.

Officer Reports:

- Approve, Minutes for July, M: Sheldon, 2nd: Tom, approved by members present.
- Secretary/Treasurer: Deposit(s) and interest since last meeting (*withheld*) New Balance reflecting checks outstanding *withheld* (up to today) outstanding Striped Repeater Funding; Includes Savings and 3 CD's: *withheld*.
- COB: Looking for V.P., Possible social event at Sheldon's house TBA.
- On-Site Meeting Location: KSQM (Sequim Radio), PA Fire (if/when

allowed back), Fairview Bible Church (O'Brien Rd/HWY 101)[,?] Matt Lawson, Food Bank, NOLS, Discussion. Hybrid Meeting? Alternate PA/Sequim/Forks?

- Many do not drive after dark (Winter months); Question will be asked on Thursday net: Would you prefer in-person, hybrid or online only meetings?
- Sheldon/Tom: Fireworks (lack of help); need a Fireworks Chairperson and commitment in order to continue, possibly increase dues?

Committee Reports:

- Social Breakfasts: Last meeting no one showed except Bob (Organizer) going forward please RSVP for Breakfasts. Priscilla's Cruise In Cafe
- Technical: 2M (Striped Peak) Repeater replaced with new Repeater from Bridgecom.
- 2M Net Average ~22; Last week was highest 35 check-ins (record was 36).

Old Business:

- Ellis Mountain Repeater: (Bob K6MBY) DNR still in holding pattern for DNR site leases.

New Business/Announcements:

- Guest Jeff Price
- Repeaters:
 - 16-Aug APRS at Striped Peak will be down for antenna work during afternoon.



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- 18-Aug Gunderson Repeater site will have some work so may be down.
- Board of Natural Resources meeting will happen in Clallam County at Striped Peak repeater about 1330 as part of their communication site retreat.

Technical Program Presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 1959, M: Sheldon, 2nd:
Doug

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Respectfully Submitted,
Jeramey Johnson, KF7PMC
Secretary



I'm a big fan of the red-rock majesty of the DesertSW; this is a 2015 [NPS photo by Kait Thomas](#) (confusingly described both as NPS-employee Public Domain and [CCA-2.0](#)). The four tan vertical structures in the upper-left corner are the blade-like "Chocolate Drops", an exotic feature of the Maze District of Canyonlands NP. Visiting anywhere in the

Maze is challenging; one needs a high-axle 4WD, lotsa supplies (water, spare tire, gas, perhaps a sat-phone, more water, &c), and some experience rock-crawling too.

What brought the Maze up was me thinking of *good* water as a precious resource, as a wealth of our nation, and something that the Desert SW doesn't have much of. So here's a reminder of what we love about the PacNW.



[Mount Shuksan](#) (CC0 Public Domain)



Somewhere in the [North Cascades](#) (CC0 Public Domain)



K7PAB Paula Bond's Biographies

Getting to know you... Glen Kilpatrick KJ7KLC

Glen is the current president of the CCARC

The story begins in Battle Creek Michigan: the proud home of Kellogg Corn Flakes and the birthplace of Glen Kilpatrick!

But Glen wasn't there for long. As a lad of two, Glen and his family said goodbye to Michigan and moved to Hubbard, Oregon, a small rural town nestled in the Willamette Valley. His father worked in Portland, so by the time Glen was in third grade the family moved to a suburb of Portland to shorten his father's commute. By seventh grade the family moved again, back to a small town in Michigan and then full circle back to Battle Creek.

After high school Glen attended Michigan State University graduating in 1970 with a degree in zoology. He was then drafted into the Army and spent his service time in West Germany. After discharge from the Army, Glen's first of many interesting jobs found him doing a blood bank stint in Hartford, Connecticut.

Two years later he decided to go back to Michigan State University pursuing bio-medical engineering, system science, and mechanical engineering – with a side interest in crisis intervention counseling.

After finishing at MSU, he was off to Virginia as a Fortran IV programmer writing code analyzing nuclear plant earthquake responses.

In 1980 Glen moved to Seattle and worked as a programmer for Boeing. He said the best thing about this job was meeting Jan, his future wife. The couple moved to California in the early 1990s so Jan could continue her studies.

Around 1996 Glen landed a contracting job with Hewlett Packard, then becoming a permanent employee and climbing the ladder to a group lead, which he did for many years. After 4-5 years in the “office” he was able to work from home. Glen worked for HP until 2017 and enjoyed the team atmosphere the company provided.

Around 2002 Glen and Jan moved back to Washington state, staying for several years in Anacortes and then settling in Port Angeles.

Glen studied the AARL licensing books and took his amateur license tests at the PA fire station. He received his radio license(s) in November, 2019 – a technician and general on the same day. He joined the CCARC in 2019. Glen is currently using a dual band FM VHF/UHF radio and his favorite antenna is a J pole he made in a class.

Outside of radio, Glen enjoys reading an eclectic selection of books and listening to many types of music.

And here is Glen's thought for the day...or for life:

People tend to measure their lives by success, a "s/he who dies with the most toys wins" approach. But success merely confirms; it doesn't teach. It's FAILURE that instructs, that tells us to rethink then retry; you don't grow through success, but through failure understood, failure cherished, failure reinterpreted as opportunity. Or perhaps you don't grow....

Sometimes the instruction is even the subtle "mu", which roughly means "unask the question", wrong way / wrong question, don't go down this road. Such a major course correction..., is beyond priceless.

That's all for now. Paula, K7PAB



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Officers and Board Members

- President (& Newsletter Editor) [Glen Kilpatrick KJ7KLC](#) 503-776-0877
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- Secretary & Treasurer [Jeramey Johnston KF7PMC](#)
- Membership & Net Coordinator [Lee Bond N7KC](#) 206-729-0416
- COB [Sheldon Koehler N7XEI](#) 360-670-4799
- 2nd Year [Bob Sampson K6MBY](#) 360-582-9116 (h) 360-477-0776 (c)
- 1st Year (& Inventory Manager) Thomas Clark N7DWU 719-238-8576
- Trustee [Clif Keely AA6FE](#)

Items wanted

- "Lorem ipsum..."

Announcements

- "Lorem ipsum..."

Other

- For the Thursday evening Net (Saturday August 11th), N7KC's question was "do you prefer in person club meetings or Zoom or a hybrid of both?" -- here's the recorded results:

IN	3
Zoom	2
Hybrid	15

Nets, Frequencies, &c

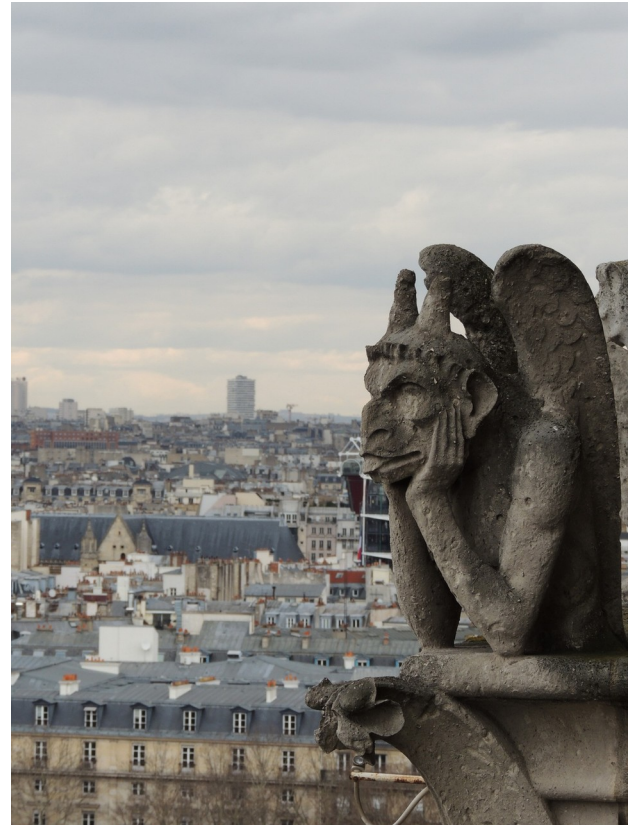
- CCARC Net every Thursday at 7:00 pm on Striped Peak Repeater 146.760 minus with tone 100 Hz
- Clallam ARES Net Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Striped Peak Repeater 146.760 minus with tone 100 Hz
- "The Watering Hole" SSB Net daily at 5:30pm Port Angeles 28.450 (USB)
- Olympic Peninsula DMR Sunday afternoon 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..."



{ 2017 (prior to the fire) [Notre Dame gargoyle](#) for meeting inspiration }