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- 2 Meter net every Thursday at 7:30 P.M.
- CCARC meeting - 3rd Thursday at 7:30 P.M.
- Breakfast meeting - 1st Saturday at 9:30 A.M.

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Things are getting off to a running start with the new board making plans for a big increase in club activities. We are enclosing a questionnaire asking for your opinion and preferences for additional activities. Please be sure to fill out the form and mail it back to Eric Ericson WB7RIF at 33 Heather Circle, Port Angeles. And by the way this would also be a convenient time to mail your 1982 dues if you have not already done so.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY DINNER By now you should have received your invitation to the silver anniversary dinner of the Clallam County Amateur Radio Club (that's us). We're looking forward to a big turnout so get your reservations in now, it's still not too late. As a reminder- the festivities start at 6:30 on Feb. 18th at Harrington's in P.A. Give Rich Granum, Bill Gallaher or Bob Schoettler a call and they'll get you a good seat.

REPEATER OPERATION It is very gratifying to hear the increased usage of our repeater. Perhaps the increase is due in part to the good reception the Thursday night net is getting. One of the recent nets with RHY in control went over two hours with 21 members checking in. We got some comments from neighbors and friends who are not amateur radio operators but listen in on their scanners. Makes me proud that we watch our manners and behave like gentlemen. One of them asked about the rules and regulations about putting unlicensed operators on the air. I told

him it was perfectly legal - all we had to do is state that we were initiating third party traffic, remain in physical control of the station and record the fact in our log book. I wonder if we all do that ! And by the way it wouldn't hurt to remind ourselves of a few rules and courtesies of repeater operation.

- If you hear a person identify and say "monitoring", answer him if you can. That's a proper CQ for 2meter operation. He may need help.
- Long QSOs are O.K. our repeater isn't really that busy most of the time, but courtesy says take a two or three second pause to allow someone to break in-could be an emergency and that's one of the repeater functions.
- Don't break into a QSO unless you have reason to do so and then do it by giving your callsign between transmissions and wait to be recognised.
- And the most common sin - Don't key to repeater without identifying. If you must key it to find out if you can, or to set your volume control or whatever, remember if you don't identify it's not only discourteous it's illegal.
- And last of all, if your XYL or anyone else wants to use the set, tell them to get licensed, that's what we all had to do. NO EXCEPTIONS without possible reprimand and possible loss of YOUR license.

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FOR SALE

Doug Parrish is having a going out of the ham business sale and offers DRAKE TFXC transmitter an R4C receiver plus power supply 444 mike Drake MN2000 antenna tuner and more. Anyone interested give Doug WA7YTM a call at 683-3014

And Bill Hiller N7DM has an \$1850 package for sale consisting of SB102 with pwr. supply and speaker, SB220 Linear, HM 102 pwr. meter, Heathkit mike, Vibroplex bug, a four element 20 meter antenna with HAM 2 rotator and a fifty foot tower with guys etc. All or nothing. Anyone interested call Bill.

SMILE

Overheard a newcomer on the air who is trying to get phone service, PUD connections, coat hooks, toilet paper holders and a myriad of other things to set up his new home, comment that doing business on the peninsula was like elephants mating - it's done in high places with a lot of bellowing and roaring and it takes two years for results.

Why do they tell me I'm over the hill when I can't ever remember being on top ?

And finally - I'm told that middle age is when you have two decisions to make and you pick the one that will get you home by nine O'clock.

In the smile section we will acknowledge that Chan was officially made honorary Lord Mayor of Jamestown.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Thanks to George Guill (he NEVER lets me down) here is, to the best of our knowledge, a list of recent new members. Chris Warner KA7HKQ, Paul Edwards AGØY, Erin Thomas W6RMW, Lee Kariger WA6VYQ, Bud Fischer W7ICR he's in Anacortes, Tom Erdmann W7DND, and Kerry Webster WB7AKE (he's the news editor of the Port Angeles Daily News. And by the way Kerry all the misspellings and errors are deliberate. I am trying to find out if anyone reads this. Keep a real low profile buster - we're looking for a new Boondocker editor.)

Our congratulations to all new members for selecting this area and our most sincere welcome. Please join the Thursday met and let us get acquainted.

WINTER MUSING

Today I decided to write the Boondocker after only a gentle push from my boss Rich. I got out a piece of paper and wrote BOONDOCKER. Then I sat and looked at it and thought how great it would be if I had whatever you call the machine that writes large letters so I could come up with a standard front page and not subject the membership to my freehand scratchings. This took about an hour or so. I decided I had better get going or I would never get this out before we left. Marge and I are taking a vacation ( From What?) So first things first. I went out to feed the Chickens. Sure enough that weak spot in the fence that needed fixing was now letting 16 hens and a rooster loose all over the pasture. All they think about is their stomach so it really wasn't much effort to get them back. I fixed the fence right after I broke the ice off the cattle water trough and gave Sallygoat the pound of grain and the love in' she has come to demand. All this took me to about 10 or so, so I came in for coffee and set the fire because it didn't look like it was going to warm up much. Then I went back and looked at BOONDOCKER again for about an hour. I suddenly realized that I like writing this rag. I know it isn't very good but it's fun. And as I kidded Chan, called George for help and welcomed the new guys, I began thinking about the new friends we've met, the beautiful area we can now call home and how pleasant the warm fire is. I think I'll stick around and count my blessings and thank the Lord I'm not ANYWHERE else but right here.

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