

CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

QTC
JUNE 13

Seventh District QSO Party

Michael Dinkelman, N7WA, forward by Chuck Jones, N7BV

This is what Mike, N7WA wrote about our mobile trip for the 7QP. I had never done anything like this, so it was an experience for me. Mike has an even bigger aversion to SSB than I do! My take away was skip SSB and never VOLUNTEER to do it!! Chuck N7BV

I've had a lot of fun 'mobiling' through Eastern Washington the past couple of Salmon Runs. This year, I decided to add the 7QP to the mix - it's become a popular test thanks to the hard work of the Central Oregon DX Club. The 7QP endeavors to put every county in the 7th FCC District

on. They haven't succeeded yet there are a lot of empty counties out there), but they come pretty close thanks to mobiles, rovers, and expeditions. This trip, Chuck N7BV came along to share the driving duties and to operate SSB while I handled the CW side. It was dicey even getting Chuck on the road when his hot water heater broke down a couple days before the test. He made it but I still think Murphy must have followed him over from Port Angeles. We headed east for Yakima about 4:30PM on Friday after I got home from work.

As we came upon the Tiger Mountain Pass, about 15 minutes from home, I realized I had left my vest with wallet and cell phone back at home. We gotta go back.... sigh! A half hour later we were back at the pass with my wallet in hand and only 45 minutes behind schedule. The rest of the trip to Yakima was pretty uneventful with a great dinner in small bar in downtown Cle Elum. We made it to my step-sons place in Yakima as the sunset, and after a few minutes of visiting it was time to crash. 7QP starts early in Washington (6AM / 1300UTC) and ends at midnight local time.

We actually made it on the road on time and the first contact went in the log at 1302 UTC. We started out

on 40M and activity was decent as we worked the west coast. Checking 20M, it was open and there was activity into the mid-west and even some JA activity. We headed for Klickitat County and got stopped for some road work. It wasn't a bad delay (I figure 15 minutes) but enough to be irritating. I know Murphy was riding in the back of the pickup. At Satus pass in Klickitat, after 50 CW Q's in the log, it was time to try SSB. I guess I can't really blame lackluster SSB results on Murphy. It's tough enough to be heard as a mobile. Doing it on phone is a real challenge. Non-the-less, Chuck kept up the effort

Welcome to June!

This month we've got Field Day to attend, and many of you are thinking "what can I do to have fun on Field Day?" Well, let me tell you...

Setup tents, tables, radios, antennas, operation, eating, meeting people, signal reports, tripping over cables, ducking the rain (I hope it's dry), bragging about your rig, swapping stories, swapping gear, making contacts, basking in the quiet hash of the generator, grayline contacts, eating, don't spill your coffee, don't trip over the guy wires, staying up past your bedtime, repeat your call, sleeping on your paddles, excuse me, E-layer gone, making contacts, ducking, listening, trying to nap, eating, cleanup, take down, pack it in, get some sleep...

Until the next weekend when we have the Fireworks Stand!

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as I drove us back to Yakima County and through to Benton where we switched back. And that's essentially how it went. One of us would work phone and one would work CW. Murphy was doing his thing too - the battery level indicator on the computer was dropping despite the 12VDC charger that was plugged in and a glowing LED that indicated it was supposedly operational. Somewhere in Walla Walla County, the computer was finished and we got to practice our handwriting skills. Me, I also had the pleasure of sending CQ manually innumerable times over the next 12 hours. (We had a Winkeyer but those things are a pain to Program manually, especially bombing down the road.) We wound our way through SE Washington, then back up towards I-90 where we had dinner and had to make a decision. Either head back west on I-90 (and a decent bed time) or keep heading north to US2 before turning west. We choose the latter. I'll admit, I forgot how dark it gets out in rural Eastern Washington. Plus the towns close down - even the gas stations. It was like driving down a lonely dark tunnel for most of the way to Wenatchee. It would have been nice to stop and check out the stars in the clear sky but fatigue was setting in and you just want to get it over with. Our last county was Chelan as we reached Wenatchee. Even though there was another hour left to the test, I just said "forget it". All I cared about was getting home. I think there were plenty of other guys giving out Chelan and Kittitas throughout the day so our lack of participation was no big loss.

Major takeaways:

- 1) No more SSB. Just isn't worth the effort and extra complexity in the mobile setup. We could have done more time on 15/40/80 CW with the time instead.
- 2) Make sure you have the CORRECT computer power supply BEFORE getting on the road.
- 3) Reduce the complexity of the cabling. I thought I had done that after the last Salmon Run but it still needs work. Getting rid of SSB will help. In the end, we worked 385 Q's into about 46 states/provinces/countries. Many of those we worked multiple times at each county crossing. About 90 of those Q's were SSB which was a testament to Chuck's perseverance. (I would've tossed that mic.) We worked into Japan and Europe and all over the US. It was a nice weekend to be travelling the back roads of Eastern Washington but 900 miles in 20 hours (we got home at about 1:30AM) is a long haul.

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Chuck N7BV
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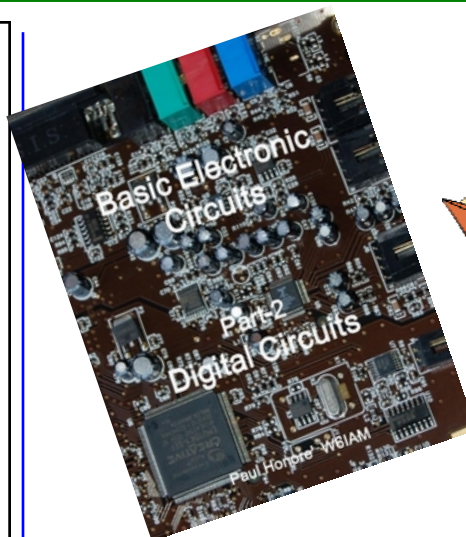
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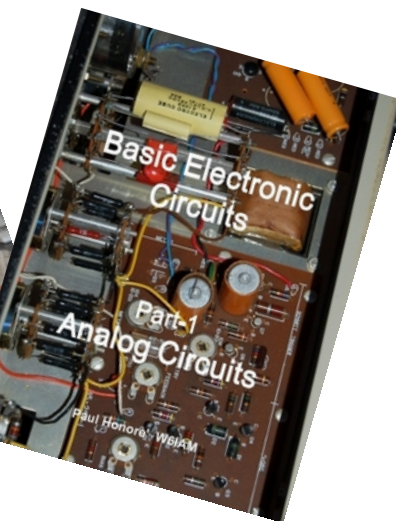
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By CCARC member, Paul Honore' W6IAM These books are a non-threatening Introduction to the technical



CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 8, 2013

1900 - Meeting was called to order by President Mike Rice , KF7VZZ.

Membership were reminded of the:

PAFD's fundraiser Pancake Breakfast 06/01

Swiftsure Boat Race May 25-26 – use of Repeater

Olympic Marathon race June 1 – use of Repeater

Minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was approved

Jeramey, KF7PMC COB reported to the membership present regarding the question of free club membership. This was covered in the Bylaws and if someone could not afford \$20.00 a year for membership they could apply for special consideration.

Becky, W7RJW presented "An Introduction to Facebook"

After the coffee break Mike called for committee reports.

There was a short review of how food would be handled at Field Day.

Plans were discussed to go to the TNT Fireworks University .

2040 – The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Jones, N7BV

CCARC Secretary



We fondly remember our friend

Tom Newcomb
KE7XX

Who spent countless hours at Club events, VE sessions and helping new members or those interested.

Contest University

Programs available online

Icom has posted the classes from 2013 Contest University at Dayton Hamvention. These are available on YouTube, follow this link for the listing:



<http://tinyurl.com/2013ContestU>

Submitted by Chuck Jones, N7BV

Feedback, Comments or Article submissions are appreciated to

CCARCQTC@Yahoo.com

**Thank you for your
Contributions, Ed**



Find a wealth of
information and
links on the club
website:
OlyHam.net

Thanks to Website Administrator Rik, W7RIK!

CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB REPORTS

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FROM OUR TREASURER:

As of May 31, 2012:

First Federal Savings & Loan of Port Angeles Balance:	\$ 8,863.86
Outstanding Checks:	\$100.00
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 8,863.86

Thanks,

Ernie Griffith
W7EWG
CCARC Treasurer

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COMING EVENTS



CCARC Field Day
June 22 & 23
County Fairground
Port Angeles
OlyHam.net

CLUB OFFICERS For 2013

President: [Mike Rice, KF7VZZ](#)

Vice President: [Becky Winters, W7RJW](#)

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Board Member: [Bill McPhearson, W6JEQ](#)

YL LUNCHEON
June 14
Mariner Cafe
Sequim
Time: 11:30 a.m.

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

2013 YL Luncheons:

Reservations 11:30 2nd Friday of each month

June - Mariner - 707 E. Washington - Sequim
 July - Gordy's Pizza & Pasta - Port Angeles
 August - Tarcisios - 609 W. Washington - Sequim
 September - Sergios - 205 E. 8th - Port Angeles
 October - Fortune Star -145 E. Washington - Sequim
 November - Chestnut Cottage - 929 E. Front - Port Angeles
 December - Cedars at Dungeness 1965 Woodcock. - Sequim

Description	Time/Date	Location	Contact
Clallam County ARES/RACES meeting	7 pm, first Tue of every month	Clallam County Courthouse EOC, 223 E. 4 th St., PA	Al Dawson, W7YLV 360-457-0752
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club general meeting	7 pm, second Wed of every month	Port Angeles Fire Station 5 th & Laurel Streets	Chuck Jones, N7BV 360-452-4672
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club social breakfast	8 am, first Sat of every month	Joshua's Restaurant Hwy. 101 & Del Guzzi Drive	Chuck Jones, N7BV 360-452-4672
CCARC Board Meeting	TBA	Smugglers Landing 115 E. Railroad Ave	Chuck Jones, N7BV 360-452-4672
Clallam Country Amateur Radio Club YL social lunch	11:30 am 2nd Fri of every month	See Above Schedule	Chuck Jones, N7BV 360-452-4672

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bob Pensworth	WA7BOB	Chuck McGilvra	N7HFL
Richard Edes	WA6CUE	Chuck Jones	N7BV
Bill McPherson	W6JEQ	Jack Hubley	K7JBH
Frank Doherty	KJ7SK	Gerald Sampont	WA7BUY
George Llewellyn	KF7JQS	Nita Lyman	KE7DRT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!