

# CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



Summer has finally arrived, and it's hot out! Some of the bands are alive, and just in time.

We had a terrific Field Day, and I even made a couple of contacts myself. Of course, it's a contest... Jim AF5HE made quite an impression with his nice Yeasu (sorry Icom folks) in the GOTA tent on the 40m dipole.

I'd like to thank Sheldon N7XEI for the fabulous food organization (again), Chuck N7BV and Ernie W7EWG for superb organization, and George W7TTY for directing the raising and upkeep of the tower. I'll be attempting that role as we look to the future. Also AI KD7TFK and Nita KE7DRT, for braving the storm as tires on the trailer nearly fell apart on the road. Les Schwab sure takes care of its customers.

The Fireworks were terrifically loud in Port Angeles this Fourth of July and I'm certain I could hear the TNT brand popping off here and there. Thanks to all who tired themselves staffing the tent. It's a tough job, especially following on the heels of a busy Field Day.

2014 will prove a challenge, as the scheduling for Field Day and the Fireworks Tent fall cover the same weekend. Let me know your thoughts and opinions.

I know I missed some folks but I'm learning!

73

Mike KF7VZZ

# **Get Your License Here!**

Our fall classes schedule is:

September 7
September 14
September 21 & Test at 1300L

Chuck N7BV ARRL VE-L

# July's Program

**Review Field Day** 

**Review TNT Tent** 

We need articles for the QTC newsletter. This is your newsletter.

Tell us how you became interested in Ham Radio. What did you do over the summer (just like school) huh!

Did you put up a new antenna, buy a new radio? Tell us about it.

Did you try a new mode again tell us about it.

The more you submit the less blank space we will have!

Thanks, the staff!

### **CCARC QTC Newsletter**

### Just a little background on the QTC.

We use ccarcqtc@yahoo.com as a repository for information for the newsletter. So if you have something for the QTC, please send it to the yahoo address. Do not sent it to one of the editors as they will just have to turn around and resend it to the yahoo address.

Please make sure the article or information is complete. As we rotate editing the newsletter you cannot be sure which editor will be piecing the newsletter together.

Please remove as much formatting from within whatever program you are using if you know how, before sending it to ccarcqtc. We do not edit, except to change fonts to a standard non-serf font (Arial which is easer to read than Times Roman). We will run a spell checker.

When first conceived the editors were given free license, it still is that way. It was understood they would endeavor to include everything submitted, within reason. For instance, off color jokes etc are not going to be printed. Thanks,

Have an idea for a club program?

Pass them along to the members of the program committee: Bill Carter, Janet Parris, or Chuck Jones.

Thanks.

### 2 METER NETS

### CCARC:

Every Thursday 7:00 pm on the W7FEL Repeater.

#### ARES/RACES:

Every Tuesday except 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm on W7FEL Repeater.

W7FEL Repeater: 146.76 MHz., offset down 600 KHz. with a tone of 100 Hz.

### W7RJW "Net" Working

Some local nets to listen in on/participate in. This is one good way to learn how we communicate on the airwaves as amateur (ham) radio operators. I spent a year just listening to a couple of these nets and how experienced operators talk to each other, before I even tried for my Technician license. It REALLY helped me a lot. I strongly recommend doing this on a regular basis. Enjoy!

Sunday:

LDS (Latter Day Saints) Emergency Net (you don't have to be a member to participate) 6pm on 146.760

Monday:

Elwha Emergency Net 5:30 pm 0n 146.760

WARA (West Coast Amateur Radio Association) Club Net (Victoria, BC Canada) at 7pm on 146.840

Tuesday:

ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) Net 7pm on 146.760 (except for the first Tuesday of the month, when ARES meets at the Clallam County Courthouse)

Wednesday:

WARA (West Coast Amateur Radio Association) Emergency Net 7pm on 146.840 Simplex Net immediately following: on 146.580

Thursday:

CCARC (Clallam County Amateur Radio Club) Net 7pm 146.760

W7RJW Rebecca J. Winters



# **FOR SALE or TRADE**

Wanted Net Cooridator —see Becky

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Your Ad Could Have Gone Here

### Available from

www.lulu.com/spotlight/ HonoreW6IAM

Now available on line from Lulu press:

Basic Electronic Circuits Part-4, Understanding test equipment

by Paul Honore' W6IAM

CCARC club member

My books are a non-threatening Introduction to the technical aspects of Ham radio





# What's new on Ham Nation?

http://twit.tv/hn

June 27th, 2013

Episode #104: Field Day Was a Great Suc-

cess

Field Day from our viewers, Wes Schum greets HamNation, Boy Scouts retire a flag, and more!

June 20th, 2013

Episode #103: Fire Season

Fire in Colorado, how to shoot videos, Greenville kids at Ham station, Field Day

with Gordo, and more!

June 13th, 2013

Episode #102: Dale Tells Us Where to Send

**Our Videos** 

Amanda's photos of the Colorado fire, find out where to send photos and videos, Nick and George talk to us about Field Day, and more.

Have a cup of coffee, relax and watch one.

### **CCARC Committees**

Activities Chair: Vacant

**Education and Training**: Chuck Jones N7BV **Field Day Co-Chairs**: Al Fisk KD7TFK, Vacant

Health and Welfare: Vacant

**Membership Chair**: Becky Winters W7RJW **Net Coordinator**: Becky Winters W7RJW

Program Co-Chairs: Janet Parris WA7JEP, Bill Carter W7WEC, Chuck Jones N7BV

**Public Relations Chair**: Vacant

Publications (Newsletter): Chuck Jones N7BV, Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC

Technical Committee: Ernie Griffith W7EWG, Mark Merrikin AE7IP, Doug Welcker, WB4KGY

Web Site Administrator: Rik Scairpon WX7RIK



Before our meeting on 12 June a few of us were talking about this topic. SO READ BELOW!!!

(NOTE: AN EXPANDED VERSION OF THIS ARTICLE APPEARS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL THURSDAY, 13 JUNE.)

THE U.S. NAVY WILL NO LONGER COMMUNICATE EXCLUSIVELY IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ORDERS HAVE BEEN IN ALL CAPS SINCE 19TH CENTURY.

YOUNG SAILORS ACCUSTOMED TO TEXTING SEE ALL-CAPS ORDERS AS A FORM OF SHOUTING!

NAVY WANTS ITS ORDERS AND OFFICIAL MESSAGES TO BE MORE READABLE AND LESS RUDE.

"WHILE THIS DECISION WAS MADE TO SAVE MONEY AND GAIN EFFICIENCIES, IF AN ANCILLARY BENEFIT IS THAT SAILORS READING MESSAGE TRAFFIC NO LONGER FEEL THEY'RE BEING SCREAMED AT...THAT'S A GOOD THING TOO," SAID A NAVY OFFICIAL.

OLD BULLS STILL PREFER SHOUTING ORDERS AND SENDING MESSAGES IN ALL CAPS. BUT THE NAVY OFFICIAL DENIES THAT DROPPING OF ALL-CAPS COMMUNICATION IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE SERVICE GOING SOFT.

TRADITION OF ALL-CAPS COMMUNICATION IS A LEGACY OF TELETYPE MACHINES OF 1850S THAT LACKED LOWERCASE LETTERS.

BUT ONLY NOW IS THE NAVY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS EMBRACED LOWERCASE LETTERS AND THAT AND ALL-CAPS MESSAGES ARE DEEPLY ANNOYING.

"LOWERCASE MESSAGES ARE HERE TO STAY," JAMES MCCARTY, THE NAVAL MESSAGING PROGRAM MANAGER AT FLEET CYBER COMMAND SAID IN A STATEMENT. OR, RATHER, AN UNDERSTATEMENT.

THE NAVY NOTICE THAT LOWERCASE LETTERS COULD BE USED WAS IRONICALLY ISSUED IN ALL CAPS.

THE SCOOP WAS FIRST REPORTED BY NAVY TIMES.

MANY ARMY ORDERS ARE STILL ISSUED IN CAPS AND OFFICERS FROM OTHER SERVICES HOPE REST OF PENTAGON WILL FOLLOW THE NAVY'S LEAD.

"THERE IS NOTHING WORSE THAN TRYING TO READ C— IN ALL CAPS," SAID AN ARMY OFFICER.

NEW, CHEAPER NAVY MESSAGING SYSTEM ALLOWS ORDERS AND MESSAGES TO BE SENT WITH LOWERCASE LETTERS. ACCORDING TO THE NAVY THE NEW COMMAND AND CONTROL OFFICE INFORMATION EXCHANGE—OR C20IX IN NAVYSPEAK—WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL IN AUGUST AND IS SUPPOSED TO SAVE \$15 MILLION A YEAR.

BUT NOT ALL NAVY SYSTEMS CAN PROCESS MIXED CASES. AND OFFI-CIALS SAY IT WON'T BE UNTIL 2015 THAT ALL MESSAGING SYSTEMS WILL BE ABLE TO USE LOWERCASE LETTERS.

SO, IN SOME QUARTERS, THE SHOUTING CAN CONTINUE FOR A COUPLE MORE YEARS.

# **Clallam County Amateur Radio Club General Meeting**

1900 Meeting called to order by Mike KF7VZZ. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions all around.

Mike called for a minute of silence for Tom Newcomb, Bob Kenney, and Bruce Gellatly VE7ZM.

Signup Sheets were passed for FD Food, and for the TNT Fireworks Tent.

Minutes for the May meeting were approved.

Officer and Committee reports for called for. Under the Repeater there was a short discussion regarding replacing the controller and Echo Link.

Becky, W7RJW announced she would be stepping down at the end of the year and a replacement was needed.

The Website appears to be up to date.

1932 Coffee Break

1948 The meeting was reconvened.

1949 There was a short discussion on Field Day.

2000 The next VE Classes and exam session were announced.

2027 Discussion of the Fireworks schedule was had.

2051 Meeting adjourned.

Submitted: Chuck N7BV

### Ramblings from the camp cook

Field day was a lot of fun for me and my family again. We really enjoyed putting on the hospitality and food. I am sorry I forgot to plan a desert for Saturday nights dinner, I had thought about asking you pie bakers to show off your talents but I did not write it on my notes. Next time...

I want to thank all of you who donated food items. The list was a huge success and we will definitely be doing it this way again.

I did hear some comments on people not really participating in Field Day eating meals. In reality, there were not that many, but they did exist. My thoughts on this was to encourage people to at the very least put in a few contacts in the GOTA tent as this is the real reason for Field Day, setting up our radios and making contacts. For example, you get a sticker for getting on the air and then you can go through the food line. This is really up to the board and the club as a whole, I am just passing on thoughts and comments I hear while holding my BBQ tongs.

All of that said, my family and I have been planning a 2 week trip to Florida as soon as Avery graduates from High School. This happens in June of 2014. As a result, I will not be in town for Field Day next year. We need someone who is willing to take over for just 1 year.

I will be back the following year with a huge challenge thrown at me, cook a whole pig!

73's

Sheldon Koehler, Camp Cook N7XEI

#### From the WWDXC:

Here are a few IPhone Radio Apps I have found helpful. I got these from a blog by K0NR.

Maidenhead Converter (Author: Donald Hays, Cost: Free) Handy app that displays your grid locator, uses maps and does lat/lon to grid locator conversions.

Ham Radio Handbook (Author: Antonis Miliarakis Cost: Free) This app provides some basic ham radio info: Q Signals, Country Prefixes, Band Plans and RST signal reporting.

Ham I Am (Author: Storke Brothers, Cost: Free) A handy app that covers some basic amateur radio reference material (Phonetic alphabet, Q Signals, Ham Jargon, Morse Code, RST System, etc.) Although I find the name to be silly, I like the app!

CallSigns (Author: David Fleming W4SMT, Cost: \$1.99) This is my favorite ham radio callsign lookup.

RepeaterBook (Author: ZBM2 Software, Cost: Free) Seems to work well.

HamLog (Author: Pignology, Cost: \$0.99) I am not too keen on the idea of keeping a log on an iPhone, but it does come in handy once in a while. More importantly, HamLog includes a bunch of handy tools including UTC Clock, Callsign Lookup, Prefix list, Band Plans, Grid Calculator, Solar Data, SOTA Watch, Q Signals and much more.

Submitted By: N7BV

<u>STRAYS</u>			
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While at field day I had a discussion with someone about the Mayflower Society and that person being a descendant of Mayflower passenger Elizabeth Tilley.			
Has nothing to do with ham radio but I would sure like to find out who I was talking to.			
Thanks. Bob Sampson - K6MBY at Olypen.com			
Seen This One??			
73~jess, AF5X http://www.dashtoons.com/DashReportsBeauty.html			
IARU HF Championship See: http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship			
About			
Objective: to contact as many other amateurs, especially IARU member society HQ stations, around the world as possible using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands.			
The second full weekend of July, beginning 1200 UTC Saturday and ending 1200 UTC Sunday (July 13-14, 2013). Both Single and Multi operator stations may operate the entire 24-hour period.			

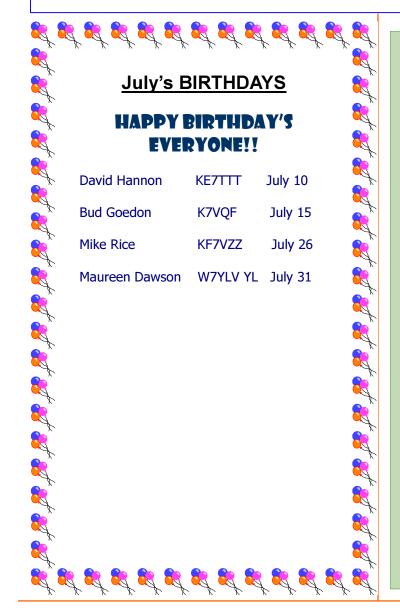
## **FROM OUR TREASURER**

As of JUNE 30,2013

Checkbook Balance:	\$ 7698.09
Outstanding Cheques:	\$0.00
First Federal Savings & Loan of Port Angeles Balance:	\$ 7698.09

Thanks,

Ernie Griffith W7EWG



### **COMING EVENTS**

No Hamfests or Conventions within 100 miles during July. http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search

### **NEXT YL LUNCHEON**

July 12th 1130

Gordys Pasta and Pizza 1123 E. First St. Port Angeles

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

### 2013 YL Luncheons:

Reservations 11:30 2nd Friday of each month

July - Gordys Pasta and Pizza - 1123 E. First St. - Port Angeles

August - Tarcisios - 609 W. Washington - Sequim

**September** – Fresh Wok – 1603 E. Front St. Port Angeles

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, first Tue of every month	Clallam County Courthouse EOC, 223 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> St., PA	AI Dawson W7YLV 360-457-0752
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club general meeting	7 pm, second 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, first Sat of every month	Joshua's Restaurant Hwy. 101 & Del Guzzi Dr.	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 member/s:** 

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