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DECEMBER 2014

CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

A Glowbug's Christmas by Bradley Thompson AA1IP

T'was the night before Christmas
And all through the shack
Not a heater was glowing
In all of the rack.

Sitting totally silent and quiet that night
The old HRO shed nary a light.
The Johnson exciter and its homebrew final
Felt cold as leftovers, or seat-cover vinyl,

I drowsed at my workbench feeling tired and weary,
The print in the Handbook looked fuzzy and smeary.
I thought, "I'll make coffee", and groaned to my feet
When I heard a loud clatter outside in the street.

What the--? I wondered and turned on the lights
And there I beheld a wondrous sight:
A battered old van heaped high with components
And a grizzled old ham with a bagful of doughnuts.

I noted a callsign-- can't recall it today--
But a patch on the side read "FMLA".
I opened the door and hollered "Come in!"
The coffee pot's heating, and we'll sit down and chin!"

He spoke not a word but whistled in Morse
A "GE OM", and "By golly, I'm hoarse."
Too many contests and contacts and hot rosin smoke."
I nodded and poured him a mug of jamoke.

He emptied the doughnuts in a pile on a plate
And explained in a whistle, "I'm running real late.
I've new 6L6s and fine 211s, 6146s and good 'SN7s.
And 866s and 0B2s, type 45s and mil-spec 807s."

"For the regennie crowd, 201s by the score
And good ol' type 30s and 19s galore.
I haven't neglected the passive-parts run
There's lots of good iron by old Thordarson."

I nodded and smiled, suppressing a chortle
As he reached in his pack and left me a 304TL.
He whistled, "I'm leaving, the coffee was great,
But I'm overdue in the neighboring state."

"Keep everyone building the rigs of their choosing
Or we'll lose the bands that we're lazy in using.
Transistors or tubes-- any project is fine--
Just keep on constructing and sharing on line."

He leaped to his feet and waved a gloved hand
As he sprang for the door of his rusty old van.
I heard him exclaim as he drove away from me,
"Merry Christmas, you Glowbugs, and to all 73!"

(FMLA = Five Meter Liberation Army)

As this year draws to a close
I feel the need to get something off
of my chest: I enjoyed my time as
the president of CCARC, our fair
group. People get along, we have a
good time, things get done, we get
to talk on the radio occasionally, and
it's not even my fault!

That said, I look forward to
tackling something other than
standing in front of the group and
waiting for a lull before I carry on.
The incoming president (once you
vote for him) is saying great things,
and may have the political capital to
perform as promised.
Whatever he said,

I want to build something.
The incoming candidates
have their work cut out for them:
repeater business is never done,
program scheduling is ongoing,
Field Day and Fireworks! Please
give them your best support and
let's carry on!

73, Mike KF7VZZ

Clallam County Amateur Radio Club
Board Meeting 12 November 2014

1015 Meeting called to order by Dennis AD7TV,
Chairman of the Board.

A quick rundown on repeater progress. The
controller has been ordered.

With the incoherent demands from DNR it was
decided to write a letter to the Section Manager and
all other officials involved to stated or frustrations.
(This was later put on the spike while Bill W7WEC
EU worked something out.)

George reported he had retrieved four of the small
computers back and will turn them over to Mike Rice,
KF7VZZ to work magic with Linux on them.

1110 After discussions it was agreed to move the
Board meeting to 1000 on the second Tuesday at
Priscilla's Cruise In Cafe in Port Angeles. (in the
building where Saars Market was)

1113 Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer's Report As of Nov 30,2014

Bank Saving	8004.24
Bank Checking	1541.46
Outstanding Cheques	0.00
Total	9545.70

Thanks,
Ernie Griffith W7EWG
CC-ARC Treasurer

Club Officers for 2014

President	Mike Rice	KF7VZZ
Vice President	Becky Winters	W7RJW
Secretary	Chuck Jones	N7BV
Treasurer	Ernie Griffith	W7EWG
Board Member	Bill McPherson	W6JEQ
Board Member	Dennis Tilton	AD7TV
Board Member	George Hutchinson	W7TTY

November 2014 General Meeting Minutes

1907 – Meeting called to order by Mike, KF7VZZ.
Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions all around.

1910 – A review of the Board meeting, with a short
discussion on the repeater project.

Treasurer's Report was given.

Reminder of the CCARC Christmas Dinner on the
December 13th 1700 at Smugglers Landing in PA.

2004 - The nomination process begins:

President: George W7TTY

Vice Pres: Dennis AD7TV or Sheldon N7XEI

Treasurer: Ernie W7EWG

Secretary: Chuck N7BV

Board Member: Sheldon N7XEI, Mike R. KF7VZZ,
or Jeramey KF7PMC

Nominations remain open for the December meeting.
Additionally if George gains the president positions
there will be two openings for the board.

Discussions were had regarding changes to
committees membership:

? : Paula K7PAX, Rob AL7KK, Chuck N7BV

P.R.: Bill W6JEQ Mike KF7VZZ

Training: Paula K7PAX, Chuck N7BV

Health & Welfare: Nita KE7DRT

Membership: Mike KF7VZZ

2035 - End of Meeting

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Jones N7BV

Don't forget, this Saturday,
December 13, 1700L is the CCARC
Christmas dinner at Smugglers Landing
in Port Angeles.

The dinner will be the same as last
year, prime rib and salmon plus all the
extras. Pricing is the same, \$20 a head,
and the club will cover \$5 each per
husband and wife, no siblings. Guests
are welcome, but price is \$20.00.
If you haven't made your reservations,
Do It Now! talk to Chuck N7BV.

Feedback, Comments or Articles

Submissions are appreciated!

Please send to CCARCQTC@yahoo.com

Thank you for your contributions, Ed.

Birthdays

Dennis Tilton	AD7TV	Nov 10
Ray Gilbert	K7VQF	Dec 09
Myrtle Pensworth	WA7BOB YL	Dec 20
Elizabeth Koehler	N7XEI YL	Dec 21
April Uhden	K7RGR YL	Dec 24
Sandy Carter	W7WEC YL	Dec 27
Robyn Wright	KG7CWG YL	Jan 01
Becky Winters	W7RJW	Jan 12
Stephen Buer	N7MKO	Jan 13
Ernie Griffith	W7EWG	Jan 14
Janet Parris	WA7JEP	Jan 15
Trish Holden	KE7TTR YL	Jan 26

YL Luncheons for 2014

Reservations @ 11:30, 2nd Friday each month

December 12

Cedars at Dungeness, 1965 Wookdcock,
Sequim

Best Christmas Wishes



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

OlyHAM.net

Thanks to the
website
administrator,
Rik W7RIK



CCARC Meeting Schedule

<u>Description</u>	<u>Time/Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Clallam County ARES/RACES meeting	7 pm, first Tue of every month,	Clallam County Courthouse EOC, 223 E. 4th St., PA,	Bill Carter, W7WEC 360-681-4375
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club general meeting	7 pm, second Wed of every month,	Port Angeles Fire Station, 5th & 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	As Announced	As Announced	Dennis Tilton AD7TV
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