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JULY 2014

CLALLAM COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB

Field Day 2014

- Experience -

There is something exciting about the ramp-up to a new experience. I decided after last Club meeting to get involved as much as possible in Field Day preparation, so I found myself in Sequim under the tutelage of George W7TTY and Al KD7TFK for Tower Maintenance 101. George and Al are a team that one has to experience to believe. The combined knowledge of these two individuals, both electrical and mechanical, is enormous, and they were willing to share. They quickly learned that my level of expertise was “fetch and carry,” so I found myself greasing, painting and learning the “innards and outers” of the tower.

Our second day of maintenance was cut short by rain. When I arrived the next week for the tower operation phase, George and Al had finished the maintenance, and the tower gleamed atop its trailer.

Tower operation, or emplacement, means that the team has to raise and elevate the tower in two stages, attach the antennas and make sure everything is level and plumb, stable and secure. Five of us trained under the watchful eyes of George and Al that day, and the tower instructions written by George were clarified through practice.

Raising the tower on Field Day was sort of an anti-climax. Every time a tool was needed or a fix needed to be made, Al would go to his trailer and create the fix or bring something back from his private stock. Likewise, George fashioned the 20 and 40 meter dipoles out of “fixin’s” he just happened to have in his van. What began as a complex task became easy through the training received from George and Al. Breakdown at the end of exercise was accomplished quickly. A big thanks to George and Al for their time and patience.

73, Bruce Reiter KD7WBM

"The only allowable tardiness excuse is that your dog got run over by the COHO while you were walking him/her over to Victoria." - George W7TTY on Trailer Training

From the President

(yes it's been a while)

After a hectic Field Day and busy Fourth of July fireworks tent sales, I hope you have had a chance to rest, maybe by winding down with a session in front of your radio or wrestling with a recalcitrant antenna. We had our attentions divided between the fairgrounds and the fireworks tent this year as both events happened simultaneously. We were able to pull it off at the expense of a few tempers, but thankfully people cooperated and got the job done.

Are you still tired? The same conflict will occur next year! Let's get our heads together and see what we can do to make it easier. My sleep schedule is finally back on track. And, we can get back to the business of being radio amateurs.

Thank you to Sheldon N7XEI, for a food job well-done, and deliciously, and extra kudos for performing under duress! Also, thanks to those who generously donated food and cash to the meal effort.

Did you catch Bruce KD7WBM and Dennis AD7TV on "The Todd Ortloff Show" on KONP? They discussed Amateur Radio and other things geared towards Field Day. Ask Dennis if you'd like to hear it again.

I would like to thank the Tower Crew for making the process look deceptively easy. A cleaning, a new coat of paint, and a good training session did well.

Thanks to all of you who helped setup and breakdown for Field Day: help was scarce and put-upon to perform, but did a great job!

The fireworks tent saw long hours and many people who aren't used to working retail. All of you made the best of a strenuous situation and helped each other. Thank you very much! Our coffers swell with your efforts.

For those who were unable to spend some time in the tent, we'd like to see you next time; the hours aren't as bad as we make them out, and with more people (in spite of what ails you) it actually gets easier.

When the numbers finally come in we'll see what we earned, and what we learned!
73, Mike KF7VZZ

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Thank you for your
contributions, the Editor

Field Day 2014

- Pictures -

Sheldon N7XEI, Camp Cook and Field Day Organizer



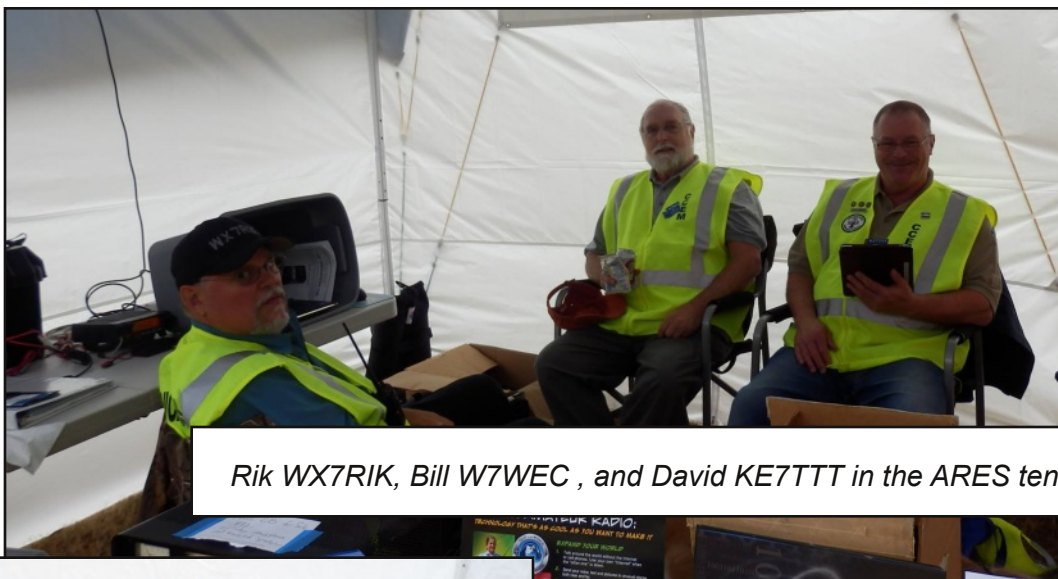
The Tower Crew puts up the HF tri-bander.



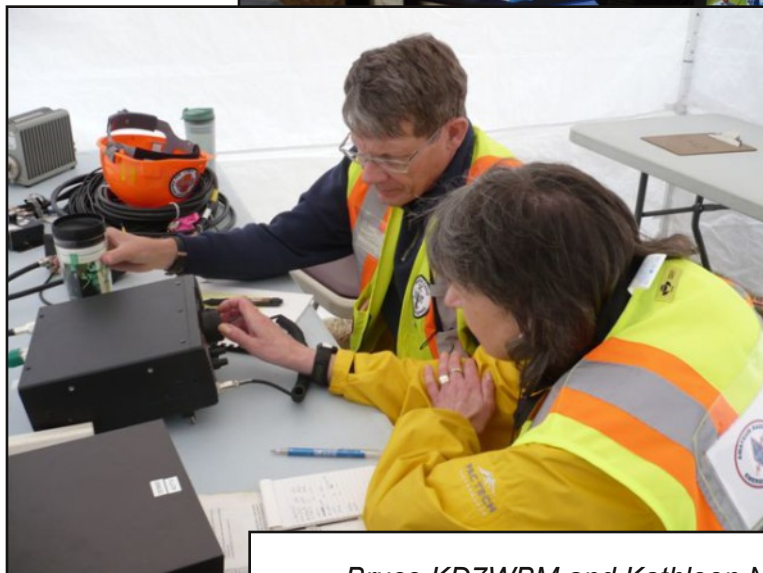
Mary AC7IY, at 103, and Doug WB4KGY making HF contacts.



Elizabeth and Sheldon N7XEI prepare for a Field Day meal.



Rik WX7RIK, Bill W7WEC, and David KE7TTT in the ARES tent.



Bruce KD7WBM and Kathleen N1ERT in the GOTA tent.

For Sale--- (non-ham) We are selling our pottery studio, including but not limited to a large kiln, wheel, lots of cone 6 clay, 2 glaze data bases/progs, and large amounts of glaze chemicals.

Over \$3500 worth for \$2000 final. We can work out terms.
Call Jess AF5X at 360-344-2901 or eMail af5x@olypen.com

If you live in an HOA controlled neighborhood or know someone who does, this might be of interest: A petition to call your representative's attention to the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" (U.S. House of Representatives: Co-sponsor HR.4969) on Change.org. Here's the link:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/u-s-house-of-representatives-co-sponsor-hr-4969-the-amateur-radio-parity-act-of-2014>

HR.4969 would require the FCC, within 120 days of the Bill's passage, to amend the Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply PRB-1 coverage regarding antennas in CC&R locations.

Need to take a test? Need to upgrade? A VE test session is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 1900L, at Port Angeles Fire Department 102 E 5th St.
Contact Chuck Jones N7BV 425-4672 or Dennis Tilton AD7TV 452-1217
Please spread the word.

Thanks. Chuck N7BV, ARRL VE-L

BIRTHDAYS

David Hannon	KE7TTT	July 10
Aron Hess	KG7FBV	July 18
Johan Van Nimwegen	KO6I	July 19
Mike Rice	KF7VZZ	July 26
Maureen Dawson	W7YLV YL	July 31

As of Jun 30,2014

Bank Saving	8002.56
Bank Checking	2082.64
Outstanding Checks	

Total **10,085.20**

Thanks,

Ernie Griffith
W7EWG
CC-ARC Treasurer

YL LUNCHEON
July 11
Gordy's Pizza & Pasta
1123 E. First
Port Angeles
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!

2014 YL Luncheons:
Reservations 11:30
2nd Friday of each month

July - Gordy's Pizza & Pasta
1123 E. First PA
August - Mariners Café
609 W. Washington Sequim
September - Asian Buffett
(Rite Aid Plaza) PA
October - Paradise
703 N. Sequim Ave Sequim
November - Chestnut Cottage
929 E. Front PA
December - Cedars at Dungeness
1965 Woodcock. Sequim

Local Meetings:			
Description:	Time/Date:	Location:	Contact:
Clallam County ARES / RACES Meeting	7 pm, first Tue of every month	Clallam County Courthouse EOC, 223 E. 4 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	Smugglers Landing 115 E. Railroad Ave	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