

## CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# QTC

JUNE 15

### Phonetic Alphabet

#### W6IAM

As a Navy radioman back in the 1950s, I learned the phonetic alphabet in current vogue: Able, Baker, Charlie, Dog, Easy, etc. With continued use, it became ingrained in my memory so that I could rattle off any word phonetically without thinking about it. Then came the “revised” alphabet which substituted seemingly random choices of words such as Quebec instead of Queen and Zulu instead of the familiar term Zebra. (I tended to blame the Air Force for introducing Romeo, Juliet, Whiskey, Tango, Foxtrot, Hotel and Golf, because my brother-in-law was a navigator on a B-26 and liked to brag about returning to base for martinis after the daily 2, o'clock bombing run.) It took hours of practice to un-learn the time honored Navy alphabet and memorize the new NATO version, but I finally succeeded and now the two alphabets stand side-by-side in my memory bank.

### Alphabet taught to kids nowadays

It would be nice if it were that simple but despite FEMA's concern that all emergency responders use the same phonetic alphabet, many agencies stubbornly refuse to comply. Some ham operators tend to cling to personal preferences when it comes to phonetic pronunciations, using Radio for “R” and “Kilowatt” for K etc. While most are easily recognizable when heard, they tend to slow down rather than enhance communication. I have been a member of the Washington State Emergency Net for ten years and operate the net at least once a year.



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### PROGRAM



Field Day and Fireworks planning and Volunteer Volunteering.  
SeaPac; and the Little Club that Could—**George W7TTY**

## Continued...Phonetic Alphabet

We use the ARES authorized FEMA approved alphabet but every once in a while someone throws in a different phonetic word and while the net control operator reacts to the unexpected word, he or she almost always misses the next two or three call-ins and has to ask for repeats. Why all the fuss about phonetics? It's a logical question for a Technician licensed ham who is used to the crisp sound of FM voice transmissions but to a HF operator beset by high background noise and fading signals, it's a different story. Without phonetic spelling, the letters B, C, D, E, P, V and Z can all sound the same over the air. It is no problem for CW operators since each letter of the alphabet is represented by a unique and unmistakable sound. Phonetics does the same for voice communication. "Bravo" is not likely to be mistaken for "Charlie" or "Delta". It's very simple if everyone uses the same alphabet but throw in an unexpected word and everything comes to a screeching standstill while the fellow at the other end reacts to the surprise. Operators on the WSEN are used to hearing my call as Whiskey Six, India Alpha Mike. Suppose I were suddenly to respond with Winchester Six, Idiots And Morons or Washington six Idaho Alaska Montana? It might be cute but it would definitely throw a monkey wrench into the works and I'd get my knuckles rapped severely for it.

The choice of standardized phonetics may seem arbitrary but a lot of thought has gone into their selection. For an excellent overview, read the article by Hiroki Kato AH6CY beginning on page 70 of the June issue of QST magazine. It will be well worth your time.

Paul Honore W6IAM

# FOR SALE

List of items being sold belonged to John Moore-K7NIA, who is now a SK.  
All monies will go to Barbara Moore, John's XYL

MFJ IntelliTuner MFJ-993B \$150.00

MFJ IntelliTuner MFJ-925 \$100.00

Tucker Directional RF Watt Meter TM 3000HF  
\$50.00

MFJ HamPro Audio Universal SO2R Switch 644  
\$80.00

MFJ Watt Meter 1.8-525 MHz 993B \$150.00

**Yaesu FT 212RH** Make a reasonable offer. Would make a nice mobile radio, or spare, this radio has been discontinued by Yaesu due to all the newer rigs coming on the market.

Nita, KE7DRT

KE7DRT03@Yahoo.com



## FOR SALE!

### Samsung NC10 Widescreen Netbook WinXP

Atom 1.6GHz processor with 2GB memory, very small footprint. Runs great and is in excellent condition. Comes with carry case, charger, external 3-port USB hub, documentation and original packaging



**Make Offer: Rik WX7RIK**  
**360-460-2472**



3 days of activities;  
presentations, vendors,  
exhibits, and Swap Meet

Pacificon 2015 is the ARRL  
Pacific Division Convention  
<http://www.pacificon.org/>

October 16-18, 2015  
San Ramon Marriott  
San Ramon, CA

Feedback, Comments or Article  
submissions are appreciated to  
[CCARCQTC@Yahoo.com](mailto:CCARCQTC@Yahoo.com)

**Thank you for your  
Contributions, Ed**



Find a wealth of  
information and  
links on the club  
website:  
[OlyHam.net](http://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, 2015

Savings	\$5,005.95
Checking	\$1,361.72
Savings CD	\$1,003.91
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,371.58</b>

Thanks,

*Ernie Griffith*  
W7EWG  
CCARC Treasurer

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**Do you want to kiss your ham radio  
goodbye? This is the main reason to  
disconnect your equipment.**

**Real Time Lightning Maps  
[LightningMaps.org](http://LightningMaps.org)**

**Shared by D. Welcker**

## **CLUB OFFICERS For 2014**

**President:** *George Hutchison W7TTY*

**Vice President:** *Dennis Tilton AD7TV*

**Secretary:** *Chuck Jones, N7BV*

**Treasurer:** *Ernie Griffith, W7EWG*

**Board Member :** *Bill McPhearson, W6JEQ*

**Board Member:** *Sheldon Koehler, N7XEI*

**Board Member:** *Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC*

## CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

1905 Meeting called to order by Vice President Dennis Tilton, AD7TV. The Pledge of Allegiance was given followed by introductions all around.

Chairman of the Board, Bill McPherson W6JEQ, reviewed the board meeting from the previous day. (see minutes of the Board Meeting)

George, W7TTY gave review of happenings at the new FM station KSTI which he and Dennis were involved in helping set up.

Ernie reviewed the latest on the repeated, including that it is running a less than full output during the break in period.

Nita announced the death of John Moore K7NIA and the fact she is selling off some more of his equipment.

Several persons suggested the need for Echo Link and IRLP training.

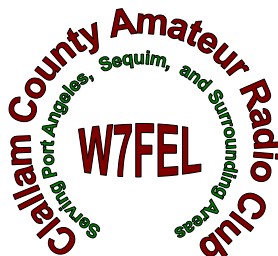
1946 Break

2005 All things Field Day and the Fire Works sales were discussed.

2040 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Jones N7BV  
Club Secretary



**YL LUNCHEON**  
**June 12**  
**Black Bear Diner**  
**Sequim**  
**Time: 11:30 a.m.**

**Find us on the web at**  
**[www.olyham.com](http://www.olyham.com)**  
**Check it out. Lots of**  
**information about ham radio**  
**in Clallam County!**

### **2015 YL Luncheons:**

Reservations 11:30 2nd Friday of each month  
 June—Black Bear Diner 1471 E Washington Sequim  
 July—Gordy's Pizza 1123 E. First St. 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

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	Bill Carter, W7WEC 360-681-4375
Clallam County Amateur Radio Club general meeting	7 pm, second Wed of every month	Port Angeles Fire Station 5 <sup>th</sup> & 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	Bill McPherson W6JEQ
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!**

Nita Lyman	KE7DRT	July 3
Gerald Sampont	WA7BUY	July 3
George Llewellyn	KF7JQS	July 4
Robert Wilson	AL7KK	July 4
Krista Smith	KD7UFF	July 8
David Hannon	KE7TTT	July 10
Scot Muir	KE7TTN	July 11
Johan Van Nimwegan	KO6I	July 19
Mike Rice	KF7VZZ	July 26
Maureen Dawson	W7YLV,YL	July 31

## CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2015

0908 Meeting was called to order by Bill McPherson W6JEQ. In attendance: Bill C. W7WEC; Ernie W7EWG; Mike KE7VFF; Chuck N7BV; George W7TTY;

Ernie brought up the inherent difficulties with the club P.O. box being in Sequim. It was decided to give the backup key to Bill Carter as he lives in Sequim and would have more chances to check on mail.

Bill, W6JEQ brought up the review of the DNR leases at the Comm Academy which announced the two state RCW laws giving ARES repeaters rights to \$100 leases. Why this took so long to be known is anyone's guess.

The board voted unanimously against giving a non-member life-time-membership. Life-time-membership is given to members who have displayed consistent long time support to/for the club.

Ernie gave a detailed review expenditures for the new repeaters. It was requested and approved to increase the budget for the repeater projects by \$1500. The Duplexer (cost \$590) for Fork's repeater arrived damaged and it will be returned.

Ernie to coordinate writing about repeater expenses for the next QTC newsletter.

Ernie The insurance should be changed to indicate that there is no difference between what we have now and the ARRL insurance for the club. But going with the ARRL insurance it would save us \$240 a year.

A discussion concerning how to improve participation in operating at FD.

1025 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Jones N7BV  
Club Secretary

