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## CLALLAM COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

We missed the 2017 officer nominations at the November meeting! This Wednesday we will work on the nominations and elections. The Board Meeting will be held at the Firehouse on Wednesday at 5:30 pm, prior to the General Meeting. Nominations and suggestions will be entertained until then. The board will compile a slate and present it at the General Meeting for a vote.

Wednesday's presentation will be a 'live video' demonstration of very basic test equipment -- VOM to Spectrum Analyzer -- with a 'Hands on' session at break time for anyone who would like to get up close and personal with the equipment.

From HamRadioSchool.com, here are Five Common Mistakes New Hams Make:

1. Programming the radio incorrectly

Remember FOT (Frequency, Offset and Tone) all have to be set properly to access a repeater.

2. Failing to speak clearly into the microphone

With most radios, you need to hold the microphone (or handheld radio) a few inches from your mouth, speak clearly and aim your voice at the mike.

3. Expecting magic from an HT

Handheld transceivers (HTs) are awesome! But, upgrade the antenna on your HT.

4. Not listening enough

On VHF/UHF, find some of your local nets and listen in. You don't have to check into the net, just give it a listen and see what you can learn.

5. Not getting on the air.

It is the most important one on the list. Get on the air! Check into the net!

[www.hamradioschool.com/five-common-mistakes-new-hams-make](http://www.hamradioschool.com/five-common-mistakes-new-hams-make)

### Didn't we just have Field Day?

The year sure did seem to fly by fast. As a club we have accomplished much. We have new repeaters and finally a working link to Forks! Kudos to the team that made this happen.

### Christmas Dinner!

Saturday December 17th at the Clallam County Fairgrounds kitchen, located right across from the fair office. Email me at [sheldonk@gmail.com](mailto:sheldonk@gmail.com) if you need a map. Dinner is at 6pm.

For our Christmas Dinner this year we are going back to doing it Potluck style. The Club is providing the meat (smoked turkey and ham) and drinks. Everything else is up to you. Bring your favorite holiday side dish and a dessert. We should have more than enough food.

We are also taking donations to the Food Bank, so bring a can of food to drop in the box.

I do need some people to come early and help decorate and set up. We will also need to clean up after to get our \$100 deposit back.

Sheldon Koehler N7XEI

CCARC Chair and Camp Cook

Mike KC7KVR is taking orders for the Arrow OSJ 146/440 2m / 440 dual band J-Pole antenna. If he can get orders for 10 units, we can get them for only \$40.50 each, shipping included. These are exceptionally well built and will last for years. No, they are not flexible, and are really made to mount on a pole or railing.

See: <http://www.arrowantennas.com/osj/j-pole.html>

If you want one, get in touch with Mike: [garagesailor@live.com](mailto:garagesailor@live.com)

73 de Steve N1SB

(Yes, I am getting one...)

### The Life of an Active Ham

By Doug Welcker (WB4KGY)

On November 5th dad passed away peacefully at home almost within reach of his Brown Brothers iambic keyer. Born in Seattle on November 21st 1918 he almost made his ninety-eighth birthday, if it hadn't been for mom calling him. You see mom, N7MXE, passed on August 9th after ninety-five years. Most of you don't know but among mom's many accomplishments was being chosen queen of the Puyallup Daffodil Festival in 1938 at eighteen. Back then you were chosen by how photogenic you were which maybe is why she had her picture in the New York Times.

Dad was introduced to amateur radio as a teenager getting his license, W7GVV, in 1938 while attending electronic technical school in Seattle.

He worked in a hotel restaurant to pay for school and I always remember his story of the dumb waiter. When you pulled the rope to bring up the dirty dishes you never knew if you were to get dishes or roaches. When he graduated school dad joined the ACS (Alaska Communication System) in Anchorage working out of the Federal building down town. [Note: In July of 2004 my wife and I accompanied my parents on an Alaska cruise and we stopped at the old Federal building. Turns out the room dad worked in looked unchanged but had been re-purposed.] Mom and dad were married in Seward in June of 1940 and lived in a small house in Anchorage where dad was able to do some hamming. Back then you had to change your call to the assigned area and his new call was K7GVV. An interesting bit of history is dad had a QSO with a ham in Hawaii early in the morning of Dec 7, 1941 before the bombing. That was the end of ham radio till after the war.

At the start of the war the ACS was integrated into the Army Signal Corp and all nonessential dependents were returned to the states. After a year dad's superior officers picked him for OCS (Officer Candidate School) and he was sent to Fort Mammoth, New Jersey. After OCS and training in radar dad spent the remainder of the war in Panama as a Radar Technical Officer.

After the war dad was reissued his originals call (W7GVV) and went to work for Pacific Northwest Bell in Tacoma. He became active in the Tacoma Radio Club before moving to Port Angeles in 1955. For a year we lived at 10th and C Street where I remember a low dipole strung along the property line. At this time dad became very active CW traffic nets working WSN, RN7, PAN, IMN plus serving as net control for years. In his later years he included passing traffic on TCC Sunday mornings. The middle fifties were also the formative years CCARC of which dad served as an officer and trustee. As a youngster I remember some of the club meetings in the smoky basement room of the I.O.O.F building on west 1st street. As an aside, I'll always remember Hap Helgeson, W7AIB. He was a retired CG radioman who had a groove across the top of his head for wearing earphones for twenty years.



In retirement dad and mom moved to Freshwater Bay to a home they had built in 1981. Now dad put up the antennas he always wanted; an eighty meter delta loop, a tri-band beam on a crankup tower, and other smaller vhf/uhf and hf antennas. But even before then dad and Leo White put into operation the first two-meter repeater in the county. The antenna was on a wooden pole installed by the power company at Leo's house on the bluff on the west side of town. The equipment was eventually updated and moved to Striped Peak and was maintained by dad. Outside of amateur radio dad was the technical advisor the Joyce TV Improvement District.

This was a group of individuals that got together to improve reception of the Seattle TV stations. They installed TV translators on Striped Peak for channels four, five and seven. Originally the stations were received on the respective channels but as technology progressed the stations were down linked off a satellite making reception much less subject to the vagaries of propagation.

As a supporting member of the ARRL dad was appointed Assistant Director to cover Clallam County by Mary Lou Brown, NM7N in 1994, a position he held till just a few years ago. Dad also dabbled in SSB, ATV, and a bit of PACTOR, and AMTOR. He is also on the ARRL A1 Operators Club along with Hap. Many young hams passed the novice test in dad's basement ham shack including myself and he was an elmer to many more. Now that I'm sorting out his seventy-eight years of ham stuff one can follow the progression of technology and appreciate the knowledge needed in the earlier years of ham radio to build and maintain a station. And with that we say farewell to an Active Ham. 73 Dad

#### Reports and Notes:

##### CCARC General Meeting Notes 2016-11-09

1900 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance and introductions all around

N7XEI presented the Board Minutes

Christmas Party is a POT LUCK, but the Club will provide the meat.

Bring canned goods for donating to the Food Bank!

Presentation:

AD7TV and K6MBY on Back-Yard Solar. Presentation notes are available at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xuut948nyau6nsm/AACsxYIIUQIB-EiUfRvopCaEa?dl=0>

2100 Meeting adjourned.

##### CCARC Board meeting 2016-09-07

Discussed were:

Budget and Quickbooks, PC stuff, Control Operators for Striped Peak, VE, VE-L, ARRL,

Moved to continue repeater upgrades to extend Blyn Mtn., Life Membership, "W7FEL Award"

For Sale Items are listed at <http://www.olyham.net/privatesales>

If you have items to sell, contact Mike [kf7vzz@gmail.com](mailto:kf7vzz@gmail.com) for details on listing items.

Treasurer's Report, Nov 30, 2016		Total Other Current Assets	287.29
Current Assets		Total Current Assets	9,094.36
Checking/Savings		TOTAL ASSETS	9,094.36
Checking Account	4,766.84		
Savings Account	3,026.87	Equity	
CD - Sound Bank	1,013.36	Opening Balance Equity	7,565.39
Total Checking/Savings	8,807.07	Net Income	1,528.97
Other Current Assets		Total Equity	9,094.36
Undeposited Funds	287.29	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	9,094.36

## From 12 November 2016:

As we all know it was a **big** VE Exam session:

31 people came in and only one left without passing a level.

New licenses earned: Tech-- 21, General-- 7, and Extra-- 2.

We ended up giving 49 total exams.

Thank you all - great job!

73, Chuck N7BV

### 2016 YL Luncheons:

Reservations 11:30 2nd Friday of each month

December - Cedars at Dungeness - 1965 Woodcock Rd. - Sequim

#### Clallam County ARES/RACES meeting,

7 pm, 1st Tue of every month, 223 E. 4th St., PA

Clallam County Courthouse EOC

Bill Carter 360-681-4375

#### Clallam County Amateur Radio Club general meeting

7 pm, 2d 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, 1st 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)

Find us on the web at

**[www.olyham.net](http://www.olyham.net)**

Check it out.

Lots of information about  
ham radio in  
Clallam County!

### 2 METER NETS

on the W7FEL Repeater:

CCARC :

Every Thursday 7:00 pm

ARES/RACES:

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
except 1st Tuesday of the  
month

W7FEL Repeater:

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

### CLUB OFFICERS For 2016

#### Officers:

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