

Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society

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A Slightly “Modified” Newsletter

This month’s issue of the CVARS newsletter is slightly different than the other “masterpieces” you have received. Your editor was/ is gone to a wedding in Indiana (who gets married in Indiana for crying out loud) so “up-to-date” information was difficult to place into the newsletter when it was created in early October even before the regular meeting date. We should be back on track for December so thanks for letting me have a “vacation”.

Why Men Are Just Happier People (What do you expect from such simple creatures?)

- Your last name stays put.
- The garage is all yours.
- Wedding plans take care of themselves.
- Chocolate is just another snack
- You can be President.
- You can never be pregnant.
- Car mechanics tell you the truth.
- The world is your urinal.
- You never have to drive to another gas station because this one is just too “icky”.
- Same work, more pay.
- Wrinkles add character.
- Wedding dress \$5,000. Tux rental \$100.
- People never stare at your chest when they talk to you.
- New shoes don’t cut, blister or mangle your feet.
- One mood – all the time.
- Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds.
- You know stuff about tanks.
- A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.
- You can open your own jars.
- You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
- Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.

- Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.
- You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.
- The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
- You can play with toys all your life.
- Your big belly usually hides your big hips.
- One wallet and one pairs of shoes – same color for all seasons.
- You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.
- You can “do” your nails with a pocketknife.
- You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.
- You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24th in 25 minutes.
No wonder men are happier!

CVARS Elections

Club elections are due at the November regular CVARS meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd. Have you made up your mind to run for office yet?

Remember...no organization runs itself and you are needed. Don’t be shy. Step up and take on one of the board positions or run for president. This club is on the move and it needs good people like you to keep it that way. So come and volunteer. The large salary will certainly keep you coming back again and again!

Christmas Potluck Celebration

By the time you receive this “special edition” of the CVARS newsletter, the location for the Christmas party should already be set. Last year’s get together was a lot of fun and this year promises to be even better.

Don’t forget to bring that present for your newsletter editor. Remember last year? You said you just forgot it so I’m reminding you early this year!

- Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

Older Generation's Drug Problem

"I had a drug problem when I was young:
I was drug to church on Sunday morning.
I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.
I was drug to family reunions and community
socials no matter the weather.
I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful
to adults and teachers.
I was also drug to the woodshed when I
disobeyed my parents or if I didn't put forth my
best effort in everything that was asked of me.
I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden
and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's
soybean fields.
Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect
my behavior in everything I do, say and think.
They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin
and if today's children had this kind of drug
problem, America might be a better place today!

November's Contests

- Ukrainian DX Contest – 1200Z, Nov. 6 to 1200Z, Nov. 7th.
- DARC 10-meter Digital Contest – 1100Z-1700Z, Nov. 7th.
- JIDX Phone Contest – 0700Z, Nov. 13 to 1300Z, Nov. 14th.
- ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB – 2100Z, Nov. 20 to 0300Z, Nov. 22nd.

A Book Review?

You betcha! We are going a little "high-brow" and telling you about a great ham radio book that you will enjoy if you travel around the United States at all. During my recent trip to Indiana, Steve Pack, WB7VAS, gave me a book to try called the "[Repeater Mapbook Directory](#)". Most of you have seen the small repeater books that list frequencies but have you ever tried finding that frequency for some city in a state you have never been in? Really difficult. The Repeater Mapbook Directory, however is a nice change of pace. Oh yes, it still lists all those frequencies but in a much better format. This book has a really nice map of each state, including roads and major cities. Instead of just a huge long list of frequencies, it has the frequencies listed right next to the city which makes it much, much easier to find. The book has large type (for those who don't have 20/20 eyesight like me) and includes NOAA weather frequencies, band plans and even directions on how to make an easy emergency 2 meter or HF antenna. I used this book all the way across the country and loved it. If you travel, you need this book and can find it at <http://www.artscipub.com>. The book even includes Canada and Mexico!

As I Matured....

- I've learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is stalk them and hope they panic and give in.
- I've learned that whatever hits the fan is not always evenly distributed.
- I've learned you shouldn't compare yourself to others – they are more screwed up than you think.
- I've learned that depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- I've learned it is not what you wear; it is how you take it off.
- I've learned that you can keep vomiting long after you think you've finished.
- I've learned not to sweat the petty things and not pet the sweaty things.
- I've learned that I don't suffer from insanity, I rather enjoy it.
- I've learned that the people you care most about in life are taken from you too soon and all the less important ones just never go away.

Say "Hi" To Eric, KD7CAO

Don't forget to keep Eric Gildersleeve, KD7CAO in your thoughts. Eric is attending school in Texas this year and gets a little homesick from time to time. You can email him at eric@4gildersleeve.us. Drop him a line and let him know how bad the weather is in our area. It will certainly make that Texas weather seem much better!

Real 911 Calls, believe it or not...

Dispatcher: Nine-one-one What is your emergency?
Caller: I'm trying to reach nine eleven but my phone doesn't have an eleven on it.
Dispatcher: This is nine eleven.
Caller: I thought you just said it was nine-one-one.
Dispatcher: Yes, ma'am, nine-one-one and nine-eleven are the same thing.
Caller: Honey, I may be old, but I'm not stupid.

Dispatcher: Nine-one-one What is your emergency?
Caller: My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart.
Dispatcher: Is this her first child?
Caller: No, you idiot, this is her husband!

Welcome Geoff Apgar, W7JEZ

Please take the time to welcome a new member to the Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society. His name is George Apgar, W7JEZ. George lives in Lacey and was introduced to the club by Bill Harwell, AC7SR. Say "Hi" to George and make him welcome!

From The 1984 Newsletter

Recently, some of the old CVARS newsletters were located in the climate controlled archives.....ok, so they were stuck in a folder. Anyway, the following recipe was important then and I figured it would be just a good now. With the Christmas party coming up, it could be a big hit. It apparently was in 1984!

6 oz. orange juice
12 oz. lemonade
10c water
1c sugar
2 liter 7-up (they still make this?)
½ tsp almond extract
½ tsp vanilla

Also for sale in the same newsletter was the following:

Typewriter: Underwood, portable with carrying case. \$20.00. (does this make you feel old or is it just me?)

CW Classes

Terry Neumann, KQ7K, is trying to put together a code class for those that need it. It won't do you any good to wait around for Morse Code to go away so you might just as well jump in with both feet and learn what you need to get that higher license. It is worth it and you can do it!

Contact Terry atkq7k@arrl.net or call him at the Centralia Police Department at 360-330-7680 during the day. Don't worry, he will be gentle.

Goals For 2005

You have undoubtedly heard that people get more done when they set goals for themselves. I believe this is very true. So why not set some ham radio goals right now for 2005? Don't make them drastic or even unattainable. Make them fun and let those goals keep you on track throughout the year. Below are just some ideas to get you started:

- Design a unique QSL card for yourself on the computer.
- Try making a new but simple type of antenna for a new band. How about a loop antenna?
- Go mobile. Put together the radio, antenna, battery and logbook for a mobile operation at a park or campground. Use a Hamstick or wire antenna.
- Visit another ham club for a meeting. Olympia Amateur Radio Society has a website and is only 20 minutes away.
- Work at least 10 states and get their QSL cards.
- Make a new ham contact at least once a week. Even if 2 meters, send a QSL card.

My 2004 Goals

OK, I'll put my own goals for 2004 out there for you to see and snicker at. In 2004 I completed 14 of my 28 goals. Here is what I managed to get done:

- Purchase, build or find the equipment to work HF from a vehicle.
- Be able to work HF from my pick-up camper.
- Purchase, find or build the equipment to be able to work HF / VHF portable from a picnic table, lighthouse or island.
- Make HF contacts from the Westport Lighthouse
- Make HF contacts from a Columbia River Lewis & Clark historic location.
- Work contacts while picnic table portable from another state.
- Make HF contacts from Mt. St. Helens.
- Make HF contacts from Leech Lake Campground at White Pass
- Work two bands from Rainbow Falls State Park near PeEll.
- Do one Lighthouse activation.
- Put together an ARES earthquake tabletop exercise.
- Build at least one kit building project. (I did two!)
- Build one new antenna system (80 meter NVIS)

I can't tell you the ones I didn't get done as I'm going to include them in my 2005 goals. How about you? What about an upgrade to your license? A new radio? Join ARES or Volunteer more? How about working all Washington State Counties on 2 meters? Don't let yourself become stale in this great hobby. Learn something new and try something different.

Rules Of Life

- You only need two tools: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't use the duct tape.
- When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It's easier to eat crow while it's still warm.
- Never pass up an opportunity to visit the facilities.
- If you woke up breathing, congratulations! You have another chance!
- Living well really is the best revenge. Being miserable because of a bad relationship just might mean that the other person was right about you.
- Be really nice to your friends and family. You never know when you are going to need them to empty your bedpan.
- Everyone seems normal until you know them.

Congratulations New Hams & Upgrades!

The Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society's Fall Technician License Class taught by Alan Dittrick, KD7Y, came to a very successful conclusion Saturday, October 9th. Five of the six students passed their Technician level exam! Welcome to:

KE7BYI	Stephen Kvavle, Rochester
KE7BYH	Kathleen Kvavle, Rochester
KE7BYG	Michael Kvavle, Rochester
KE7BYF	Alan D. Dittrick, Jr, Winlock
KE7BYE	Pianjo Huriavi, Rochester

And congratulations to Scott Pollock, KE7BNN who passed the General Class written element. Way to go!

What?

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it is state of the art. It's perfect!"

"Really?" answered the neighbor, "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty."

For Sale...Great Bargain...Going Fast

Icom IC-W32A Dual Band HT, with manual. Includes two battery packs, wall charger, extra antenna, belt clip, hand strap and Windows cloning software. HT is in very good condition. New \$350. Will sell for \$265 but will consider other offers. Call Steve Pack, WB7VAS at 767-0101 for information.

Congratulations JOTA Team!

Kim Aiken and his team of JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) specialists spent a very rainy Saturday with 39 Scouts and 12 parents/leaders.

Kim says they accomplished their goals: FIRST- have fun with amateur radio and SECOND – teach some of the many aspects of amateur radio to the scouts and parents.

Kim's Team consisted of: Jeff Mayfield, KE7ACE; John Jackson, KQ7JJ; Brandon Upton, KE7BPG; Doug Skaggs, KC7TPK; Bill McGowan, W7FQQ; Terry Neumann, KQ7K; Jim Kruger, KK7AB; Bill Vodall, WA7NWP; Bill Harwell, AC7SR and Mike Payne, AC7UP.

Good Job Everyone!

