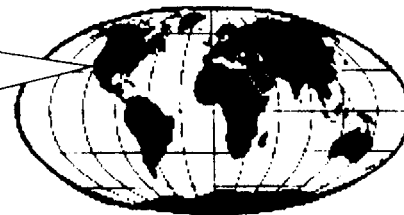


Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society

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Executive Board Minutes

The second "on-air" Executive Board meeting was held Sunday, October 9th at 8:16 pm just after the CVARS net on the Mt. St. Helen's Repeater.

Present: Bob Willey, KD7OWN, President; John Jackson, KQ7JJ, Vice-President; Steve Pack, WB7VAS, Treasurer; Board members Jim VanderMeer, KC7ASV and Jeff Mayfield, KE7ACE and Toby Vice, KD7JPK. Bill Harwell, AC7SR was present as a guest.

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were read. They were approved by Toby Vice and seconded by John Jackson

Treasurer's Report: Steve pack reported that Doug Skaggs, KC7TPK renewed his ARRL dues through the club. As a reminder, Steve notes that ARRL kicks back a few dollars to the club whenever a ham renews his ARRL membership through the club. New members paying dues included Nick Dundon, N7DCL and Charles Lockhart, W7MPD.

Vice-President's Report: John Jackson is looking for program ideas for November. With elections, the November program will be a shorter one. Bill Harwell, AC7SR suggested contacting the area NTS manager to give a presentation and Steve Pack, WB7VAS suggested new member Nick Dundon as a possible presenter. Nick has been a general class ham for 27 years and is working on a new wireless internet to rural America business. Johnny will contact both and see who might be available.

Old Business: Technician classes will be held October 15-16 at the PUD building in Chehalis and General Classes will be held the following weekend if there is anyone interested in taking the class. Members at the general meeting in October asked about the possibility of holding the Christmas Potluck at the church where the club meets instead of the Virgil R. Lee building. Jim VanderMeer will check on the availability of the building.

New Business: It was suggested the club once again give a donation to the church for allowing the club to use the building. Suggestion from board members centered on \$200 and it was decided to take a vote at November's general meeting. Steve Pack assures us we are in pretty good shape financially for a donation. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

On The Lighter Side

- Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.
- Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.
- There are three kinds of people; those who can count and those who can't.

We Lost A Legend Today

It is with the saddest heart that I pass on the following news. Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community.

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection, and complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy is survived by his wife, Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, who has a bun in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, The California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy, and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart "cookie" wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still, as a crusty old man, was considered a roll model for millions. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

Congratulations Toby!

Toby Vice, KD7JPK, successfully passed his CW code test on Sunday, October 23rd. Toby has worked hard at passing this test and deserves our congratulations on a job well done. Great Job!

- We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads.

CQ Worldwide DX Contest

Fall's largest DX contest is drawing near so it is time to test the antenna, check what countries you need, print some QSL cards and plan for some serious radio time this weekend.

The CQ worldwide DX contest is designed for amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many zones and countries as possible

Every DXer who can get on the air will be on the air during this contest so it is the best place to grab a few foreign countries or work on that DXCC award.

Times will be 0000 UTC October 29 – 2359 UTC October 30th. The CW version for you brass pounders will be November 26-27th.

All you have to do is give a signal report (59, 58, etc) and your CQ Zone. Here in Western Washington, we are in zone 03, so your response might be something like "59 03". If you get an exotic foreign country, spend a couple of dollars and QSL direct with a return envelope and a dollar or two for their postage. It is really great to get a QSL card from some of these countries.

CQ WW DX contest will be on all bands, 1.8 – 28 MHz except the WARC bands.

Don't miss this contest. With the cycle going downhill, you might not get a chance at some of these countries for another five years!

Did You Know?

- In Klamath Falls, Oregon, it is illegal to kick the heads off snakes.
- The California penal code prohibits the shooting of any animal, except a whale, from an automobile.
- In Idaho you cannot buy a chicken after dark without the permission of the sheriff.
- Setting fire to a mule is prohibited in Maine.
- In St. Louis Missouri it is against the law to let rubbish collect on your roof. (now why does that surprise me?)
- In Florida, if an elephant is left tied to a parking meter, the parking fee has to be paid just as it would for a vehicle.
- Also in Florida, men may not be seen publicly in any kind of strapless gown (definitely OK in Washington – encouraged in Centralia)
- In Illinois, it is illegal for anyone to give a lighted cigar to a dog, cat or other domesticated animal kept as pets. (even in Centralia this is considered just plain wrong in sooooo many ways)
- Anyone caught stealing citrus fruit in Yuma can legally be given castor oil as punishment.

Floods

Did you know most of the floods in the last decade in Lewis County have occurred on or around November 8th or February 6th? (you people who dwell on facts like this love me, don't you?)

Anyway, we are hearing predictions that this will be a flood year. Over the last few years we have missed a major flood only because the rains have stopped just short of flood stage. Had we experienced rain for just 24 more hours, the water would have been bubblin' up through the manhole covers in most areas.

Time to prepare as we're overdue for another "100 year flood". You know the precautions to take but don't wait until the last minute. Emergency Operations Centers in Lewis County and Centralia are ramping up right now preparing for the possibility of floods in November, so stock up and be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Yup, it's a blonde joke

A blonde goes into a coffee shop and notices there's a "peel and win" sticker on her coffee cup. She peels the sticker off and starts screaming, "I've won a motorhome... I've won a motorhome!"

The waitress says, "That's impossible. The biggest prize is a free lunch." But the blonde keeps screaming so the manager comes over and says, "Ma'am, I'm sorry but your mistaken. You couldn't have possibly won a motorhome because we didn't have that as a prize."

The blonde says, "No, it's not a mistake. I've won a motorhome". She hands the manager the ticket which reads...

"winabagel"

Classes Available In Olympia

Lee Chambers, KI7SS, of the Olympia Amateur Radio Club (OARS) will be having a ham radio license class November 12 and 19, 2005. For more information contact him at ki7ss@arrl.net.

Homemade Elephant Stew

1 elephant (medium size)

2 rabbits (optional)

3 Bay Leaves

Water (lots of it)

Kerosene

Cut elephant into bite size pieces. Add enough water to cover. Salt and pepper to taste. Simmer over kerosene fire for about four weeks, or until tender.

Serves 3,800 people Note: If more people come than expected, the 2 rabbits may be added but do this only if necessary because most people don't like hare in their stew.

Christmas Potluck Has Moved!

At our last general CVARS meeting, Kim Aiken, AC7YY, suggested we try to hold this year's Christmas Potluck at the church where the club normally meets instead of the Virgil R. Lee building where we have been the last few years. Great idea! Jim VanderMeer, KC7ASV, checked into the possibility for us and SHEZAM! (technical term) we can do it!

So mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 7th at 7:30 PM and bring a potluck specialty. We could use just about any food but Steak and Lobster might be an improvement on our normal fare if you care to treat us all.

Be sure to thank Kim, Jim and Bob Majoros, KD7RTL (in charge of the social event of the year) for helping to make our annual Christmas get-together a special event. See you there!

Brain Cramps

- Question: if you could live forever, would you and why? Answer – "I would not live forever because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever." – Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.
- "Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff." – Mariah Carey
- "Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life." – Brooke Shields
- "Outside of the killings, Washington DC has one of the lowest crime rates in the country." – Mayor Marion Barry, Washington DC
- "It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it." – Al Gore, Vice President (and you thought I just picked on rednecks)
- "I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix." – Dan Quayle – another Vice President
- "We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?" – Lee Iacocca
- "The word 'genius' isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." – Joe Theisman, NFL quarterback and sports analyst.

- "Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas." – Keppel Enderbery
- "Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1999 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances." – Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina. (Duh)
- "If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. If they wake up dead the next morning, there'll be a record." – Mark Fowler, FCC Chairman.

Welcome New Members

Two new members joined CVARS at October's general meeting. They are Nick Dundon, N7DCL and Charles Lockhart, W7MPD.

Nick lives in Chehalis and has been a ham for 27 years currently holding a General class license.

Charles has been a ham for 32 years, lives in Centralia (beautiful downtown historical Centralia I might add) and also holds a General class license. Charles is returning to ham radio after a few years away from the hobby and wants to work QRP. By the way, he is looking for an Elmer on this topic if you have some knowledge to share.

Nick has been cornered by our Vice President, John Jackson, to give November's meeting presentation.

Please welcome Nick and Charles to the club and say 'howdy' when you can.

New Question Pool Schedule

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) has announced a new schedule for revision of the licensing question pool. Starting in July 2006, the new Technician pool will become effective. Updates to the General Class pool will be released December 2006 and updates to the Extra Class questions will be released December 2007 becoming effective July 2008.

No word on changes to the number of questions as yet so better study for that upgrade now while you can.

Life's Important Questions

- Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white? (is anyone else troubled by this or is it just me?)
- Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are weak?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle it is in?

- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest but ducks when someone throws a revolver at him?

(insightful answers may be sent to Bob @ whyohwhyamitormentedbythesethoughts.com)

A Couple Of Special Events In November

Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald: The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society of Paradise, MI will hold it's 9th annual Edmund Fitzgerald Special Event commemorating the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald on November 10, 1975. Target frequencies will be 3.860, 7.260, 14.260, 21.360 and 28.360. The special event will be on the air 03-06 November, 2005.

Veteran's Day USS Kidd: The USS Kidd Amateur Radio Club, W5KID, will be on the air Veteran's Day from 9am - 4:30pm CST around 14.250 - 14.320. If you haven't contacted the "Kidd", give it a try. They are always friendly, easy to contact and have a great QSL card.



Have You Got These Stations Yet?

Barbados - Dxers will be on the air from Barbados (NA-021) during the CQ Worldwide DX Contest using callsigns beginning

with "8P". They plan on being available for contact between October 25 - November 1.

Morocco - Jim, W7EJ will be on the air during the CQ Contest as well using the call sign CN2R from Morocco. Jim plans to work the WARC bands before the contest so grab him on multiple frequencies!

U.S Virgin Islands - WP2Z will be on the air during the contest from the Virgin Islands (NA-106). They also plan to be available before and after the contest between October 26 - November 5th.

DXer's Tip: As you can see, many exotic stations plan to be on the air for the CQ DX Contest. Most plan to be making contacts a few days before the contest when they are testing their equipment and a few days after the contest when they can relax and not worry about scores. Grab them early or grab them late if the pileups are too big in the actual contest. A few years ago, I found Antarctica this way one day before the contest and I was the only one to try him!

"I'm not fat. I'm really intelligent and my head couldn't hold anymore so it started filling up the rest of me!" - Garfield the Cat.

Important Professional Tips

- Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
- Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- Always drink upstream of the herd.
- There are two theories to arguing with a woman...and neither works.

Special Signs

Sign on a Maternity Room door:
"Push, Push, Push"

On a Taxidermist's window:
"We really know our stuff"

On a Veterinarian's waiting room door:
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit. Stay"

On a septic tank truck in Oregon:
"Yesterday's meals on wheels"

On an electrician's truck:
"Let us remove your shorts"

OOPS!

Wife asks husband..."What would you do if I died? Would you get married again?"

Husband: "Definitely not!"

Wife: "Why not, don't you like being married?"

Husband: "Of course I do."

Wife: "Then why wouldn't you get married again?"

Husband: "Okay, I'd get married again"

Wife: "You would?" (hurt look on her face)

Husband: (sigh, groan, moan -you pick)

Wife: "Would you live in our house?"

Husband: "Sure, it's a great house."

Wife: "Would you sleep with her in our bed?"

Husband: "Where else would be sleep?"

Wife: "Would you let her drive my car?"

Husband: "Probably, it's almost new."

Wife: "Would you replace my pictures with hers?"

Husband: "That would seem like the proper thing."

Wife: "Would she use my golf clubs?"

Husband: "No, she's left-handed."

-- troublesome silence --

Husband: "Uh Oh!"

Elections In November

Yearly elections of the Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society Executive Board will be held at November's general meeting on Wednesday the 2nd. Think about who you would like to nominate and vote for. This is your club and it only runs smoothly when dedicated people are willing to step forward.