



Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society



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Next CVARS Meeting:

Wednesday September 6, 2006
First Baptist Church, 1866 S. Market Blvd, Chehalis
Doors Open 7:00 PM – Meeting Starts 7:30 PM

Join us every Sunday evening at 8:00 PM on the Mt. St. Helens Repeater for the Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Net.

BawFaw Repeater
147.06+ PL Tone 110.9

Mt. St. Helens Repeater
145.43- PL Tone 110.9

It Is JOTA Time

Jamboree on the air, 2006 is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 at 12:01 AM local time and ends on Sunday, October 22 at 11:59 local time.

Jamboree on the air is almost 50 years old and provides an opportunity for all hams to expose youth to amateur radio.

Since its beginning in 1958 this program has become the largest international scout event ever! Whether you are sponsoring a scout in your shack or just listening to them on the air, this is what amateur radio is all about.

Hey, it will be raining by JOTA weekend and too late to mow the lawn so why not spend a few hours of pleasant conversation with a scout on the air?

Suggested frequencies are as follows:

80 meters:	3.740 and 3.940
40 meters:	7.270
20 meters:	14.290
17 meters:	18.140
15 meters:	21.360
12 meters:	24.960
10 meters:	28.390

For more information, go to www.arrl.org and search for more information.

You Know Its Hot When....

The trees are whistling for the dogs
Hot water now comes out of both taps
You can make sun tea...instantly
You learn a seatbelt makes a great branding iron

You actually burn your hand opening the car door
You break into a sweat stepping outside at 7:30 am
You realize that the asphalt is in a liquid state
The cows are giving evaporated milk.

Interested In A Road Rally?

Hams are needed for the September 8th and 9th Wild West Rally in the woods west of Shelton again this year. This is a fun event with very little work! As the crazy drivers in small cars race around the logging road course at insane speeds, you simply log their passing in case one becomes disabled or involved in an accident.

If you are interested, please contact Jeff Craddock at wp@lykes.com and get in on the fun. A 2 meter mobile or handheld is all that is needed so give Jeff a call.

You Might Be A Redneck If...

The most common phrase heard in your house is, "somebody go jiggle that handle."

You think the last four words of the National Anthem are, "Gentlemen, start your engines."

You've ever plucked a nose hair with a pair of pliers.

You have ever worn cowboy boots with Bermuda shorts.

You use a fishing license as a form of identification.

You've ever been accused of lying through your tooth.

You've ever stolen toilet paper.

You think "six to ten pounds" on the side of a diaper box is how much it will hold.

You have a rag for a gas cap.

Your family tree does not fork.

You own Patsy Cline salt and pepper shakers.

Your car's muffler is held on with coat hangers.

September DX Opportunities

September should bring some nice DX opportunities and the propagation might even allow a few great openings. Try these for a start:

Tunisia, 3V8SM, as IOTA AF-083 from Djerba Island from August 28-31.

Croatia, 9A8TQF, from August 28th to September 9th.

Canary Islands, EA8/DH5JG, from Lanzarote Island, IOTA AF-004 from August 30th - September 12th.

Greece, SV8/IV3CGJ, from Kefallonia, (OTA BU-052, from August 26 - September 3rd.

Montana Cowboy

A Montana cowboy was overseeing his herd in a remote mountain pasture when suddenly a brand new BMW advanced out of a dust cloud towards him. The driver, a young man in a new suit and sunglasses leans out the window and asks the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a call?"

The cowboy looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, Why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, opens his cell phone and surfs to a NASA page on the internet where he calls up a GPS satellite navigation system to get a fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo. The young man then opens a digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored.

He then accesses a MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, gets a response. Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150 page report on his miniaturized HP LaserJet printer and finally turns

to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says the cowboy.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on as the man stuffs it into the trunk of his car. Then the cowboy says to the man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, Why not?"

"You're a Congressman from the U.S. Government," says the cowboy.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answered the cowboy, "You showed up here though nobody called you, you wanted to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You tried to show me how much smarter than me you are and you don't know a thing about cows....this is a herd of sheep. Now give me back my dog!"

Special Events On The Air

KSR – First anniversary of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, New Orleans, LA. 1400-2000Z September 16 on 14.250 and 7.250.

KDSUJZ National POW/MIA Recognition Day, 1400-2300Z September 6 on 7.237, 14.237, 21.237, 28.237.

Route 66 On The Air – September 9-17 and available on frequencies ending with "66" such as 21.366, 14.266, 14.166, 14.066, 7.266 & 3.866. Official station designations will begin with W6A in Chicago and end with W6Q in Santa Monica.

Things You Would Like To Say At Work

1. Ahh...I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.
2. I don't know what your problem is but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.
3. How about never? Is never good for you?
4. I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public.
5. I'll try being nicer if you will try being smarter.
6. I don't work here, I'm a consultant.
7. I'm already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.
8. What am I? Flypaper for freaks?
9. Yes, I am an agent of Satan, but my duties are largely ceremonial.
10. This isn't an office. It's Hell with fluorescent lighting.
11. If I throw a stick, will you leave?
12. Nice perfume, must you marinate in it?
13. How do I set a laser printer to stun?



Washington State Salmon Run

The 2006 Washington State Salmon Run (Washington's own QSO party) sponsored by the Western Washington DX Club is scheduled for September 16-17th.

Hams across America will be looking for our state's counties and Lewis County is one of the rarer ones!

Stations outside of Washington will work as many Washington stations in as many counties as possible while stations in Washington will work as many states, Canadian call areas and DX countries as we can get.

Times will be 1600 Saturday to 0700Z. Sunday and then again from 1600-2400Z on Sunday for a total of 23 hours of contesting.

The exchange for those of us in Washington will be RST (57, 59, etc) and the county we are operating from. The exchange for those calling us from outside Washington will be RST plus their state, province or DX country. For more information on this great program, check the web at <http://www.wdxc.org>.

Great Lawyer Story

Charlotte, North Carolina. A lawyer purchased a box of very expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires."

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued ... and WON!

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and had guaranteed that it would insure them against fire and was obliged to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for the cigars lost in the "fires".

BUT.....

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson!

With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

Supposedly this is a true story and was the first place winner in the Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.

(Only in America! No wonder the third world countries think we're nuts)

More September Radio Events

Sept. 2-3: All Asian SSB Contest

Sept. 9-10: Worked All Europe SSB Contest

Sept. 17: North American SSB Contest

Sept. 23-24: Texas QSO Party

Sept. 30-Oct. 1: Arkansas QSO Party

Ten Dollars

Fred and his wife Edna went to the state fair every year. Every year Fred would say, "Edna, I'd like to ride in that there airplane." And every year Edna would say, "I know Fred, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars and ten dollars is ten dollars."

One year Fred and Edna went to the fair and Fred said, "Edna, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance."

Edna replied, "Fred that there airplane ride costs ten dollars and ten dollars is ten dollars."

The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you but if you say one word it's ten dollars."

Fred and Edna agreed and up they go. The pilot does all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word is heard. He does all his tricks over again, but still not a word. They land and the pilot turns to Fred. "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't"

Fred replied, "Well, I was going to say something when Edna fell out, but ten dollars is ten dollars."

September Propagation Improving

According to Tomas Hood, NW7US, September is a month of radical improvement in radio propagation conditions. On September 23rd, the sun will be directly over the equator. On this day over much of the earth, the hours of daylight are equal to the hours of darkness.

Tomas says we can expect "vast improvement" on 15 through 20 meters with more frequent

openings from mid September through mid October to South America, the South Pacific, South Asia and Africa. The strongest openings will occur for a few hours after sunrise and during sunset.

With the winter DX and contest activities approaching, and with the final few weeks of good weather, its time to fix what needs fixing and tighten what needs tightening.

A Career Change

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments, everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, "I'm sorry but you scared the daylight's out of me."

The frightened passenger, apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry. It's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab....I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."

Not Too Early To Get Ready... 2006 CQ WW DX Contest is near

One of the big ones for those of us who like contests and like DX contacts is fast approaching. The 2006 CQ Worldwide DX contest is scheduled for October 28-29th.

This event is about as good as it gets when it comes to contacting other countries as almost every DX station will be on the air looking for you!

Our friend Hillar Raamat, N6HR, says DXCC (100 confirmed countries) can be had in one weekend with a little luck and some seat time behind the microphone. While DXCC in a weekend is probably more than most will work, this contest is one of the best if not the best place to grab those foreign stations.

And don't forget the secret to this contest.... look for those DX stations to be on the air just before the contest warming up and testing their equipment and just after the contest loafing around. Beat the crowds and join in the event early.

Yuck!

Some athletes and trainers like to chug pickle juice to prevent muscle cramps. The sodium and acetic acid contained in the pickle brine is similar to the ingredients found in commercially made isotonic sports drinks.

(you have to hate yourself to "chug" pickle juice)

Earlene

Billy Bob and Luther were talking one afternoon when Billy Bob tells Luther, "Ya know, I reckon I'm 'bout ready for a vacation. Only this year, I'm gonna do it a little different. The last few years, I took your advice about where to go. Three years ago you said to go to Hawaii. I went to Hawaii and Earlene got pregnant.

Then two years ago, you told me to go to the Bahamas, and Earlene got pregnant again.

Last year you suggested Tahiti and darned if Earlene didn't get pregnant again."

Luther asks Billy Bob, "So what are you gonna do this year that's different?"

Billy Bob says, "This year I'm taking Earlene with me."

Can This Be True?

A man gets into a terrible accident and they take him to the hospital and the family anxiously waits as he undergoes surgery. Finally the surgeon comes out and tells them that the man's brain has been seriously damaged and that he will need a transplant. The wife stated she didn't know how she could ever handle this financially. The surgeon said that she could purchase a man's brain for \$600 or a woman's brain for \$200. "Why are the woman's brains so cheap?" she asked. The surgeon said, "Because women's brains are used."

Two Conventions In Washington

Two different ham radio conventions will occur in Washington State in September.

The first, scheduled for September 23rd in the Spokane Valley will be held at the University High School in Spokane and will feature vendors, seminars and displays. The special guest speaker will be ARRL HQ Field and Educational Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG. Admission is only \$5

The next Washington area conference will be the Pacific Northwest VHF Conference being held this year on September 29-October 1st in Bellingham at the Hampton Inn at Bellingham Airport.

Features include a Friday evening social event and awards ceremony, Saturday conference programs, Saturday lunch buffet, Saturday evening no host dinner and a Sunday morning "Farewell Breakfast". Admission to the VHF conference is \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door.

Did You Know?

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. When customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them, "Mind your pints and quarts." It's where the phrase "mind your P's and Q's" came from.