



CQ CVARS...CQ CVARS...

Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society
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*Amateur Radio...
When All Else Fails...Hams Will Be On The Air*

Next CVARS Meeting:

Wednesday October 4, 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
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45.43- PL Tone 110.9

CVARS

Executive Board Meeting

The Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society Executive Board met at the home of Johnny Jackson on Sunday, September 9th. Those present were: President Jerry Cuning, KN7VFO; Vice President John Jackson, KQ7JJ; Secretary Bob Willey, KD7OWN and board member Jeff Mayfield, KE7ACE. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

Vice President's Report: John Jackson advised the board that Ward Silver would be the October program. Ward has visited our club before with a great program called "Antenna 101". During October, he will talk about antenna stubs.

Treasurer's Report: President Jerry Cuning opened the meeting by reminding all that Kim Aiken volunteered to take on the treasurer's job after former treasurer Steve Pack moved in June. Jerry advised, however, that Kim has had some physical setbacks and could no longer continue in that position. At the general meeting on September 6th, Doug Skaggs, KC7TPK, volunteered to take over as treasurer through the end of the year. Jerry will be arranging for the transfer of all necessary paperwork as soon as possible.

Old Business: none to report at this time.

New Business: The board was notified that we will not be able to use the current downstairs meeting room much longer as

the church will be needing it on Wednesday evenings. This may require moving to a new location as the former upstairs meeting room was simply too small for most meetings. Board members will be considering new locations at a future meeting.

Secretary Bob Willey reminded the board that October is nomination month with elections to follow in November.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8:30 pm.

World Traveler John Bertels

While he is probably back home by now, I recently received a nice postcard from John Bertels, WA7LFJ from the Fiji Islands. John, who has done some extensive traveling in South and Central America over the last year or so, reports that Fiji was warm, friendly and cooled by a nice breeze. He liked the "very slow pace" of the island. Safe journey, John and come back soon!

Pacificon 2006

The Pacificon 2006 Amateur Radio Convention is scheduled for October 13-15 in San Ramon, California. I've never been to this convention but I've heard it is great! What do you say we plan a CVARS group tour next year? For more information, check the web at www.pacificon.org. Shoot...we could rent a bus or maybe just car pool.

Halloween's A'comin ...

A man was walking home alone late one foggy night when behind him he heard

Bump...

Bump...

Bump...

Walking faster, he looks back and through the fog makes out the image of an upright casket banging its way down the middle of the street toward him.

Bump...

Bump...

Bump...

Terrified, the man begins to run towards home, the casket bouncing quickly behind him.

Faster...

Faster...

Bump...

Bump...

Bump...

He runs to his door, fumbles with his keys, opens the door, rushes in, slams and locks the door behind him.

However, the casket crashes through his door, with the door of the casket clapping

Clappity-bump...

Clappity-bump...

Clappity-bump...

The terrified man runs. Rushing upstairs to the bathroom, the man locks himself inside. His heart is pounding; his head is reeling; his breath is coming in sobbing gasps.

With a loud CRASH the casket breaks down the door, bumping and clapping towards him. The man screams and reaches for something, anything, but all he can find is a bottle of cough syrup!

Desperate, he throws the cough syrup at the casket...

And... The coffin stops!

(don't even try to say that isn't funny...and no groans. I know you laughed!) (OK, I apologize)

Did Ya "Do The Salmon Run?"

Did you manage to get on the air during Washington State's Salmor. Run (our state's QSO party) and represent Lewis County?

Yours truly managed 107 contacts including 23 Washington counties, Lithuania, Canada and Russia and worked 28 states for a total score of 12,412 points.

I was a close second, in the state, to our friends Hillar and Elsie Raamat who managed 637 SSB QSOs, 256 CW QSOs for a total of 253,780 points.

I figure, next year, with just a wee bit of cheating, I can take them over the long haul. Fair warning Hillar and Elsie, better be looking in your rear view mirror, cause I'm gaining on you! Start planning now for 2007's event.

Honesty

Little Zachary, 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell his mom he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. Mom fished it out and threw it in the garbage. Zachary stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to his mom's bathroom and came back with her toothbrush. He held it up and said with a charming smile, "We'd better throw this one out too, 'cause I dropped it in the toilet a few weeks ago."

Elderly

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to the elderly shut-ins, a man used to take his 4 year old daughter on the afternoon rounds where she saw various appliances of old age, particularly canes, walkers and wheelchairs which intrigued her. One day, the man found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. Bracing himself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The Tooth Fairy will never believe this!"

SKYWARN Weather Spotter Classes

Bill Harwell, AC7SR, passed along an email that said a SKYWARN Weather Spotter's training class will be held on October 5th from 7:00 – 9:30 PM at the Lewis County Fire District 12 Station, 1818 Harrison Ave, Centralia.

The National Weather Service will train new and veteran spotters, including interested citizens, amateur radio operators and others on how to look for and report significant weather events. Training will include video demonstrations. Spotters are needed, particularly in rural parts of Lewis County, as well as those who have weather instrumentation such as an anemometer.

If you would like to attend this training, please RSVP to the Lewis County Emergency Management at (360) 740-1151 or e-mail them at dem@co.lewis.wa.us.

Famous People Say...

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement – Mark Twain.

By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy. If you get a bad wife, you'll become a philosopher – Socrates.

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury – Groucho Marx.

I am opposed to millionaires...but it would be dangerous to offer me the position – Mark Twain.

SuitSat -1 is History

You remember SuitSat - 1 don't you? Launched February 3 during a spacewalk from the International Space Station, SuitSat-1 was an Amateur Radio transmitter inside a surplus Russian Orian spacesuit. SuitSat-1 was heard around the world, although at a much weaker signal strength than anticipated.

Well, sadly, SuitSat-1 re-entered and burned up in Earth's atmosphere Thursday, September 7th south-southwest of Western Australia.

SuitSat-1 became one of the greatest public relations vehicle for Amateur Radio in years. But never fear. Plans for a potential SuitSat-2 will be discussed at the AMSAT/ARISS meeting in October.

Only In America

Only in America do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front counter.

Only in America do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Only in America do we buy hotdogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America do we use the work "politics" to describe the process so well: "Poli" in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.

Only in America do they have drive-up ATM machines with Brail lettering.

Great Contests In October

October 7-8: California QSO Party. A great time to grab those elusive counties from California and make some local contacts.

October 7-8: Oceania DX Contest. One of the blessings of living on the west coast is the ability to hear and talk with hams from the South Pacific area. They will all be on during this contest looking for you. Time to grab some DX so check the web at www.oceaniadxcontest.com.

October 15th: For you RTTY hams, the North American RTTY Sprint will be held on this day from 0000Z-0400Z. For more information, check the web at www.nojweb.com.

October 28-29: CQ World Wide DX Contest. It doesn't get much bigger than this. The CQ WWDX contest could easily net you DXCC (100 countries confirmed) in a single weekend! For more info check the web at www.cqww.com.

Blond Highway Patrol

Three blondes were all applying for the last available position on the Texas Highway Patrol. The detective conducting the interview looked at the three of them and said, "So y'all want to be cops, huh?" The blondes all nodded.

The detective got up, opened a file drawer and pulled out a folder. Sitting back down, he opened it and pulled out a picture, and said, "To be a police officer, you have to be able to detect. You must be able to notice things such as distinguishing features and oddities such as scars and so forth."

So saying, he stuck the photo in the face of the first blonde and withdrew it after about two seconds. "Now," he said, "did you notice any distinguishing features about this man?"

The blonde immediately said, "Yes, I did. He has only one eye!"

The detective shook his head and said, "Of course he has only one eye in this picture! It's a profile of his face! You're dismissed."

The detective then turned to the second blonde, stuck the photo in her face for two seconds, pulled it back and said, "What about you? Notice anything unusual or outstanding about this man?"

"Yes! He only has one ear!"

The detective put his head in his hands and exclaimed, "Didn't you hear what I just told the other lady? This is a profile of the man's face. Of course he has only one ear! You're excused too."

The detective turned his attention to the third blonde and said, "This is probably a waste of time, but.." He flashed the photo in her face and withdrew it saying, "All right, did you notice anything distinguishing about the man?"

The blonde said, "I sure did. This man wears contact lenses."

The detective took another look at the picture and began looking at some papers in the folder. He looked up at the blonde with a puzzled expression and said, "You're absolutely right! His bio says he wears contacts. How in the world could you tell that by looking at his picture?"

The blonde rolled her eyes and said, "Well, Hellooooo! With only one eye and one ear, he certainly can't wear glasses."

Special Events On The Air!

October 6-7, 1500Z-2300Z, Honobia, OK
McCurtain County ARC Annual Bigfoot Festival with certificates. 14.270, 21.230, 7.270 and 3.900.

Oct 6-15, Albuquerque, NM High Desert ARC Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. 21.255, 14.275, 7.260 offering a QSL card.

Oct 7, 1400-2200Z, St Charles, IL, Fox River
Radio League's Annual Scarecrow Festival.
14.260, 7.260. Offering a QSL card.

Oct 14-15, 1300Z-1900Z, Zanesville, OH ARC
celebrating the only 'Y' bridge in North America.
14.260, 7.240 offering a QSL card.

Ever Wonder...

Why the sun lightens our hair but darkens out
skin?

Why women can't put on mascara with their
mouth closed?

Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?

Why is it that doctors call what they do
"practice"?

Why there isn't mouse flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle used during
lethal injections?

Why don't they make the whole airplane out of
the same stuff that indestructible black box is
made out of?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are
all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the
opposite of progress?

If flying is safe, why do they call the airport the
terminal?

Election Time

October is nomination month for CVARS. While
you don't have to be a CVARS member to
nominate someone for office, you do have to be
a current member with dues paid to have voting
privileges in the November election.

According to the by-laws, the President, Vice-
President and Secretary shall be elected for a
one year term but may serve no more than two
consecutive terms in the same office. President
Jerry and Vice-President Johnny Jackson have
held their respective offices for one year. Bob
Willey, as Secretary, requests to be replaced
and does not wish to run for another office at
this time.

Additionally, the club will need to vote for a
Treasurer. While Doug Skaggs has stepped
forward and volunteered to replace Kim Aiken,

he must be nominated and elected if he wishes
to hold that office in 2007.

Executive Board Members Toby Vice, and Jeff
Mayfield have served their year of service and
two new board members must be elected.
Current board members Loyann Munyan and
Nicholas Bratina still have one more year left to
serve as board members are elected on
opposite years to a two year term.

Remember...if you have not paid your CVARS
dues for 2006, you must pay them before
elections at November's meeting to be able to
cast your vote.

Several good club members have stepped up
and poured their heart and soul into your club to
make it a better organization. Those elected to
CVARS positions easily become burned out. If
you haven't volunteered for a position as
President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary
or executive board member, why not? You're
club needs you and the Chehalis Valley Amateur
Radio Society will sooner or later cease to exist
without members taking responsibility. It is time
for you to step up and be counted as an active,
participating member. Simply showing up for
some meetings doesn't count

Zen Sarcasm

The journey of a thousand miles usually begins
with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.

It's always darkest before the dawn so if you're
going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that is
the time to do it.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a
mile in their shoes. That way you're a mile away
from them and you've got their shoes!

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is simply
not for you.

Some days you're the bug. Some days you're
the windshield.

Duct tape is like 'The Force'. It has a light side
and a dark side and it holds the universe
together

Wise Grandmother

"Granny, do all fairy tales begin with 'once upon
a time'?" asked the little girl.

"No, dear." Said the wise Grandmother, "There
is a whole series of fairy tales that begin with 'If
elected, I promise...".

Did You Know?

Coca-Cola was originally green!
Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil!
It is impossible to lick your own elbow!