



# Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society



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## Official Record Executive Board Meeting November 12, 2003

The CVARS Executive Board met on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at President Kim Aiken's office at 205 S. Tower Avenue in Centralia.

Present were: Kim Aiken, AC7YY, President; Bob Willey, KD7OWN, Vice President; Loyann Munyan, KC7KCJ, Secretary; Bill Hughes, KD7OWO, John Jackson, KQ7JJ and John Bertels, WA7LFJ, Board Members.

Treasurer's Report: Updated balance was given and voice approved by Board Members.

Old Business: President Aiken inquired about the Christmas party. John Jackson gave a brief overview of the planned festivities. Motion was made and approved to expend up to \$100 on the Christmas party. Kim requested to know the status of the "Elmering Committee". John Jackson said he was making a list of Elmers interested in this program and is ready to assign Elmers as needed. Kim has contacted a ham from out of the area who will give a presentation on JOTA at February's CVARS meeting. The Board will review JOTA progress at the Board meeting after this presentation.

New Business: John Jackson reports that Gary Litter wishes the Board to schedule dates during the next year for classes and testing. The Board scheduled the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March and October for classes (with test) and additional testing only for the CVARS Swapmeet. President Aiken will advise Board Members if a Board meeting will be held in December. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

## Happy December Birthdays

John Bertels, WA7LFJ  
Gil Elder, N7PRJ  
Eric Gildersleeve, KD7CAO  
Steve Pack, WB7VAS

## November Election Results

November is elections month and the club has several returning board members as well as some new faces. Here are the results of the elections:

**President:** Kim Aiken, AC7YY  
**Vice President:** Bob Willey, KD7OWN  
**Secretary:** Jon Jeschke, KD7SXV

**One year Board Members At Large:**  
John Bertels, WA7LFJ  
John Ellingson, K7OSK

**Two year Board Members At Large:**  
John Jackson, KQ7JJ  
Jim VanderMeer, KC7ASV

Thanks to all those who were generous enough to put their name in the hat for election. We are all winners when we have such a great selection to vote for. Thanks, too, to the current board members who have given their time to make the club great!

## For Those Who Were Not Around In 1957, See What You Missed?

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, its going to be impossible to buy a weeks groceries for \$20.00."
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when \$5,000 will only buy a used one."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon?"
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It cost nearly \$15 to stay in a hotel!"

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## No Club Meeting In December...

### It's Christmas Party Time Instead!

Bill Harwell, along with the dedicated assistance of John and Jill Jackson have a great Christmas Party lined up. As usual, the party will be held in place of the December CVARS meeting.

The festivities will be held at the Virgil R. Lee building at Penny Playground Park off 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Chehalis. We will start at our regular time of 7:30 PM and this year's meal should be wonderful. Everyone is welcome. You are asked to bring a main dish and a salad of some sort. Eating utensils, plates and decorations will be provided as will the soft drinks and coffee. (please don't bring any liquor to drink. Have you ever seen an intoxicated Ham? Not a pretty sight!)

It promises to be a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays and THE social event of the year. Black tie is NOT in this group's vocabulary but then most who attend black tie affairs have never seen Bill in shorts! WOW. So come on down and enjoy the fun. See you at the party.



### Celebrate Veteran's Day

As I write this newsletter, I remember today is Veteran's Day. Although you will get the newsletter later in the month, I hope everyone will remember our soldiers, sailors and airmen overseas protecting our country. Remember too, those who fought for freedom in the past so we might enjoy this great country.

### For Sale...For Sale...For Sale

1. HAMKEYER el. keyer with AUTRONIC single-lever paddle. \$99 for both!
2. FREE to a nice antenna farm: 2-300 ft of military 10KW 75-ohm hardline coax. Come and get it!
3. Couple KW+ HF low-pass filters. \$20.
4. FREE! Tower mast extension to mount a quad on a guyed tower. (without interference to the existing tower guywires).
5. GU-43b Russian tube (same tube as the SVETLANA 4CX1600 but with a concentric ring base) \$100. Brand new! Even have translated specs for it if you can't read 'Russki!' (Plate V 3200V @ 1 amp!)

Call Hillar Raamat, N6HR, 360-678-3408

### 2004 Communications Academy

Set the date aside now to attend the 2004 Communications Academy in Shoreline. If you have not attended this great weekend Ham Radio Academy, you have really missed something. There is something for every level of knowledge and interest. Need a ride? Get lost easy? Car pools are usually available and the price is right. Call Bill Harwell, AC7SR, for further details and come join the fun.

## Things You Should Never Say To A Cop:

- I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer.
- Sorry, officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
- Are you Andy or Barney?
- You're not going to check the trunk, are you?
- I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a cop!
- Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
- Hey, you must've been doin' about 125 mph to keep up with me. Good job!
- When the Officer says "Gee son... your eyes look red, have you been drinking?" you probably don't want to answer with "Gee Officer, your eyes look glazed, have you been eating doughnuts?"
- (and my personal favorite) "Do you know just who I am?" (the answer to which is "no, but when you sign the ticket at the bottom, I will")

### Geezers

"Geezers" (slang for an old man) are easy to spot.

At sporting events, during the playing of the National Anthem, Old Geezers hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them. Old Geezers remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, the Cold War, the jet age and the moon landing, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an Old Geezer on the sidewalk, he will apologize. If you pass an Old Geezer on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. Old Geezers hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth on TV or in movies. Old Geezers have moral courage. They seldom brag unless it's about their grandchildren.

It's the Old Geezers who know our great country is protected, not by politicians or police, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country. This country needs Old Geezers with their decent values. We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old Geezers!

### Thoughts For The Day

Some people are like Slinkies...not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs!

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.

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Yup, you're right! This is the end of page two. WOW!



**Ten-Ten International  
Or  
"What The Heck Is This  
10-10 Number Thing?"  
by Bob Willey  
10-10 # 72982**

Ten-Ten International Net, or 10-10 for short, is an organization of amateur radio operators dedicated to maintaining the 10 meter amateur band. Ten-Ten was formed in 1962 when operators feared that lack of activity on the 10 meter band would result in those band privileges being taken away. Ten-Ten was formed to promote activities on the band and prove its usefulness. Each member joining Ten-Ten International was issued their own personal "10-10" number for life. Today, there are over 73,000 10-10 numbers on the air.

Ten-Ten members enjoy a wide range of activities. First, it is common practice to give and collect 10-10 numbers with other members. You will often hear those on the 10 meter band giving their name, QTH (residence) and 10-10 number. Several awards are available simply for collecting 10-10 numbers.

Ten-Ten sponsors 14 different operating awards such as "Worked All States on 10 Meters" and the "Ten-Ten Bar Award" for collecting groups of 100 Ten-Ten numbers. Several contests are sponsored each year by Ten-Ten International to assist those wishing to participate in the award programs.

In addition, if you are interested in "paperchasing" (collecting certificates to cover the walls of your shack) Ten-Ten sponsors over 200 individual and unique club chapters around the world. Each club holds regular nets on 10 meters and chapter membership (usually around \$3) brings a beautiful and interesting membership certificate.

Membership in Ten-Ten requires an individual to collect 10 Ten-Ten numbers from members on the air and then submit that list, along with \$15 to Ten-Ten International. You will receive your own personal 10-10 membership card with your very own 10-10 number for life along with one of the best newsletters around.

For those who like to collect (10-10 numbers, contacts, states, certificates) Ten-Ten is a very interesting group. The 10 meter band, usually during the winter, is a wonderful daytime band. 10 meters is generally a "quiet" band with enough space to spread out to make contacts. Ten-Ten people are some of the most friendly hams around. So meet me on 10 meters and let's exchange numbers!

To receive a 10-10 information packet containing everything you would want to know about 10-10, send \$2 and a return address to"

Data Manager  
10-10 International Net, Inc.  
PMB 142  
643 North 98<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68114-2342

Or check the 10-10 website at [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org).

## **Dues...Dues...Dues!**

In case you didn't know, "Dues" stands for "Don't Underestimate Enforcement Solutions". Now this is not a threat but just to let you know that sometime after the first of the year, if you haven't paid your dues, we will have to send "Guido" (the enforcer) Pack to your house to "collect....yea, that's it....collect". Don't chance it. Pay now and then smile at anyone who shows up at a club meeting in a cast!

### **Don't Forget To Say "Howdy"**

Don't forget to say "hi" to our three new hams. They were at the CVARS club meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> and two of them have been heard on the Sunday evening CVARS net. They are:

Nicholas Bratina – KD7YUF

Lisa Bratina – KD7YUG

Jim Webster – KD7YUH

Every new ham wants to use the radio and feels a little left out when no one answers him/her on the 2 meter radio. Please take the time to give them your regards and make them feel welcome.



### **Tuesday Evening Code Practice**

**With cooler weather and fall type evenings again, the regular Tuesday evening code practice is available again. Participants meet each Tuesday at 6:30 PM on the 10 meter band to practice some code. The location is 28.150 for the code and the 2-meter simplex frequency for voice backup and comments. Even if you don't want to participate, come and give a listen. Get that code speed up so you can show off on the CW bands!**

### **Hamshack Clock Auction**

Steve Pack, WB7VAS, arranged to have a beautiful "CVARS Special Edition" clock made up by Ron Hill, W7NN, owner of HamStuff Equipment. The 10" round clock sports a black frame and hours in both 12 and 24 hour combinations. What makes this a "CVARS Special Edition" is the bright red Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society logo in the center of the clock. This is truly a "one of a kind" item for your favorite ham shack.

Steve has generously donated this clock. We have decided to auction it off at January's CVARS general meeting. The profits will go into the club's general fund. Don't miss your chance to own this great time piece and please remember to thank Steve for his generous gift to our club.

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- If “AM” stands for Air Mobile and “M/M” stands for Marine Mobile, does “HOGM” stand for Harley Davidson Mobile? - just a thought.

### **Amateur Radio on the International Space Station Special Event**

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) international team has announced an on-the-air event to commemorate Roy Neal, K6DUE, who died August 16. ARISS requested that the ISS Expedition 8 crew communicate from space with earthbound radio amateurs during the November 29-30 weekend. Those contacting the ISS by voice (NA1SS) or packet (RS0ISS) through the end of December will be eligible for a special anniversary event certificate.

Neal, a noted NBC news correspondent, producer and executive, had the vision to make Amateur Radio a permanent feature on human spaceflight missions. He chaired the Space Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX) Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Working Group. Through his extensive NASA contacts, Neal was instrumental in convincing NASA management to fly Amateur Radio onboard the space shuttle.

Human spaceflight took the first step to Neal’s vision on November 28, 1983, with the launch of the first Amateur Radio station aboard the space shuttle Columbia. A few days later, astronaut Owen Garriott, W5LFL, became the astronaut to speak from space via ham radio.

ARISS requests that participants in the special event keep all contacts short as there will certainly be a pile up. Don’t miss this special event. It will certainly be one of the best.

### **Here Are A Few Other December Special Events Worth Checking Out**

Grand Junction, CO: Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, 1600Z-2300Z December 6<sup>th</sup>. National SkyWarn Day. 28.360, 21.260, 14.260, 7.230. QSL via Bob Vogel, 155 Ponderosa Dr., Fruita, CO 81521. ( I did SkyWarn Day last year and got some beautiful QSL cards.)

Baltimore, MD: Historical Electronics Museum Amateur Radio Club, W3GR. 1300Z Dec. 6 – 2100Z Dec. 7. Commemorating the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. 14.241, 14.041, 7.241, 7.041. Certificate. W3GR – HEMARC, PO Box 746, MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203 (for history buffs, Pearl Harbor Day falls on a Sunday this year, just as in 1941!)

Kitty Hawk, NC: North Carolina Special Events Group , W4B. 1700Z Dec. 12 – 2000Z Dec. 17. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wright Brothers First Flight. 21.330, 14.260, 7.260, 3.860. Certificate. W4B Special Event, PO Box 3228, Shelby, NC 28151

Quincy, IL: Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, K9C. 0000Z Dec 1 – 2359Z Dec 15. Christmas Avenue of Lights, Quincy, Illinois. 28.350, 21.350, 14.250, 7.250. Certificate. Robert G. Mitchell, 816 Long Drive, Quincy, IL 62305

(Special event notifications thanks to Steve, WB7VAS)

### **Only In Texas (or Lewis County)**

Did you hear the one about the two East Texas horse traders, Billy Bob and Tommy Joe? It seems that Billy Bob had this mule. Not just an old run of the mill mule but a real sorry one. Well, Tommy Joe offered Billy Bob \$20 for the mule and Billy Bob jumped at it. Tommy Joe took the mule home, combed and then washed it. Billy Bob happened by a few days later and saw what Tommy Joe had done with the mule.

He offered him \$50 for it and went home with the mule. Billy Bob trimmed it’s mane and tail, polished it’s hooves and gave it another bath. He put it in his barn. Two or three days later Tommy Joe came over for a visit and offered Billy Bob \$75 for the mule. This went on for quite awhile until a buyer came by from Lewis County and gave Tommy Joe \$600 for the now prime live stock.

Billy Bob heard about the sale and rushed over to talk to Tommy Joe. “What have you done?” he asked. “We were both making a good living off that mule!”

### **Baw Faw Repeater Needs Your Support!**

When making out that check for your CVARS dues, don’t forget our friends at the Baw Faw Repeater Group. We all use this great repeater so, of course, we should all support it as well. Suggested donations are \$25 per family. Donations can be given to Gil Elder, N7PRJ or Mike Payne, AC7UP. CVARS Treasurer Steve Pack offered to forward you donation to Baw Faw as well. What a great Christmas present to yourself!

### **Want To Start A VHF USB Net?**

We heard that Gary Litteer, K7PG, wanted to start up a net on upper side band on the VHF frequencies so I called him to see what the scoop was all about.

Gary is ready to make it an official net as yet but would be interested in chatting with others on VHF USB. He is suggesting a calling frequency, such as 144.250, on 2 meter upper side band. No set date or time, but those interested could keep that frequency turned on and see who shows up and says ‘hello’. Gary says a horizontal antenna pointed at your favorite contact works best but a vertical is workable as well. So if you’ve got the right equipment and just want to grab a conversation on 144.250, Gary and maybe a few others will be listening. (PS- I kind of think Gary might be interested in amateur TV as well. Could this be on the horizon? Hmmmmm.)

- For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program!
- A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel sooooooo good!
- A balanced diet is a doughnut in each hand!



**Bob, KD7OWN**