



# Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society



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## Official Record

### Executive Board Meeting August 11, 2004

The CVARS Executive Board met on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of John Jackson, KQ7JJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM by President Kim Aiken, AC7YY.

Present were: Kim Aiken, AC7YY, President; Bob Willey, KD7OWN, Vice President; Steve Pack, WB7VAS, Treasurer and board members Jim VanderMeer, KC7ASV. John Ellingson, K7OSK and John Jackson, KQ7JJ. Guests included Al Dittrick, KD7Y.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Steve Pack reported that the club made just over \$300 on the hamfest completed on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

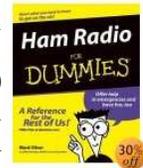
Old Business: John Ellingson, K7OSK, gave a closing report on this year's hamfest. Attendance was very good this year and the new "tailgate" type of event was well received. Seven people tested for new licenses or upgrades with three passing. A Special "thank you" to Bob Majoros for the coffee, donuts and other great goodies at the event. A thank you letter was received and read into the record from Bill Harwell, AC7SR for the donation in the amount of \$150 to the Mt. St. Helens Repeater from the club.

Al Dittrick, KD7Y, reported on the recent classes he gave during the first week in August. Seven students took the classes with 100% passing the test on Saturday! (see additional info on these graduates later in the newsletter). The club voted to reimburse Al \$25 for class materials.

New Business: Class dates for October were scheduled (see info later in newsletter). A new VE liaison position was established and Steve Pack appointed to the position (see more info later in newsletter). A motion was made to appoint John Ellingson as the 2005 hamfest coordinator and to conduct the same "tailgate" type event. Voice approved. Kim Aiken has new information on JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) with the Scouts and will give a presentation at September's Executive Board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

## Ward Silver, N0AX September's Meeting Program

The Program Speaker for CVARS next meeting will be another well known author and ham radio personality. Ward Silver has been a ham over 30 years and has had a 20 year career in broadcasting and as an electrical engineer and programmer, developing instrumentation and medical electronics. In 2000, he turned to teaching and writing as a second career. You can find his monthly columns and articles in QST magazine and in the biweekly e-mail newsletter, "The Contester's Rate Sheet." He is the author of the ARRL's online course, "Antenna Design and Construction." His ham radio interests include multi-operator and low-power (QRP) contesting, DX-ing, and antenna design. He is the author of "NOAX's Radio Puzzler" (a collection of quizzes and puzzles), and co-author of "HF Tribander Performance – Test Methods & Results" and "HF Vertical Performance – Test Methods & Results." He is the winner of the 2003 Bill Orr Technical Writing Award.



Ward said he will bring copies of his new book "Ham Radio For Dummies" to sell and will autograph yours as well. Don't miss the great article in WorldRadio this month by Ward on "What Makes A 'Good One'?" If you missed the well attended "Antenna 101" class at last spring's Communication Conference, you'll not want to miss this last opportunity to hear Ward tell you everything you wanted to know about antennas.

Ward is a Washington State boy and has agreed to travel quite a distance to speak to our group so don't miss this opportunity.

## Club Meeting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 PM

Next club meeting will be Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM at the First Baptist Church located at 1866 S. Market Blvd. in Chehalis. New hams especially welcome so mark the date!

Hey....Where do you find a dog with no legs?

Answer...right where you left him, of course!

### Read It An Smile!

1. How do you catch a unique rabbit?  
Unique up on it!
2. How do you catch a tame rabbit?  
Tame way, unique up on it.
3. How do crazy people go through the forest?  
They take the psycho path.
4. What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall? Dam!
5. What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work? A stick!
6. What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long? Polaroids
7. What do you call cheese that isn't yours?  
Nacho cheese.
8. What do you call Santa's helpers?  
Subordinate clauses.
9. What do you get from a pampered cow?  
Spoiled milk.
10. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a Vampire? Frostbite.
10. What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup?  
Anyone can roast beef.
11. Why do Gorillas have big nostrils?  
Because they have big fingers.
12. Why don't blind people like to sky dive?  
Because it scares the dog.
13. What is the difference between a Harley and a Hoover?  
The location of the dirt bag (sorry Harley)
14. How are a Texas tornado and a Mississippi divorce the same?  
Somebody's gonna lose a trailer.

### Fall Testing – October 5-9<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Al Dittrick, KD7Y, has scheduled another Technician Class running October 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Classes are limited to 10 students and will be held at a site yet to be announced. Testing will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 PM.

For class information and sign-up, contact Al at 785-3624. To sign-up for testing, contact Steve Pack, WB7VAS at 767-0101.

### NEW HAMS....NEW HAMS

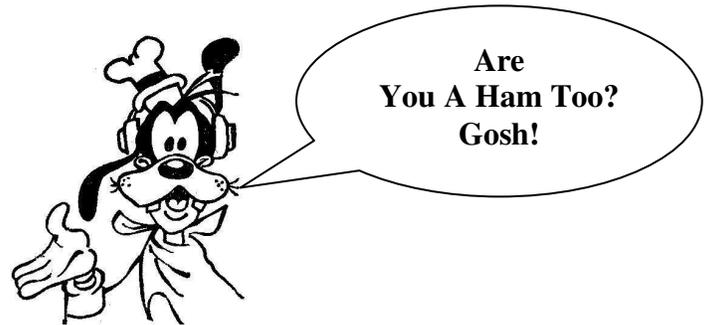
Candidates passing the ARRL Technician test on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the CVARS Hamfest:

KE7BNL Barbara Wilson, Chehalis  
KE7BNN Ronald (Scott) Pollock, Curtis  
KE7BNM Tyrel Newton, Seattle

Candidates passing the ARRL Technician test at the August 8<sup>th</sup> session in Winlock:

KE7BPF Raymond Hart, Salkum  
KE7BPE Tony Lacey, Centralia  
KE7BPG Brandon Upton, Onalaska  
KE7BPD Darwin Berry, Rochester  
KE7BPB Lindsey Pollock, Curtis  
KE7BPA Stanley Dittrick, Winlock  
KE7BPC Leslie Lytle, Longview

Congratulations to all. Membership in the Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society (CVARS) is yours for one year free! Welcome to the club. The CVARS newsletter will also arrive in your mailbox each month so plan on setting the first Wednesday of each month aside and come to a meeting.....and welcome to Ham Radio!



### Washington Salmon Run

Like a good contest? Well this one belongs to Washington State! The Salmon Run is our state's QSO Party. Hams from all across the nation will be looking for Washington State counties and contacts. This is your chance to give Lewis County to the world!

Scheduled for the third weekend in September, the contest will be 1600z-Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> thru 0700z Sunday and 1600z through 2400z Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

All you have to say is "59 (or correct RST) Lewis County". What a great way to make some contacts and maybe get a few QSL cards for that Worked All States award AND they will be hunting for YOU!

## My Favorite Elmer

I was very fortunate in the area of Elmers. Besides my Dad, 3 uncles, and a few cousins I was lucky enough to be befriended by two guys named Chuck and Mitch. Both of these guys were close to my age when I got started in Ham Radio in 1984. Chuck was the primary instructor in my original ham classes. Back then we went to class one night a week for 13 weeks. We learned the code and the electronic theory to get a license.

After classes were over and we got the "ticket" in the mail, these two guys were there for me every step of the way, helping me to increase my code speed, assisting me in putting up towers and antennas, evaluating used equipment at swapmeets and hamfests, and so on and so on. These guys were there to answer questions and show me how to be a good operator as well as how different toys worked. There was never a question to dumb for me to ask that they would not answer or help me find an answer.

Could I have gotten along without Chuck and Mitch? Sure I could have. But it would not have been near as much fun (and isn't that what our hobby is supposed to be?) and I believe I would not have progressed nearly as far or as fast without the help of people like Chuck and Mitch.

There have been others in my ham radio life that have helped me, and others, but I consider Chuck and Mitch the two guys who really helped me the most. Thanks guys. I will always remember, appreciate, and try to do the same for others. Chuck and Mitch, 73's - Terry, KQ7K

Do you have a favorite Elmer? Send me a few lines and let's thank them publicly in the newsletter. Thanks.

Need an Elmer? (Elmer is just the person in a club like ours who can help you with those questions and needed answers) Call Johnny Jackson, KQ7JJ, at 748-8932 and he will set you up with someone who can help answer any question you might have.



## October 2<sup>nd</sup> is SET Drill Time.

October is just around the corner. Have you set aside Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for this year's SET drill? September's ARES meeting will be important to the drill so plan on attending on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the PUD at 7:00 PM.

## WARNING!.....Don't Read This.

A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car. The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit is dead. The driver feels so awful that he begins to cry.

A beautiful blond woman driving down the highway sees the man crying at the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong.

"I feel terrible," he explains, "I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it."

The blond says, "Don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead rabbit, bends down and sprays the contents onto the rabbit. The rabbit jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road. Ten feet away the rabbit stops, turns around and waves again; he hops down the road another 10 feet, turns and waves, hops another ten feet, turns and waves and repeats this again and again and again and again, until he hops off out of sight.

The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands "What is in that can? What did you spray on that rabbit?"

The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label. It says....(are you ready for this?)....(remember I started this with a warning)...(you are gonna be sorry)...(last chance)...OK, here it is! It says:

Hair Spray – restores life to dead hair, adds permanent wave.

## Executive Board Appoints Steve Pack, WB7VAS, VE Liaison

The CVARS Executive Board approved, at August's regular meeting, a one year position as VE Examiner Liaison and voted Steve Pack, WB7VAS, into that position.

The VE Liaison will be responsible for scheduling the club's license testing (4 per year), ordering testing materials, and overseeing the testing process.

Please congratulate Steve on his new duties.

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

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 consider \$275. Call Steve Pack at 767-0101 for info.

### Thought For The Day

For those who say there is no God, then who pops up the next Kleenex in the Kleenex box?

### Morse Code Classes

Terry Neumann, KQ7K, is considering another set of code classes for those wishing to move beyond their basic Technician Class license privileges. Dates and times have not yet been established. If interested, call or contact Terry at [kq7k@arrl.net](mailto:kq7k@arrl.net).

### CVARS at 68

By my count, (fingers, toes, and the two small warts on my left hand) the Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Club stands at 68 living, breathing members! Now a few of those are new members who have just tested and won't pay dues for a year but we should be proud of the great job everyone is doing! Good work everyone!



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### Are You An ARRL Member?

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is important to all hams. Not only is the ARRL our voice around the world but continues to fight for our privileges across the ham bands. Members get QST magazine which is worth membership alone!

When you join, you help all hams as well as your own local club. You have the license. Now become a member of the best ham organization going! Join ARRL. Contact Steve Pack, CVARS Treasurer to join and the club will benefit as well. Thanks

### Did You Know?

- Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise?
- The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.