



# CVARS – 2004

## The Year In Review...

So, how did we do as a club this year? Do you remember the fun events, programs and noteworthy stories? I hope this little reminder will bring back fond memories for you all.  
 – Bob, KD7OWN

### Your Elected Officials:

President: Kim Aiken, AC7YY  
 Vice President: Bob Willey, KD7OWN  
 Secretary: Jon Jeschke, KD7SVK  
 Treasurer: Steve Pack, WB7VAS

### Board Members:

John Bertels, WA7LFJ  
 John Ellingson, K7OSK  
 John Jackson, KQ7JJ  
 Jim VanderMeer, KC7ASV

So, stop me if you've heard this one...

The last fight my wife and I had was my fault. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?"  
 I said, "Dust."  
 -Red Skelton

Loyann Munyan was the highest bidder for that great Hamshack Clock by Ron Hill, W7NN and donated by Steve Pack.

John Jackson worked hard and contacted the International Space Station (ISS)

Long time member Ralph Woodring KC7UWC, moved to Oregon due to poor health.

Al Jorgenson, W7ZLR was the official Grand Marshall of the Onalaska Christmas Parade. He said he even got to sit with all the pretty girls and get his picture in the paper!

### Pssst - Be On The Lookout...

John Jackson would like to get his 32 ft motorhome back after it was stolen from the fairgrounds....(later found at Wal-Mart with thief still inside!)

### 2004 Communications Academy

CVARS took a van load of members to this year's Communications Academy (with a little help from Bill Harwell, AC7SR and his van). Two great days of everything you ever wanted to know about ham radio. There is another in 2005!

### Remember The Darwin Awards?

A man in Alabama died from a rattlesnake bite. It seems that he and a friend were playing catch using a real, live rattlesnake as a ball. The friend at least recovered after being hospitalized!

**EXTRA.....EXTRA.....EXTRA...**  
**Bunny Hunt Injures Steve Pack, WB7VAS, When He Steps Off Cliff Later Requiring Knee Surgery.**

Were you there for the Lewis County Historical Bike Ride?

**New March Hams:** Jeff Mayfield, KE7ACE; Eric Lawver, KE7ACF; Donna Upton, KE7ACG; James Beachboard, KE7ACG; Evelyn Dailey, KE7ACI.

### CVARS.ORG Popular!

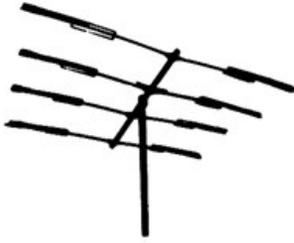
Have you checked your club's website lately? Pictures, newsletters, club notes and events. Steve Pack has done a great job with the site and is always looking for more information. Why aren't you supporting your club website?

### Door Prizes Seem To Be

Have you won your door prize lately? Well, many have. Three prizes are given at each meeting and total prizes average \$40-45 each Club meeting. We've had everything from tools to campstools and books to flashlights.

### Some Of The Monthly Meeting Programs

- JOTA by Phil Westover
- Packet Radio by Bill Vodall
- Propagation by Tomas Hood
- Dayton Hamfest by John Ellingson
- Weather by Dave Chappell
- Contesting by Ron Hill
- Antennas 101 by Ward Silver
- QSLing by Bob & Terry



### CQ Field Day...CQ Field Day...This is WA7UHD Calling

Heavy tents ( thanks Toby ), nice weather, Friday night putting the antennas up, generators falling off trucks, saying "CQ, CQ Field Day, this is WA7UHD" a zillion times, cold nights, tired eyes, Greeeeeeaaaaaattttt food at the pot luck (ok to lick lips here), transient sharing the pot luck with us, watching Brandon and Nicholas making contacts and dancing around the tent, Eric's light show with his florescent light antenna and lots and lots of contacts.

**Great Weekend – Thanks Jim VanderMeer, KC7ASV**

### Terry Neumann Almost Arrests Politician At Summerfest Parade

When Terry volunteered to provide hams for the annual Summerfest Parade, he didn't think he would get into too much trouble. That was, however, before a nasty politician decided he wanted to "choose" his own place in the parade. When told "no" by the parade officials, the guy said "what are you going to do if I do it anyway?" Ever vigilant Terry steps up and volunteers to arrest the guy. After a short "stare down", the politician backs down.

**New Summer Hams:** Barbara Wilson, KE7BNL; Scott Pollock, KE7BNN; Raymond Hart, KE7BPF; Tony Lacey, KE7BPE; Brandon Upton, KE7BPG; Darwin Berry, KE7BPD; Lindsey Pollock, KE7BPB; Stanley Dittrick, KE7BPA and Leslie Lytle, KE7BPC.

CVARS names Steve Pack, WB7VAS , to position as VE Examiner Liaison

Eric Gildersleeve, KD7CAO,  
leaves for school  
In

# Texas!

### ARES!

Amateur Radio Emergency Services were active throughout the year . Did you participate in the wet & rainy Search And Rescue Conference in May? How about the Southwest Washington Fair or the Simulated Emergency Test in October? As the saying goes, "When all else fails, there is Amateur Radio."

**And Hello To Mabel....** Where would our Sunday Night CVARS net be without our favorite listener, Mabel Underwood? Have you volunteered to host the weekly CVARS net lately? Doug is looking for you!

## JOTA

Kim Aiken and his Jamboree On The Air Team spend a rainy Saturday with 39 Scouts and 12 parents !

**Hamfest 2004**  
WOW! Remember this hamfest? Great participation, a new "tail-gate" format, John, K7OSK sweating out the details, good food thanks to Bob Majoros, and fun, fun, fun. Thanks John Ellingson, K7OSK

**What other amateur radio club got an autographed copy of "Ham Radio For Dummies" by Ward Silver?**



**New October Hams:**  
Stephen Kvavle, KE7BYI; Kathleen Kvavle, KE7BYH; Michael Kvavle, KE7BYG; Alan D. Dittrick, Jr., KE7NYF  
Pjanjo Huriavi, KE7BYE

**CVARS offers new club jackets to the membership. Did You Get One?**

**Dogs and cats are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't worry about buying the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college and if they get pregnant, you can sell the results!**

CVARS is a wonderful group of people, dedicated to a hobby like no other. Be proud! Hold you head high! You are a CVARS member!