



# Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society



Website: [cvars.org](http://cvars.org)

February 2005

Edited by Bob Willey, KD7OWN

## Official Record

### Executive Board Meeting January 12, 2004

The CVARS Executive Board met on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Johnny Jackson, KQ7JJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Present were: Bob Willey, KD7OWN, President; Johnny Jackson, KQ7JJ, Vice-President; Steve Pack, WB7VAS, Treasurer, Jon Jeschke, KD7SXV and Executive Board members Jeff Mayfield, KE7ACE and Toby Vice, KD7JPK.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Steve Pack reported that the club is in good shape and should have a successful year in 2005.

Vice President's Report: Johnny Jackson reports that HRO (Ham Radio Outlet) will be February's regular meeting program and will be bringing equipment and radios for all to see.

Old Business: Johnny Jackson reports that festivities for Al Jorgenson's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary get together and antenna party are moving forward. The event is schedule for the third Saturday in April. In other business, Treasurer Steve Pack recommended the club give a donation to the First Baptist Church as a "thank you" for all the support and assistance they have given. A \$50 donation and thank you letter was voice approved and will be forwarded to the church. CW classes are ongoing through the month of January with about 10 attendees. Testing will be on the last Sunday in January.

New Business: President Bob Willey mentioned that the club must renew its club license in 2005. Treasurer Steve Pack volunteered to make this happen. In updating the CVARS website, Steve Pack asked the board how best to keep information about silent keys available. It was decided to create a "silent key page" where all club SK's may be listed. Steve Pack initiated a discussion about a May 18<sup>th</sup> Mount St. Helens Special Event Day. The board agreed to sponsor the event as a club event as this will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the eruption. Field Day coordination was discussed. While Jim VanderMeer did a great job last year, the board feels a new coordinator should be named each year to provide experience throughout the club.

The board decided to ask for volunteers to coordinate this year's event and make a selection at February's Executive Board Meeting. Kim Aiken, AC7YY, has generously offered to take over Johnny Jackson's place coordinating the Elmering Committee since he now has other duties as Vice-President. Johnny said he has plenty of work and would welcome Kim's leadership. Vote taken, voice approved. Having no further business for the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

### Psssst...Want A New HT For Free?

I thought that would get your attention. Steve Pack, WB7VAS, our trusty Treasurer, brought this idea to creation. The club has purchased a brand new Yeasu FT-60R FM Dual Band handheld to be auctioned off at April's club meeting. Tickets for the event will be sold during the February, March and April meetings and will run \$2 each or three for \$5. These tickets will be sold in addition to our regular club door prize tickets and will be maintained for drawing in April by Mr. Pack.

The FT-60R is a great radio and can be seen in February's QST with a full page ad on page 8. The radio is designed for the rigors of outdoor use, includes the 144/430 MHz bands, a new enhanced paging and code squelch and emergency automatic identification systems that are ideal for search and rescue work.

Don't miss the opportunity to buy tickets for a chance at this radio. Some lucky club member is going to win in April and it might be you! And, hint, hint, if this raffle pays for itself, there just might be others. Thanks Steve, what a great idea!

### February CVARS Sunday Net Control

Nicolas Bratina, KD7YUF – February 6<sup>th</sup>  
Johnny Jackson, KQ7JJ – February 13<sup>th</sup>  
Bob Willey, KD7OWN – February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Pack, WB7VAS – February 27<sup>th</sup>

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**CVARS May 18<sup>th</sup> Special Event**



1. Yeasu FT 990. Have original manual, schematics, recently serviced - \$850.00
2. Speaker Yeasu SP 6, Excellent condition - \$90.00
3. Kenwood PS 52 (Used with FT 990) - \$90.00
4. Linear Yeasu FL 7000, 500 watts with original manual - \$1050,00
5. Watt meter Drake W-4 - \$50.00
6. Linear Amerton AL 811, 500 watts. Linear uses 3 ea 811A - \$350.00

All items can be viewed and tested at my residence. I live one mile from I-5 Exit 88.

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## We Have Not Hit Bottom Yet

By Hillar Raamat, N6HR

Welcome to the diminishing world of DXing in 2005! But, as always – look at the brighter side! If your tribander does not reel'em in at S9 levels like it used to – well, this is as good a time as any to add a few meters to your tower and maybe stack'em higher and add a few more elements. Why not? The ol' 160M vertical surely can use a few neighborly beverages to increase the S/N in your Heil headset – and why not add a 6 meter meteor-scatter capability to your shack. Contrary to popular opinion, 6 meters is NEVER dead – as long as meteor pings penetrate our Blue Marble world.

And with some antenna upgrades, the DX is as good as ever! And has been since the 'season' started last October with the CQ WorldWide SSB contest! Million point scores were spread all over the globe. In the CQ WW CW contest in November-ALL 40 zones were workable and worked right here in the Northwest. Even the December ARRL 10 meter contest had wall-to-wall DX-although from here in the NW working Europe was a bit on the dicey side. And now we are into the 160-meter season and still more good DX contests are on the horizon.

And the DX has been just fine! The VU4NRO group put Andamans on the air-after a 20-year hiatus! YV0A late last year was on after a 12-year absence. Baldur DJ6SI, Roger G3SWX, Nigel G3TXF and other world-traveling Marco Polos with radiating gear have put at least a dozen of 'rare' entities in the logs of many DXers. This year (2005) look out for another Peter 1 Island DXpedition, the French are planning an assault on Kergulen (FT5X) and the good work of the VU Group may open the door for Laccadives (VU7). Now, (wishful thinking) here in the US we could use a ham as the

new Secretary of Interior so that the KP1 and KP5 islands could be erased from the DX Most Wanted lists... However, a fat chance of that! (The National Park Service is considering using trained bears as tollbooth attendees! Budget cuts, you know...ha! Would they be Republican bears??)

So make yourself a 'To Do' list! You don't have to go overboard! But DO list some easily accomplished items which would upgrade your station. Maybe add PSK31 capability? Download a log software program to get rid of the paper scribbings-i.e. get organized! In the 'hardware' category-add a new band capability? Be it filters, tuners or beverages... (it is always somewhat amusing that Dr. Beverage's name has the connotation of not only wire antennas but something poured out of a Gatorade canister...) And - just list some personal goals for 2005! Maybe getting a Worked All States certificate. Maybe a WAJA (Worked All Japan) wallpaper. (Same as our WAS). Maybe go for the IOTA (Islands On The Air) sheet...Or work couple dozen new "grids" on VHF/UHF. Try some satellite QSO's. Or get serious about EME!

It is wonderful that our hobby has so so many facets! Do you know a youngster who might be fascinated by our hobby-or who you could invite to listen to ham chatter? Do it! Right here in the NW some kids have developed into 'super' hams: Ben NW7DX (recipient of a full ARRL scholarship), Caleb AD7U (senior at WSU), Emmett KB7OOX (of CWU) and I am sure many many more...

So good hunting and good contesting in 2005! See you in the pileups and hope to see you eyeball in Visalia 15-17 April!

## Burma Shave Signs

She kissed the hairbrush

By mistake

She thought it was

Her husband Jake

- Burma Shave

Drove too long

Driver snoozing

What happened next

Is not amusing

- Burma Shave

Speed was high

Weather was hot

Tires were thin

X marks the spot

- Burma Shave (and end of page 3)

**New CVARS "Awards" Program**

Last month, I mentioned the club would begin a program of contests every other month on the 2-meter bands. January's contest was the "USA" contest. All you had to do was contact three individuals – one with a "U" in the callsign, one with an "S" and one with an "A" to receive a nice certificate (don't forget to send an email ([kd7own@arrl.net](mailto:kd7own@arrl.net)) or call me (736-9633 home, 330-7680 work) before the next meeting to get your certificate).

Here are some additional "Awards" you can earn for a few more certificates!

**CVARS "Net Handler's" Award:** For any individual working a minimum of three (3) Sunday night CVARS nets as Net Control in one year's time is eligible for the CVARS Silver Net Control Award.

Working a minimum of six (6) Sunday night CVARS nets as net control within one year will earn you the CVARS Gold Net Control Award. Certificates of accomplishment will be issued during the club's annual Christmas party in December.

**CVARS "A-1 Technician" Award:** Club members holding a Technician license and operating on 2 meters may receive the CVARS "A-1 Technician" Award for outstanding, professional conduct while making contacts with other Amateur Radio operators. Executive Board members and club Elmers monitoring the 2 meter frequencies throughout the year may recommend any ham operator holding a Technician Class license for the award. Awards will be presented at the next CVARS program.

**CVARS "DX" Award:** CVARS members holding any class of Amateur Radio license are eligible for the "DX" Award. To receive the Silver Award, applicants must work a minimum of ten (10) DX stations. To receive the Gold Award, applicants must work a minimum of twenty-five (25) DX stations. Finally to work the Platinum Award, applicants must work a minimum of fifty (50) DX stations. QSL confirmation (sending a QSL card and receiving one in return) is required just as it is for the ARRL DXCC award. Applicants may submit QSL confirmation information at any time to the CVARS HF Awards Officer (Bob Willey KD7OWN). The appropriate CVARS "DX" Award will be presented at the next program date. Applicants interested in this award who currently hold a Technician Class license are encouraged to seek out CVARS members with HF band privileges and work together towards the awards.

**CVARS "CW" Award:** CVARS members holding any class of Amateur Radio license with CW privileges are eligible for this award. To receive the "Silver CW Award", applicants must work a minimum of 10 stations on any band using only Morse Code (CW). To receive the "Gold CW Award", applicants must work a

minimum of 25 stations on any band using only Morse Code. The "Platinum CW Award" requires applicants to work a minimum of 50 stations on any band using only Morse Code. QSL confirmation (sending a QSL card and receiving one in return) is required. Applicants may submit QSL confirmation information at any time to the CVARS HF Awards Officer (Bob Willey KD7OWN). The appropriate award will be presented at the next meeting date.

**CVARS "Contest" Award:** CVARS members holding any class of Amateur Radio license are eligible for this award. Applicants must work any three (3) ARRL, CQ, or RAC (Radio Amateurs of Canada) contests in one calendar year. QSL confirmation are not required but a contest log must be submitted (hand written is OK) listing all stations, dates and times contacted during the contest. Contest award requests may be submitted at any time of the year to the CVARS HF Awards Officer (Bob Willey, KD7OWN). Certificates will be presented at the next program date. Applicants interested in this award holding a Technician Class license are encouraged to seek out CVARS members with HF band privileges and work together towards this award.

Good luck. I hope you try one or more of these awards. Fun and certificates too! What more could anyone ask? For more information, see the CVARS website or call Bob Willey, 736-9633.

### **Note**

Women and cats do as they please. Men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

### **New Elmering Coordinator**

Kim Aiken, AC7YY, has volunteered to take over as Elmering Coordinator now that Johnny Jackson has been elected Vice-President. The Executive Board has approved the change and effective immediately, Kim will take over these duties. Well done, Johnny and congratulations to Kim! We know you will do well.

### **Reminder...**

Several "Ham Radio For Dummies" books, autographed by Ward Silver, have not been picked up. Those remaining belong to Evelyn, KE7ACI, Darwin, KE7BPD, Tom, N1BED, Bruce, KB7VX and Jim, K7CEX. Please see Steve, WB7VAS at the next meeting or email him at [wb7vas@arrl.net](mailto:wb7vas@arrl.net) to make arrangements.

### **Yup...Its True!**

- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
- I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges?
- If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.