



Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society



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ATTENTION attention attention: July's CVARS meeting will be held one week later than usual! Wednesday, July 13th, 7:30 PM

Ralph Javins, N7KGA, from Bothell will be our special guest speaker. Ralph joined our Mt. St. Helens special event on May 18th and will bring a very special presentation to the club. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Ralph can only join us on the second Wednesday in July.

Ralph has developed a solar powered radio unit as well as a windmill driven radio and, hopefully, he will be able to show both setups on the 13th. Ralph has been a guest speaker at the Communications Academy in Shoreline and has assisted with several antenna modeling publications. Come join us for a special evening on Wednesday, July 13th and meet Ralph.

CVARS Executive Board Meeting June 8, 2005

The CVARS Executive Board met on Wednesday, June 8th at the home of Johnny Jackson, KQ7JJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Treasurers Report: Steve Pack, WB7VAS reported receiving renewal dues from two club members.

Old Business: President Bob Willey, KD7OWN reported we had only two club members who had signed up to work the Boy Scout event on June 21st. Attempts will be made to find more volunteers so the event can happen. The Veteran's Museum special event at their grand opening on July 2nd also has only two who have offered to work the event. We will be looking for volunteers there as well. John Ellingson, K7OSK has requested \$100 be approved for door prizes for the club hamfest scheduled for July 30th. Approved by vote.

New Business: Old time club member Ray Stiltner has requested assistance in dismantling his HF station as he is moving to a smaller home. Steve and Bob will help dismantle the station. Meeting closed at 8:32 PM.

Plans For July 4th Weekend?

If you're not too booked up, we could use your help for a few worthy causes.

Saturday, July 2nd: The New Veteran's Museum will be holding its grand opening in their brand new location on Veterans Way in Chehalis. The building is on the west side of the freeway just south of the Main Street exit. We will be running a special event 2 meter and HF station from 9am – 3pm as part of the grand opening ceremonies and would welcome your assistance. Come on down for a few hours and a tour of the new museum. Call Bob Willey, 736-9633 to sign up or if you have questions.

Monday, July 4th Fun Run: We start off the day with the "I Ran From The Cops" 8K fun run at Borst Park sponsored by the Centralia Police Department. Hams are needed to monitor the runners, keep an eye on their progress and to just have fun. Bring your 2 meter or a mobile radio and help us keep track of these "athletes". Call Terry Neumann, KQ7K if you can help for a couple of hours from 7:30am – 9:30am.

July 4th Parade: Hams are needed between 2pm-4pm to help direct and place parade entries in their correct spots prior to the parade. This is a fun job as you get to

see the parade floats up close. Dress for the weather and if it is warm and sunny, bring a hat to prevent sunburn. Call Bob Willey, KD7OWN if you can help with this special event. Phone numbers: 736-9633 (home) or 330-7680 (work) or email at kd7own@arrl.net. (Don't forget to enjoy the fireworks over the fairgrounds after the destruction derby ends.) Have a safe holiday.

General Thoughts

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothes. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up for the class in the first place.

When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping". Now I just "chunky dunk."

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could just press 'Ctl Alt Delete' and start over?

Stress is when you wake up screaming and then realize you haven't fallen asleep yet.

Just remember...brain cells come and brain cells go but fat cells remain forever.

Bad Statistics

- The Amateur Radio community lost 15,000 hams last year due to death, failure to renew licenses or other causes.
- 40% of all newly licensed hams will never pick up a microphone and talk on the air.

Weird News

Thanh Nhat Le was arrested in Dorchester, MA when he tried to cash a check he wrote to himself for \$7,550 on his account at a Sovereign Bank. He had opened the account two weeks earlier, handing over \$171 in small bills. He was pretty sure he had plenty of money in his account because in the interim, he had mailed the bank three checks for deposit. One was for \$250,000, one for \$2 million and one for \$4 million.

In Springfield, MA Thomas Budnick was convicted at a trial in which he had persuaded the judge to let him act as his own lawyer. He then argued with a straight face, on appeal that his conviction should be overturned because his lawyer was incompetent.

In Fostoria, OH thieves broke in and carried off a safe in the office of Fostoria Bureau of Concern, a local organization that serves the poor. Director Susan Simpkins said not only was the safe empty but the bureau had decided to junk it and was looking for someone to haul it away.

Dreamsicle Cake

Several potluck participants at Field Day asked for the recipe for the delicious Dreamsicle Cake. Here it is:

Ingredients:

1 yellow cake mix
1 12 Oz can diet 7-Up

1 small pkg. orange sugar-free Jell-O
1 cup boiling water
1 cup cold water

1 small pkg. sugar-free, fat-free instant vanilla pudding
1 small pkg. orange sugar-free Jell-O
1 ½ cup fat free milk
1 8oz container lite Cool Whip

Instructions: Carefully stir cake mix and 7-Up together until well blended and looks like normal cake batter. It will foam at first. Pour into a 9"X13" pan (pre-sprayed with PAM), and bake at 350 for 30-40 minutes. Mix Jell-O according to package directions.

When the cake is done, poke holes all over it with a fork, then pour the Jell-O over the cake. Refrigerate until set (1-2 hours or overnight). Beat pudding, Jell-O and milk together 2 minutes on high, or until thickened. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread on cake. Refrigerate 2 hours. Keep leftovers covered in refrigerator.

Definitely delicious and easy on the waistline too!

A Trip To The Dentist

A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office. The man said to the dentist, "Doctor, I'm in a really big hurry! I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for me to go play golf, so forget about the anesthetic and just pull the tooth and be done with it...I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!"

The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness...this sure is a very brave man, asking me to pull his tooth without using anything to kill the pain." So the dentist asked him, "Which tooth is it, sir?"

The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth, Honey, and show the nice dentist."

Just A Reminder For July

July 9th and 10th is the IARU Contest. This is a gentlemanly affair of 24 hours and anything goes on SSB and CW (or both). We here in Washington are in IARU Zone 6.

On July 30th and 31st, the Islands On The Air (IOTA) contest takes place. This is a fun contest contacting all the stations working from islands.

Our friend Hillar, N6HR hopes to be on as KL7/N7YX from St. Paul Island in the Pribilofs, the Seal Islands of Alaska (IOTA NA-028). Give him a shout if you can hear him. Summer may not be the best time of the year for a contest but they can still be fun, fun, fun. Besides, would you rather mow the grass or play radio? Duh!

For The Girls

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, "Honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money," she replied.

Q: What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?

A: A rumor

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," I replied, "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "University of Florida."

And they say blondes are dumb!

Humor Of The Famous

1. The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good finish and to have the two as close together as possible – George Burns
2. I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury! -- Groucho Marx
3. My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. -- Ed Furgol
4. I am opposed to millionaires...but it would be dangerous to offer me the position. – Mark Twain
5. Don't worry about avoiding temptation...as you grow older, it will avoid you. – Winston Churchill

BawFaw Happenings

23 members attended the BawFaw Meet and Greet in June at Godfathers Pizza in Centralia. Those attending generously donated \$247 to the repeater. Two new members were also signed up and one renewal for an additional \$75.

Don't forget... after the CVARS hamfest on July 30th, BawFaw is hosting their annual picnic so buy up a few things at the hamfest and enjoy some great food all in the same day.

The Cowboy Baptist

A cowboy walks into a bar in Texas, orders three mugs of beer and sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn.

When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells him, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it so it would taste better if you bought just one at a time."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Australia, the other is in Dublin and I'm in Texas. When we all left Wyoming, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the

days we were together. So I drink one for each of my brothers and one for myself.

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom and leaves it there. The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and orders only two mugs!

All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains... "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and obviously I had to quit drinking. Hasn't affected my brothers though."

Good Advice

These days, wallets get stolen or lost all too easily. When that happens, your credit cards can be used to empty your millions. Donna, KE7ACG, passes along some good advice.

Place all the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. This way you will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel if necessary. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

You should cancel your credit cards immediately but the key is having the toll free numbers and your credit card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Also, file a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen or lost. This proves to credit providers you were diligent and this is the first step toward an investigation.

Great advice. Thanks Donna.

Idiot Sightings

1. The spotlight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged individual when he asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, he responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"
2. My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.
3. A man lives in a semi-rural area. Recently, he had a new neighbor who called the local town's administrative office to request the removal of the 'Deer Crossing' sign on the road. The reason: "Too many deer were being hit by cars" and he didn't want them to cross there anymore. (they walk among us....and reproduce...be very afraid)

Dogs

- The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.
- Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.
- If there are not dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.
- There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.
- The average dog is nicer than the average person.
- I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.
- My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money.
- You can say any foolish thing to a dog and he will give you a look that says "Wow, You're right. I never would have thought of that!"
- If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving your dog only two of them.
- My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog thinks I am.

Healthy Muffins

At Al Jorgensen's 50th anniversary party, everyone raved over the "healthy Muffins" and Al promised to make the recipe available. Here it is for all who wanted these delicious muffins.

3 cups rolled oats (Quaker Oats works well)

1 ½ cups applesauce (or 5 or 6 mashed bananas)

½ cup peanut butter or soft tofu

1 cup raisins

1 tablespoon cinnamon

1 tablespoon baking powder

1 egg (may be omitted)

May add additional fruit up to one cup and leave out the egg if fruit is mushy.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes (check after 20 minutes). Makes 12 muffins.

Idiot Sighting...again

When we arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. In the service department, a mechanic worked feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced, "it's open!" The mechanic replied, "I know – I already got that side."

Ain't Love Grand?

While waiting to register at a hotel, I overheard the couple ahead of me asking for a room with a king, queen or double bed. The clerk apologized and said that the only rooms available had twin beds. Disappointed, the man remarked, "I don't know. We've been sharing the same bed for 44 years." "Could you possibly put them close together?" the wife asked. Several people nearby smiled and some commented, "How romantic." Then the woman finished her request with, "Because if he snores, I want to be able to punch him."

Life's Important Questions

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why does a round pizza go in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

If a deaf person goes to court is it still called a hearing?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in the telescope to look at things on the ground?

How come we choose from just two people for President and fifty for Miss America?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

If Wyle E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME stuff, why didn't he just buy dinner?

Is Disneyland the only people trap operated by a mouse?

Better Than Dear Abby

Never read the fine print. There ain't no way you're going to like it anyway.

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos and belly button rings? (man, there is a visual image for you)

Money can't buy happiness but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than in a Hyundai.

Drinking makes some husbands see double and feel single.

Living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween.

After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.