



## CQ CVARS...CQ CVARS...

Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society  
October 2005 CVARS Newsletter!  
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### Official Record

#### Executive CVARS Board Meeting

The September Executive Board meeting was held Sunday evening, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting came to order at 2020 hrs. Present were Bob Willey, KD7OWN, President; Johnny Jackson, KQ7JJ, Vice-President; Steve Pack, WB7VAS, Treasurer; Jeff Mayfield, KE7ACE, Board Member and Gary Litteer, Guest.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Pack reported the return of the club's \$300 deposit from the hamfest and reimbursements were made for the hamfest door prizes. In addition, \$38 was approved for the renewal of the club's post office box. Steve reminds anyone and everyone that a copy of the complete financial standings of the club may be obtained by written request at any time.

Vice-President's Report: Several club members commented on the great CVARS meeting in September with John Ellingson, K7OSK and Tom Herman, N1BEC. John's radio controlled helicopters proved boys love their toys and was really fun to watch. Tom's discussion on DNR repeaters and demonstration was very educational. Good job to everyone. Next month Scott Horaker, N7SS, from the Northwest VHF Society will be talking about their organization. \$10 will make you a member.

New Business: Gary Litteer, K7PG, has agreed to organize a technician's class and general class over two weekends in October. (look for complete information and dates elsewhere in the newsletter).

Bob Majoros, KD7RTL, was tasked with reserving the Virgil R. Lee building again this year for CVARS' annual Christmas Potluck party. The date will be Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and will be held in place of the club's usual monthly meeting. Being a potluck means everyone needs to bring some delicious food! So far, Bob has said he would like someone else to take on the task of organizing the event. If anyone is interested, let us know. Otherwise, Bob is going to get railroaded into the job. The meeting was closed at 2113 hrs.

### CVARS Executive Board Meetings "On The Air"

For the first time, the CVARS Executive Board tried holding their monthly meeting "on the air". Board members met just after the Sunday evening CVARS net on the Mt. St. Helen's repeater.

The meeting was shorter, saved us all a Wednesday evening to spend with family, and allowed for any club member to "be a guest" with us on the air.

Join us for October's Executive Board meeting on Sunday evening, October 9<sup>th</sup> just after the CVARS meeting. We'll prove to you the Executive Board really does do some work (once in awhile).

### Ever Wonder?

- If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea...does that mean that one enjoys it?
- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?
- If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?
- Why do they put pictures of criminals up in post offices? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they put their pictures on the postage stamps and the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?
- If it is true that we are here to help others, then exactly what are the others here for?
- Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?
- What ever happened to preparations A through G?
- Did you ever notice that when you put the words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs"?
- If cows could laugh, would milk come out of their noses?
- Do Lipton Tea employees get to take a coffee break?

## **ARRL Renewals means \$ for CVARS!**

This is the time of year when many of us need to renew our ARRL membership. If you renew through CVARS, the club gets to retain a small portion of your \$39 ARRL dues for the club treasury. It doesn't cost you anything more but the club gets to keep some of the dough. See Treasurer Steve Pack, WB7VAS at the next meeting for more information and the renewal form. Thanks.

## **Extra Door prizes At The Next CVARS Meeting**

Due to an error in dates, the ARRL sent some special items for the CVARS hamfest...just after the hamfest was over. Luckily for us, this means a couple of extra door prizes for next month's meeting. In addition to the GREAT door prizes provided, you will also have a chance at the following:

- One ARRL Antenna Book
- One Repeater Directory
- Two ARRL 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Operating Manuals (worth \$25 each!)

## **She was Sooooo Blonde...**

- At the bottom of the application where it said "sign here" she wrote "Sagittarius".
- She took the ruler to bed to see how long she slept. (what...I suppose you want GOOD jokes every time!)
- Under education on her job application, she wrote "Hooked On Phonics".
- She spent 20 minutes looking at the orange juice can because it said "concentrate".
- She told me to meet her at the corner of "Walk" and "Don't Walk".
- She tried to put M&M's in alphabetical order.
- She thinks Taco Bell is a Mexican phone company.

## **Election Reminder...**

It is that time again. Your friend and mine, Terry (miss the railroad whistle if he volunteers to help) Neumann, KQ7K, will be calling all members to see if they are interested in running for CVARS office.

Additional nominations may be taken at the October meeting and elections will take place during the November meeting.

The club will elect a new President as Bob KD7OWN does not wish to run again. Treasurer Steve Pack, WB7VAS, has also submitted his resignation. Vice President John Jackson's position is up for reelection (he is eligible to run again) and we will need a new Secretary and two new board members as their time is up.

## **Bubba and Earl**

Two rednecks, Bubba and Earl, were driving down the road drinking a couple of bottles of beer. The passenger, Bubba, said "Lookey thar up ahead, Earl, it's a dadgum police roadblock! We're gonna get busted fer drinkin' these here beers!"

"Don't worry, Bubba, " Earl said. "We'll just pull over and finish drinkin' these beers then peel off the label and stick'em on our foreheads, then throw the bottles under the seat."

"What fer?" asked Bubba.

"Just let me do the talkin', OK?" said Earl.

Well, they finished their beers, threw the empties out of sight and put the labels on each of their foreheads. When they reached the roadblock, the officer said, "Howdy boys, ya'll been drinkin'?"

"No sir," said Earl while point at the labels, "Me and Bubba's on the patch."

## **Classes and more classes**

Gary Litteer, K7PG, has agreed to teach a Technician's level class on Saturday and Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. He will also give a General class the following weekend on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For both classes, the Saturday hours will be 9am - 5pm and the Sunday hours will be 1pm - 5:30 pm with the test to follow. \$10 will get you the study book for the Technician level class. \$15 (for each level) will cover the testing process. Volunteer Examiners are needed for each weekend. Contact Steve Pack if you can work as a "VE". Contact Gary Litteer if you are interested in either one of the classes.

No other CVARS licensing classes will be offered until the spring so get movin'. A "CW" class is being considered for early spring if enough people are interested.

## **Ronald Reagan says...**

- "Here's my strategy on the Cold War: we win, they lose."
- "The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."
- "Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U.S. was too strong."
- "The Taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination."
- "No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."
- "The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see is a government program."

## Burma Shave

Some of us are old enough to remember the Burma Shave signs which populated the sides of roads in the 30's, 40's and 50's. Those five, small red signs with white letters were spaced about 100 feet apart, each containing one line of a four line couplet and the obligatory fifth sign advertising 'Burma Shave', a popular shaving cream. Here are a few of the actual signs:

Don't lose your head  
To gain a minute  
You need your head  
Your brains are in it  
Burma Shave

Trains don't wander  
All over the map  
'Cause nobody sits  
In the engineer's lap  
Burma Shave

Although insured  
Remember Kiddo  
They don't pay you  
They pay your widow  
Burma Shave

## Bring Extra \$ To October's Meeting

Here's the deal...we have two antennas that we're going to auction off to the highest bidder. They are:

- Hustler UGM ¼ wave magnetic antenna for 140-500MHz (cut chart included) and includes a powerful mini-magnet with Mylar pad and 10' coax with a BNC connector installed. Still in the package with the original price of \$22.95.
- Radio Shack dual band glass-mount antenna for 144 MHz and 70-cm (440 MHz). Handles up to 50 watts and comes with all cables, connectors and mounting and tuning hardware. Everything still unopened in the box.

These antennas came from former club member Ray Stiltner who donated them to the club for auction. So bring a few extra gold doubloons and pick up a handy antenna on the cheap.

## Real Newspaper Headlines

Panda Mating Fails;  
Veterinarian Takes Over

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

Cold Wave Linked To Temperature

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery  
Hundreds Dead

## Doug Says...

As the CVARS net operator's "coordinator", Doug wishes to submit some well-used excuses:

"Family first"  
"Grandma is coming over for the weekend"  
"Uncle Marks birthday is on net Sunday"  
"Daughter/son is graduating"  
"I'll be out of town"  
"Visiting the in-laws"  
"I'm moving mom to an assisted living center"  
"Mom's moving in with us"  
"I must help with packing"  
"Dad lives out of state and we plan to drive that Sunday"  
"I don't have a radio"  
"I don't hear the callsigns correctly"  
"I'm bashful"  
"You better let someone else do that"

Somehow, I think there is a hint from Doug in all of this. How about giving it a try and helping Doug out? You can do it if you try.

## DX Snippets Here And There De N6HR (Hillar Raamat)

Summer DX Doldrums are about to blow some trade winds towards the Pacific and several DXpeditions are about to embark with war canoes and verticals at the ready.

Look for T32-land (East Kiribati Island) to be assaulted for IOTA island collectors. Then keep your ears peeled for the Brits Roger G3SXW and Nigel G3TXF. They will be emanating electrons from C21 (Nauru Island) starting September 20<sup>th</sup>, their normal modus operandi being that Roger covers the HF bands and Nigel cleans up the WARC band callers. Work them on all bands as these gents have some of the best DX-listening ears in the business.

Then on September 25<sup>th</sup> stand by for the BIG K&C DXpedition to Kure Island. They will be there until October 6<sup>th</sup> and their main purpose is to accommodate European hams. Kure is extremely difficult to work from Europe since the signals have to penetrate the Northern Auroral Zone and the greyline windows are very short. Kure will be very easy to work from here – sort of same as Hawaii.

Meanwhile, all kinds of vacationers using 100-watters and assorted skyhooks are finishing up the summer season catching the last of rays. Listen for signals from Monaco, Iceland, Eritrea, South Orkneys and even Antarctica. Our servicemen are still on from Afghanistan and Iraq – YA and YI calls or prefixes.

So tune up the rig and listen for some fall DX. C u in the pileups, Hillar, N6HR

Did you know that the Wal-Mart in Wasilla, Alaska sells the MOST duct-tape in the world?

### **All In A Doctor's Day**

At the beginning of my shift, I placed a stethoscope on an elderly and slightly deaf female patient's anterior chest wall. "Big Breaths," I instructed. "Yes, they used to be," remorsefully replied the patient.

-Dr. Richard Byrnes, Seattle, WA

During a patient's two-week follow-up appointment with his cardiologist, he informed me, his doctor, that he was having trouble with one of his medications. "Which one?" I asked. "The patch. The nurse told me to put on a new one every six hours and now I'm running out of places to put it!" I had him quickly undress and discovered what I hoped I wouldn't see. Yes, the man had over fifty patches on his body! Now the instructions include removal of the old patch before applying a new one.

-Dr. Steven Swanson, Corvallis, OR

### **The Xtal Set Society**

Here is a great website for a few fun fall evening projects. Two crystal radio set plans can be found on the website. Simply plug in:

<http://www.midnightscience.com/cigar.html>

You might enjoy trying the "Cigar Box" crystal radio set or maybe the "Oat Box Basic" set would be more to your liking. Complete directions are to be found on the website including a link to the Xtal Set Society. Their website says they have "many loyal and active members from around the world". Joining the Society (\$12.95 US) and you will receive a one-year subscription to the bimonthly newsletter with even more fun ideas and projects. Most, if not all of the parts needed, can be found at Radio Shack or in your junk box. Who will be the first to try one of these amazing radios?

### **Some Things You Should Know...**

1. Money isn't made out of paper, it is made out of cotton.
2. The dot over the letter I is called a "tittle".
3. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.
4. Upper and lower case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the 'upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.

5. Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.
6. By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand (and you thought this list was useless).
7. The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.
8. Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.

### **CVARS Nomination Committee Results**

November will be election month for the Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society. During the September general meeting, Terry Neumann, KQ7K, volunteered to head a nomination committee. His job was to contact as many CVARS members as possible and take nominations for 2006 Executive Board positions.

During October's general meeting, nominations will also be taken from the floor. At November's elections club members will need to fill the President's position, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two at-large board members positions. The following people have been nominated so far:

President: Gerry Cunning, KN7VFO  
Doug Skaggs, KC7TPK

Vice-President: No nominations

Secretary: No nominations

Treasurer: No nominations

Board members: Loyann Munyan, KC7KCJ  
(two needed) Nicholas Bratina, KD7YUF  
Bob Majoros, KD7RTL  
Bob Rose, KD7OWP

It is time for club members to step up and take their turn at running CVARS. Any club is only as strong as the people elected to run it. Running CVARS without a Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-President will be very difficult. How about you? Can you spare a little time for your club? October 5<sup>th</sup>'s general meeting will be your chance to raise your hand so come prepared.

### **Stupid Consumer Labels**

On a Sears Hairdryer  
"Do not use while sleeping"

On packaging for a Rowenta iron  
"Do not iron clothes on body"

On a Japanese food processor  
"Not to be used for the other use"