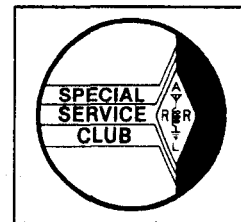


Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society



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Next CVARS Meeting:

Wednesday May 3, 2006

First Baptist Church, 1866 S. Market Blvd, Chehalis

Doors Open 7:00 PM – Meeting Starts 7:30 PM

Join us every Sunday evening at 8:00 PM on the Mt. St. Helens Repeater for the Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Net.

BawFaw Repeater
147.06+ PL Tone 110.9

Mt. St. Helens Repeater
145.43- PL Tone 110.9

Official Record

Executive Board Meeting April 8, 2006

The Executive Board of the Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society met on the air after the Sunday evening net on April 8th. The meeting was called to order at 8:14 PM.

Present were: Jerry Cunning, KN7VFO, President; Johnny Jackson, KQ7JJ, Vice-president; Bob Willey, KD7OWN, Secretary; Steve Pack, WB7VAS, Treasurer; Jeff Mayfield, KE7ACE and Loyann Munyan, KC7KCJ, Members at large.

New business: President Jerry Cunning advised that Steve Pack wished to step down as soon as possible from his long time position as Treasurer. Steve will be gone much of the summer and job requirements will mean he will be unable to make most fall meetings. Steve suggested Kim Aiken, AC7YY as his replacement. Kim has accepted the position, at least through the end of this year and Jerry requested a vote of the board members on the decision. Loyann made a motion to accept Kim as the Treasurer and Bob seconded the motion. Motion approved by vote.

Vice-president Johnny Jackson brought the board up to date on license testing. Al Dittrick will be presenting a Technician class license class beginning April 20th on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5pm-8pm at the Chapel area at Providence Hospital in Centralia. The classes will run through May 6th. On Saturday, May 6th,

classes will finish up from 9am – noon and testing will begin promptly at 3:00pm. For more information, contact John Jackson, KQ7JJ.

Old business: President Jerry once again asked for Field Day assistance and reminded everyone to keep checking with club members to see if they are willing to give a hand at this year's event.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.



*DO NOT MEDDLLE IN
THE AFFAIRS OF
DRAGONS, BECAUSE YOU
ARE CRUNCHY AND
GOOD WITH CATSUP*

Zen For Those Who Take Life Too Seriously

1. A day without sunshine is like....night.
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. Light travels faster than sound, which is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
5. Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7 of your week.
6. Get a car for your spouse. It'll be a great trade.
7. How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
8. How much deeper would the oceans be without sponges?

For Sale...For Sale

Art Williams, N7EIK has some items for sale. You can contact Art at 736-7358. Everything for \$450.

- Icom 720A all band transceiver with power supply PS515
- MSF Versa Tuner V3 series with roller inductor (MFJ989B)
- Heathkit electronic keyer with brass key
- 2 coax selector switches
- Antenna SWR meter
- Lots of switches, wire, patch cords, etc
- One pair walkie talkies
- One Realistic portable CB transmitter
- One Larson 2 meter mag mount antenna

A Blonde In Trouble

A blonde finds herself in serious trouble. Her business has gone bust and she's in dire financial straits. She's desperate so she decides to ask God for help.

She begins to pray..."God, please let me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lottery."

Lottery night comes and somebody else wins.

She again prays..."God, please let me win the lottery! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well."

Lottery night comes and she still has no luck. Once again she prays.

"God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, my house and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help, and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE let me win the lottery just this one time so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open. The blonde is overwhelmed by the voice of God himself...

"Sweetheart, work with me on this... buy a ticket!"

Mark Those Calendars!

Never too early to mark off a weekend on your calendar for those warm summer months. The Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society's 9th annual Hamfest will be held on Saturday, July 29th from 9:00am – 1:00pm at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds.

Once again, this will be a tailgate swap meet as they have proved very popular. Radio gear, door prizes, commercial vendors and computers. Most anything electronic is allowed. Check the website at www.cvars.org/swapmeet for more information.

Real Newspaper Ads!

- Free puppies: ½ Cocker Spaniel, ½ sneaky neighbor dog.
- Found dirty white dog. Looks like a rat. Been lost awhile. Better be a reward.
- Nordic Track: \$300 hardly used. Call Chubby.
- Georgia peaches, California grown-89 cents lb.
- Wedding dress for sale. Worn once by mistake.
- For sale by owner: Complete set of encyclopedia Britannica – 45 volumes. Excellent condition. \$1000 or best offer. No longer needed. Got married last month. Wife knows everything.
- Free Yorkshire Terrier. 8 years old. Hateful little beast. Bites.

May 6th Hamfest

Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring their 15th annual electronic flea market and hamfest at the Stanwood Middle School on May 6th. Talk in channel is 145.19- on the Skagit Repeater. For more info, call N7KRE, Vic at 360-387-7705 or KA7FDC, Dave at 360-387-6123. E-mail address is Huppert@whidbey.net.

Finally A Blonde Guy Joke

Two blonde guys were working for the city works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole.

They worked up one side of the street and down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one guy digging a hole and the other guy filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get why you dig a hole only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again."

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it looks odd because we're normally a three-man team, but today the guy who plants the trees called in sick."

Lewis County Historical Bike Ride

Volunteers are still needed for the annual Lewis County Historical Bike Ride scheduled for Saturday, May 13th. Bring your 2 meter, a chair and help count bicyclists! For more info, call Bill Harwell, AC7SR at 748-8086.

First Annual 7th Call Area QSO Party

The first running of the 7th Call Area QSO Party (7QP) has been scheduled for the first weekend in May. Building on the success of other regional QSO parties, the founders believe that the eight states of the 7th Call Area will offer a fun and challenging operating event. The event runs from 1300 UTC Saturday to 0700 UTC Sunday (6 AM to midnight PDT the first Saturday in May).

7th call area stations (that's us) work everyone while others work the 7th area stations only. You can work stations once per band / mode. 7th area mobiles may be worked again as they enter new counties. Sorry, no repeater QSO's.

The exchange is very simple. Send the signal report plus 5 letter county / state code (e.g. "you are 59, WALEW (WA for Washington and LEW for Lewis")).

Suggested operating frequencies are 3855, 7235, 14255, 21355 and 28455.

The objective is to activate all 259 counties in the 7th Call Area. There is a lot of "wide open spaces" in the 7th Call Area. Let's make sure Lewis County is among those 259 counties. Have some fun and be one of the "original" 7th Call Area hams who worked the very first contest! For more information, check out www.7qp.org on the net.

The Importance Of Walking

- Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 95 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5000 per month.
- I joined a health club last year and spent about \$400. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.
- I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.
- I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

John Bertels - World Traveler

Bet you haven't seen John Bertels, WA7LFJ in awhile have you? He's been doing a bit of traveling. I got a post card from John late last fall while he was in Honduras! He said the weather was warm (in the 90's) and the people are very friendly. Next I got a postcard from John from Campeche, Mexico. John said he just thought he would go to Mexico for Thanksgiving. He had been to several Mayan ruins and they are big!

Then came the card from Merida, Mexico. Seems John decided to spend Christmas there as the temperature is about 85 degrees. John said he thought he would be back for a club meeting in April. Then I got a postcard from John once again. At least he is back in the United States! This one says "Hello from Virginia." Seems he is in Colonial Williamsburg doing a trip around the state and seeing all he can. He hopes he can come to the meeting in May. So far no more cards so maybe he will actually show up this month! So if somebody shows up at the meeting speaking Spanish, it will be John.

Definitions

- Adult – A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.
- Committee – a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
- Handkerchief – cold storage.
- Mosquito – an insect that makes you like flies better.
- Skeleton – a bunch of bones with the person scraped off.
- Yawn – an honest opinion openly expressed.
- Wrinkles – something other people have. You have character lines.

Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,
If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
If you can do all these things,
Then you are probably the family dog.

Special Events In May

National Police Week – Anaheim Police Amateur Radio Club will operate W6APD, 13-20 May to commemorate National Police Week on 14.253, 18.150, 21.350 and 28.450. QSL card available with SASE. Check out www.qsl.net/w6apd.

Redding Rodeo – The Amateur Radio Club of Anderson, CA will be operating a special event station, NC6I from the world's only glass bottom bridge in celebration of the Redding Rodeo 21 May from 1700-2400 UTC. Look for them around 14.260 and check the web at www.qsl.net/arca.

USS Kidd museum – Once again, the USS Kidd will be on the area as W5KID on May 29th, most likely around 14.250 to 14.320. This is an easy special event to get and their QSL cards are pretty nice. There are special events on the air almost every weekend. Just tune the bands and grab an easy and fun contact with a great QSL card!

Men! – You Need This:

Life saving advice for men. Yes, this may be the most important piece of advice ever given to you!

When you next forget your wife's birthday and she brings it to your attention, state these very important words clearly and with as much conviction as you can muster:

"Sweetheart, how do you expect me to remember your birthday when you NEVER look any older?"

Smile, kiss her on the cheek, and walk away. You may get far enough before the shock wears off to save your life! Remember...walk, never run from extreme danger.

Mayday!

A blonde is on board a small two-seater plane when suddenly the pilot dies. Not knowing how to fly a plane, she grabs the radio. "Mayday! My pilot just died!" she screams.

Ground control receives the call for help and answers back: "Don't worry madam. I'll talk you down, just do as I say. First I need to know your height and position."

"I'm 5'2" and sitting in the front!"

Spring Propagation

Tomas Hood, NW7US, who brought our club a great presentation on propagation last year reminds us that ten and 15-meter propagation suffers during the spring and summer months due to lower Maximum Usable Frequencies or MUF. In the Northern Hemisphere, MUF's peak very late in the day during summer. Summertime MUFs are lower due to solar heating which cause the ionosphere to expand.

With the decline of the current solar cycle, don't expect a lot from 10, 12, and 15 meters. Through June, fair to good propagation occurs on both daytime and nighttime paths on the middle high-frequency bands. The strongest propagation occurs on paths that span areas of both day and night., following the MUF. The 17 and 20 meter bands may offer occasional 24-hour DX to all parts of the world. The 20 meter band is more stable at night with propagation following grayline and nighttime paths.

40 meters is still hot with Europe coming in the evenings and Asia in the mornings. Occasional DX openings will occur on 80 meters around sunrise, however these bands are quickly being degraded by the seasonal increase in noise.

As we enter the summer months and near the bottom of the solar cycle, an understanding of propagation may make all the difference in your contacts. Tomas invites all to check his website for up to date information at <http://hfradio.org/forums/>.

Tomas writes a monthly column in CQ Magazine as well. Tomas knows his subject yet presents the information in a logical format (although a little over my head at times). He can also be reached via email if you have more questions at cq-prop-man@hfradio.org.

Red Coats

A long time ago, Britain and France were at war. During one battle, the French captured an English major. Taking the major to their headquarters, the French general began to question him.

The French general asked, "Why do you English officers all wear red coats? Don't you know the red material makes you easier targets for us to shoot at?"

In his bland British way, the major informed the general that the reason English officers wear red coats is so that if they are shot, blood won't show and the men they are leading won't panic.

And that is why to this day, all French army officers wear brown pants.

Stupid Label Instructions

- On a Sears hairdryer – "Do not use while sleeping".
- On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom) – "Do not turn upside down".
- On packaging for a Rowenta iron – "Do not iron clothes while on body".
- On a Japanese food processor – "Not to be used for the other use".
- On a child's Superman costume – "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly".
- On a Swedish chainsaw – "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals". (does this mean there was a lot of this happening somewhere?)
- And remember...blessed are the cracked, for it is they who let in the light.

Ranch Wages In Texas

A man owned a small ranch in Texas. The Texas Hourly Wage Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him. "I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well" replied the rancher, "There's my ranch hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$600 a week plus free room and board. The cook has been here for 18 months and I pay her \$500 per week plus free room and board. Then there's the half-wit who works here about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. I pay him \$10 per week and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night."

"That's the guy I want to talk to – the half-wit," says the agent.

"That would be me," replied the rancher.

Have You Ever Noticed?

Have you ever noticed that the first piece of luggage that comes out on the airport carousel never seems to belong to anyone?

Did You Know?

Your tongue print is as unique as your fingerprints!