

CHEHALIS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Next CVARS Meeting:

Wednesday August 2, 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

The Great CVARS Radio Raffle Wraps Up!

WOW! Some went home happy, some went home sad but it was a great evening of drawing raffle tickets and watching smiles break out everywhere. The great 2006 CVARS raffle is over and here are the winners:

Loyann Munyan, KC7KCJ -- Kenwood D700A mobile radio

Brandon Upton, KE7BPG -- Screwdriver antenna by Radio Club of Tacoma.

Jerry Cuning, KN7VFO -- 24 hour ham radio clock.

Bill Harwell, AC7SR -- one year subscription to CQ magazine.

Jim VanderMeer, KC7ASV -- one year subscription to World Radio magazine.

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Radio Frequency Propagation Course

The ARRL is offering as one of its regular on line radio courses, the Online Radio Frequency Propagation Course. You'll need a basic computer, internet and email skills as well as an HF receiver. The course is offered at \$65 for ARRL members and is scheduled as 16 learning units requiring about 35 hours by the student. The entire course runs in a 12-week period.

If there is a time to learn about propagation, the bottom of the solar cycle seems to be that time. Most of us need to use every little trick know to get those elusive DX stations. What a great time to try an ARRL online course. For more information, check the web at www.arrl.org/onlinecourses.

New DX!

As of July 1st, 2006, the Republic of Montenegro separated itself from Serbia and has been recognized as a nation by the United Nations. Montenegro thus becomes a new DXCC entity!

Starting July 20th, two DX superstations will be handing out QSO's from Montenegro -- YU6AO and YT6A will have huge antennas, linears and world-class operators giving everyone a chance to work a new country. so go work 'em.

An Interesting Thought

If you consider that there have been an average of 160,000 troops in the Iraq theater of operations and a total of 2112 deaths, that gives a firearms death rate of 60 per 100,000. The rate in Washington D.C. is 80 per 100,000. That means that you are about 25% more likely to be shot and killed in our Nation's Capitol, which has some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation than you are in Iraq.

Conclusion: We should immediately pull out of Washington D.C.

Talking Clock

A drunk was proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of friends late one night. He led the way to his bedroom where there was a big brass gong and a mallet.

"What's with the big brass gong?" one of the guests asked.

"It's not a gong. It's a talking clock", the drunk replied.

"A talking clock? Seriously?" asked his astonished friend.

"Yup", replied the drunk.

"How's it work?" the friend asked squinting at it.

"Watch", the drunk replied. He picked up the mallet, gave the gong an ear shattering pound, and stepped back.

The three stood looking at one another for a moment. Suddenly, someone on the other side of the wall screamed, "Hey, stupid, it's three-fifteen in the morning!"

Contester's Corner

By Hillar Raamat, N6HR

What makes a "good" contest here on the West Coast is to be able to sit in one spot and work the low-powered Japanese stations. The 50 and 100-watters with some QRPers thrown in. 15 meters is the ideal band for that since the JA licensing structure does not allow 'general' class licenses on 20 meters. If one cannot work the low-power Japs here, the score suffers. Even 'running'em' for one hour can produce 100 Qs!

The East Coast does the same for European 100-watters who we cannot even hear now

(we could 5 years ago when the sunspots were high). The Europeans like the 40 and 80 meter bands since the continent is small and any signal at 20 meters ends up in Africa or in the ocean! Their skip is too long on 20 meters. So -- to make a decent score we need Japs! The bands will be rather quiet now with occasional DXpeditions to vacation spots but these guys have 100-watters into dipoles...tough to work'em.

Keep that receiver on 14,100 -- that's the NCDXF beacon frequency. From the beacons you can tell to where the band is open! Good hunting. -73, Hillar

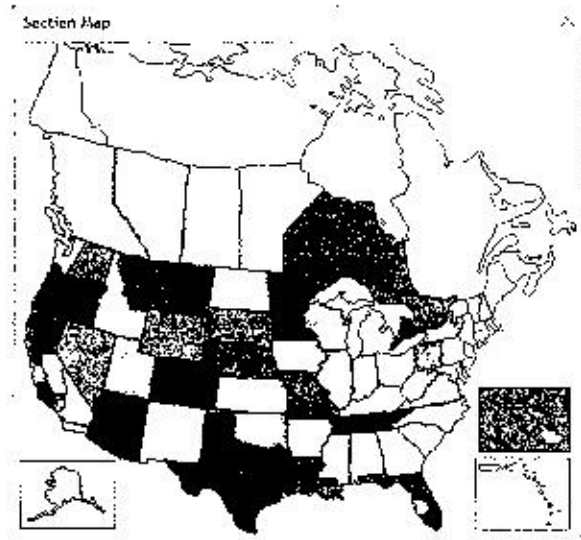
Field Day 2006

WA7UHD was up and running for Field Day 2006 with four transmitters gathering 550 QSOs. The totals broken down show as follows:

80 meters = 153 QSOs
40 meters = 239 QSOs
20 meters = 108 QSOs
15 meters = 45 QSOs
10 meters = 5 QSOs

While I missed the event for the first time in years, I'm told the food was great and everyone had a wonderful time. Good job!

The map below, provided by Bill Harwell. AC7SR shows overall contact locations. I'd say the group did pretty well. Wouldn't you?



News From Jeff Mayfield, KE7ACE

Jeff emailed the other day to say his hands are doing a lot better now that he got the metal pins out of his fingers (Ouch!). Now he'll be starting hand therapy. Glad to hear Jeff is up and moving once again.

Jeff also has a few items to sell:

Yeasu FT-60R handheld and speaker mic with filtered car plug-in cord and a case that holds AA batteries. Price= \$220.

He also has a Kenwood TM-241 mobile rig for 2 meters. Price - \$100. Call Jeff for more information.

A Love Story

An eighty year old woman was arrested for shoplifting and went before the judge in Cincinnati. He asked her, "What did you steal?"

She replied, "A can of peaches."

The judge then asked her why she had stolen the peaches and she replied that she was hungry. The judge asked her how many peaches were in the can.

She replied, "six."

The judge then said, "I will then give you 6 days in jail."

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something.

The judge said, "What is it?"

The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."

Lexophiles

1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
6. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
7. If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
8. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.

9. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

10. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

11. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

12. A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.

13. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

14. Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.

15. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.

16. A calendar's days are numbered.

17. A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.

18. A boiled egg is hard to beat.

19. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

20. A plateau is a high form of flattery.

21. The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large.

22. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

23. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

24. If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.

25. When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

26. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

27. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

28. Acupuncture: a jab well done.

29. Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.

Note: No trees were killed in the sending of this message, but a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced.

On The Air In August

- Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society, August 8th
- 10-10 International Summer Event, August 6-7th
- North American QSO Party, August 20-21st

Want To Get Your Feet Wet With CW?

The second annual "Get Your Feet Wet Weekend" will be 0000Z Friday September 15th to 0000Z September 18th.

This event is designed for the slow speed operators looking for a little practice on the air.

For those a little more advanced, the International G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest will be 2300Z September 8 to 2300Z September 10. For details on both events follow the links on www.100.org.

The Preacher & The Cowboy

A Baptist Preacher was seated next to a cowboy on a flight to Texas. After the plane took off, the cowboy asked for a whiskey and soda, which was brought and placed before him.

The flight attendant then asked the preacher if he would like a drink. Appalled, the preacher replied, "I'd rather be tied up and taken advantage of by women of ill-repute, than let liquor touch my lips."

The cowboy then handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "Me too. I didn't know we had a choice."

Satan's Visit

Church was in full swing...Pews were packed...Suddenly Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the doors. Soon everyone had left the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving. Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do." "Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked. "Nope, sure ain't." said the man "Don't you realize I can destroy you with one word?" asked Satan. "Don't doubt it for a minute." Said the man. "And your still not afraid?" asked Satan. "Nope." Said the old man who continued to sit quietly in his pew.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years."

Cookies

A very old man lay dying in his bed. In death's doorway, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookies wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom and with great effort forced himself down the stairs gripping the railing with both hands.

With labored breath, he leaned against the door frame gazing into the kitchen. If not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven. There spread out upon the newspapers on the kitchen table were hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies.

Mustering one great final effort, he pushed himself toward the table. The aged wither hand, shaking made its way to a cookie at the edge of the table when suddenly it was smacked with a spatula by his wife.

"Stay out of those!" she said, "They're for the funeral."

Navajo Code Talkers Day

Navajo Amateur Radio Club will be on the air August 13-14 with Special event station N7C commemorating the Navajo Code Talkers 1400Z-2400Z daily. Frequencies will be around 14.265, 7.265, 21.305. For a nice QSL card, send SASE to Herbert Goodluck, N7HIG, Navajo Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 3611, Window Rock, AZ 86515.

Stay! Stay!

I pulled into a crowded parking lot and rolled down the car windows to make sure my golden retriever had plenty of fresh air. The dog was stretched out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backwards, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now, you stay. Do you hear me? Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, perhaps noticing I was blonde, gave me a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put it in park?"