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Mike & Key Amateur Radio Club – Seattle

March 2017

M&K Club Elections & Awards Banquet!

By Gary Bryan KG7KU, President

WOW. This Mike & Key ARC is an amazing group of Hams. You selflessly perform the myriad of tasks it takes to put on this Fleamarket. Congratulations! Well done! Much thanks to Hal Goodell N7NW, Mike Dinkelman N7WA, Diane KB7DNE, and the Fleamarket Planning Committee!

The M&K Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for April 8, 6pm at the Burien Elks Lodge. The Membership Committee & the Awards Committee are gearing up for a really great time. Be sure to get your place reserved!

The M&K Elections Process concludes this month, with the elections of Officers & Positions! See you March 18th at the General Membership Meeting... at the Salvation Army Center in Renton.



New members Alfred KI7IXS and Koda KI7IXR jump in to help with the 2017 M&K Fleamarket

Celebrate our March Members

By Laura Bendit, KF7ELG, Treasurer

As of March 2017, these folks have been Mike & Key members for the number of years stated. Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for your participation and service.

Happy Anniversary this month!

Each of you makes us who we are.

Clinton Pozzi	N7HAM	28 Years*
Dan Humphrey	N7QHC	26 Years*
Robert Crooker	KB7PEC	24 Years
Kathy Martin	KB7QMO	23 Years
Jack McCall	W7TMW	19 Years
Jim Etwiler	KD7BAT	18 Years
Dorothy Lowell	KB7WSO	17 Years
Gail Richardson	KI4JVM	12 Years
Laura Bendit	KF7ELG	8 Years
Brett Traicoff	* No Call *	7 Years
Kirk Butler	K6GNW	3 Years
Michael Kubasti	KG7JRT	2 Years
Whit Worcester	KG7LNZ	2 Years
Marie Buduan	KG7MZA	1 Year
Patricia Crockett	KG7WMK	1 Year
Keith Johnson	KG7CNU	1 Year

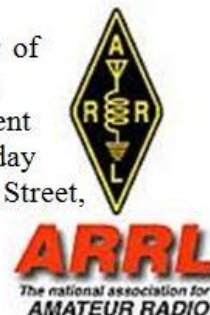
* Life Member, having been with the club 25 years or more

VE Session update

Due to a Salvation Army District meeting the VE session normally held on the third Saturday is changed from March 18 to March 25th. Registration will start at 12:30 PM.



The *K7LED Relay*, published monthly, is the official newsletter of the Mike & Key Amateur Radio Club. The Mike & Key ARC is an ARRL-affiliated club dedicated to the growth and betterment of Amateur Radio. The Club meets at 10AM on the third Saturday of each month at the Salvation Army Headquarters, 720 S. Tobin Street, in Renton (near the southeast corner of Renton Airport). Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is invited to participate in the Mike & Key ARC and its activities. Annual dues are \$12 for individuals and \$18 for families.



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Mike & Key Online –The following Club resources are available:

On the Web – The Club's site at www.mikeandkey.org includes extensive information about Club activities and events, such as: VE testing, membership, past editions of the Relay and more.

Reflector – The Club's public message board offers an easy and free way to converse with Club members. To sign up, visit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/mkarc> .

E-Relay – Help the Club save on printing and postage, send Email to the *Relay* Editor: n7wa @ arrl.net.

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Mike & Key ARC's Annual Awards Banquet Saturday, April 8, 2017 submitted by Kathy KB7QMO

On behalf of the Mike & Key Awards Membership Committee, you are invited to join us as we recognize those who have contributed to the Club in special ways – above and beyond.

When: Saturday, April 8, 2017
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: Burien Elks Lodge
14006 1st Avenue S.
Burien, WA 98168
Phone: (206) 243-2143 Weekdays
Attire: Semi Formal, Business Casual, or something that would have worn in the 1930's or 1940's.
Theme: Reflections – Staged in the '30's & 40's.
Cost: \$15.00 per meal

Your meal comes with Parmesan duchess potatoes, seasonal vegetables, salad, and rolls.

Menu: Appetizers, Choice of one of the following:
Prime Rib
Chicken (Creamy Tuscan Garlic)
CHANGE: Vegetarian, *Spinach Lasagna Rolls*
Dessert CHANGE: *Blueberry Cobbler White Chocolate Cheesecake* for an additional \$4.00

Dinner will be a plated served dinner. Coffee and tea is included. The cost of any other beverages or food will be your responsibility.

Schedule for the evening:
Banquet will start with appetizers at 6:00pm
Dinner will be served at 6:30pm
Recognition of last year's board
Welcome in this year's board
Awards and door prizes throughout the evening
Dancing around 8:00pm
This event is by ticket only.
Tickets will be sold at the March General Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Email: mikeandkeymembers@gmail.com

Membership Committee Report submitted by Rita KD7CNU

It's Friday night. Tomorrow is the Mike and Key Flea Market. Sitting here trying to remember to get everything I need for the Club table tomorrow. Club history printed, 40 copies, check. Club brochures,

check. Literature holders, check. Bags of candy, double check. I have the important stuff. Now to get a good

night's rest. I don't know how Diane, Mike and Hal do this every year. I know they have a great support team and that makes it easier, but it's still a lot of scrambling around.

The Membership Committee met after the February general meeting at the Renton Library. We are putting the final touches on the Awards Banquet and are hoping you are making plans to attend a night of Reflections. You won't be disappointed. After dinner and the presentation of the awards, you will be able to dance the night away.

Kathy Martin, KB7QMO, has been diligently working with the Elks Club management to ensure we have a fantastic evening from appetizer to good night. So please make sure to get your Banquet ticket at the March meeting.

The March meeting is a very important one. This is the meeting we elect our club officers and board. Please make sure you are there to nominate, run, and vote. If you can't serve on the board or as an officer, please consider joining one of the committees. We have a few to choose from, and each one is vital and I'm sure they won't turn anyone away.

The Membership Committee will be meeting Saturday, March 18th following the general meeting and program at the Renton Library. You are welcome to join us. Those attending the February meeting were:

Laura Bendit—KF7ELG Rita Danielson—KD7CNU
Ric Danielson—K7RIC Sandy Dunkel—K7OZY
David Lee—KC7FSR Stephen Marth—WB7AAV
Dave Smith—KB7PSN

Hope I saw you at the Flea Market and will see you at the March general meeting. Please make plans to attend the Awards Banquet on April 8 at the Burien Elk Club at 6:00. 73 & 88 Rita KD7CNU



Camdin, K17HWD and Teigin, K17JME
working the Chilly Hilly

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New Radio

submitted by Bill KL7BB

Bought a New Ham Radio at the Super-Market on Sunday.



This rig is really nice during a contest, as you can really slice through the pile-ups. Just make sure that your operational accessories are serrated for best results.

The Honey roasting comes in handy if you need nourishment as the "Q-rate-hours" drag on well after midnight.

To continue this sort of operation on the Ham bands it is important to start planning for the upcoming Easter events that can have many additional operators at your QTH for the week leading up to the actual contest celebration. Make sure that your shack is equipped for plate modulation and that your operators can cut the mustard. Those that are likely to be the best trained are Poupon-University graduates.

Be sure and work the Russian station RA8BIT. He can be spotted on many South Lawn locations in the Eastern Seaboard. Some official and some Un-official spots are likely, during this world wide event.

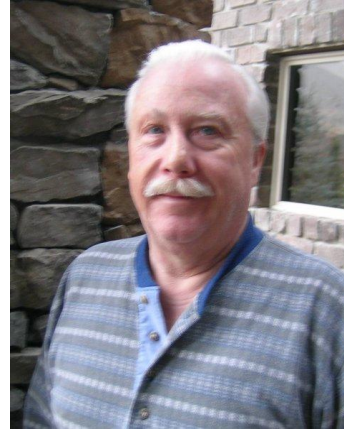
For additional operation of this and stations like RA8BIT be sure and check your local blogs and Fake News Channels for up to the minute reports. And for heaven's sake avoid the Sunday-Morning reports on your local area subscription services.

73 and good Hamming

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Silent Key

Chuck, N7STR reports that W7JED, Jed Clawson became a Silent Key on Feb 14 after complications from surgery. Jed was a member of the Mike & Key in the late '90's and was Vice President to Chuck.



Looking for Web Developers

submitted by Dan KG7DAB

We are starting a web development project at Mike and Key and are looking for HTML, PHP developers. Do you have a knack for web page development? Do you have a little extra time to help out on a team? Do you like making great looking web pages that are easy to navigate? How about cranking out some PHP that makes the web pages *snap* with functionality.

Well, even if your development is a little rusty, let me know! Send me your information and let's talk. We need your skills. Send email to KG7DAB@ARRL.NET and let's connect! 73's and I look forward to hearing from all of you!



Jim K7JGM working the Chilly Hilly

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Homebrew 2M/440 - Awesome! submitted by Dan KG7DAB

What happens when you have a little extra time on your hands, run across a YouTube video you didn't expect to find and have a need for a second 2M antenna? This happens:



It turned out to be better than I expected. Here in the picture, I just have it mounted temporarily on a 2x4 about 10 feet up. The MFJ SWR meter shows it at 50 ohms across the entire band! And the SWR is 1:1 @ 144MHz to 1.2:1 @ 148MHz. Not bad for \$5.00!

Granted, half the parts I had in my junk box. I can hit all the repeaters that I use, but haven't tried simplex yet. The elements are just copper wire from some Romex 10-3 I had leftover from a wiring project I did. I do want to change the copper to the stainless steel the specs call for. I got the plans at Zed Zed's workbench after I stumbled across it on YouTube.

<http://www.amateurradio.bz/>

Once the weather gets better, I Hope to mount it on the main mast (also temporary and still to be completed due to weather) that will be 30' up. Ragchew anyone with a homebrew antenna? 73

M&K Club – March Program by Steve Cook, KD7IQL, Activities Manager

There will be no program this month as we are having elections. I will not be returning as **Activities Manager** for this upcoming year. I need to work on my tower project this year. Please consider running for **Activities Manager**.

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2017 Communications Academy from the ARRL Members Only Website

(Once the Fleamarket ends the Ham Radio season really start to flow by. If you are into Public Service Communications in any form, the annual Communications Academy is a must-attend event. -ed)

Registration for the 19th Annual Communications Academy is now open at www.CommAcademy.org

CommAcademy will be held April 22-23, 2017 at South Seattle College. The theme for this year's conference is: *Public Safety/Public Service: Serving Our Communities with Emergency Communications.*

This event is a two-day continuing education conference for volunteer and professional emergency communications personnel. Morning keynote sessions from nationally known speakers are followed by a series of breakout sessions, focused on beginning and advanced technical radio communications, emergency management, and practical applications and processes using two-way radios. A static display of Emergency Communications vehicles will be shown on Saturday only.

Who should attend? Volunteer communicators from Amateur Radio, MARS, Coast Guard Auxiliary, etc.; CERT Team members; public safety and military personnel who use 2-way radios regularly; anyone with an interest in radio communications. Please alert your group members!

Complete information about speakers and topics, schedule of classes, and registration information is available at www.CommAcademy.org.

If you have any questions or comments about the Academy, please send email to: Marina Zuetell, N7LSL, Program Chair n7lsl@arrl.net

FleaMarket Wrap Up submitted by Michael, N7WA

Heck..., where to start? I have to finish the *Relay* so this will be short. Maybe next month I'll have a bit more to say as my brain and body return to their normal *just confused* state.

GREAT JOB by you all. We had two new Chairs this year Dan KG7DAB and John N5IBU and they both did well. I hope they will return. Dan, I know, mentioned "fixing" a couple things. We like that. This event has progressed for decades based on "fixing".

The rest of you, take a bow as well. It's a cliché out in the big world but not for this event... *every job is important* from elevator operator, to ticket seller, to gate attendant, VE examiner, and more. Everyone!

Hal, Diane, and I get a lot of credit heaped upon us for this event but you could drop the three of us on the Fairgrounds next year and it wouldn't run without the other 70-80 people who show up and do their part. It makes me proud every time I hear how wonderful our event is. This year I was out at the Orange gate with Michelle WA7PVR for the first 45 minutes. (I was just window-dressing, Michelle did pretty much all of it.) It was just compliment from car to car. That's a reflection on the entire Club - thanks.

There were very few issues this year. In the past, I used to run around a lot and put out fires. This year, I was mostly a bump on a log because things were running so smoothly. As such I expanded my skill set (as did Dean N7XS) to include elevator repairman. Someday, that thing is just gonna die and maybe the fairgrounds will do something about it.

I will say I was a bit worried when the Puyallup motorcycle cop just drove up to the loading dock and parked like he was on a mission. Oh my gosh, what did we do now? Seems he was just coming in to see a friend. And no, we did not ask to see his Vendor/Helper badge.

I've started a [2017 Fleamarket Google Photo](https://goo.gl/photos/L48zFVnLbw5UjL6M8) page at:

<https://goo.gl/photos/L48zFVnLbw5UjL6M8>

I've over 100 pictures to process so they won't all be up there for a few days but the page is accessible. You can also add your own pictures if you have a gmail account. If not, and you want to send me photos to add for you, I'll be happy to do so. Just zip 'em up and send them to me.

Enough for now, my wife has a few words so I better QRT. By the way, I am sure many of you have your own stories about working the event. Jot 'em down and when I beg for articles next month - shoot them to me.

Oh! Very important! If you have a Fleamarket MVP candidate, please pass on your suggestions and why to an Awards or Fleamarket Committee Chair.



The Boss



FleaMarket Wrap Up

submitted by Diane KB7DNE (Registration)

Another year with cold, rain, and wind; especially on Saturday. A good part of my crew works outside. We all dress warm which helps but when the wind blows your hat off not to mention the rain getting you all wet including my glasses, it makes for one cold day. I must admit we did have a few good spots which made us happy. The good news is that we all made it through and it turned out well again this year.

I'm grateful with the whole load-out crew for all those vehicles' that Monica KF7QLX and Michelle WA7PVE got into the Event over two days, out in two and one half hours.

At load-out, Monica KF7QLX gets them in the right line at the Orange Gate. My daughter Susan Fleming and I work with the incoming traffic, getting our Sellers into a double line so that we don't have them in the street. We also make sure that they are in the right line and get safely to the stop sign where Jim KD7BAT calls in their table number to the loading dock crew. He then sends them on down to the loading dock where then can load up and leave by the Gold Gate.

It is the load-out job where our customers tell that we run the best event of all the rest of the similar shows. They tell me how well organized we are. They have a great time at this event. They like all of our volunteers and think we all do a great job. This is not just one Seller; I talk to each and every one. I have to ask each Seller if they know their Table Number and if their Pallets are being loaded or are loaded. If we have any trouble with anything, elevator etc, I keep them informed. So you can see I get a lot of feedback.

I want to mention the rest of my Crew for the great Jobs they are doing for me. Sally Martin and Guy N7ZG for handing out packets. This year we were short people to hand out packets so Chuck WA7EBH and Rick KF7VG volunteered for the job. I think they had a great time. I know they did a good job. (Come back next year!) Then there is Rusty Etwiler and Joan Wraalstad for running

the Gold Gate Registration for walk-ins. They do a fine job and do it very well.

Jim KD7BAT hands out the packet to the volunteers and does a lot of my Administrative jobs when I get real busy. Susan my daughter is our Go-cart Runner. And of course my husband Mike N7WA is our Registration trouble shooter and for any other problems that might arise.

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I also want to say what a great bunch of Volunteers that I work with, and love, that put on this Fleamarket. The dedicated Chairmen's that start in October, they give a lot their time to this Event. The volunteers that come back year after year to run it. No wonder it is the best around.

Club Elections March 18th

Please consider volunteering for a position. If you are a first-timer, the trustee position is a great way to learn about how the Club operates. If you are an old-timer, the club could use your experience in all positions.

Numbers

OK, everyone always wants the numbers. These numbers are unofficial based on a quick count of tickets and registrations. There is usually some reconciliation for other factors not known to us but these numbers are in the general ballpark. I include past numbers (also unofficial) from past years for comparison purposes. The numbers do not include the workers.

2017:

Gate: 1750 (includes 108 Juniors) Vendors:563 Total: 2313

2016:

Gate: 1692 (includes 87 Juniors) Vendors:516 Total: 2208

2015:

Gate: 1769 (includes 90 Juniors) Vendors:565 Total: 2334

2014:

Gate: 1799 (includes 98 Juniors) Vendors:514 Total: 2313

2013:

Gate: 1744 (includes 72 Juniors) Vendors:489 Total: 2233

2012:

Gate: 1895 (includes 94 Juniors) Vendors: 513 Total: 2408

2011:

Gate: 1837 (includes 76 Juniors) Vendors: 509 Total: 2346

2010:

Gate: 1897 (includes 101 Juniors) Vendors: 551 Total: 2448

**Mike & Key ARC General Meeting
Saturday, February 18th, 2017 at 10:00 am
Salvation Army Building, Renton, WA**

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by the President, Gary Bryan KG7KU. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members and guests were introduced: "What is your Flea Market role this year?"

Announcements: The Mike & Key ARC is affiliated with the ARRL, which members are encouraged to join. Everyone -

including visitors - should sign the rosters. Visitors are reminded not to vote on membership matters.

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Officer Reports:

President - Gary Bryan KG7KU: Nothing to report.

Secretary - Phillip Pia K7PIA: Nothing to report.

Treasurer - Laura Bendit KF7ELG: We are working on the Flea Market, the Banquet, and the Post-Flea Market dinner. If you can volunteer at the Flea Market, please do so - we need folks! The next couple of months will be quite busy for the Treasurer. The books are in order.

Activity Manager - Steve Cook KD7IQL: There is an assortment of tools and coax up for grabs in the Raffle today. The program today will be all about the Flea Market.

Vice President - Dave Smith KB7PSN: A quorum is present.

- Minutes: Peter K4PNG moved to accept the minutes as published in the Relay; Ivy WA7IVY seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- New Membership: Mike Blaszczyk K7ZCZ, Alfred Mannings KI7IXS, Koda Mondragon KI7IXR, Burnell "Dean" Rudebusch KB0ACO

Chairman of the Board - David Yarbrough WA7DY: Not present.

Radio Officer - Hal Goodell N7NW: Nothing to report.

Editor Reports:

Relay Editor - Mike Dinkelman N7WA: Send in your articles and pictures. There are hard copies available at the front table; be sure to check it out.

Webmaster - Jim Etwiler KD7BAT: Updates to the website include the [latest edition of the Relay](#), meeting dates on the [home page](#), and the class listings on the [Education page](#). If anyone sees any errors, let me know by email: KD7BAT@arrl.net.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Rita Danielson KD7CNU: There will be a meeting of the committee at the Renton Library after today's General Meeting.

- Kathy KB7QMO: See the [February Relay](#) article for more information about the Awards Banquet at the Burien Elks Lodge, which will be taking place on Saturday, April 8th at 6 pm. See me (cash or check) or Dave Smith KB7PSN (debit/credit card) to pay for your ticket.

Facilities and Publicity - Peter Glaskowsky K4PNG (liason): Nothing to report.

Education and Training - Jim Monson K7JGM: See the [Education webpage](#) for current education and class information.

- Jim Kiniry KE7JIM: The Federal Way ARC Digital Communications Group will be having a workshop on Saturday, February 25th from 12 noon to 5 pm at Federal Way City Hall. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own digital HTs to the workshop; the DCG will also have a number of the FWARC's digital radios available as well if you don't have one.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, see the [FWARC website](#) for more information.

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Public Service - Tim K7ANE: The booklet will be ready for the Flea Market.

Technical and Special Interest - David Yarborough WA7DY: The Mike and Key Technical Net takes place every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm on the Club 2m repeater.

VE Exams - Scott Robinson AG7T: There were five examinees present at the January VE session, with two Technician, two General, and two Amateur Extra elements passed. The next VE Exam session will take place after today's program.

Flea Market - Hal Goodell N7NW: We will be going over all the logistics and relevant information during today's program. If you would like to go to the Post-Flea Market dinner, see Ivy WA7IVY (cash or check) or Dave Smith KB7PSN (debit or credit card) to pay for your ticket. The tables are currently sold out. If you would like to volunteer (even if you are not a Club member), see one of us or email Mike N7WA to get a link for the sign-up page.
- President Gary KG7KU congratulated the committee for their hard work.

Field Day - Ivy Nelson-Groves WA7IVY: The 2017 Official Rules have come out; there are no significant changes for this year. The porta-potties have been reserved, and the Club's Field Day event has been submitted to the [Site Finder](#) on the ARRL website.

Logo Committee - Jim N7MU: If you would like apparel embroidered with the Club logo, see or email me for more information. If you would like a badge, see me (engraved badge) or Tim K7ANE (printed badge) for more information.

Awards Committee - George AE7G, Ivy WA7IVY, Toku AD7JA: We are seeking nominations for awards; if you have anyone in mind, see one of us, as we will be making decisions soon. The [major awards](#) (Pop Brown Award, Ken Jackson Award, Jo Hallstrom Friendship Award) were explained.

Old Business:

- The second round of nominations was taken for the elections next month. After today's nominations, the candidates currently are: for President, David Smith KB7PSN; for Vice President, Ivy Nelson-Groves WA7IVY and David Yarbrough WA7DY; for Secretary, Phillip Pia K7PIA; for Treasurer, Jim Kiniry KE7JIM; for Activities Manager, none; and for the #1, #3, and #5 Trustee positions, Steve Cook KD7IQL, Jim Monson K7JGM,

David Yarbrough WA7DY, Tim Kane K7ANE, and David Lee KC7FSR.

New Business: Nothing heard.

Alligator Award: Jim K7JGM retains the award.

Good of the Order:

- George AE7G: He needs some help with putting a line into a 60-foot tree.
- Rick (visitor): A co-worker of Chris Rose AE7XQ came by to promote the [Cascade Treasure Club](#) (metal-detecting/treasure hunting) and its upcoming events and activities.

- Dick WA7INK: [Mayberry's](#) is offering a 2 kW Honda generator online for \$999 (\$899 for hams).

- Scott KC7UOC: He mentioned that he has had his license for 20 years, and has never regretted getting it. His wife recently published two children's books.

- Mike N7WA: There is a Yahoo Groups email list for Club information; send an email to [mkarc-subscribe @ yahoo.com](mailto:mkarc-subscribe@yahoo.com) to subscribe (it's free), or see me if you need help signing up.

Closing:

The next Mike & Key General Membership meeting is on the third Saturday of the month - March 18th at 10:00 am at the Salvation Army Building in Renton.

Peter K4PNG made a motion to close the meeting and was seconded by Ivy WA7IVY; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am.

Guests: 11 Members: 56 ARRL Members: 48
Attested: Phillip E. Pia, K7PIA - Secretary.

Mike and Key ARC Board Meeting Tuesday, March 7th, 2016 at 7:15 pm Salvation Army Building, Renton, WA

Officers:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President	Gary Bryan	KG7KU
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President	Dave Smith	KB7PSN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary	Phillip Pia	K7PIA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	Laura Bendit	KF7ELG
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Activities Manager	Steve Cook	KD7IQL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio Officer	Hal Goodell	N7NW

Trustees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. 1	Jim Monson	K7JGM
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. 3	David Yarbrough	WA7DY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. 4	Tom Helm	AF7ZH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. 5	Peter Glaskowsky	K4PNG

Editors:

<input type="checkbox"/> Relay Editor	Michael Dinkelman	N7WA
<input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster	Jim Etwiler	KD7BAT

Visitors: Jim Kiniry KE7JIM, Michelle Cross WB7AYU

Opening:

The Chairman of the Board David Yarbrough WA7DY called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Peter Glaskowsky K4PNG moved to approve the minutes as published; Steve Cook KD7IQL seconded. The motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Chairman of the Board - David Yarbrough WA7DY: Nothing to report.

President - Gary Bryan KG7KU: Nothing to report.

Vice President - Dave Smith KB7PSN: Five membership applications were received in the prior month: Bruce Gary K7BGG, Scott Gilyeat KC7SAG, Emily Topalanchik, Mark

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Taylor KD7UDE, and William Allison KI7JSK. The Board approved the applications.

Secretary - Phillip Pia K7PIA: Apologies to new members Koda Mondragon KI7IXR and Burnell Ruedebusch KB0ACO for misspellings of their names in last month's Board Minutes.

Treasurer - Laura Bendit KF7ELG: It's a busy time of year, with Flea Market and Banquet coming up soon. Flea Market finances are going well and as planned. Some members have recently been paying ahead for multiple years of dues. The lease for the repeater site on East Tiger Mountain has been paid for this year.

Activities Manager - Steve Cook KD7IQL: The program this month will be the annual Elections. There are currently no nominations for Activities Manager, with the monthly Raffle seeming to keep otherwise interested folks away from the position. Concerns for the continued feasibility of the monthly Raffle surfaced.

Radio Officer - Hal Goodell N7NW: Nothing to report.

Editor Reports:

Relay Editor - Mike Dinkelman N7WA: Not present.

- President Gary KG7KU mentioned that Relay articles and pictures should be submitted before Friday (preferably) or Sunday (at the latest, for Flea Market-related items).

Webmaster - Jim Etwiler KD7BAT: Not present.

Committee Reports:

Education & Training - Jim Monson K7JGM: Nothing to report.

Membership - Steve Marth WB7AAV: The membership committee discussed items pertaining to the Banquet (decorations, entertainment, schedule of events, etc.). The committee also noted that more people have been attending the General Meetings, and that space has been limited. Upon discussion, the Board noted that it may be necessary to replace a few tables with some rows of chairs in order to fit more attendees in.

Technical - David Yarbrough WA7DY: The Technical Net continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm on the Club 2m repeater.

Public Service - Tom Helm AF7ZH: This year's Public Service booklets are ready, and will be distributed at the Flea Market.

Facilities - Peter K4PNG: **There is an event at the Salvation Army shortly after the General Meeting this month at 2:30 pm, which will require the Club to vacate by 12:30 pm; therefore, there will be no VE exams that Saturday.** The exam session has been rescheduled to the following Saturday 3/25. It was mentioned that the General Meeting may be outgrowing the current facility; it was suggested that the Renton Masonic Lodge - with its larger space, more parking, and comparable rental price - may be a more suitable meeting place in the future.

Field Day - Ivy Nelson-Groves WA7IVY: Not present. Steve Cook KD7IQL mentioned (on behalf of Ivy) that no major changes or developments have occurred since the last report.

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Flea Market - Hal Goodell N7NW: This year's Flea Market will be happening this Saturday! Friday setup volunteers should show up by 8 am and enter through the Administration office on 9th Ave SW; be sure to bring your worker's badge (or pick it up at the first floor pallet gate if you don't have it already). Parking passes (for those needing to park inside the fairgrounds) will be given out around noon on Friday.

Old Business:

- Dave Smith KB7PSN: Ideally, the official Inventory should be updated once per year before the yearly Club audit; however, it hasn't really been done in six years. It is being worked on currently.

New Business:

- Hal Goodell N7NW: It was suggested that the Club buy a computer for the Treasurer for bookkeeping and related Club records; further discussion by the Board led to the possibility of a cloud-based storage solution for such instead.

- Dave Smith KB7PSN: Tabs for the cargo and tower trailers are current and were given to Toku AD7JA, with the Club's PO Box as the mailing address; however, the physical registered address (required for RTA tax purposes) for 2017 is currently Paul Roth N7DOH's QTH in Newcastle. It was suggested for the registration to go to Hal N7NW's address next year.

- Dave Smith KB7PSN: It was brought up that a member has had a book checked out from the Club Library for over a year, and thus the Board should consider a policy regarding overdue notices. After discussion, it was decided to keep it on an *ad-hoc*, case-by-case basis.

- Dave Smith KB7PSN: It was mentioned that his boss (also a ham and a member of the Club) would like to give the Club website a visual refresh, while David Yarbrough WA7DY suggested the idea of a WordPress site for the Club. Further discussion and action on this issue will be tabled until after the new Board meets.

Good of the Order: Nothing heard.

Closing:

The last meeting of the currently-elected Board will be on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:15 pm at the Salvation Army Building in Renton; the newly-elected Board will meet shortly thereafter.



Peter K4PNG moved to adjourn the meeting, with Jim Monson K7JGM seconding; the motion passed.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm. Attested: Phillip E. Pia, K7PIA - Secretary.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 (March)	13	14	15 Mike & Key Technical Net 7:30pm 146.82	16	17	18 <i>10:00-M&K Club Mtg</i> [Salvation Army- Renton]
19	20 	21	22 Mike & Key Technical Net 7:30pm 146.82	23	24	25 12:30- M&K Ham Radio Exams Contact: Scott— ag7t@arri.net [Salvation Army- Renton]
26	27	28	29 Mike & Key Technical Net 7:30pm 146.82	30	31	1(April) 
2	3	4	5 Mike & Key Technical Net 7:30pm 146.82	6	7	8 <i>6PM –M&K Awards Banquet</i> <i>Burien Elks</i> <i>Walk MS</i> <i>Snohomish [W7VSF]</i> <i>Daffodil Parade [N7QLT]</i>
9 <i>Walk MS & 5K Run</i> <i>Seattle [W7VSF]</i>	10	11	12 Mike & Key Technical Net 7:30pm 146.82	13	14	15 <i>10:00-M&K Club Mtg</i> 12:30- M&K Ham Radio Exams Contact: Scott— ag7t@arri.net [Salvation Army- Renton] <i>Snohomish Easter Parade [N7QLT]</i>
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