

K7LED Relay



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President's Report

Carl Reynolds N7CJR
President

Spring is around the corner and hopefully we will warm up and dry out soon. We can dream. Field Day is just around the corner, which is another great event. One of these days after I retire, I'll be attending Radio Camp as well. The PNW wind cyclone tested our antennas, and I heard there were casualties. Anyone in the club have repairs in their future? I hope not.

Our club's annual fundraising effort is almost upon us. We need maximum participation for a successful Swap Meet. As veterans of the Swap Meet know, challenges always occur and are expected but we always keep putting on outstanding swap meets. As I've written in previous articles, my first real contribution to the club besides my presence at club meetings, eating donuts, drinking coffee and my club dues was under the supervision of Gary KG7KU at the loading dock. Love the chaos. Well, maybe not. I'm sure we're all amazed at seeing so many Hams in one place. It makes the heart warm and fuzzy. Lol. Bring your hard-earned cash with you and a list of things you'll be selling at next year's swap meet. Hal and Mike will be our generals who we'll be looking for when some fellow Ham, seller or buyer, asks us for directions or has a major complaint. Keep calm and carry on. Keep on smiling! And of course, keep that elevator working.

I've been honored and blessed being your president for the past 2 years. It was quite a learning experience and I'm glad Mark W7EAZ nominated me a few years back for Secretary. It took me awhile to accept a leadership role in the club, which I regret, but I didn't want to be torn between my reserve duty, my family and club responsibilities. I think that is what keeps most people from committing. I'll be available to the next president and board, also there are quite a few ex-presidents still hanging around as well. I would like to thank all the board members and past board members who have put up with my questions and inexperience. I also wish to thank the membership as well. I've said it before and I'll say it again, we've got a talented, dedicated and energetic group. Running the general membership meeting is always interesting. You never know what's going to happen. It may seem like I make a lot of mistakes, but I'm just seeing if everyone is paying attention and isn't falling asleep. For future leadership, I like the energy and ideas of who we have and of course the veteran core group who has been there and made the club an outstanding example of amateur radio. My hope is that those who have been hesitant to volunteer in leadership will step up. I look forward to the next generation.

I have a few things rolling around in my head that I must share with the club so I can fit more stuff...in my head. First is a desire to bring on the Elmers. I think this was brought up while I was Secretary by Robert KJ7CBO. It would be advertised at the previous month's meeting and in the Relay. A review of available Elmers would also be needed. They would be made available before and after the

meeting, depending on the Elmer. Secondly, we would establish a "after joining the club" welcome and initiation. We should have a "sit-down" with each new member(group) and see what roles in the club they might fit into, which might help keep them engaged. We've had many great new ideas like SOTA, POTA, BOTA, Winter Field Day and

free coffee at the I-5 rest stop. Forgive me if I forgot some. I know there's more.

Look forward to hearing your Swap Meet purchases and stories. Signing off as President from the Relay.....

Celebrating March Members

By Scott Gilyeat, KC7SAG, Treasurer

As of March 2025, 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.

(Life Member, 25 years or more with the Club)
(Anniversary Certificate)

Years

34	Dan Humphrey	N7QHC
32	Robert Crooker	KB7PEC
31	Kathy Martin	KB7QMO
27	Jack McCall	W7TMW
25	Dorothy Lowell	KB7WSO
11	Kirk Butler	K6GNW
11	Eric Skone	K7ELK

10	Whit Worcester	KG7LNZ
9	Patricia Crockett	KG7WMK
9	Keith Johnson	KG7CNU
8	William Allison	KI7BZ
7	Doug Reynolds	K7FDR
6	Manfred Bester	AG7NR
4	Holly Eggleston	W6HCE
4	Christian Helfrich	K7XTN
4	April Mardock	KI7QFV
4	Erik McClenney	K3ER
4	William Ridge	KJ7QBY
3	Mark Lacas	K7MLX
3	David Schmenger	KK7CSD
2	Waldemar Bastistella	KK7KAS
2	Mark Galbraith	N7YD
2	Ash Thornton	KK7GFG
1	Dan Kingshott	K7NGS
1	Paul Thorpe	KJ7JCB

Report -Trustee #2

Robert Christian KJ7CBO

Greetings everyone from KJ7CBO

A few things I want to add to this news letter . First, KJ7USZ Schevonne Vercueil's obituary is found at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/new-orleans-la/schevonne-vercueil-12238525> . Feel free to post a memory to her Dignity Memorial page.

Upcoming events, shortly after the Swap Meet which is going to be a huge event as we know, Mike and Key club is having three POTA events this year. I'll most likely be down at Saltwater state park and set up there.

If you happen to be a Technician class license holder and would like to join us there, please let me know. Each team Ross, Gregor, myself and maybe others are wanting to get a Technician to join and do some on site elmering for POTA, how it's done, set up and logging. It sounds like a load of fun, doesn't it? So do join in.

Remember you can be a hunter even at home or a fox (well I'm not a fox) but anyway, haha, you can hunt any or all teams.

Next up:

We are looking forward into Spring and Summer! Could we see another Northern Lights event?? It is looking like we just might have a dual this season. So, get outside with your cameras and see what you can!

We are still in need for a few more net hosts Remember you must be a member of Mike and Key before you can be placed on a list of potential hosts. It is loads of fun, and for those who are microphone shy, well this is a great way for you to keep "keying up" your radio and having great conversations and oh yes... maybe a real bad dad joke. No joking! Naa, you can tell a good dad joke... just remember timing is everything.

For now, Let's have a great year, and get out and POTA!

Happenings at N7IQZ

Devin Hamilton N7IQZ

Chief of Communications, Olympus Rally

Did you get a new toy?

Yes, I just took delivery of the first new iCOM i've ever purchased - the new IC-2730B Black. Dual Band, Dual VFO, black and red screen remote head mobile. I'll be using this for rally operations in the venues of Shelton / Olympus Rally, and Oregon Trail rally.

Did you build something?

Yes, I am in the process of building a 25W analog 2-meter, trailer housed, portable repeater. This is based primarily on an iCOM ID-2010V 25W FM and DSTAR repeater system.

I'm adapting a Smittybilt off-road steel chassis trailer using a LiFePO4 battery + MPPT Solar power system. Could use some pointers on this endeavor to include advice on resonant cavity filter choices for 600K offset, and choosing and acquiring a frequency pair. This will be primarily used for Rally communications deployments as well as EMCOMM / CERT operations in the Pacific Northwest region.

Need communication volunteers for an upcoming event?

Yes, we have an opportunity for HAM volunteers to staff radio positions at Olympus Rally April 12-13th 2025. More info at <https://www.olympusrally.com/signup>. Seeking HAMs with vehicles capable of handling dirt roads / logging roads. Minimal experience required but extensive experience is also valued and we have special tasking available. We provide training and guidance! Got a radio and a truck or AWD car? Bring it! Specialty equipment is also a plus such as mobile masts, directional antennas, 50W mobiles. All RF traffic for the rally will be in VHF / UHF bands. For those working on volunteer hours logged, I will provide letters of tasking hours and reference!

<https://www.qrz.com/db/N7IQZ>
Devin.h.hamilton@gmail.com

Humor from Nelson

Nelson Spohnheimer W7KVI

Greetings, all.

While taking a break from domestic crises (dishwasher won't start) and unpacking/organizing, I came across a long-hidden folder of saved QST articles. I'll perhaps send a few more later, but this first one is an example of hilarious ham-radio writing about Field Day.

It's from 30 years ago, May 1995, and describes events close to my early experience in ham radio. I hope you have time to enjoy it.

(Because this is an article under copyright, I have linked to the article in the QST archives. - ed)

https://webpubs.arll.org/pubs_archive/91398

If not, here's a shorter bit of humor, sent to me by Sam Sullivan, N7RHE.



Joanne Becker K7PFR, Silent Key

Chuck Stroeher WA7EBH

Joanne (John) Becker K7PFR became a silent key February 20 about 2:30 AM. Joanne was a 50-year member of the Mike and Key. Rest in peace my friend.

Dan Aalberg KG7DAB, Silent Key

Michael Dinkelman N7WA

Dan Aalberg became a silent key February 24th. Dan was a 10-year member of the Mike and Key. Dan was an Electrical Engineer and very active during his early membership.

I first became acquainted, even before he became a member, when Dan would send me emails, looking to hire folks at the company he worked for in Renton. He was looking for people with a bit of technical knowledge (Hams) who could do short term work.

He eventually joined the Club, taking on the Country Store chairmanship and producing a series of articles describing his adventures of getting on the air and in construction.

Eventually, health issues took its toll. Rest in Peace Dan.

Gerald Konoske NA7Z

Chuck Stroeher WA7EBH

Gerald Konoske NA7Z died on January 21, 2025. Here is a link to his obituary.

<https://www.flintofts.com/obituaries/Gerald-John-Konoske?obId=35230855>

W6TS, 1965 as WN9QAT

Mike Jarchow W6TS

With that Globe Scout 680-A transmitter, I worked every FCC monitoring station.

Receiver is a rare Mosley CM-1 and matching speaker.



(Side note: FCC notices for harmonics do not qualify for Worked All States)



Two old friends, N7WA and KA7CSE, who have been working the Mike & Key Swap meet more years than they probably care to remember.

Additional Editors Wanted

Michael Dinkelman N7WA

I have a couple folks interested in keeping the *Relay* going. Neither can take it on full time but maybe the Mike & Key can pioneer an effort for a team approach.

I'll admit, doing the Relay month after month, can be a chore. Especially when it conflicts with life and Ham radio. Having a team of folks who can trade

off may help keep our newsletter going when so many others have gone away.

I have started the training process to pass along the newsletter. Maybe you would like to also help the team. They'll be using the tools (editors) they are most comfortable with. You could too.

If you can't commit to being an editor, you could help by supplying articles on a regular basis.

Upcoming Election of Officers and Trustees

Manfred Bester, AG7NR

We will hold our annual election of Officers and Trustees during the March 15 General Meeting. So far, we have candidates for six of the eight positions we need to vote on (see table below). We are still looking for volunteers to run for President and for Secretary of the Club. If you have any suggestions to name additional candidates (including yourself) then please do so either publicly during the General Meeting, or privately via [email to the Board](#).

The election will be held sequentially for each position. We will need to complete the election for each position prior to moving to the next. To be eligible, candidates must be present, either in person or remotely via Zoom.

Roles and responsibilities for each position are defined in the [Bylaws](#). To conduct Club business, it is essential to have a functioning Board. Many thanks to those who already stepped up and accepted a nomination for election or re-election!

Mike & Key ARC - Officer and Trustee Elections 2025		
Position	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
President		
Vice President	Paul Petach, KI6QXV	
Secretary		
Treasurer *	Scott Gilyeat, KC7SAG	
Activities Manager	Ross VanDeen, W7ROV	
Radio Officer **	Steven Cook, KD7IQL	
Trustee #1 ***	Jeff Hite, N7FCC	Scott McDonald, KF7HEZ
Trustee #2	Robert Christian, KJ7CBO	
Trustee #3 ***	Phil Pia, K7PIA	Steve Olsen, KK7FQW
Trustee #4	Manfred Bester, AG7NR	
Trustee #5 ***	Bruce Dahl, KK7MEH	Bill Agee, AG4WF
<p>* The Treasurer Candidate was vetted by the Executive Board on March 1, 2022.</p> <p>** The Radio Officer is not elected, but rather appointed by the Board without term limits.</p> <p>*** Trustees #1, #3 and #5 are elected in odd-numbered years, and #2 and #4 in even-numbered years.</p> <p>Current Officers and Trustees whose positions are up for re-election are shown in blue font. Term limits are defined in the Bylaws.</p>		

2025 Swap Meet

Michael N7WA

I came to my first Mike & Key Fleamarket/Swap Meet in March of 1985. By May, I was a member. I've worked in every one since. I've worked in various positions. It's not always been easy, but it's always been fun. It's good that my brain tends to let the bad stuff flow away and become something to laugh about. There are more good memories than I can relate. It's also been a task that occupied, for me, 6 months out of the year.

Life has changed and I am going to be backing away from that kind of commitment. Next year, I plan on just pushing pallets around on the second floor. Yeah, it'll be hard to keep my mouth shut and my hands to myself, but I am determined.

This Club has been fortunate that we have a lot of experienced folks who volunteer to manage and chair various aspects of this event. Almost all have done it for a decade or more. With 300+ members in this Club, we shouldn't be relying on the same folks to do this forever.

I was talking to a newer and younger member out at Gold Gate Registration Saturday morning. He was mentioning that some of what we were doing could be managed using newer technology. That's the kind of new thinking we need.

I don't know what Registration, or any of the other areas, is going to look like next year. I don't even know what Ham Radio is going to look like as we all get older and fewer of us are around. This will be a time of transition. We do have younger members. It's time they start raising their hands and filling the slots needed to run this event if it is going to have a future.

A lot of our customers told me and other workers, in the Club, how happy they were this event was happening. All of you who participated should be very proud of your efforts. Even if all you did was help sweep the floors when it was over. I look forward to watching.

Mike & Key ARC – General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 15, 2025, 10:00 Pacific
Meeting Place: [Kent Senior Center, 600 East Smith, Kent, WA](#)

Attested to by Jeanne Yearian, Secretary

President, Carl Reynolds, N7CJR: Call to Order (Pacific) 10:00AM

Presentation: Hal Goodell – 2025 Swap Meet, March 7 & 8

Vice President, Paul Petach, KI6QXV: Verified a quorum is present.

Approval of January 18, 2025 General Meeting minutes: Motion made by Brendan, WA7BMK, seconded by Wayne KA7CEE. Minutes approved with no dissention.

Agenda:

Officer Reports

President (Carl Reynolds, N7CJR): Welcome.

Vice President (Paul Petach, KI6QXV): New membership applications (4). Bruce Dahl, KK7MEH; Bruce Axworthy, K7AXY; Doug Scott, KK7YQX; Brandon Born, W1BMB. All were approved by the General Membership with no dissention.

Secretary (Jeanne Yearian, KE7MES): No report.

Treasurer (Scott Gilyeat, KC7SAG): Welcome to the new members. Current active membership count is 314. Reminder: Please pay your dues to keep current. Check the Mike & Key website for current payment options.

Activities Manager (Ross VanDeen, W7ROV): POTA information has been posted. Sign your team up online.

Radio Officer (Steven Cook, KD7IQL): No report.

Standing Committees

Technical & Special Interest (Robert Christian, KJ7CBO): No report

Public Service (Robert Grinnell, KD7WNV): No report

Education & Training (Jeff Hite, N7FCC): No report

Membership (Manfred Bester, AG7NR): No report.

Facilities & Publicity (Alex Malesis, W7AEM): No report.

Repeater (Steven Cook, KD7IQL): No report

Publications & IT Support (Scott Gilyeat, KC7SAG): No report.

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Relay Editor (Mike Dinkelman, N7WA): No report

Essential Committees

Audits: (Sam Sullivan, N7RHE): The Audit Committee completed the audit of the general books on the 29th of January. Everything was in good order.

Awards (Presenter: Dean Holtan, N7XS): No report

Finance (Scott Gilyeat, KC7SAG): No report

Strategic Planning (Manfred Bester, AG7NR): No report

Event Committees:

Swap Meet (Mike N7WA, Hal N7NW): We still need sign-ups in all areas.

Field Day (David, WA7DY): No report.

Picnic (Hal, N7NW): The picnic site has been reserved.

Old Business:

Manfred: Elections will be held in March. There are several open positions. Nominations are open for Officers and Trustees:

President:

Vice President: Paul Petach, KI6QXV

Secretary:

Treasurer: Scott Gilyeat, KC7SAG

3 Trustees: Ross VanDeen, W7ROV, volunteered for another 2-year term as Activities Manager. Nominated to fill vacant trustee positions: Bill Agee, Steve Olsen, Phil Pia, Bruce Dahl

Paul Petach, KI6QXV, is working on developing a program with the Seattle Yacht Club to train and license captains and interested crew. He is also working with Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition on the Peninsula (Gig Harbor area). There will be a meeting on March 5. Contact Paul if you are interested.

New Business:

Longevity (25 year) Awards: 3 members were honored, Brendan Burget, KD7IKV; Curtis Hanner, N7MWC; and Dawn Hanner, N7VWH

Good of the Order:

Chuck WA7EBH: Gave an update on Joann Becker K7BFR.

Silent Key, Gerald Konowski, NA7Z, passed away in January and Chivonne, KJ7USZ.

Sign up in the back to order Name tags

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[Kent Senior Center, 600 East Smith, Kent, WA](#)

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Adjourn: Vote to adjourn at 12:09 AM. Motion made by Scott KC7SAG; Seconded by David W3TOJ. Motion approved with no dissention.

Mike & Key ARC – Board Meeting via Zoom

Date/Time: March 4, 2025 19:00 Pacific

Attested to by Jeanne Yearian, Secretary

Participants:

Carl Reynolds, N7CJR (President)
Paul Petach, KI6QXV (Vice President)
Jeanne Yearian, KE7MES (Secretary)
Scott Gilyeat, KC7SAG (Treasurer)
Ross VanDeen, W7ROV (Activities Manager)
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Alex Malesis, W7AEM (Trustee #5)
George Thornton, AE7G (Volunteer Counsel)
Hal Goodell, N7NW (Repeater Committee Co-chair, Swap Meet Co-chair)
Mike Dinkelman, N7WA, (Relay Editor, Swap Meet Co-chair)
Guest: Capt. Tuuli Messer-Bookman, Esq., Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition (PEP-C)

Agenda:

Call to Order (19:00 Pacific) by Manfred, AG7NR
Establishment of quorum (Jeanne KE7MES): We have a quorum.
Approval of previous Board meeting minutes: Motion made by Paul Petach, KI6QXV, seconded by Robert Christian, KJ7CBO. Motion passed with no dissention.

Officer Reports:

Chairman of the Board (Manfred, AG7NR): No report.

President (Carl, N7CJR): Let's revisit the idea of having Elmers available before and after the meeting to help members with questions and connecting with certain activities or committees. Membership Committee will follow up. Also, would like to discuss membership procedures.

Carl has been in contact with the boss of Dan, KG7DAB, who passed away on Feb. 24 and has items of interest to the Club. George, AE7G: Need

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to work through legal probate procedure with a judge to be able to accept items for the Club after proper ownership has been determined.

Vice President (Paul, KI6QXV): New membership applications (4): Matt Bielstein, KK7YHX; Michael P. Skaer, Jr. ; Emiliano Fernandez, KI7LAT; John Dean, WB5FDM. All were pre-approved to move for a vote of the membership.

Secretary (Jeanne, KE7MES): No report.

Treasurer (Scott, KC7SAG): Accounting status: Current active roster: 315; No unusual budget expenditures. As a reminder, to avoid service charges for donations, please pay by check or use Zelle.

Activities Manager (Ross, W7ROV): Elections will be held in March at the General meeting (no presentation). In April the Disaster Air Response Team will be giving the presentation.

Radio Officer (Steven, KD7IQL): No report.

Standing Committees:

Technical & Special Interest (Robert, KJ7CBO): We have received inquiries about digital capabilities of the repeater system; Hal, N7NW: Installed Echolink on the 220 repeater a while ago already; Get Radio Officer involved; There were also inquiries about the 2-min timeout of the repeater. These will be discussed with the Club's Radio Officer.

Public Service (Robert, KD7WNV): The 2025 Public Service booklet is ready to be picked up. We will have the booklet to distribute at the Swap Meet. There will also be a QR code at the Swap Meet information table people can scan to download the booklet.

Education & Training (Jeff, N7FCC): The draft proposal for the new policy on the Loaner Program has been reviewed by the Club's legal counsel. We will be working to finalize it and address the liability issues within the next few months. The Kenwood 430 (for the Loaner Program) is repaired and has a transport case.

Membership (Manfred, AG7NR): Nothing to report.

Facilities & Publicity (Alex, W7AEM): Nothing to report

Repeaters (Steven, KD7IQL): Nothing to report.

Publications & IT Support:

Relay Editor (Manfred, AG7NR for Mike, N7WA): Contributions to the Relay due on Wednesday, March 5.

Web Master (Scott, KC7SAG). No report.

Essential Committees:

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Audits (Scott, KC7SAG): The General Account Audit went well. We are waiting for Sam Sullivan to send a summary letter for the Board.

Awards (Scott, KC7SAG): N/A

Finance: N/A

Strategic Planning (Manfred, AG7NR): Not discussed

Event Committees:

Swap Meet (Hal, N7NW; Mike Dinkelman, N7WA): First floor is sold out and still receiving applications for the 2nd floor. Hal's trailer is packed. He will be bringing tents.

Field Day (Scott, KC7SAG): Wagon Wheel at Fort Flagler has been reserved from Tuesday, June 24 to Monday, June 30, 2025.

Picnic (Hal, N7NW): Reservation for the picnic in 2025 is done.

Old Business:

ARRL Club Grant proposal to support repeater operations (Carl, N7CJR; Steven, KD7IQL; Manfred, AG7NR), The grant is unavailable at this time. Other grants and financing options will be explored.

The Board discussed establishing a new Policy to create one location (Safety Deposit Box) to hold critical club information (i.e., user IDs and passwords). Scott is still waiting to receive all the information. Once compiled, a printed copy will be printed and placed in the Safety Deposit Box and reviewed annually. Scott has been gathering information. Once all of the information has been received, Scott will put it into the Safety Deposit Box. New Policy #25 - HF Transceiver Loan Program (Draft provided by Jeff, N7FCC):

HF Transceiver Loan Program The Board approves of the creation of a HF Transceiver Loan Program for use in allowing members new to HF operation the opportunity to experience and learn about the fun of operating and establishing a station on HF frequencies. The goal is providing members learning opportunities and experiences on HF who may lack funds or are unsure about an investment beyond a HT.

Jeff, N7FCC, will follow up with the Club's legal counsel, George Thornton, AE7G, this month and discuss necessary forms and liability issues.

Jeff, N7FCC, made a motion to approve the HF Loan Program. It was seconded by Paul, KI6QXV. The motion passed with no dissention. Scott, KC7SAG: May want to also have some antennas in the loaner program, maybe home built kit versions

New Business:

Robert, KJ7CBO: Suggested to add questions to membership application form Re: Ask what Club can do for them; Jeff, N7FCC: Also ask for special skills that Club could benefit from; George, AE7G: Should have more personal contact with new members to make them feel welcome and invite them to the "Club family."

Good of the Order:

Paul, KI6QXV, introduced PEP-C Administrator, Capt. Tuuli Messer-Bookman, Esq. She invited the club to participate in their Preparedness Expo 2025 on April 12 at Gig Harbor High Schol. The coalition would like to explore training and licensing some of their CERT volunteers as ham radio operators. She will be contacting Daniel Stevens.

Action Items:

Safety Deposit Box: Scott, KC7SAG, will make an appointment with the US Bank in Renton to update the list of authorized signers. Hal, N7NW, will be removed and Steven, KD7IQL, added.

Next Meeting

April 1, 2025, 18:45 Pacific remotely via Zoom (no change in meeting date/time/location)

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Paul KI6QXV; Seconded by Jeff, N7FCC, at 20:50 Pacific. The motion passed with no dissention.

Treasurer's reminder

Being able to communicate with our members effectively requires the club to maintain an accurate database of information on our membership. If any of the following information changes, please notify the treasurer at treasurer@mikeandkey.org.

- Members first and/or last name
- FCC Callsign
- License Class
- Mailing address including PO Box or street address, city, state and zip code
- Phone Number
- Email Address

Additionally, the health and well-being of our members is important to us. If your health has

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- Web Master (Scott, KC7SAG). No report.

Essential Committees:

- Audits (Scott, KC7SAG): The General Account Audit went well. We are waiting for Sam Sullivan to send a summary letter for the Board.
- Awards (Scott, KC7SAG): N/A
- Finance: N/A
- Strategic Planning (Manfred, AG7NR): Not discussed

Event Committees:

- Swap Meet (Hal, N7NW; Mike Dinkelman, N7WA): First floor is sold out and still receiving applications for the 2nd floor. Hal's trailer is packed. He will be bringing tents.
- Field Day (Scott, KC7SAG): Wagon Wheel at Fort Flagler has been reserved from Tuesday, June 24 to Monday, June 30, 2025.
- Picnic (Hal, N7NW): Reservation for the picnic in 2025 is done.

Old Business:

- ARRL Club Grant proposal to support repeater operations (Carl, N7CJR; Steven, KD7IQL; Manfred, AG7NR), The grant is unavailable at this time. Other grants and financing options will be explored.
- The Board discussed establishing a new Policy to create one location (Safety Deposit Box) to hold critical club information (i.e., user IDs and passwords). Scott is still waiting to receive all the information. Once compiled, a printed copy will be printed and placed in the Safety Deposit Box and reviewed annually. Scott has been gathering information. Once all of the information has been received, Scott will put it into the Safety Deposit Box.
- New Policy #25 - HF Transceiver Loan Program (Draft provided by Jeff, N7FCC):

HF Transceiver Loan Program The Board approves of the creation of a HF Transceiver Loan Program for use in allowing members new to HF operation the opportunity to experience and learn about the fun of operating and establishing a station on HF frequencies. The goal is providing members learning opportunities and experiences on HF who

may lack funds or are unsure about an investment beyond a HT.

Jeff, N7FCC, will follow up with the Club's legal counsel, George Thornton, AE7G, this month and discuss necessary forms and liability issues.

Jeff, N7FCC, made a motion to approve the HF Loan Program. It was seconded by Paul, KI6QXV. The motion passed with no dissention. Scott, KC7SAG: May want to also have some antennas in the loaner program, maybe home built kit versions

New Business:

- Robert, KJ7CBO: Suggested to add questions to membership application form Re: Ask what Club can do for them; Jeff, N7FCC: Also ask for special skills that Club could benefit from; George, AE7G: Should have more personal contact with new members to make them feel welcome and invite them to the "Club family."

Good of the Order:

- Paul, KI6QXV, introduced PEP-C Administrator, Capt. Tuuli Messer-Bookman, Esq. She invited the club to participate in their Preparedness Expo 2025 on April 12 at Gig Harbor High Schol. The coalition would like to explore training and licensing some of their CERT volunteers as ham radio operators. She will be contacting Daniel Stevens.

Action Items:

- Safety Deposit Box: Scott, KC7SAG, will make an appointment with the US Bank in Renton to update the list of authorized signers. Hal, N7NW, will be removed and Steven, KD7IQL, added.

Next Meeting

- April 1, 2025, 18:45 Pacific remotely via Zoom (no change in meeting date/time/location)

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Paul KI6QXV; Seconded by Jeff, N7FCC, at 20:50 Pacific. The motion passed with no dissention.

Treasurer's Reminder

Being able to communicate with our members effectively requires the club to maintain an accurate database of information on our membership. If any of the following information changes, please notify the treasurer at treasurer@mikeandkey.org.

- Members first and/or last name
- FCC Callsign
- License Class
- Mailing address including PO Box or street address, city, state and zip code
- Phone Number
- Email Address

Additionally, the health and well-being of our members is important to us. If your health has changed and/or you need assistance, please let us know.

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