

President's Corner

Since I took over as President in January, I have talked with many of you about the directions you would like to see the club moving. We have discussed outreach activities, more intensive PR, closer cooperation with CCARES, additional educational activities for club members and other ideas. This month I want to propose some specific actions that we can begin to implement in the near term.

Many of you have expressed an interest in reaching out to local schools, homeschoolers and other organizations to offer hands-on activities to youth, in the hope of encouraging more interest in ham radio. I see this as a valuable long-term activity, but there are barriers to short-term implementation. Specific activities must be chosen, learning modules developed, and kits of materials purchased. All of this will take time, effort and funding. Then we will need volunteers to deliver the activities. What I propose for the short term is that we form a new committee to address these concerns (next column)

and begin development of activities for delivery next Fall. I will be looking for volunteers for this committee at the next club meeting.

In the shorter-term, I would like to address the desire of many members for their own continuing education by establishing a series of Zoom meetings in which experienced members can address topics of interest, similar to the sessions we did about Meshtastic in recent club meetings. Because our membership is spread over such a wide area, I want to hold these meetings online and limit topics to those which can be effectively addressed online. Any topics that would benefit from in-person presentations we can reserve for normal monthly meetings. Since Tuesday and Thursday are already occupied with local nets, I propose that we designate the third Wednesday of each month for this new Zoom meeting, with the first meeting to occur on April 16. I further propose that the initial topic be *Repeater Operation and the CCARC Repeater Network*. I will undertake to develop and present this first meeting

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(with input from our Technical Committee), but I will be looking for volunteers for future sessions.

Finally, we will be starting the PR campaign in April. The first topic will be how CCARC and ARES cooperate with local first responders to enhance and provide backup for normal emergency communications channels. We will be able to capitalize on the visibility of emergency preparations coming from the recent preparedness insert in the local papers.

The second PR push will be in May for the upcoming Field Day on June 28. The intent is to give people enough advance notice for planning, without being so far in advance of the event that they forget about it.

Of course, any and all of the above is open for discussion, so let me know your thoughts.

John DeVries, president

KK7PJL

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February 2025 Board Meeting

Attending:

Officers & Board: President John DeVries KK7PJL, VP Sheldon N7XEI, Secretary/Treasurer Jeramey KF7PMC
Directors: Thomas Clark N7DWU, Bob K6MBY; Mike Barnes N7WPO

Others: Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH, David Fox

1906 Called to Order by Mike Barnes.

Reports:

Treasurer: 3 CD's \$3,289.32, Checking \$5,944.74, Savings \$16,093.94 (Total \$25,328.00)

Motion by Thomas Clark N7DWU, Second by Sheldon N7XEI, to accept December meeting minutes, passed unanimously.

Repeater Report: Chuck WA7EBH everything up and working.

Old Business:

Trailer Funding Partners; Need a 501(c)3 to be the funding partner (applicant) to qualify for some of the available grants. Discussion of trailer use, ideas, opportunities to lower the budget cost to get the trailer as a station. Likely resurrect Trailer Committee.

New Business:

2025 Budget, 2024 Results Discussion. Discussion about generating additional revenue (dues), other fundraising ideas?

2025 Budget, as amended, \$2,799.00 – motion to approve by Jeramey KF7PMC, Second by Sheldon N7XEI approved unanimously. Will present to Club at February meeting.

Discussion of Mike & Key Flea-Market (Puyallup Fairgrounds); several members attending and purchasing tables.

Discussion about ways to efficiently conduct business portions of club meeting and offer enticing & engaging membership programs. John will start a Groups.IO message soliciting Program Ideas.

Member meeting next Wednesday February 12th

Motion to adjourn by Bob K6MBY, Second by Sheldon N7XEI at 2015 unanimously carried.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mar. 12, 2025

First United Methodist Church & Simultaneous Via Zoom

Called to order 1900 by Vice President Sheldon N7XEI

Program: Steve Singhose Travels with HAM Radio and POTA.

Members Present:

Officers/Trustees:, President: John DeVries KK7PJL (Zoom), Vice President Sheldon Koehler N7XEI (excused)
Secretary/Treasurer Jeramey Johnson, KF7PMC, Bob Sampson K6MBY, Mike Barnes N7WPO; Thomas Clark N7DWU

Attendance Roster Attached.

Previous Meeting Minutes as published motion to approve by Joyce Stroehrer, WA7EBH and second by Matt Lawson KC7EQO; approved unanimously.

REPORTS:

Secretary/Treasurer: Balance Checking \$6,049.98, Savings \$16,095.18, (CD's \$3,300.60)

COB Report: Field Day, June 27-29, 2025 at CC Fairgrounds,
Chairman:

President: Various Reports and Discussions on planning for next year.

Tech Team: Everything is working well.

Ed & Training: Bruce Reiter, Study online program or
HamStudy.org > Find a Session > Online Sessions

Net (Lee): Lee N7KC: Thursdays 7PM about 40 regulars, In&Out at start
Always looking for net operators.

Membership: Lee N7KC

NEW BUSINESS:

Sequim Rptr B. Gunners on Board voted to negotiate a MOU with the current owner of the Sequim Brigadoon repeater on Radio Pacific tower and return to Board.
Additionally approved up to \$500.00 in tech team expenses should it come (next page)

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together. Motion to ratify Board Action and direct Board to execute an agreement in consultation with License Trustee, if possible to add another repeater to W7FEL network. Motion by Chris Icide and Second by Matt Lawson

UPCOMING:

Social Breakfast: 0800/15 Feb. at Paradise Restaurant 702 N. Sequim Ave. be at 0800 start time (from now on)

Repeater Activity: Frosty Moss event this weekend, ARES using repeater for support.

Upcoming Program Ideas: Bob & Sheldon's 3D Printing Extravaganza, Laser Engraving

Port Ludlow Swap meet coming up - check Web or Groups.IO for message from Matt.

Adjourn: Motion by Dick KE7Z, Second by KF7PMC, adjourned ????? unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
KF7PMC - JJohnson

ARES Events

ARES Events such as the Oat Run, Frosty Moss, etc. are now being posted on the Club Groups IO calendar. An email notice regarding these events will be sent out 8 days before the event and again 2 days before the event as a notice that ARES will be using the repeater during those events..

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Upcoming Events

Club meeting PA First United Methodist Church, Apr. 2nd 1900

Social Breakfast Cruise In, PA, April 12th, 0800

June 28-29, 2025 Field Day - Probably back to the Fairgrounds.

Trivia

1. In the United States what speed of Morse code must a prospective ham be able to accurately read in order to get their amateur radio license?
2. Operating your radio "barefoot" means to operate it...?
3. This well known country music star changed his amateur radio call-sign to W4CGP, which he said stood for "certified guitar picker".

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Brigadoon Repeater

The MOU between the Club and Bryon Gunnerson, KA1BCG, has been signed and the Technical Data Sheet for frequency coordination has been sent to the WWARA which is the western Washington ham radio repeater coordination group. The Brigadoon repeater now officially belongs to CCARC. Thank you Bryon.

The repeater is located north of Sequim just west of Sequim Ave on a street called Brigadoon. You can see the site easily traveling south on Sequim Ave from the Old School House. It is that fake looking pine tree sticking far above all the surrounding trees.



Two FM broadcast stations, Sequim Fire, and the club repeater are at the top of the 150 foot tower and I believe three cell companies are below. It may be just two.

Coverage in and around Sequim is spectacular. Port Angeles is somewhere between good to marginal. I drove Diamond Point and, a base station or a mobile with a good outside antenna will work in many locations. I was even able to get in down on the beach.

Down the line the Tech Team intends to link Striped with Brigadoon and put in several days of battery backup as no generator exists on site to pick up the non-cellular occupants.

The repeater is on 441.125 MHz transmit and 446.125 MHz receive with a tone of 100 Hz. Also, it is narrowband so program your radio for 2.5 KHz deviation in lieu of 5 KHz. 73, k6mby

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Club Contacts

For years the Club's web site has listed officer email and phone numbers. In the last few months the officers listed on that page have been recipients of some interesting spam. We are 90% sure the spam was generated by someone seeing our email address and titles listed on that Contact page. The board has decided to remove the names, phone and emails on this page and instead use a web base contact form. Our webmaster, Bill Peterson, is working on this project and it should be in place later this month..



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Answers to Trivia Questions

1. Answer: **Zero, The Ability To Copy Morse Code Is Not Required**

In 2007 the Federal Communications Commission dropped the Morse code requirement for hams. In order to receive an amateur radio license you only have to pass a written examination.

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2. Answer: *Without an amplifier*

3. Answer: **Chet Atkins**

Chet Atkins was very active in amateur radio and was said to even have a radio set up in his kitchen. Roy Rogers was of course a singing cowboy and Randy Parton is the musician brother of Dolly Parton. Buck Owens was the co-host of the long running country variety show 'Hee Haw'.

MISCELANOUS

Equipment For Sale

Icom 746 Pro, Power Supply and Speaker \$800

2 ea MFJ 259 SWR Meter(s)

Bob Sampson, K6MBY 360-477-0776

Raffle

A raffle will be held with \$1.00 tickets. Winner gets 50%. The Church gets a 50% donation for the use of the Social Hall. Hoping for at least a \$50 donation to the Church.

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Secretary Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC	Treasurer Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC
COB Mike Barnes N7WPO	2nd Year Bob Sampson K6MBY
3rd Year Thomas Clark N7DWU	Trustee Chuck Stroehel WA7EBH

Local Nets and Repeater Frequencies

CCARC Net every Thursday at 7:00 pm on Striped Peak Repeater 146.760 minus with tone 100 Hz.

Clallam ARES Net Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Striped Peak Repeater 146.760 minus with tone 100 Hz.

Olympic Peninsula DMR Sunday afternoon 4:30 pm Talk Group 31531 on K6MBY DMR TS1, or KC7EQO DMR TS1 or your local hotspot.

WF7W - Port Angeles - 145.310 minus tone 100 Hz. .

KC7EQO - Dual Mode - Blyn Lookout 442.100 plus tone 100 Hz and DMR CC1 on Time Slot one and two.

K6MBY/W6MPD - 444.900 plus. K6MBY (Sequim) tone 131.8 Hz. W6MPD (PA) tone 102.7 Hz. W6MPD - Port Angeles/Sequim -- 224.060 minus tone 102.7

W7FEL Brigadoon/Sequim 441.125 Mhz plus. Tone 100 Hz.

New Or Returning Members

Welcome!!

Angle Torres

Dan Monnisto

Ted Drake

Stephen Anderson

KK&WGE

KG6TMF

KD6MXT

KE7OWG

Tom Gildow

Greg Hustad

Tim Anderson

W7TEG

W7ECO

KG7FCM



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CCARC Standing Committees

Field Day: Vacant

Health and Welfare: [Lee Bond, N7KC](#)

Membership Chair: [Lee Bond, N7KC](#)

Net Coordinator: [Lee Bond, N7KC](#)

Program Committee: Vacant

Public Relations: [John DeVries, KK7PJL](#)

Publications (Newsletter): [Bob Sampson, K6MBY](#)

Technical Committee Coordinator: [Chuck Stroehler WA7EBH](#), [Doug Welcker WB4KGY](#), [Ed Bowen N7OZZ](#), [Bill Peterson K7WWP](#)

VE Education and Training: [Rick DeWitt AA0RD](#) (ARES)

Web Site Administrator: [Bill Peterson K7WWP](#)

