



# Clallam County Amateur Radio Club

# QTC

Nov 2024

## President's Corner

How time flies.

It has been almost 2 years since I was elected as club president. Right after Covid when we started meeting in person and did a Zoom as well, we had maybe 10 people. Now we are hovering close to 30 per meeting. We have had record attendance at the Field Day dinners as well. This is VERY encouraging to me!

Getting membership up has been slow though. We have lost a number of people from either moving away or passing away. The Silent Key sales are more than I can ever remember and I have been part of this club since 1992.

With this newsletter, we are going to try and increase involvement and I hope you are up to helping. If you have a friend who is a Ham and not a member, please encourage them to join. The new repeaters have been paid for with grant money, but maintenance and repair costs fall to the club. Especially mileage reimbursement for the tech team that travel to the remote site to do said maintenance. When membership drops, we have less money to do repairs or even wanted upgrades. If every member recruited just 1 friend, we would double our membership.

The build classes have been popular this year and I hope to do more of them. I ordered some more cheap solder kits from China and home they arrive for the November club meeting. We can once again practice soldering, this time we can make LED Christmas trees. If they arrive on time... We will also show another DXpedition video at the same time, so those not soldering have something to do. More information is forthcoming on this.

Lastly, lets make Field Day 2025 the best this county has ever seen! What will you do to help?

Sheldon Koehler, N7XEI  
2024 CCARC President

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**CCARC Hybrid Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm, doors open at 6pm. The meeting place is The First United Methodist Church Social Hall at 7<sup>th</sup> and Laurel in Port Angeles. Enter via the covered walkway on Laurel.**



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Board Meeting 9/30/2024 via Zoom

**Attending:**

Officers & Board: President Sheldon N7XEI, VP Lee N7KC, Secretary/Treasurer Jeramey KF7PMC,  
Directors: Chairman Thomas Clark N7DWU, Bob K6MBY; Absent: Mike Barnes N7WPO,

Others: Chuck Stroehner WA7EBH, Doug Welcker, Ed Bowen N70ZZ, Jerry Irving, John DeVries KK7PJJ,  
1900 Called to Order by Chairman Thomas N7DWU.

**Reports:**

Treasurer: 3 CD's \$3,256.00, Checking \$5,264.68, Savings \$16,087.20 (Total \$24,607.88)

**Old Business:**

Budget: Our 2024 Budget projected income was \$2,370.00; our income YTD is \$2,281.75 which is \$88.25 short of our projected. Repeater costs is our biggest discretionary expense category. Currently unknown expense.

**New Business:**

WARA: Narrow banding in Western Washington Repeater Systems. Soliciting input.

Motion by Tom to oppose Narrow banding proposal by WWARA, second by Sheldon N7XEI; discussion ensued about issues and the WWARA. Motion carried unanimously.

Ellis Peak VHF Coordination: Still awaiting approval from WWARA.

Tech Team installed amplifiers this past Saturday.

Member meeting next Wednesday October 9, Breakfast at Pricilla's Sat. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Jeramey KF7PMC, Second by Sheldon N7XEI at 1948 unanimously carried.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeramey Johnson, KF7PMC  
Secretary/Treasurer



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### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 8, 2024

First United Methodist Church & Simultaneous Via Zoom

Called to order 1902 by President Sheldon N7XEI

#### Members Present:

Officers/Trustees:, President: Sheldon Koehler N7XEI, Vice President Lee Bond N7KC, Secretary/Treasurer Jeramey Johnson, KF7PMC, Bob Sampson K6MBY, Mike Barnes N7WPO, Thomas Clark N7DWU; Absent:None

Attendance Roster Attached.

#### REPORTS

Secretary/Treasurer: Balance Checking \$5,264.70, Savings \$16,088.52, (CD's \$3,256.00)

COB Report:

Chairman Tom: Trailer Grant Application isn't moving forward currently because of the requirement to be a 501(c)3 Charity. Looking for a sponsor-organization.

President: Looking for Field Day Chairman; never too early to start planning.  
Think of Elections this year; nominations in November, Elections December.

Tech Team: Discussion of current WWARA Narrow-banding proposal by Chuck WA7EBH.

Ed & Training: Bruce: 17/Oct 1017 AM Shake-Out ARES Drill.  
October 19th Testing Session, online Zoom Testing  
Check Out Ham2.0 on YouTube, beta-testing with Makah in October.

Net (Lee): Lee: Thursdays 7PM about 40 regulars, In&Out at start  
Welcome N7AWT Jason new net-op.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Trailer Fund: Motion by Bob Sampson that club radio sales and silent key equipment sales go towards trailer project for next 2 years. Second by Matt Lawson. Passed Unanimously.

Narrow Band: Motion to ratify and modify Board Vote to oppose the narrow band proposal as proposed by WWARA; and support a counter-proposal for a limited I-5 area focused narrow band plan, leaving rural areas and long-range emergency communications repeaters wide-band. By Jeramey KF7PMC, Second by Ed N70ZZ. Passed unanimously.



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Program: APRS by Herm

## UPCOMING:

7-Dec. Christmas Potluck at FUM Church Social Room 1100 Setup; 1300 Dinner

Saturday AM Breakfast: Priscilla's Cruise In Port Angeles 0800

Adjourn: Motion by Bob Sampson KMBY, Second by 2nd Matt Lawson, adjourned 2007.  
Respectfully submitted,

## ARRL News

### The K7RA Solar Update

Two interesting links . The first to an amazingly detailed explanation of sun spots. Little long but educational.

<https://youtu.be/warCdMmyE98>

And an article on the peak of Solar Cycle 25:

<https://www.inceptivemind.com/blurb/sun-reaches-maximum-phase-11-year-solar-cycle/>

## Upcoming Events

Dec 7th, 2024—Christmas Pot Luck Dinner at the First United Methodist Church, 7th and Laurel, Port Angeles. Setup 12pm -Dinner at 1 pm. Cleanup and gone by 4 pm.

June 28th and 29th, 2025 Field Day



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## Trivia

Starlink's satellite operating system is Linux.

At the end of a conversation ham operators will say "73" to the person they are talking with. What does "73" mean? See page 6 for answer.

Besides being a famous newscaster who was a ham radio operator? See page 6 for answer.

# CCARC Welcomes New Members

No new members in September or October.

Seventy Seven Total Members

## General Meeting

### Program

November 2024

LED Christmas Tree Build  
Class

DXpedition video of Scar-  
borough Reef

Question: What is the mean-  
ing of DX?

## AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE CLASS

From Rick DeWitt, AAORD.

Next session is tentative:  
Nov 02, 10am, all remote! Pos-  
sible Makah tribal members  
testing from out west.

We are transitioned to all on-  
line testing, and can now sup-  
port at-home or far away can-  
didates. Even the VEs can be  
remote.



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## Answers to Trivia Questions

**What does 73 mean?**

Answer: **Best regards.**

Although hams use many different modes of communication such as voice, digital and even television the original mode was Morse code. In order to save time many abbreviations were created by Morse users and 73 is used to sign off with a friendly good-bye. Of course, if you are talking with that special someone a different number is used, 88, which means "love and kisses"

## News Announcer

Answer: **Walter Cronkite**

KB2GSD, Walter Cronkite obtained his amateur radio license after he retired from CBS news, primarily to have another form of communication while on his sailboat. Chet Huntley and David Brinkley were popular co-anchors of the NBC television news broadcast. Dan Rather replaced Walter Cronkite on the 'CBS Evening News' after Cronkite retired.

## MISCELANOUS

### Equipment For Sale

Icom 746 Pro, Matching Power Supply and Speaker	\$800
2 ea. MFJ 259 SWR Meter	\$150
1 Bird 43 Thruline SWR Meter	\$200

Bob Sampson, K6MBY 360-477-0776

## Club Meeting 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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October, November and December are critical months for the Club. With the Election of Officers and a Board member in December; October and November must be used to find members that will accept a nomination for the available positions.

It would really be a benefit to the club to have members that are willing to participate in officer positions rather than having to coerce members at the club meeting open nomination period. People who are nominated by coercion often do not serve the club in a very positive manner.

Our current President, Sheldon, has been in office for two great years. Our by-laws prevent him from running for a third year.

Before December we must find members willing to run for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2nd and 3rd Year Board Members.

Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter that is missing?  
Any suggestions, recommendations, comments?  
[Email to Editor](#)

### A Question to Google AI.....





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**Editor's note:** A number of years ago Chuck Jones, N7BV (SK) and I (Bob Sampson, K6MBY) rotated doing the newsletter on a monthly basis. It is a fun project but it does take some time. It makes it easier if there is member input, e.g., articles, for sale items, contest write up, photos with description, biography's.

After a number of years Chuck and I burned out and the newsletter came to a halt as no other club member would step up to take over.

A few years goes by....

I feel one of the reasons our club has taken a membership hit over the last few years is the lack of the monthly newsletter. Those that do not attend the club meetings are completely left out. Without the newsletter they have no idea what is going on with the club. After a year or two people say to themselves, "what is the point of being a member. I don't even know what the club is doing."

I am restarting the Newsletter in a effort to keep members informed of club activities and to, hopefully, stem to flow of members feeling left out and leaving the club.

Which leads me to the other open committees. Program coordinator as an example. Members coming to the club meetings would like to be entertained with a good program. The President has lots of duties and being Program Committee Chairman is NOT one of his duties. We need someone to step up and be the Program Committee Chairman. Please see Sheldon for more details.

You notice on page 10 in the Standing Committee section. Lee Bond has taken on three of the chair positions primarily because nobody else would, and he felt they were a necessary club function. With a new year coming up, can we get one or more members to take at least one of Lee's duties?



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For years there has been on and off discussions about doing Newsletter Club Member biographies. Nita Lyman, N7DRT, did a few interviews and writeups but I think the same thing could be accomplished by an individual doing their own short ham radio biography. Maybe a template of questions.....

How did you get started in ham radio?

How old were you when you were first licensed?

What equipment was in your first radio station?

What equipment do you have today?

Ham radio has lots of avenues to travel.... Net activity, DX, POTA, QRP, etc. What are your interests and, if you know, what was it that led you in that direction?

Optional Question.... Why did you become a member of CCARC? Is there something you would like to see done differently?

OK, I will start....**Bob Sampson K6MBY**

Christmas 1953 — my parents bought me a Heathkit AR2 receiver. I drilled a hole in my bedroom window with a rat tail file and hung a 50 foot long wire antenna. I listened to ham conversations, BBC , Radio Moscow and tons of other stations. A man drove by our house daily on his way home. He had ham radio call plates and a big antenna on the back of his car. One day I waved him and told him of my interest in becoming a ham radio operator. Several months later he gave me my novice test. I was licensed KN6MBY in the fall of 1955. Christmas 1955 a Heathkit AT1 transmitter was under the tree. I was 15 at the time.

From 1955 till we moved to Sequim in 2004 I only had wire antennas for HF. Our Sequim property opened up the option for a tower. In 2005 a 55 foot tower and 3 element SteppIR antenna went up. Today I enjoy digital DXing on all bands but have a special interest for 160 meters. I am one state short of Worked All States on 160. My furthest verified contact on 160 is South Africa. Who will be next? Send me your biography to [k6mby@olypen.com](mailto:k6mby@olypen.com). Thanks....rfs

## Officers and Board Members

President  
Sheldon Koehler, N7XEI

Vice President  
Lee Bond, N7KC

Secretary  
Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC

Treasurer  
Jeramey Johnson KF7PMC

Chairman of the Board  
Thomas Clark, N7DWU

2nd Year Board Member  
Mike Barnes, N7WPO

3rd Year Board Member  
Bob Sampson, K6MBY

Trustee  
Chuck Stroehler, WA7EBH

## Local Nets and Repeater Frequencies

*CCARC Net* every Thursday at 7:00 pm on Striped Peak & Gunderson Repeaters 146.760 minus, 145.210 minus with tone 100 Hz.

*Clallam ARES Net* Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Striped Peak & Gunderson Repeaters 146.760 minus, 145.210 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.

## 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