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#### **Points of Interest:**

- · Hoodview Amateur Radio Club can be found on the web at www.wb7qiw.org
- · HARC is a Special Service Club
- · Email Cory with any information for the newsletter at ka7iug@ frontier.net
- · Feel free to join our affiliated activities: Saturday Breakfast Group or Classy Radio Red Hatters

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## **Hoodview News**



General Club Meeting on July 16th at 7:30 PM. We will have a virtual meeting. See newsletter, page 3 for details.

#### From the President – Joel Harrington N7LF

2020 Field Day was an event to remember. The only club members that were able to participate on Larch Mountain under the COVID-19 self-contained Columbia River George National Scenic Area requirements were Cory KA7IUG, Jim KA7AGH, Cheri N7KOJ and myself.

Our small "family unit group" met at the Corbett High School at 10:00 AM on Friday. This was where the feeling that something was different hit me. I really missed hearing all of the en-route Field Day radio traffic "excitement" over our club's 147.28 repeater. Every year I look forward to hearing club members and guests coming on the air, asking if anyone needed anything before they left home, giving their location reports, coordinating the Stark Street bridge trailer crossings and talking about past Field Days. This year the club repeater was eerily quiet Friday morning.

Shortly after 10:00 AM we headed up the mountain to the locked snow gate. It took longer to open the gate then it did to drive up to the Field Day site. We arrived at the lower parking lot, unlocked the second gate and picked a spot to park the trailers. I remember looking around and thinking - where was everyone? It just didn't seem right without the dozens of vehicles, trailers, campers and the many HARC members. This was the beginning of our *Twilight Zone* Field Day event – the year of no towers, no hospitality tent and no large group of club members. I looked at Jim and wondered aloud, "now what do we do?"

It didn't take Jim and I long to decide to toss some wire antennas in the trees in the lovely tee-shirt weather. Compared to our normal mono-band Yagi antennas and towers, our simple wire antenna installation would work well with the social distancing requirement. (Continued on page 8)

W7Q and N7LF Field Day Site on Larch Mountain



Hoodview Amateur Radio Club WB7QIW PO Box 95I, Gresham OR 97030

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President: Joel Harrington N7LF Vice President: Chris Jensen KG7ADQ Secretary: George Dover W7GEO Treasurer: Jim Schoch KA7AGH (1)

Board: Shaun Harteloo N7TNP (1); Tommy Yeung KJ7HRA (1),

Kenn Clulow K7ENN (1), Larry Bishop W4OPA (2),

Dennis Desper KI7SJY (2)

#### Club Calendar

July 16-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ Webex

July 25-Technical Training @ 147.28/88 Repeater

Aug 6-Brd Mtg: 7:00pm @ Webex Aug 20-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ Webex

Aug 22-Technical Training @ MHCC, HF1, 9-12

Sep 3-Brd Mtg: 7:00pm @ M&M Restaurant Sep 17-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ MHCC, RM 100 Sep 19-VE Testing: 9:00am @ MHCC, HF1

Sep 26-Technical Training @ MHCC, HF1, 9-12

Oct 1-Brd Mtg: 7:00pm @ M&M Restaurant

Oct 15-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ MHCC, RM 1001

Oct 24-Technical Training @ MHCC, HF1, 9-12

Nov 5-Brd Mtg: 7:00pm @ M&M Restaurant

Nov 7-Tech Class: 9:00 at MHCC, HF1

Nov 14-Tech Class: 9:00 at MHCC. RM HF1 Nov 19-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ MHCC, RM 1001

Nov 21-VE Testing: 9:00am @ MHCC, HF1

Dec 3-Brd Mtg: 7:00pm @ M&M Restaurant

Dec 5-Christmas Banquet

Dec 17-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ MHCC, RM 1001



#### **Sunshine Committee Report**

Please continue to think good thoughts and send prayers for ALL of our club members dealing with COVID-19 virus.

Also, Dennis KI7SJY had surgery for a total knee replacement. Please send him good vibes while he hobbles along.

Please keep John W7SIR and Cory KA7IUG if your prayers for their continued fight against cancer.

If you know of any other members that need well wishes, please let Cory know.



#### **Breakfast Gathering on the Repeater**

Join us for coffee and conversation at 7:00am each Saturday on the 147.28/88 repeater. You are responsible for your own coffee. This is great fun!

#### **July Program Scheduled**

Field Day Lessons Learned from Go-Kit Radioing

#### **July Technical Training Topic**

July Topic—Round Table discussion on ham radio problems or needs.

#### **VE Session Canceled**

Our next scheduled VE session was to be held on July 18th. This has been canceled as the campus is closed to the public.



#### **Happy Birthday to our Members**

W7IG	Armand Pilotte	07/01
K6PCO	Earle Conklin	07/05
AE7ZQ	Rochelle Teeny	07/09
K0INE	Gary Brumbelow	07/10
N7CVZ	Michael Welch	07/11
W7SIR	John Barmore	07/18
KJ7CHP	Tyler Le Doux	07/24
K7ENN	Kenn Clulow	07/25
KG7ZRA	Karlan Hutchinson	07/25
no call	Mary Taylor	07/28
KI7SJY	Dennis Desper	07/31
KI7MBR	Okle Helgerson	08/15
W7MIP	Millie Pilotte	08/09
K0CPA	Martin McMahon	08/15
KI7VTS	Valerie Brumbelow	08/15

#### Welcome New Members

N7TTD	Chris Eichman	BD: 06/08		
T	28320 Historic Col	28320 Historic Columbia River Hwy		
	Troutdale, OR 970	60		
	ceichman@gmail.c	com		

503-272-1515

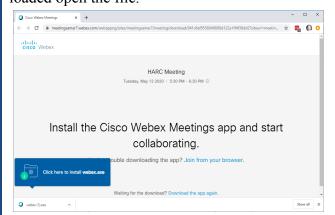
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> olehelgerson@gmail.com 509-427-4455, 509-637-0244

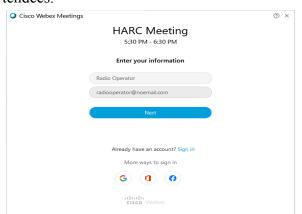
#### Virtual Meeting Information.

We are currently hosting our meetings online since we can not gather. It isn't hard and doesn't require much work. Shaun N7TNP wrote up these simple directions for members to follow. If you need additional help. You may call him 503-512-0199 or email him at kf7skb@gmail.com.

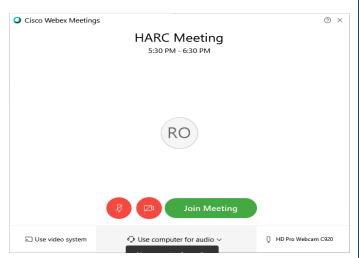
Joining a HARC Webex Virtual Meeting
Click the 'Join Meeting' link in the email you received from Hoodview Amateur Radio Club. You
will be prompted to download the Webex Meeting
Client, if you do not already have it. Once it is downloaded open the file.



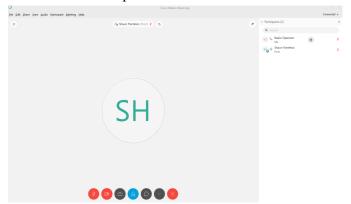
You will get a new window that asks for your Name and Email Address. Please enter your name and an email address, as this allows us to track attendees.



Click on Next, and then select to disable video, and mute your microphone. This is a best practice for HARC meetings to reduce background noise (mute TV, music, cell phones) and bandwidth usage. You can use your computer for audio, or dial in with a telephone. Select from the drop down in the middle what you plan on doing, and follow the instructions. The call in details will pop up once you click on join meeting.



Once you are in the meeting you can control meeting settings like mute, and other features with the 7 circles at the bottom center of the webex application. You might have to move your mouse over webex to see the options in the window.



#### **Hoodview Needs You**

We have a few committees that are open for the 2020 year. If you are interested in volunteering you are encouraged to contact Joel N7LF or one of the board members for details.

- ♦ Sunshine Chair—sends cards
- ♦ Ombudsman Chair– mediates complaints

#### **Class/VE Location Ideas**

At present time MHCC is closed to visitors. We can't hold our classes or VE sessions there. If you know of any alternative locations, please contact one of our board members or Cory KA7IUG.

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#### **Hoodview Field Day Pictures**

(L-R top-bottom) Social Distance Picture, Annual Mt. Hood Picture, W7Q station, N7LF station, handwashing station, Andrew playing with the mic, Shaun working FT8, W7HDF station



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#### **For Sale Listing:**

**KA7IUG** (ka7iug@frontier.com) from K7DSZ SK Estate:

- ⇒ Icom 7410-IC-7410 Solid State but older HF Rig, tested and working, \$600
- ⇒ Yaesu FT-101EE Tube HF Rig \$225 Tested and working
- ⇒ Ameriton AL-811 Amplifier \$550 This is a powerhouse amp.
- ⇒ MFJ-989D Antenna Tuner \$200
- ⇒ MFJ-994B Antenna Tuner \$200
- ⇒ ARRL Antenna Book 2015 \$25

WB7VTY—Selling complete station. Excellent condition. Asking \$1500.00. Kenwood TS590SG, Kenwood MC90, MFJ 969, Palstar SP30B, Astron RS35M, Vibroplex Paddles. For more info email wb7vty@gmail.com.

**K7MR**—LDG YT-1200 Auto Tuner, Like new Original box and paperwork, Connector cables for a Yaesu FTDx-3000. Email rob@otconstruction.com

**W7AUF**—Motorola XPR 4580, 900 mhz, DMR and Analog. Programmed for local repeaters. Just add your call and DMR number.

WA7HAA—ICOM F-24 radio package: ICOM F-24 is a 4 watt UHF 16 channel FM analog HT that covers the amateur and commercial bands. Package consists of: 2 radios, Speaker Mics, Lithium battery packs (multiple), Drop in chargers, AA battery packs, Programming software (no cable included, but readily available), very simple to operate. Price for package: \$200.00 Motorola

XPR3500 UHF 403-470mhz DMR/Analog HT. 4 watts, 128 channels. Includes Impress lithium battery and drop in charger. \$200.

wa7haa@comcast.net 971-212-3773

# DATELINE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL Merilyn Abe Travel Consultant 17025 SE McLoughlin Blvd PO Box 67110 Milwaukie, OR 97268-1110 dlitravel@aol.com

#### **Patches and Badges**

Jim KA7AGH now has all of the beautiful patches for the club. You can see him to purchase either size and he will bring them to the club meetings. He has the 10 inch blue and white jacket patches. Also the 3.5 inch patch in white, green and blue for shirts and hats. The cost of the patches will be \$5.00 (3.5 in) and \$25.00 (10 in).

If you are interested in getting a club name badge made with your call sign and the club's logo, he can also assist you with that. Or you can go to Crown Trophy, 811 N Main Ave, Gresham, OR 97030. They can make pin or magnet backs. Cost is under \$10.

Crown Trophy can customize stainless coffee mugs as pictured here.





#### Check into Two Hoodview Nets

The Hoodview Amateur Radio Club Information Net has been expanded to both repeaters. The UHF Information Net will follow the VHF net at 7:45 PM or after the VHF net if it goes past 7:45 PM. This is an

attempt to assist more local amateurs in checking in to our Club's Net and broaden our exposure. Club members are encouraged to volunteer to be net control of either net. Contact Art W7AUF to volunteer. Every Wednesday night:

HARC—2 M net on 147.28 MHz, at 7:30pm. HARC—70cm net on 443.475 at 7:45 pm

#### "OceanPac Swap Net" in lieu of SeaPac

Wednesday nights after the club's VHF/UHF net there will be an opportunity for club members to list Amateur Radio related items for sale, trade or wanted to be held on 147.28/88 repeater around 8ish. *Note:* no prices on listed items to be mentioned on the net. Free net listing can be stated on the net. Personal information to be obtained from club roster. This net is for club members listed in the Club Roster.

#### **HARC June 2020 General Meeting**

June 18, 2020 via WebEx at 7:30 PM

#### **Business:**

Joel N7LF, President conducted this general meeting.

Attending: Roll Call of club officers and members. President - Joel N7LF, Secretary - George W7GEO, Treasurer - Jim KA7AGH, Past President - Shaun N7TNP, Board Members: Tommy KJ7HRA, Kenn K7ENN, Larry W4OPA, Dennis KI7SJY Members: Cory KA7IUG, Denny WB7UFJ, Rob K7MR, Laura W7OZM, Randy, Kl7lEA, Rob K7MR, Scott Etlinger KC7ZUH, Cindy Etlinger KD7IXZ, Gene KC7W, Larry W4OPA, Wayne AI9Q, Dan KA7MFK, Len N7HRG, Steve K7BFQ, Michael N7CVZ, Chuck W7HDF, Richard N7CVZ, Mel KK7SR, Art W7AUF, Russ N7QR, Robert KJ7MBF, Loren W7LRM

**Secretary's Report:** Review of May Meeting minutes, Rob K7MR made a motion to accept minutes as listed in the club newsletter. Tommy KJ7HRA second the motion. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Review of May Treasure report, Shaun N7TNP made a motion to accept the treasure report as listed in the club newsletter. Larry W4OPA second the motion. Motion passed.

**Webmaster Report:** Shaun reported on the new club webpage and encouraged members to update their profile and ARRL membership information.

Sunshine Committee: Cory reported nothing new

### **June Club Meeting Presentation - 2020 Field Day** Presented by Joel N7LF



#### **Program Questions:**

- Chuck W7HDF ask about logging and in combining logs so they can be submitted to the ARRL.
- Joel N7LF asked for participants who would be attending up on Larch Mt.
  - 3 day attendees or
  - 2 day attendees or
  - 1 day attendees
- Attendees will need to notify Cory by June 24th, that they will be attending and what days.

#### Business

Joel asked the club for help on many club committees that have openings. Volunteers should let Shaun of the nomination committee know.

Members or guests who would like to give a presentation at a club general meeting should let Joel or any board member know. Joel would also like to have a backup presentation and presenter who could fill-in in the event we have a general meeting without a presentation.

KJ7HRA second the motion. Motion passed.

Joel reviewed the State of Oregon DOJ audit and recommendations. Members were invited to read and review these documents listed in the June newsletter.

Joel welcomed new members attending the club. Loren W7LRM

Motion to adjourn the June General Meeting was made by Shaun N7TNP. Motion was second by Cory. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report as reported at the July 2020 board meeting by treasurer, Jim KA7AGH. Jim reported that our income for the month was dues and consignment sales. And our only expense was PayPal fees and to payout for the consignment items. Bank and Report balanced.

#### CURRENT BALANCE

General Fund	\$ 4,870.14
Repeater	\$ 7,180.68
Training	\$ 115.47
Scholarship	\$ 2,219.87
TOTAL FUNDS	\$14,386.16

#### **HARC July Board Meeting**

#### **Business:**

Meeting called to order by Joel July 2nd at 7:10 PM on WebEx.

Attending: Joel did a roll call of those attending. President - Joel N7LF, Past President - Shaun N7TNP, Treasurer - Jim - KA7AGH, Secretary - George W7GEO, Board Members - Tommy KJ7HRA, Kenn K7ENN, Larry W4OPA, Dennis KI7SJY. Guests - Cory KA7IUG, Denny WB7UF, Laura W7OZM

Joel asked if everyone had read the June Board Meeting minutes and if it needed to be read out loud to anyone. Everyone acknowledge that they had seen the minutes. Kenn made a motion to accept the June Board Meeting minutes as read and published. Dennis second the motion. The motion passed accepting the June Board Meeting minutes.

Jim gave the treasure report and mentioned about Neil Penland's consignment sales which the club received 10%. Dennis made a motion to accept the June Treasure Report as published. Shaun second the motion. The motion passed accepting the June Treasure Report.

Joel ask for any committee reports which Shaun reported that he step up to be the chair of the Policies and Procedures committee. Shaun and Cory have come up with some proposed changes which they will need to read and review before they present any changes to the board. There was a correction that Shaun would not be the chairperson for the Nomination committee.

Joel reminded the board of the upcoming virtual general meeting coming up on July 16th at 7:30 PM. George will host the meeting on WebEx and will get the meeting invite to Shaun so he can send it out to everyone, a couple of days before then meeting. George will create reoccurring WebEx meetings for both the Board and General meetings so the links stay the same from month to month.

Joel asked the board for any suggestions on the upcoming July general meeting. The idea of the 2020 Field Day would be a good subject. Because of the small teams up on Larch Mountain and the ARRL allowing home stations to combine their logs with the overall club score, the board felt this would be a good subject for the July general meeting. There were a number of pictures that members had that could be combined into a presentation.

The Larch Mountain Team had two stations which their points could be combined into the total. Joel made 101 contacts and Jim, Cory and Cheri made 65.

Jim also gave the suggestion for the general meeting a presentation of the ARRL procedure for submitting contacts logs.

Joel asked the board if anyone wanted to put together a program on 2020 Field Day for the July General Meeting. No one volunteered, so Joel will assemble a program together with photos from any field day operators.

Because the Larch Mountain road was closed from the locked gate on up, there were only a few people either walking or on bicycles that showed up at the club field day site. Like in previous years, the locked gate is very difficult to open or close. Of the various Columbia River Gorge websites not affiliated with our club, there was some mis-information about the Larch Mountain site and gate being open. This caused about 18 cars of people outside of the club wondering why the gate was locked and why our field day teams were able to go up.

Joel reported that the weather was beautiful Friday, cloudy and cold on Saturday and raining and cold on Sunday.

Joel, Jim and Shaun gave their reports on contacts and field day.

Joel ask if Shaun would send out an email to club members asking for those who participated in field day and any stories and photos of their participation. Joel mentioned that a round table might be the format of the July general meeting with each field day participant giving their stories and photos.

There was an announcement that the July 16 picnic was cancelled. The board decided to have a virtual BBQ in August and no general meeting. However there will be a August Board Meeting on the first Thursday in August.

Joel asked the board for input on general meeting programs for September and October. There wasn't any suggestions at this time.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Joel covered the need for chairpersons for various committees.

#### **New Business**

Shaun brought up the subject of several people requesting information on classes covering Ham Radio licenses. There was discussion on having several classes on WebEx, but the issue of exams was a concern. There was concern about the Community College being open this coming fall.

Joel will bring up the VE testing in the next board meeting.

#### **Announcements**

Dennis asked that the board remember him in their thoughts as he goes in for a complete right knee replacement. Jim stated he has been through this procedure.

#### Adjournment

The motion to close the board meeting was made by Shaun. Kenn second the motion. The meeting was closed at 8:00 PM.



#### President's Column Continued

The use of an Arborist slingshot to propel some pull lines over the top of the surrounding Douglas Fir trees allowed Cory and Jim to put up a counterpoise long-wire using a SGC Smartuner<sup>TM</sup> and Cheri and I to put up a Chameleon<sup>TM</sup> Tactical Dipole (CHA TD) antenna in a horizontal dipole configuration in record time. We were on the air testing shortly after lunch. This was the fastest Field Day deployment we ever experienced. Maybe keeping things simple wasn't too bad after all.

At 11:00 AM Saturday morning our SSB Phone stations were both on the air from outside tables under separate trailer awnings. It was fun to look

across the parking lot, and watch and hear Cory and Jim operate. We would yell back and forth to inquire about band conditions and contacts. Unfortunately, this didn't last long, as the temperature dropped into the low 50's and the wind started to pick up. Both stations retreated to the inside comfort of different trailers and the use of 2-meter simplex for station comms.

The band conditions overall weren't too good. We didn't make a lot of contacts, but I believe we learned a few things with our *Go-Kit* style Field Day setups. Hopefully 2021 will allow us all to be back as a club gathering with no COVID-19 restrictions, no locked gate and good weather!





ARRL Field Day Social Distancing Style Contest:

1st place KA7AGH with a hard-line coax with a barrel connector measured out for six feet and worn over the shoulder.

2nd place KA7IUG with pool noodles on a hard hat and 1/4 wave VHF antennas on the end of each one. 3rd place tie N7KOJ and N7LF with pool noodle hats.



#### HOODVIEW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Make checks payable to: HOODVIEW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, PO BOX 951, GRESHAM OR 97030

Name:		Call Sign:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	License Class:
Email:		Birth Date:
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Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	License Class:
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