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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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# HOODYEW NEWS

General Club Meeting - January 21st at 7:30 PM. We will have a virtual meeting on Webex. See newsletter, page 9 for details.



# From the President -

I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year, and also thank everybody for your votes for president. I would like to thank last year's board for doing such a wonderful

job during some trying times. I think they did an awesome job and they have my personal thank you for doing so.

Knowing we all are looking forward to having a better year than last year, my biggest goal this year is to start meeting together again; at least for the general meeting, as soon as our Governor will allow it. I'm sure it will be quite some time before the college will open up, even next year. I will work to find another location temporarily to have our general meetings until the College opens up again.

To me it's sad to announce that the FCC has sold the 3 gigahertz frequencies and we're going to have to start shutting them down I understand it's not a widely used band for ham radio but any loss of frequencies or bands is always a loss to us. When they take away one, it makes it easier to take away more in the future.

If anyone has suggestions for topics of presentation for Club meetings, feel free to send them either to myself or the board.

Here's to a better year for everyone.

Stay Safe, 73, Chris Jensen—KG7ADQ

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

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President: Chris Jensen KG7ADQ Vice President: Kenn Clulow K7ENN Secretary: Shaun Harteloo N7TNP Treasurer: Jim Schoch KA7AGH

**Board Members:** Rob Remler K7MR; Tommy Yeung KJ7HRA;

Larry Bishop W4OPA; Dennis Desper KI7SJY;

Joel Harrington N7LF

#### January Program Scheduled

To be announced

#### 2020 Club Calendar

Jan 21-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ Webex Feb 4-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @ Webex Feb 18-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ Webex

Mar 4-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Mar 6-Technician Class, 9 am,

Mar 13-Technician Class, 9 am,

Mar 18-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Mar 20-VE Testing: 9:00am @

Apr 1-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Apr 15-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Apr 24-March of Dimes: 7-11:00 am, Portland

May 1-General Class, 9 am,

May 1-Spring Banquet???

May 6-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

May 8-General Class, 9 am,

May 15-VE Testing: 9:00am @

May 20-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

June 10-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

June 17-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

June 25-27-Field Day, Larch Mt

July 1-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

July 15-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

July 17-VE Testing: 9:00am @

Aug 5-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Aug 19-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ Sep 2-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Sep 16-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Sep 18-VE Testing: 9:00am @

Oct 7-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Oct 21-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Nov 4-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Nov 6-Tech Class: 9:00 at

Nov 13-Tech Class: 9:00 at

Nov 18-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ Nov 20-VE Testing: 9:00am @

Dec 2-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Dec 16-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Dec 19—Santa Net on 147.28

# Happy Birthday to our Members

W4OMA	Diane Bishop	01/02
W4OPA	Larry Bishop	01/09
KF7VFQ	Steve Cooper	01/14
K7MR	Rob Remler	01/18
KF7INQ	Richard Mohley	01/19
KA7AGH	Jim Schoch	01/19
K7MOJ	Louise Rosen	01/25
KJ7AUJ	Kanyon Reams	02/02
K7PN	Paul Nyland	02/04
KF7RBV	Ann Gaffke	02/06
KG7ZWS	Dean Di Pietrantonio	02/10
AI9Q	C. Wayne Schuler	02/15
KI7ZVH	Chris Arends	02/16
WA7HAA	Steve LaValley	02/25
K7LQT	Laura Standley	02/25
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#### Welcome to Our Newest Member

W7KEO (G) Ken Owen w7keo@yahoo.com 12282 SE 272<sup>nd</sup>, Boring, OR 97009

Home: 206-817-9171 Birthday: 05/25 XYL: Lois

#### **New Roster Updates**

Remember when you change your email address, drop a landline or make other changes, please send Cory KA7IUG an email so that the roster can be update. Please change your roster to reflect changes:

- New email address for Steve Conrad: kf7vfq@gmail.com
- Darren Toy has a new call K7NWT replacing his KJ7RKC

#### **Sunshine Committee Report**

We are wishing Mike Welch N7CVZ, a speedy recovery from his hand surgery.

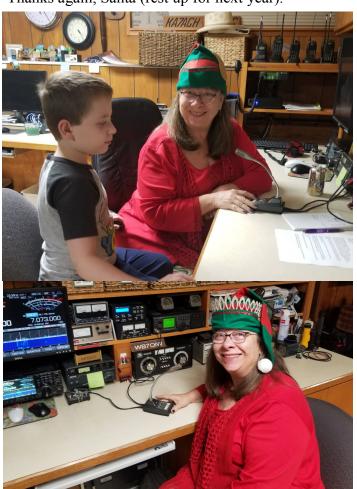
Also we are sorry to report that Jim Thacker KC7LTE, a past club member is now a silent key.

Please continue to think good thoughts and send prayers for ALL of our club members dealing with COVID-19 virus or other health related issues. If you know of any other members that need well wishes, please let Mary Taylor know at 541-425-0213 or marytaylor.portorford@gmail.com.

# Santa Claus Net, Spreading Joy

Queenie Sparkles (KA7IUG), Net Control would like to thank "Santa Claus" (WB7UFJ—Denny) for getting on the air with twelve little ones from six different locations on Saturday, December 20th. Santa talked about what each child wanted for Christmas and in return he asked each child to say "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas" after he counted down. Santa snuck in a little Morse code to identify himself on the air this year.

Santa and 200-year-old Queenie Sparkles was having as much fun talking to the kiddos as the they had talking with him. Covid tried to throw our net a curve ball, but between ham radio and some telephone patches, he was able to hear all of the wishes. You could hear the excitement of the young voices as they listened to "his" voice on the radio. Santa assured all of the children that he had been watching and they were on the good girl or boy list. I believe this added to the sparkle and spirit of the season and maybe will increase the interest of young voices in ham radio. Our Santa Net is growing each year. Thanks again, Santa (rest up for next year).



#### **Patches and Badges**

Did you know that we have these beautiful ten inch, two color (blue and white for jackets) and 3.5 inch, colored (white, green and blue for shirts and hats) patches in stock? You can request Jim KA7AGH to meet up with you to purchase either size. The cost of the patches will be \$5 (3.5 in) and \$20 (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.



# **Area Clubs Field Day 2020 Results**

We know that Field Day is not supposed to be a contest, but practice for emergency preparedness. For those interested in how we did compared to other clubs in the area, we've put together a list. Let's hope that we can plan for a great time in June.

Club	Points Ope	erators
Mike & Key (Seattle)	18,702	14
OTVARC	7,230	9
Portland ARC	5,119	5
Clark County ARC	4,956	14
Hoodview ARC	1,986	5



# HARC December 2020 General Meeting

Call to Order on December 17, 2020 via WebEx at 7:30 PM

# **Attending:**

President - Joel Harrington - N7LF; Vice President - Chris Jensen - KG7ADQ; Secretary - George Dover - W7GEO; Treasurer - Jim Schoch - KA7AGH Past President - Shaun Harteloo - N7TNP; **Board Members:** Larry Bishop - W4OPS, Dennis Desper - KI7SJY, Tommy Yeung - KJ7HRA, Kenn Clulow - K7ENN

# **Special Orders (Club Business)**

- Joel N7LF ask if there was any new club members or anyone needing help in setting up a station. No one introduced any new club members and no one replied that they needed assistance in setting up a station.
- Joel N7LF reviewed the meeting's agenda and talked about the annual elections taking place in this meeting. He invited members to review the nominations listed in the agenda and went through the procedure for voting and the special need to nominate and vote for a 2021 secretary.

#### **2021 Club Officer Nominations**

(George - W7GEO & Denny - WB7UFJ Pulled their names from the November Nominations)

- ⇒ President Chris Jensen KG7ADO
- ⇒ Vice President Kenn Clulow K7ENN
- $\Rightarrow$  Secretary Vacant
- ⇒ Treasurer Jim Schoch KA7AGH

Two-Year Board Positions (2)( See Below)

- ⇒ Candidate Don Greer KJ7CHL
- ⇒ Candidate Rob Remler K7MR
- ⇒ Candidate Tommy Yeung KJ7HRA
- Joel N7LF invited each candidate to give an introduction & brief bio.
- Shaun N7TNP gave detailed online voting instructions and the voting URL to complete each member's ballot.
- Time was given to members to go to the ballot URL created by Shaun N7TNP to vote.
- Since Chris Jensen KG7ADQ was having issues with joining the meeting, Joel N7LF gave Chris

- the floor of the meeting to give an introduction & brief bio while the votes were being tallied.
- Joel N7LF then gave a call for motion of secretary nomination. Cory KA7IUG made the motion. Chris KG7ADQ second the motion. The motion was passed.
- Two nominations were made, but one nominee withdrew their name. The final nominee was: Secretary - Shaun Harteloo - N7TNP
- Joel N7LF gave a call for a motion to close secretary nomination. Dennis KI7SJY made the motion. Larry W4OPS second the motion. The motion was passed.
- Voting was done in the general members orally.
   It was unanimous in favor of Shaun Harteloo N7TNP being the 2021 club secretary.
- Joel N7LF asked for a motion for Past President
   N7TNP to Count and Certify Votes and to Report Under New Business
- Joel N7LF thanked Shaun N7TNP, Cory -KA7IUG and Jim - KA7AGH for the DOJ work the did this last year and in closing that issue.

# **Officers Report**

• 2020 November General Meeting Minutes - George - W7GEO. Joel N7LF requested to forgo the reading of the minutes of the last club meeting unless there were corrections in the sake of time. Chris - KG7ADQ made the motion to accept the minutes of the last club meeting as posted in the club's newsletter. Tommy - KJ7HRA second the motion. The motion passed.

2020 December Treasurer's Report – Jim - KA7AGH. Jim - KA7AGH reported that the December treasure report was posted in the last newsletter and asked if there was any questions.

Joel - N7LF asked for a motion to accept the treasure report as published in the latest newsletter. Bernie - K7BFQ made the motion. Shaun - N7TNP second the motion. The motion passed.

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#### **Committee Reports**

- Sunshine Cory KA7IUG reported that she had talked to John - W7SIR & Silvia - W7SMB Barmore and they thanked the club and Mary Taylor for the well wishes and cards they had received. Cory - KA7IUG also reported on Mike Welch N7CVZ who had hand surgery and is recovering and going through therapy and will be off work for awhile. He worked as a nurse at Providence.
- Shaun N7TNP reviewed the procedures for members to renew their membership for the 2021 year. He talked about the process of renewing through PayPal or by check submitted to the club's post office box.
- Joel N7LF reminded the members to update their membership profile on the club's website.

#### **New Business**

Shaun - N7TNP reported on the new Club officer voting election results for 2021.

President - Chris Jensen - KG7ADQ Vice President - Kenn Clulow - K7ENN Secretary - Shaun Harteloo - N7TNP Treasurer - Jim Schoch - KA7AGH (2) Two Year Board Positions: Rob Remler -K7MR & Tommy Yeung - KJ7HRA

Shaun - N7TNP presented the breakdown of the votes and the number of votes for each candidate.

**Roundtable Discussions:** Joel - N7LF opened the meeting for roundtable discussion.

**Adjournment:** Shaun - N7TNP made the motion to close the meeting. The motion was second and the motion passed. Meeting closed at 8:28 PM

# HARC 2020 January Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: President: Chris Jensen, KG7ADQ; Vice President: Kenn Clulow, K7ENN; Secretary: Shaun Harteloo, N7TNP; Treasurer: Jim Schoch, KA7AGH; Past President: Joel Harrington, N7LF; Board: Dennis Desper, KI7SJY; Tommy Yeung, KJ7HRA; Larry Bishop, W7OPA; Rob Remler K7MR Guests: Cory Schoch, KA7IUG, Denny Doolittle. WB7UFJ

Meeting brought to order: 7:15 PM by KG7ADQ

**December Minutes:** Shaun shared the December meeting minutes on WebEx. Jim, KA7AGH moved

to accept the meeting minutes as emailed, Kenn, K7ENN Seconded. Motion Passed, Unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** Shaun shared the Treasurer's yearend report and report for Jan 4th on WebEx. Jim covered both reports. Tommy KJ7HRA moved to accept the treasures report, Joel N7LF seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Sunshine Committee report: Mary Taylor is responsible for sending cards to members; Cory shares reports of sunshine with Mary for cards to be sent. Cory reported N7CVZ had hand surgery and is doing well. Cory also reported that W7SIR and W7SMB John and Sylvia Barmore are doing well.

Policies and Procedures: Committee Members: Shaun, Rob, and Cory. Shaun reported that we are working on revisions to the constitution and bylaws. Researching ORS to make sure the constitution and bylaws align. Kenn offered to join the Policies and Procedures committee.

Virtual Meeting for January: Discussion about posting the link for all to attend. Shaun emails the meeting link to all club members a couple days prior to the meeting via Mailchimp. To increase attendance Chris recommended posting the link on the website. Shaun and Rob expressed concerns about attracting nefarious attendees. The board concluded that link will be posted behind the login for all members. A general message will be added to the landing page encouraging visitors who want to attend to email webmaster@wb7qiw.org for the meeting link.

Meeting Programs: Chris thanked Joel for doing the solar power program in November. Jim KA7AGH offered to do a go box program later in the year. January meeting, Shaun was tasked with finding a Dave Castler (KE0OG) or other social media video, or videos to share for the meeting. K0LWC was another social media content maker suggested. The desire is to present something less technical than the last KE0OG video shared last year.

**PDX** Net MOU: Jim, KA7AGH has completed the MOU (memorandum of understanding) with PDX net. This memorandum lays out usage of the repeaters for their nets, and other functions they wish to use the club repeaters for. The current usage priority is as follows: Hoodview, ARES, PDXNet.

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**Rule Clarifications; Meeting Minutes:** There was discussion about how what gets recorded into the meeting minutes for Board and General Meetings.

- To be entered in the club official record topics must be discussed during an in-session meeting.
- Any topics broached before meeting is called to order or after the meeting has been dismissed can only be logged into meeting minutes during an insession meeting or at the next meeting, if the topic is discussed.
- During club board meetings, board members can introduce topics during the normal course of business as the presiding officer allows. The presiding officer can also invite guests to bring topics forward.
- Topics discussed outside of meetings cannot be entered into the meeting minutes unless discussed during a meeting called to order by the presiding officer of the club.

Ham Classes: So far we have a training venue for March 2021 if restrictions allow. Shaun, N7TNP and Rob, K7MR are primary instructors with assistance from Denny, WB7UFJ, and Joel, N7LF. The training venue is Troutdale Community Church. We can use the church as it has a large space to allow for proper measures in place to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. If we use rooms, and adjust the configuration, we need to restore it to what it was prior to our use, and empty garbage cans. The church asks for donations to cover costs such as electricity. There are 2 individuals that would like instruction if possible, and we will accept a limit of 10. Shaun has contacted Stu Turner via email to sign up as an official instructor, but has not heard anything. He will attempt again.

**VE Sessions:** Pam is willing to restart VE sessions starting in March 2021 if restrictions allow. She expects that all follow in place measures to ensure safe examinations.

**Committees:** Nomination Committee: Chris, KG7ADQ asked for board members to join the nomination committee for 2021. Kenn, K7ENN and Rob, K7MR volunteered. Further Committee positions will be brought to the general club meeting this month, at the recommendation of Jim, KA7AGH to not overwhelm board members.

Club Insurance: Chris, KG7ADQ asked about club

insurance coverage. The club is covered for club activities and general liability. We have comprehensive coverage on the club trailer, and coverage for club equipment, such as repeaters. Jim, KA7AGH worked with State Farm to get quotes for insurance to possibly replace our current provider. The topic was not picked up at a meeting last year.

**3 GHZ:** The club uses the 3 GHz spectrum for some microwave links between repeaters on Mt. Scott and the Hospital. This spectrum has been re-allocated by the FCC to be sold to facilitate 5G cellular infrastructure. As such, the club will need to replace our 3 Ghz equipment with 5 Ghz equipment. Joel was tasked to acquire replacement costs.

Board Meeting Time: Discussions started about board meeting start time as there was confusion about the actual time meetings were supposed to start. Cory brought up that M&M Restaurant, where the board was meeting in early 2020, had a 9 PM commitment that the board was not able to meet without interruption at the time. In Feb 2020, the board voted to move the meeting to 7 PM to allot time to ensure we worked through all our business in the meeting venue. Traditionally, the club board and general meetings have started at 7:30 PM. Shaun, N7TNP made a motion to return the board meetings start time to 7:30 PM going forward. Jim, KA7AGH seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Webmaster Committee:**

- Wordpress updated to 5.6, the site was updated without issue.
- Shaun proposed removing the 30 day notice about expiration. The thought was to reduce duplicate payments.
- Shaun continues to work on reducing confusion tied to automatic, and one time membership payments with button updates.
- Chris, KG7ADQ mentioned that pictures were out of date on the site. He asked for suggestions to update our pictures. Shaun offered to provide webmaster@wb7qiw.org and the Facebook page as destinations to send updated photos for the website.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:17 PM following a motion from Jim, KA7AGH, and a second from Kenn, K7ENN.

# **VE Testing for Ham Licenses**

While we are not able to host a VE session because Mt. Hood Community College is closed, there are other groups that are hosting VE sessions. Be sure to get those licenses and upgrades before the FCC \$35 fee go live.

Exam Candidates: You are REQUIRED to register in the FCC CORES system and receive a FCC Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. Candidates could go directly to the FCC CORES User Account and Registration page: https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do. VECs are required by the FCC to submit your FRN with your license application form. New license applicants should create an FCC user account and register their Social Security Number (SSN) in the FCC Commission Registration System (CORES) before attending exam sessions. Registrants will be assigned an FRN which will be used in all license transactions with the FCC. Per FCC rules, a valid email address is also mandatory on the application form.

Here are a few of the upcoming local VE sessions:

**Date:** Jan 16 2021 Sponsor: N7EI website n7ei.org Time: 4:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead) Contact: William T. Okrasinski (503) 543-6315 Email: af7za@n7ei.org Location: Scappoose Community Center - Pre-Register/Limited Seating, 33342 SW Meadow Dr. For information visit www. n7ei.org/get-your-license. Scappoose OR 97056

Date: Feb 06 2021 Sponsor: OTVARC

Time: 1:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead) Contact: John D. Bucsek (503) 803-6134

Email: ke7wnb@gmail.com

Location: Sunset Presbyterian Church, 14986 NW

Cornell Rd, Portland OR 97229-5460

**Date: Feb 13 2021** Sponsor: Clark County ARC Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead) Contact: Wayne Schuler (360) 892-5580 Email: <a href="mailto:ai9q@arrl.net">ai9q@arrl.net</a> Location: Salmon Creek American Legion, 14011 NE 20th Ave, Vancouver WA 98686-1442

**Date: 02/20/2021** | Scappoose OR 97056-3721

Sponsor: N7EI website n7ei.org

Location: Scappoose Community Center - Pre-Register/Limited Seating Time: 4:00 PM (No Walkins / Register or Call ahead) (see information above)

Treasurer's Report as reported at the January 2021 Board meeting by treasurer, Jim KA7AGH. It was reported that our income for the month was dues. Our expenses was Paypal fees. Bank and Report balanced. No discussion was needed. Tommy KJ7HRA made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Joel N7LF seconded the motion, Motion passed.

**CURRENT BALANCE** 

General Fund	\$	5088.90
Repeater	\$	7,350.68
Training	\$	115.47
Scholarship	\$	2,239.87
TOTAL FUNDS	<b>\$</b> 1	14,794.92

#### **Dues are Renewing**

Most of us will be renewing our dues soon. Over 50% of our members have a January 1st renewal date. There are many ways to do this and while we are still meeting virtually, we hope you will join us for another year.

You can fill out the form below and mail it in to the PO Box or you can renew using Paypal from the club website. If you have trouble logging in then reach out to Shaun or Cory for help.

Remember if you use Paypal, please check for your auto renew status before renewing. Some members have auto-renew set up and by paying earlier than your renewal date, you may pay twice for your membership, which will cause us to return your second payment. You will find this in Paypal and not on the wb7qiw.org website. Here are the directions to find your Paypal status or leave it as it is.

- Login to Paypal
- Go to settings
- Click payments
- Go to Manage Automatic Payments
- Select Hoodview from the list
- Renewal Date Amount etc. will be presented
- Cancel on this screen

# Membership Sponsorship

During this difficult time of Covid, we have had a few members who have donated to a sponsorship fund for membership. If you or someone you know needs help with your/their membership dues, send Jim KA7AGH an email. Sponsorship help with be kept confidential.



# CREATE A FAMILY COMMUNI-CATION PLAN.

With the fires we have had the last couple of years it may be time to create a communication plan. Creating your Plan starts with one simple question:

"What if?" "What if something happens and I'm not with my family?" "How will I know they are safe?" "How can I let them know I'm OK?"

Those of us with the ability to use ham radio have more options than the general public. But you should plan on what frequency to meet up on. For the club, we have options for repeaters and/or simplex. The club has offered the 147.28 repeater to ARES if there is a wide-spread local communication outage, but the 443.275 repeater is ours to use. It might be a great option if all of your family members who are hams use that. We also have members who monitor through out the day to offer assistance if needed.

Communication networks, such as mobile phones, could be unreliable during disasters, and electricity could be disrupted. Planning in advance will help ensure that all the members of your household—including children know how to reach each other and where to meet up in an emergency.

Planning starts with three easy steps: COLLECT, SHARE, PRACTICE!

COLLECT INFORMATION: Write down phone numbers and email addresses for everyone in your household. Having this information will help you reconnect with others in case you don't have your mobile device with you or if the battery runs down. You should also write down phone numbers for emergency services, utilities, service providers, medical providers, veterinarians, insurance companies, and other services.

Because a disaster can strike during school or work hours; you need to know their emergency plans and how to stay informed. Make sure your family members with phones are signed up for alerts and warnings from their school, workplace, and/or local government. For children, make sure they know to follow instructions from a responsible adult, such as a teacher or principal. Give you children a "safe password".

It is also important to identify someone outside of your community or State who can act as a central point of contact to help your household reconnect. In a disaster, it may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town because local phone lines can be jammed.

Decide on a safe, familiar meeting place where your family can go to reunite. Identify the following places: Indoors, neighborhood tree or corner, outside of your neighborhood, and outside of your town or city.

**SHARE:** Make copies of your Plan for each family member to carry in his or her wallet, backpack, or purse. Enter household and emergency contact information into all household members' mobile phones or devices. Store at least one emergency contact under the name "In Case of Emergency" or "ICE" for all mobile phones. This will help someone identify your emergency contact if needed. Inform your ICE contact of any medical issues you may have.

PRACTICE: Once you have completed your Plan, it's time to practice! Have each person practice sending a text message or calling your out-of-town contact and sending a group text to your mobile phone group list. Discuss what information you should send by text. You will want to let others know you are safe and where you are. Keep messages short. Talk about who will be the lead person to send out information about the designated meeting place. Practice gathering all household members at your emergency meeting places. Talk about how each person would get to the meeting places. Review, update, and practice your Family Emergency Communication Plan at least once a year, or whenever any of your information changes.

Other important tips for communicating in disasters: Text is best when using a mobile phone, but if you make a phone call, keep it brief and convey only vital information. If you are using a mobile phone, a text may get through when a phone call will not. This is because a text requires far less bandwidth than a phone call. Text messages may also save and then send automatically as soon as capacity becomes available. TEXT IS BEST! This will minimize network congestion, and conserve battery power. Conserve your battery by reducing the brightness of your screen, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you do not need. Keep charged batter-

ies, a car phone charger, and a solar charger available for backup power for your mobile phone.



# Virtual Meeting Information.

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

# 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.



#### **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

# For Sale Listing:

K7MR (rob@otconstruction.com) is selling a LDG YT-1200 Auto Tuner, like new, original box and paperwork, connector cables for a Yaesu FTDx-3000.



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

- This is a vintage Yaesu FT-101EE Tube HF Rig \$225 Works
- More Power: Ameriton AL-811 Amplifier \$550
- Using a wire antenna and need a tuner? MFJ-989D Antenna Tuner \$200 and MFJ-994B Antenna Tuner \$200

\*\*\*There is space here for any club members who would like to list a ham radio item for sale.

#### **New Classes and VE Testing Plans**

The Technician classes to be held at the college in March are on hold. However, we are looking at an online class session for now. Rob K7MR and Shaun N7TNP are working out plans for a virtual class to help people get their ham licenses. We plan on having an in-person technician class in March at the Troutdale Community Church as long as the Covid numbers do not go up.

Our next scheduled VE session to be held on January 16th is canceled as the campus is closed to the public. We hope to start VE testing in March at the church with added safety protocols.

# **Breakfast Gathering on the Repeater**

Our repeater has been very quite on Saturday mornings. There have only been one or two calls thrown out over the air waves. Don't forget to join us for coffee and conversation at 7:00am each Saturday on the 147.28/88 repeater.



The SEA-PAC Exbeen closely monitor-

ing the continuing COVID-19 pandemic situation has determined that the safest course of action for all is to cancel the 2021 in-person event.

This decision was based on the uncertainties of more COVID outbreaks, vaccine availability to all, and the probable social distancing requirements. But most importantly, it is based on our genuine concern for the health and safety of you, the attendees, vendors, and presenters. We firmly believe that providing our Ham Radio community with a safe and quality convention experience is paramount.

To offset this cancellation, the SEA-PAC Committee is exploring alternate online and on-air activities to engage our loval attendees during 2021. Watch for future SEA-PAC Wave newsletters with the details as they become available.

Finally, we look forward to hosting you again in Seaside, Oregon, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Thank you for your patience and understanding and we invite you to start planning for SEA-PAC 2022.

#### And Hamvention 2021 Canceled:

Unfortunately, several setbacks in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic make necessary the difficult decision to cancel Hamvention 2021. Hundreds of volunteers have been working to do everything necessary to bring this Hamvention to the many amateur radio enthusiasts and vendors who support the Dayton Hamvention.

Vaccine distribution both in the United States and around the world is lagging behind what was planned. In addition, the emergence of a more communicable form of the COVID-19 virus increases the potential for further public health problems in the next few months. We make this difficult decision for the safety of our guests and vendors. Those who had their tickets deferred last year will be deferred again.

Stay tuned for information about a QSO party for the Hamvention weekend. We'll be back next year!!! Executive Committee, Dayton Hamvention 2021

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