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UARC MEETING

The regular meeting of the University Amateur Radio Club will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2002 in the UW Engineering Building Rm. 2101 at 7:30pm. Talk-in on 146.61 MHz repeater in case of room reservation malfunction.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

No message this month.

UARC CALENDAR

Nov 30-Dec 1 W4F, TN, Anniv. of Civil War Battle of Franklin. 21.325, 14.280, 7.280 SSB

Dec 5 UARC Regular Meeting

Dec 6 ARRL 160m CW Contest 2200Z

Dec 7-8 AI7MU USS Arizona Memorial, Bullhead City, AZ, 10, 15, 20, & 40m SSB

Dec. 8 Laramie Volunteer Exams 9:00 am UW Eng. Bldg Rm. 2101, contact W7LE

Dec 14-15 ARRL 10m contest SSB & CW

Jan 1 Straight Key Night 80, 40, 20m CW, 0000 UTC-2400 UTC, Use 'SKN' for 'RST'

Jan 4-5 ARRL RTTY Roundup 80-10m* RTTY, PSK, ASCII, AMTOR, etc

Jan 7 UARC Regular Meeting

* Note: Contesting does not include WARC bands (30m, 17m, & 12m)

UARC MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Call to Order:

Club president Tony KD7TA called the November meeting to order at 7:33 pm in room 130 of the Physical Sciences Building. Introductions were made: 20 members were in attendance. Those present were: Tony Arnerich KD7TA, William Wright AF7E, Bob Hansen WS7C, Fred Crowell KS7Q, David Rush KY0DR, Lynn Hamblin KB7SGP, Suzanne Luhr AA7AY, Jerry Tastad N7JT, Doug Wheeler KD7W, Doris Hutcheson KD7RQX, John Harrison KD7NAE, and Barry Mather KB7VQV, Dick Wynes KA7VMA, Jim Ackerson N7SPH, Rhett Downing ND70, Wayne Sutherland NQ7Q, Judy Sutherland K7JMS, Chad Mitchell (no call), Jeff Greenwald (no call), and Rick Damiani (no call).

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Bill AF7E moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting. The motion was seconded, and all approved.

Reports:

Treasurers Report-In Brent's KC0FUP absence, Tony KD7TA gave the treasurer's report:

Bills paid: Phone bill: \$21⁷³; QSL Bureau bill: \$2³².

Regular account balance: \$724³¹.

Maintenance fund balance: \$500⁰⁰.

Total account balance: \$1,224³¹.

VEC - There will be a VE exam December 7, at 9:00am **[this was later changed to Sun. Dec.8 in the afternoon – ed.]** in room 2101 of the Engineering building.

COTW - Wayne NQ7Q is accepting articles for the Code of the West newsletter. Submit anything; ANYTHING to: nq7q@arrl.net, or nq7q@fiberpipe.net. Please help the newsletter guys out! They do a great job, but have to be running out of material.

Old Business:

1. Jerry N7JT supplied the results of his Internet search on the club's corporation status. We are in good standing until spring of 2003 and will have to update at that time. In fact, if we keep up the simple task of staying active, we're good as a corporation until the year 9084! Who came up with that one?!
2. Regarding our ARRL affiliation, Tony KD7TA updated the club information for this year through ARRL, but it will need to be done again once the final membership is in. We need to meet the 51%-of-members that ARRL membership requires, and should easily do that.

Bill AF7E asked if, since we now have North and South America if clubs can use the bureau to send cards. Rhett (ND7O) says possibly, but check with Mary KF7MC, the affiliate club coordinator. Tony KD7TA said he'd check into that.

3. Tony KD7TA put the question to the club whether we should purchase another years worth of World Radio subscriptions. Rhett ND7O moved that we do so. It was seconded and approved. We owe Doug KD7W a subscription from last month.

New Business:

There has been some discussion about adding PL (subaudible tone encode) to the club repeater input, to minimize false keying up of the repeater. Rhett ND7O said from past experience, PL tone is more trouble than it's worth. All agreed the VHF interference has been bad lately, and will probably only get worse. Rhett commented on some pieces of equipment being old and... did you say, broad as a buffalo's butt?! I thought so! Jerry N7JT said he'd check out the obvious stuff, and report back on the Sunday evening net.

Announcements:

Jerry N7JT was sent out to shop for a tower for the club, and Fred KS7Q has a tower to sell. The two of them will work out the details.

Jerry N7JT sold the big honkin' tent at a garage sale for \$15, and will pass the money on to Brent KC0FUP. We now have a new tent for field day.

Drawing: Fred KS7Q won a year's subscription to World Radio, when we the subscriptions in.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

The program was two-fold:

Jerry N7JT demonstrated a new toy in his lab-a static machine that makes monster sparks and produces RF energy, effecting a nearby transistor radio. When asked detailed questions about it, Jerry tiptoed around and prompted Bill AF7E to call him a politician. Ouch!

Tony KD7TA showed off his \$65,000 piece of titanium that they were taking out of his leg at the time of the last meeting, and described what was going on inside of his leg as far as the healing process. Fascinating, Tony! I never would have thought to wonder!

See you in December!
Suzanne AA7AY

YELLOW PINE – FADING INTO THE BUREAUCRACY? YOU DECIDE

This is a message I received that will be of interest to most of our Club members so I will repeat it exactly as I received it.

From: Bill Edwards
To: AB7BJ
Subject: Forest Service vs. Yellow Pine

"Dear Mr. Edwards,

Thank you very much for your letter of September 11, 2002 and the compliments you extended to one of our seasonal compliance officers, Michael Swank. I am very pleased to hear that he successfully avoided what could have been a fairly volatile situation as you have described it, and I have passed along your commendation to him as well as a Forest Service award for his action that day. Enforcing National Forest regulations can be a very difficult matter, especially for seasonal employees new to the agency. As such, we are always grateful when individuals such as Mr. Swank make their talents available to us and in turn to the public. Thank you again for making us aware of this particular instance of Mr. Swank's professionalism regarding the questions you raised about regulations governing commercial activities on National Forest lands, let me begin by saying that I certainly have no doubt that you and the other amateur radio operators who gather at Yellow Pine Campground each year have never intended to violate any federal regulations, and as I have come to understand, that your group has a long, positive history of visitation to the Medicine Bow. Unfortunately, the rules Mr. Swank

explained are indeed accurate, applicable to your situation, and have been in effect for quite some time. I regret that this was (sic) not been brought to the attention of your group in the past and I am especially dismayed that the selling and/or trading of radio equipment in a National campground was ever condoned by Forest Service employees. The language specified in the Code of Forest Regulations pertaining to this activity is quite clear and prohibits the "...selling or offering for sale any merchandise or conducting any kind of work activity..." in the National Forests (36 CFR 261.10(c)). Even in the event that no money was ever transferred between parties, any exchange of goods is in fact prohibited under this regulation, without authorization by a special use permit. Again, I regret that this misunderstanding has been perpetuated for such a lengthy period of time. With that said, it is possible that a special use permit could be authorized in the future that would allow you to conduct such activities on the Medicine Bow, though not in a multi-site campground such as Yellow Pine. Other potential sites might include a group campground, a group day-use area, or a dispersed camping area. Should you wish to inquire about these possibilities, please contact the District's Special Use Permit Administrator, Mike Winters, at (307) 745-2317.

Thank you once again for your letter, and I hope this clears matters up a bit.

/signed/
CLINTON D. KYHL
District Ranger "

I have left this letter exactly as I received it, even with misspellings. My interpretation of the letter is that Yellow Pine, as we knew it, is over. Too bad! I wonder if Field Day, as we know it, is not too far behind?

73, de Bill AF7E

EDITORS' NOTES

As I look over the letter relayed by Bill, I can't help but think that perhaps some of the interpretation of the Forest Service's Regulations might be a bit excessive or in error. One must remember that Rules and Regulations are interpretations of some Law passed by Congress. The courts have shown time and again that Rules and Regulations do not always conform to the intent and spirit of the Law, but if unchallenged, they become the standard operating procedure. I find it a bit of a stretch to say that an amateur radio swap meet is commercial activity.

I also am curious that "any kind of work activity" is prohibited in the National Forest. That is a pretty broad and inclusive statement...I seriously doubt that the Laws from which the USFS Regulations were derived had such broad sweeping intent as is implied by that

statement. If any of you know, or happen to be, practitioners of Law who want to do something for your friends and country, then go to Washington to eliminate unnecessary Laws and simplify the ones we do need.

If you do write an article, editorial, or other comment for the COTW, please send your material to our e-mail addresses at: nq7q@arrl.net and af7e@juno.com.

73, Wayne NQ7Q

It's almost cold enough to put up an antenna that *really* works!
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