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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE OLYMPIA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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ACTING PRESIDENT'S PERCH



**Lee Chambers KI7SS
Vice-President**

I just talked with our President, Frank, HXV, who will hopefully have some remarks for us herein. It's good he's regaining strength and sounding stronger.

Well, August is done! Jeepers!, as Wally used to say:

- The Bigfoot 200 was, near as I can tell, a resounding ham radio-supported success.
- Our club continues its growth, with <66 members on the roles.
- The August dinner-meeting featured a

wonderful lightning talk highlighting (I know!) its less well known characteristics: sprites and cloud lightning effects hundreds of miles up.

- Tugboat Annie's dinner-meetings continue to be excellent.
- The Information Net on Tuesday night does its job week after week, linking hams with puzzles, techie or operating or whatever, with others who have the answers. I've been net control for almost 30 years and the net just works, amazing me! It's why I continue as moderator: it's very satisfying.

Fall is upon us, along with a need to elect/re-elect club officers. We have a great team now, but fresh leadership brings fresh ideas and enthusiasms to us. Please

consider running for a leadership role: President, V.P., Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large, all are up every year. Me, I've been President 6-1/2 times and could enjoy a break, so if you've leadership bones, don't be shy!

I am worried about the Department of Natural Resources push to eliminate all ham repeaters but one each DNR hilltop. What inept management! I guess we will have to go to the legislature and press to fix their incompetence. There's a storm coming on this issue. Stay tuned.

73!

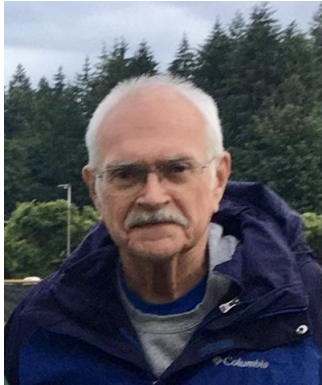
—Lee. Ki7ss, V.P., Acting President

Special points of interest:

- CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PLANS
- IT'S A CONTEST!!! DEADLINE: 9/28/2023
- SO WHAT'S A RALLY?

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President Frank Hamilton
KF7HXV

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very happy to see our club expanding. We need new members and my hope is that you need us, as well. We offer educational opportunities, events to support and most of all, comradery. If you know more than we do on specific subject we need to hear from you.

I have said it before, Lee Chambers KI7SS, our Vice President has gone beyond expectation. When I got sick, he jumped right in and took the helm. Much thanks!

Tugboat Annie's has worked out well in my

opinion. Another thank you to Lee. The service has been great and so is the food.

Our newsletter is suffering for lack of club submissions. I would always prefer your input as opposed to using canned articles. If you are the coordinator for an event let us know with an article and hopefully a picture. If you feel that you can't write articles, when we get them we will clean them up. Put your name or call sign at the end of an article.

October is nominations for club officers. Give it some thought. You can talk to who you would like to see doing a specific job and see if they are interested. If they are interested, get behind him or her. I will not be in the running for any office.

Remember, this is a Stage Rally month. See article in the body of this newsletter.

Your President, Frank
Hamilton KF7HXV

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PLANS BY LEE CHAMBERS, KI7SS

The OARS' officer team has been looking for a venue for our Christmas meeting. Our usual spot, Tugboat Annie's banquet room, is not available to us in December—unless we pay a \$250 rental charge and use their buffet food service, and guarantee 30 or more attendees. The cost of an entree at this event will depend somewhat on the collective food choice but varies between \$22 and \$34, before drinks, tax, and tip.

We talked about this on the Information Net a week ago. Four members offered to pay the \$250 and 13 people put their names in as wanting to come, so without inviting the whole club membership we are well on the way toward having our Christmas event at Tugboats'!

Several points were made that further our enthusiasm for staying at Tugboat's, the most important being that we haven't been paying rent to meet at Tugboat's whereas we were in the \$100 a meeting range at the Event Center on North Street in Tumwater, a cost which was wrecking our budget. So paying \$250 is

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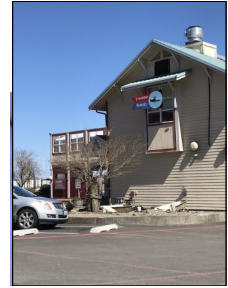
OARS, TC-ARES 2023 CALENDAR, by Bruce Montgomery WA7BAM

Tuesday is net night with all invited to attend on the OARS repeater system. The Thurston County ARES net starts at 7:00 pm with a formal member roll call, followed by an invitation for visitors to check-in. OARS Information Net begins at 7:30 pm with organized informal check-ins, reading of the radio calendar, discussion of club business, questions and answers, and swap and shop.

Nets, meeting, Zoom, testing information at Olympia Amateur Radio Society (www.olyham.blogspot.com) Testing information at OARS Exam Page (www.oars-ve.duckdns.org) Thurston County ARES information at Thurston County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (www.wa7oly.net)

An expanded list of regional events is at: Pacific Northwest Hamfairs (n7cfo.com)

The full list is best viewed along with the WA7BNM contest calendar for a more complete list of world wide contests. [WA7BNM Contest Calendar: 12-Month Calendar](http://WA7BNM Contest Calendar).



**Tugboat Annie's
Restaurant
2100 West Bay
Drive, NW
Olympia, WA**

September VOTA Calendar

DATE	ACTIVITY
9-11	ARRL September VHF Contesting
13	Exam
14	ARES Meeting
16-17	Washington State QSO Party, Salmon Run
17-18	QSO Today Ham Expo
20	OARS Meeting
23 (?)	Tour de Forest Road Rally
23-24	CQ WW DX RTTY
30	Reach the Beach Bike Ride
30	ARES 5th Saturday Exercise

**OARS MONTHLY
MEETINGS HAVE
BEEN MOVED
TO TUGBOAT
ANNIE'S
RESTAURANT
MEETINGS START
AT 7:00 PM
IN THE
DOWNSTAIRS
CONFERENCE
ROOM**

October VOTA Calendar

DATE	ACTIVITY
7-8 (?)	SET for ARES
11	Exam—See above information
12	ARES Meeting
16-20	School Club Contest
18	OARS Meeting
19 (?)	Great Washington Shakeout
20-22	JOTA Jamboree on the Air
21-22	Stew Perry Top Band Challenge-CW
28-29	CQ WW DXSSB



REMEMBER THOSE DAYS BY FRANK HAMILTON, KF7HXV



**I DON'T THINK I
WOULD EVER
ORDER MOOSE
OFF A MENU — IT
WAS BAD.**

I was in the U.S. Air Force and for the end of my first tour they sent me to remote Alaska. The site was Clear Air Force Station. A near-by guard shack was known as White Alice. The old system that it was built for was long gone. What we were doing now was guarding an antenna field. For heat, the shack had one Yankee Heater in the wall – Didn't do much good when the temperature was -80 degrees inside and out.

The RCA Service Company furnished our radios. They were commercial not government. They were on two meter channels. So were the Russians. I started up a conversation with several of my counter parts over there. What I was doing got discovered by superiors a couple of months later. I got sent to the commander's office. The colonel just wanted to make sure I was not discussing classified information. I reassured him I was not. Conversations were back on.

The mess hall was open 24/7. They had a standing offer that they would

cook any game meat we brought in. I asked the cook if I could have some moose. He said only if you shoot it! I said how do I do that. The cook said you have to have a guide. Where's a guide? The cook pointed to an old guy sitting by himself. I asked what it would take to go moose hunting. He knew I was a GI. He said: A half-gallon of whiskey, meet me at 0700 tomorrow out front. I did.

The guide pulled up out front as planned. He had an early 50's Plymouth station wagon. Running it didn't sound good. He said get in. I did. We drove about 15 miles to a plowed road. He stopped in the middle. It was about -40 degrees and the snow was about 15 feet high on the sides of the road. We sat there about three hours. Nothing! There were two dirty coffee cups on the dash. He said you want a drink? I said no I have not shot yet. I was about to give up and a moose came out of a hole in the snow.

I carefully pulled my 300 Weatherby out of the back seat. The passen-

ger's door was open and I was going to use it for a bench rest. It was shacking so badly I told the old boy to shut the car off. The critter was only about 75 feet away. One shot to the heart dropped him where he stood.

I said to the guide: What now? He went to the tailgate and opened it. He got out a chain saw and set it down by the animal. I asked what are you doing? He said when beast begins to freeze we can quarter him. We have to do that so he'll fit in the car.

The time came. The old duffer started to cut. Cutting done he rolled out a tarp in the back of the car. We packed the animal in the car and headed for the mess hall. They had a place to hang the meat. I got two steaks and allowed it to be given away to whoever ate there.

I don't think I would ever order moose off a menu – it was bad. My guide wanted the head so he got it.

Frank KF7HXV

It's A Contest!

OARS is asking the members to help in the design of a new logo depicting our club. In order to facilitate this we are having a contest. To help you come up with some thoughts and a new logo, we have assembled a few pages of information regarding logos and their purposes.* A complete set of rules are also available.*

- Everyone can participate
- Great Grand Prize for winning submission
- The winning logo will appear on all OARS public relations efforts
- Whenever you see the word OARS, you will see your handiwork!

For thoughts and ideas on logo's and for a complete set of rules for this fun and exciting contest, email dtgrover4975@gmail.com

Deadline for all entries is September 28, 2023 18:00L.



Old Logos



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PLANS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

way less expensive overall—and then, with the offers to help with that tab, we are left with only our individual tabs for food, drinks and tip, a small price to pay inasmuch as their food and venue are excellent!

At the next OARS meeting I will be passing around a signup clipboard—I've already started it. We need 30 commitments to be at Tugboat Annie's. Moreover we'll need to settle on a collective dinner choice. If we choose one communal buffet dinner the cost is \$8 less than if we choose two or more. Here are our choices:

Firstly we get a buffet meal including bread, salad, rice or potato or pasta, sautéed veggies, cookies or ice cream, coffee or tea, and then a collective choice of:

Carved Entree:

- Prime Rib. \$34
- NY Strip Roast. \$28
- Baron Steamship Round Roast. \$26
- Roast Turkey Breast. \$24

Or, Entrees:

- Grilled Salmon. \$24
- Chicken Alfredo \$22
- Grill Caribbean Jerk Chicken. \$22
- Pork Loin. \$22
- Flank Steak \$25
- Chicken Parmesan. \$23
- Jambalaya. \$23
- BBQ Pork Ribs. \$22

Beverages:

- Wines, \$7
- Soda or Juice. \$2
- Drinks—Vary

We could have a hosted bar for \$50 plus drink charges. I doubt we want that option, but if you think it's worth it, let us know.

If you'd like to get on the list of attendees please choose a couple favorite food choices and let Lee know or put your name on the sheet at the September meeting. Once we get a clear choice winner and more than 30 attendees we will make the reservation. (Actually Lee has the room on hold already). If we don't get to 30 we will have to go elsewhere. Dirty Dave's again??

BTW this event will include our traditional Cut-throat Gift Exchange.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET ON THE LIST OF ATTENDEES PLEASE CHOOSE A COUPLE FAVORITE FOOD CHOICES AND LET LEE KNOW OR PUT YOUR NAME ON THE SHEET AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. BTW THIS EVENT WILL INCLUDE OUR TRADITIONAL CUT-THROAT GIFT EXCHANGE.

SO WHAT'S A RALLY? BY FRANK HAMILTON, KF7HXV

This is primarily written for those who have not helped out at an auto rally also known as a stage rally. Working a rally is fun and you just may learn a new skill.

Handicapped? Don't let that slow you down. There are several things you can do.

Competitors operate smaller vehicles divided into stages. Stages may range from a mile or so up to 20+ miles. Each stage is almost its own race.

There is a timing crew that times the total elapse time each car takes. The times are added together at the end of the day to determine who the daily winner is. Rallies may last up to three days in duration. Drivers are grouped together according to history and driving experience.

Each competitor has a co-driver. The co-driver reads the route map to the driver as they proceed through the course at speed. Cars have been known to reach speeds up to 120 mph. There are no secret stages.

Factory cars are those that are set up at the factory as race cars. They have little or no modification. Any of the cars are allowed to be modified. When they arrive they must be scrutinized (inspected). Cars are

grouped based on horse power and the driver's experience (history). This determines the starting order.

The stage captain manages the stage. Volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver. This puts you on the rally's insurance.

Your stage captain will assign you to a post. If you have special needs tell him/her. You may be asked to sit in your vehicle and help with inventory of competitors as they go by. This is important because if the "Start" passed point A and didn't get to point B, they may have crashed. Other jobs are helping out at "Start". It is most helpful if you contact the stage manager a few days before the event, so you can be assigned a position and you'll know where you will be located. It takes at least two hams per stage. Long stages or those with cross roads or lots of curves take more hams.

Once you have been posted, you are there for the day. You can not leave your post except for a medical emergency. Notify the stage captain as she/he must shut the stage down so you don't get hit by a car doing 120 mph. It's a good idea to bring the right dress and a sack lunch with you. Some rallies have night stages and you will know that ahead of time. If you are

assigned to a cross-road, your job will be to insure no unauthorized people or vehicles enter the "hot" stage. The stage captain will send out a notice when the stage is hot and when it goes cold. You may have to relay.



The stage captain will designate a rendezvous location each morning. Members of the stage will assemble there for assignment and final instructions. When that's done the captain will lead you to your post. The time and place of this meeting will be set by the stage captain.

Come and help out. You will probably enjoy it. Great bunch of folks to have as friends. I have been involved with rallies since about 1982. Rallies are held on Green Diamond property north of Shelton. Olympus in the spring draws competitors from around the world and in September is a regional rally.

Frank KF7HXV

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CLUB INFORMATION PAGE

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GOD BLESS AMERICA!

A DC airport ticket agent offers some examples of 'why' our country is in trouble:

1. I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman (Carol Shea-Porter) ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)
2. I got a call from a Kansas Congressman's (Moore) staffer (Howard Bauleke) who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts."

Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa."

His response . . . Click!



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OARS Membership Application

Want to become a ham radio operator or are you already licensed and wish to join OARS? Go to our website at www.olyham.org to fill out the new member application, or if you choose, complete the new member application on the reverse side of this brochure. Just fill out the application and bring it to an OARS meeting. OARS meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 PM. Another option is to mail the application to: OARS, 3830 Loren Street NE, Olympia, WA 98516

Membership Categories

(Circle One)

- OPTION 1 Individual Membership \$25
- OPTION 2 Family (Household) Membership \$25

Volunteer Opportunities

(Circle All Areas of Interest)

- Board Member
- Civic Events
- Instructor
- Outreach
- Projects (I.E. Field Day, Rallies, etc.)
- Speaker's Bureau
- Other _____

How did you learn about OARS? _____

About OARS . . . We Communicate!

The Olympia Amateur Radio Society, OARS, was founded over 40 years ago as a place for local ham radio operators to meet and exchange ideas on their common hobby interests.

OARS is associated with the Thurston County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service). Many OARS members are also ARES members. ARES and OARS provide emergency public service communications support for events such as road rallies, Bigfoot Ultramarathons Capital City Marathon and other events.

The club also offers license classes, which can be scheduled with sufficient interest, and license testing monthly.

OARS holds a weekly information net on our repeater system every Tuesday at 7:30 PM. Any ham may check in to this net or just listen in on their scanner.

New Member Information Please Print New Renewal Call Sign _____

Name _____

Address _____
First Middle Last
Street City State Zip

Phone _____ Home Email _____
By providing my email address, I give Olympia Amateur Radio Society permission to email newsletters, alerts and correspondence related to my membership.

Phone _____ Cell OARS will not be sharing your personal information with others.

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OARS Net Check-ins

The following stations checked in one or more times on the OARS General Information Net in **August**. Thank you **Lee Chambers KI7SS**, for keeping us posted.

KK7ASX
KJ7AWM
WA7BAM
N7BCF
WB0BZD
W1COL
KI7CKD
KK7CVW
W7DCA
WB7EJM
N7EKB
W8ESM

WB7FDXE
N7GQP
AB7I
KB1ISI
KI4JXZ
WB7LWQ
KJ7LXU
KK7MTR
KK7MCS
AC7MG
KK7NCW
W7NN

KK7NPK
KK7NYX
AG7OO
AE7P
W7PLC
N7POV
AG7PR
W6QWK
W7RUE
WB7ROZ
WV7S
WA7SH

KL7SK
K7TAG
N6TPT
K7TUM
KB7TLR
K5VMA
AC7VL
N7WW
KI7SS

OARS Repeaters

147.36 MHz(+) (PL 103.5 on TX output only)
224.46 MHz(-) (PL 103.5)
53.570 (-) (PL 100 Hz)

License Exam Sessions

Please go to this website for current information:
www.oars-ve.duckdns.org

We're on the Web

www.olyham.org



NEED YOUR HELP BY FRANK HAMILTON, KF7HXV



The club needs a storage area. It needs to be a building that can be secure. Hopefully some one could loan it to the club; but, we could pay a modest rent if need be. We do need access to the contents 24/7.

We have a trailer and several rows of shelves loaded with electronic parts. All is important in keeping our well worked and aging re-

peaters. We also have a cache of well used but working equipment stowed away that we use for swap meets. We have used a few pieces of that gear to put in classrooms.

Currently, parts are filling up Duane Braford's WB7ROZ garage. Surplus radios and equipment fill Art Taylor's

KL7SK basement. The big tri-beam antenna is in Duane's yard. We are grateful to those guys but we need to take the burden off them.

Put your thinking cap on and come up with suggestions. Ask a friend if he or she knows of a place that would work.

Frank KF7HXV