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Silent Key - Harold Ward K7JZO

Editor's thanks to Ollie Coburn:

This is N O T an obituary, others will write one suitable to the mans memory...COMPLETE with a record of his lifetime accomplishments, family and relatives.

KAY-SEVEN-JAY-ZED-OH !!!!

The call is now dormant and the key silenced, but the memory of Harold will echo in the hearts and mindos of all who knew him. His QSO's were many and his radio acquaintance was world-wide.

Harold Ward (born McDowell) passed away on the evening of August 17th from a sudden heart seizure. He had the presence of mind to call an ambulance, but died enroute to the hospital. Funeral arrangements are not complete at the moment that this is being written for the Q5R9 Hamclub Newsletter.

A radio amateur of many years, he was a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association and will be remembered by many old timers here in the valley and throughout space itself. He was among the earliest joiners of the Flathead Valley Amateur Radio Club, and that in itself goes back quite a few years.

There are those among us who will remember hsi saying, partly in jest "I'm never going to die, simply quietly QSY!" And, so it is Harold, we'll keep our scanner going and sooner or later on another frequency our vigil will be rewarded with a familiar voice and a "73 to all".

Minutes Flathead Valley Amateur Radio Club July 28, 1994.

The Flathead Valley Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order by President Mark Skeels at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held at Woodland Park as previously announced and was preceded by a picnic held in the pavillion. Dick Lindeman KC7ALP reserved the pavillion. Much thanks Dick it was a lot of fun and we missed you!!!

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as written in the June club newsletter.

There was no treasurer's report because Harold Schneider could not attend the meeting. Harold was having rocks dynamited in a field or some such thing.

Wayne Ristine gave a report on field day. We had 59 CW QSOs and 971 SSB. All of these were non duplicated. Carlos' packet, satellite, and 6 meter VHF gave us another 59 QSOs. Our total points with wattage multiplier was 2178. Adding 800 bonus points gave us the 2978 total.

The only state we didn't work was Idaho. We had the Virgin Islands, Alaska, and Hawaii. We got all of the Canadian provinces except Prince Edward Island.

In our biggest hour we did 92 QSOs. Wayne Ristine at the phone. Second biggest hour was 68 QSOs with Don Ross, and Greg Magone had a 50 QSO hour. Slowest times were in the morning. We need CW operators for next year. Some of the novices and techs didn't work. It was agreed that they should have and that it is a great place to learn.

We need three in the shack at a time. One to operate, one to log, and one to help catch calls. Harry Lovering has begun to receive QSL cards and Wayne Ristine agreed to take them and to respond to them. He has the logs in his computer as to who worked when. **Thanks much Wayne!!**

Next year we would like to work 2A, have a SSB and CW station, a novice station, packet, satellite, and VHF. We would like to add a vertical for 40 and 80 meters. It was further suggested that next year the main barbecue be on Saturday evening. That way we all won't be in such a hurry to get out of there like we usually are on Sunday afternoon. The food committee will be taking this up.

New Jobs:

Wayne Ristine KE9XR will be taking over for Don Ross on providing coffee and cookies after our regular ham meetings. Thanks Don and Wayne.

Gary Ax KB7KXE will be assuming the position of club property master. He has good space and will be storing our antenna's, tower, rotator, and what not out at his place. Now is a good time to take an inventory and anyone who has any of the club's stuff, let's get a hold of Gary or a club officer. We should have pictures, history, and other stuff. Maybe now is the time to get it all over to Gary.

Roger Swearngen N7EYU is still receiving one tape a month from the ARRL. He copies these and then Ed AA7TN has been storing them for a rainy club night. Roger needs to get us a recap of his expenses so we can reimburse him.

10 meter net opening up on CW.

The 10 meter net that is meeting on Monday nights after the 146.76 net is having some fun. Not only are they getting some sporadic E contacts, but they are getting in some code practice. Anyone who wishes feel free to join in on the fun. We can just pass the CW around as on a regular net and if nothing else send your call sign.

The more CW operators the better. Especially in contests where often we can score twice the number of points.

Wayne Ristine KE9XR is planning to work in the November CQ worldwide contest and maybe we can have an internal contest on this for the club. We could see who worked the most from our group or set up a team, or even have competing teams. More on this coming up!!!

All were encouraged to attend the Big Arm Picinic coming up Sunday, August 21st at Irv Ball's place K7MEA. Anyone needing directions or planning to attend check into the 146.76 Monday night net at 8PM, the Tuesday night 146.62 at 8PM, or get a hold of a club officer.

Ed Mahlum AA7TN reported that **Alma Dodd had back issues of QST** going back to 1982 that she would like to donate to the club. It was agreed to have Ed pick these up and get them to the club property manager Gary Ax KB7KXE. Once we get most of our stuff to Gary we can start an inventory. We believe the club has some old radios and other stuff. We want to get a list started on this inventory business.

Club Purchases a Radio

After some discussion it was motioned by Tracy Robertson N7SPI that the club purchase Darryl Christopherson's Kenwood TS520S for \$300. Motion was seconded by Ollie Coburn KA7LLI. It was thought the radio could be loaned to newcomers and used in contests and other club activities. The club now has a tower, a tribander, a nice rotator, and a rig.

Club gets an antenna tuner

Mark Skeels filled us in on the Field Day Contest. The winner was Wayne Ristine KE9XR with 92 contacts in one hour. After looking over the list of prizes Wayne chose the MFJ-941E Versa Tuner II - 1.8 to 30MHz, 300 watt PEP antenna tuner. Wayne then promptly donated his prize to the club. **Thanks again Wayne!!!**

There was many reports about an excellent time at the Glacier Waterton HamFest. Your editor couldn't make it because of relatives. Two seasons in Montana - relatives and winters. Greg Magone KB7QPS upgraded to General. **Way to go Greg!!!**

Greg brought up about the Columbia Falls Boogie to the Bank runs coming up at the end of July and they would like hams to help out with communications. However, no one knew too much about it. George W7BKB was not in attendance. Keep posted to the two meter repeaters. Let's try to help out.

September Presentation and Dinner meeting at the Eagles.

John Vugteveen W7KNT has scheduled September 22, 1994 to be with us. John is an avid **DXpeditioner** and will be presenting a program on the South Sandwich Island DXpedition. He has shown this program at 17 conventions, including Dayton, NorthWest DX Convention, WIMU. He has had many compliments from the XYL's also, so do bring your XYL. This is not boring. Everybody be there. The entire program will be about 1 hour and includes color slides with full stereo background music. It will cover two major DXpeditions that John participated in, including travel to Europe, Ascension Island, Falkland Islands, The Antarctic, South Sandwich Islands, South Georgia, Hawaii, Kingman Reef and Palmyra Atol in the Pacific.

We have finalized on the location of the meeting. It will be at the Eagles. We will work together with George Hanson W7BKB to mobilize a promotion committee and get it out to the local community. The dinner will start at 6:30PM. We will be having a turkey dinner for 7.95 each. Dinner will include turkey, mash potatoes, vegetable, salad bar, and dessert. The slide show will follow. Should be a fun evening for the whole family and all of us. A good way to kick off the fall before the cold sets in. See you there!!!

Cards signed and sent

All present signed a sympathy card to Velma Stocking on the passing of Dick. We also signed a thank you card to the Forest Service for letting us use Ashley Mountain for our field day site. Don Ross KC7AJT will get these sent in. **Thanks Don!!**

July Presentation:

None given on account of the festive picnic.

Word of the Month:

We forgot this one. Oops!!!

Minutes of Board of Director's Meeting

July 28, 1994
7:00PM at Woodland Park

Present: Mark Skeels KB7IPH, Don Ross KC7AJT, and Ed Mahlum AA7TN.

1. It was agreed to reimburse Ed Mahlum for newsletter expenses.
2. Mark KB7IPH talked to the county about our meeting schedule. We will have the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30PM for our November and December club meetings.
3. Mark Skeels will look at the language of the by-laws to see that we are on track. Maybe later this year, or next we will form a by-laws committee to see what can be changed and maybe free ourselves up a bit from any bureaucracy and have more fun.
4. Club history, where are the records? Club inventory, who has the files? Bring any history you might have to Field Day. It will be a riot going through that stuff and it will help us get it altogether too.

5. Agenda developed for Club Meeting. Presentation and Field Day Report.

Form 610:

Ed Mahlum (AA7TN) has new form 610 with expiration date of 8/31/96 via the W5YI VEC testing team here in the Valley headed up by Darryl Christopherson KG7MO. They will not process the old forms any longer.

Montana Callbooks:

The new 1994 Montana Callbooks are available at the meetings for \$5.00 each. If you missed your chance to get one contact FVRG PO Box 808, Bigfork, MT 59911. \$8.00 includes shipping and handling.

Ham Exams:

According to Darrel, KG7MO, the next exams will be held September 17th, Saturday, at 1PM at the Daily Interlake Building in Kalispell. Bring a copy of your license for upgrading, a current photo id, \$5.75, and some pencils. If you have any questions about time and place call Darrel 756-8633 or Ed AA7TN at 755-6673.

Ham Ventions:

Walla Walla Valley ARC 48th Annual Hamfest, Sept. 16-18 1994. The place Milton-Freewater, or Community Center. Talkin 147.28. Entry is FREE with sign in. Tables have small fee. Raffle drawing at 1PM on Sunday. Pot Luck Sunday Noon, bring a goody or your favorite dish. Lots of convention meetings. ARRL E. Washington section meeting, ARES, Minnows Bazaar, Minnows & YLRL meeting, Ladies Bingo. Technical Seminar on Interference with a National Representative of ARRL. Doors open at 8AM close at 4:30PM on Saturday, and 8AM to 2PM Sunday. Call KB7WRT (509)525-2529.

Remember encourage all hams to join the ARRL, it is our best voice to help our existence. Some may love HF, others DX, some VHF and UHF, some packet, some satellite, some CW, some computers and repeaters; but if we don't work together to preserve our frequencies nobody else is going to do it for us.

Ed works W5RRR Special Event Station: Ed Mahlum AA7TN got lucky on Tuesday July 19th at about 9PM. He had read about the special event stations that were working to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Man on the Moon. He was able to work W5RRR the amateur radio club at the Johnson Space Flight Center in Houston, Texas. It was quite a pile up, and he had some concerns about his low power and being heard, but he finally got in. He is now waiting for the special event certificate. It took three hours and I felt kind of childish (about wasting time trying to get in), but then maybe it isn't so bad to be young at heart at times.

For Sale or Trade:

Feel free to bring stuff to the Club Meetings that you would like to sell or trade.

Russ Larson KC7HJ 857-3304 has the following goodies for sale:

Tempo S1 5watt 2M handheld just \$ 80.00.

Ed Mahlum AA7TN 755-6673 is looking for a buyer for his Yaesu CPU2500R 2 meter base station at about \$150.00.

Bill Brady AA7HM 257-2297 has a Cushcraft AOP-1 OSCAR Satellite antenna system. It contains the 416TB uplink, the A144-20T downlink, the A14T-MB mounting boom, and all necessary hardware. He is looking for about \$150.00.

A Fun Internet Thread from local internet connection off of Mo's BBS.

Dave Bushong, Wang Laboratories, Inc. started a thread on the internet a few weeks ago. Heres how it went in BBS land...

You know its time to retire from the hobby when....

>>... you're talking on the phone with a ham buddy, and you end the conversation and hang up the phone with a 'KD1HZ clear'.

>>...you end a face-to-face conversation with "dit dit".

>>...you're having a Saturday breakfast and you say "call please" so that you can interrupt a conversation to ask someone to pass the salt.

>>...when you say things like "QSO" and "73" in casual, face-to-face conversations.

Mike White, N4PDY

>>...you're talking to somebody face-to-face in a busy place and you say, "Let's QSY my office," and they know exactly what you mean!

Doug Renze N0YVW

>>...you've named your brand new German Shepherd puppy 'Radio Flyer' to combine two of your hobbies... (this is true, this is my dog's name...)

>>...Oh, no.... I forgot about our cat, named "CQ", who would think it was dinnertime whenever I operated 20m SSB.

Dave, KZ10, Wang Laboratories, Inc.

>>...Don't laugh, I know someone who did that with his telephone answering machine.

I do get a laugh when my wife ends a conversation on the cell phone with "KI5EV". Wonder what the people on the other end think.

My oldest son slips only when leaving messages on our answering machine. He caught himself at it the other day and the recording went something like: "88s mom, this is N5 unh <chortle-snicker>".

Of course, _I'd_ Never do such a thing!

Cheers - Ed Humphries, N5RCK, Hewlett Packard NARC Atlanta GA

>>... you wonder why trains always send a "Q" before they pass a RR crossing.

Greg Bassett, KJ6EP

>>...You're sitting outside somewhere, and you notice you've been hearing O O O O O just a constant string of the letter "O," and for quite some time.

Not consciously - it just popped into your head - and you start to listen to the surroundings...

And there's a bird singing "OOOH OOOH OOOH," over and over and over...

>>...or you notice that your printer identifies itself when you power up your computer system, as di dah dah dit.

Phil Emerson ---- AA8JO.

>>... you're talking on the phone with a ham buddy, and you end the conversation and hang up the phone with a 'KD1HZ clear'.

-- Michael P. Deignan, KD1HZ

>>...At least you weren't saying grace over a meal with your family! N4TMI clear, er, I mean, Amen...

-- Michael Covington, N4TMI

>>...you end a face-to-face conversation with "dit dit".

-- Paul Flaherty, N9FZX

>>...You spend 2 hours trying to crack a pile up on 20 meters to work a KJ2 station who is portable on Manhattan Island.

>>...Your wife points out that all of your children were conceived during sunspot minimums.

-- Paul Valko, WB8ZJL

>>...you're having a Saturday breakfast and you say "call please" so that you can interrupt a conversation to ask someone to pass the salt.

-- Dave Bushong, WZ1O

>>...You answer your phone, "QRZ?"

-- Mike Gauland, AA7JF

>>...And, after you find out who the calling party is, you say "your 59 in Virginia..."

-- Ben E. Cline, AC4XO

>>...when you say things like "QSO" and "73" in casual, face-to-face conversations.

-- Mike White, N4PDY

>>...You go shopping, get to the check-out, write a check, and sign it KE3HO.

-- James E. Proctor, KE3HO

>>...you're talking on an EMS telemetry radio with a base hospital for medication orders and such, and sign out with your callsign...No, I didn't do this, but N5JXS swears he did, and that he got a callsign back...

-- Jay Maynard, EMT-P, K5ZC

>>...To get your ham buddies attention (who lives across the street), you yell 'CQ! CQ! CQ!' from your driveway.

>>...your wife starts talking to you while your on the phone, and you tell the person on the other end you're getting intermod.

>>...you've named your brand new German Shepherd puppy 'Radio Flyer' to combine two of your hobbies... (this is true, this is my dog's name...)

-- John C. Wren, KD4DTS

>>...you're talking to somebody face-to-face in a busy place and you say, "Let's QSY my office," and they know exactly what you mean!

-- Doug Renze, N0YVW

>>...you find yourself typing in cw shorthand to fellow workers on internal email...(I hve found myself doing this too many times)...

>>...u tell people over the phone "I'm at my work QTH"...

-- Fred M. Davis, VA3FD

>>...When the kids get names related to radio. I'm Robert F. Casey, that's RF, or radio frequency, or go further, radio frequency choke.

-- Robert Casey, WA2ISE

>>...You are in your car, and see somebody you know walking down the street. Instead of going beep-beep and waving, you pound out CQ on your car horn and wave.

-- Ed Bathgate, Awaiting license - Expects to be N3S** soon

>>...You're sitting outside somewhere, and you notice you've been

>>...U start typing ur inter-office memos as tho ur on da pkt cluster es ur using a bastardized version of cw es u stop using punctuation wl gud luck es 73

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