



# THE KBARA GAZETTE

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Hello again and welcome back to the world of Amateur Radio. Okay so I'm the one that should be saying that loudly. Sorry for the delay in the newsletter but we have had a few minor set-backs here on the home front. We have reached the end of the year as KBARA sees it where we elect new officers for the group and discuss what we want the next year to do for us. The system has worked well during the floods and the nasty parts of the year and now it seems that a couple of problems are up in the air. The 146.740 repeater on Kamiak Butte can't seem to hear anything at the moment which means that we don't get to hear N7IS, George with the ARRL reports (and yes George we miss you) along with others in the Colfax and Pullman areas that have been regulars on the net. We have also been having a problem with the link between the 147.28 machine and the 147.36 machine. This is on the 220 side so I don't even have a clue as to what is going on there. With luck all will be repaired before the snow falls. Most of the repeater sites that have KBARA equipment on them are very hard to access after it snows with the exception of Mica Peak which is an FAA site and the road is just as good in the winter as it is in the summer. Believe me when I tell you that there is nothing like being on an 80 foot telephone pole above the clouds and weather on New Years Day. It was a small problem and I didn't have to be there long but boy what a view!

It's Hamfest season! I guess I didn't really have to annoy anyone with that but hey what the heck. Hamfests

are lots of fun! People enjoy Hamfests and Swapfests for different reasons. For some it's a time when they can

check out the latest in new equipment from the dealers. Others it's when they can look over the swap tables for the bargain of a life-time. Still others go for the seminars where they can learn what is new with Packet Radio or even the Internet and what it holds for Amateur Radio or maybe even meet someone that has been on a DX-pedition someplace that they have never even heard of. Then there is always the chance that you may be able to have an 'Eye-Ball Q-So' with someone that you have only heard on the air. There's nothing like hearing a familiar voice and seeing that it has a smiling face and an out-stretched hand to go with it. What ever reasons that you might have for going to a Hamfest or Swapfest Please enjoy them to the fullest. We only have them for a few short months each year so we need to enjoy them as much as we can.



A net was set up in the Walla Walla area to help gather information and to help coordinate the efforts of the American Red Cross who were setting up shelters for victims of the flood along with providing food and blankets for those that had none due to the floods. The link between the Red Cross office in Spokane and the Walla Walla office proved to be invaluable to them as they were able to get information on what was needed in what areas very quickly. The Spokane area was effected by the flooding as well but not nearly as badly as some of the southern counties. Spokane County ARES helped to man the Red Cross station as well as sand-bag when needed. North Idaho was also hit very hard with flood waters. Not directly connected to the KBARA system they too kept in close contact with Spokane and their own Emergency Management offices with the help of volunteer radio operators. Comments have been made all over these areas in regards to the Amateur Radio Operators and the repeaters they used to help their communities and their neighbors when things did not look good. To the Repeater owners I say 'Thank You' for having the systems up and lending them to emergencies such as this one and also a big 'Thank You' to all of those that volunteered their time and equipment not to mention their energy to help your friends and neighbors. Your efforts helped to lessen the impact of flood waters in the region and may have contributed to the lack of fatalities during this event.

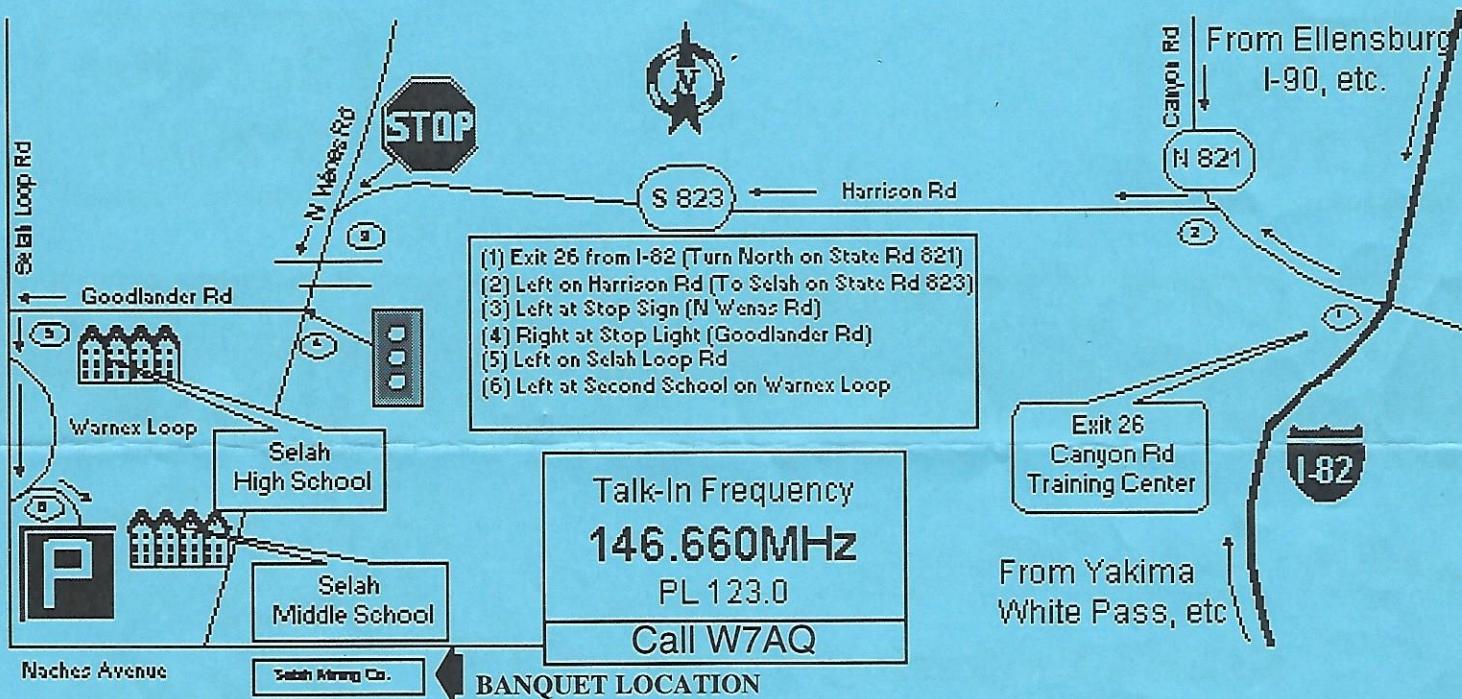
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## Annual Meeting

At the Walla Walla get-together it was announced that the Secretary has the job of setting the stage for the annual meeting. According to the By-laws it must be in June some time and with all of the events happening in June I had little choice but to schedule it for the same weekend as the KARS Hamfest in Rathdrum, Id. on June 8th. Things worked well last year having it at the Spokane Valley Library so please set your calendars for June 8th at 5:00 pm at the Spokane Valley Public Library. This is our only true Meeting that KBARA has during the year so please plan on being there. These are our elections as well as discussions on what we want to do during the next year. Last year after the meeting we all went a short distance away and had dinner which was fun as well so please plan on the meeting.

# WASHINGTON STATE HAMFEST

May 18 & 19, 1996  
IN YAKIMA



## REGISTRATION

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR

**YAKIMA HAMFEST '96**

### NOTE!

All Amateurs, Visitors, Swap & Shop and Commercial Participants **MUST** Register

### FOR COMMERCIAL SPACE:

PLEASE CONTACT  
**MARK J. THARP**  
**965-3379**

\$5.00 before MAY 1ST & receive an extra door prize ticket - Children under 12 FREE

\$10.00 Swap & Shop Tables (2 Days)

Power is available on Wall Booths only on a First Come basis.  
(Commercial Vendors have priority.)

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

CALL(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Yakima ARC - W7AQ  
Mail to: YAKIMA HAMFEST - W7AQ

P. O. Box 9211, Yakima, Wa 98909  
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CITY

STATE

ZIP

PRE-REGISTRATION TICKETS AT DOOR OR SASE REGISTER EARLY.  
Postmarked on or before MAY 1st and receive an extra door prize ticket for each registrant.

# WASHINGTON STATE HAMFEST



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IN

## YAKIMA



1st Prize  
IC706

at the  
Selah Middle School  
411 N. 1st  
Selah, Washington

2nd Prize  
IC2GXAT

**DOORS OPEN:** 9 - 4 **SATURDAY**  
9 - 1 **SUNDAY**

### VENDORS:

Amateur Radio Team of Spokane

Keith's Engraving

ANTENNAS NORTHWEST

ICOM

SCAN  
WARE

AMATEUR  
RADIO  
SUPPLY

JF MICRO

And Many More!

Alternate Activities Available  
Exhibitor & Set-up Friday AFTER 6 p.m. ONLY

Overnight RV Parking - Self Contained Only  
Fund Raising by Prior Approval Only



W7AQ Concession on site  
cooking for Breakfast & Lunch  
Breakfast starts at 7:00

Banquet 6:30 p.m. Saturday  
Selah Mining Co.

- Prize Drawing Sunday 12:00 pm
- QCWA Breakfast - Sunday, 7:00 am
- Talk in Frequency 146.66/06 (PL 123Hz)
- Seminars
- ARRL Bookstore
- Commercial Dealers
- VE Testing Saturday, 12:30 on site-contact:  
C. Jo Whitney KA7LJQ at 965-3379
- 5th Annual NW Packet Radio Forum
- Swap & Shop only \$10.00 per table for 2 days  
(Tables sold out last year so register early)

## KBARA AUTOPATCH INFO

To Access the Autopatch

1. Identify Your Station
2. Key your mic and push the \* and 123 to bring up the patch
3. Wait for a dial tone
4. Dial the number (or Speed Dial Number)
5. When finished with the call, key your mic, push # and 123 to turn the patch off
6. Identify your station and that you are 'Clear of the Patch'



## HAMFEST & EVENTS CALENDAR

Yakima Hamfest	May 18 & 19
Wenatchee Hamfest	June 8 & 9
KARS Hamfest (Rathdrum)	June 8
Field Day	June 22 & 23
Waterton-Glacier	July 19-20-21
Spokane Hamfest	August 3 & 4
Walla Walla Convention	Sept. 28 & 29

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## IT'S ELECTION TIME

Yes it is that time of the year once again and Elections are upon us. This year at the Walla Walla Swapfest during a small impromptu get-together during the Swapfest a few things were discussed such as having a Nominating committee. AB7PI, Garry Heden volunteered to head up just such a committee and has come up with a hand full of people willing to run for offices with KBARA. They are as follows;

**President** KB7WTO Royal Moore  
N7WRQ Betsy Ashleman

**Vice-Pres** KC7DXY Mary Heino  
KC7EYJ Keith Morden  
AB7PI Garry Heden

**Secretary** N7VBW Glenn Moore

**Treasurer** KB7WTN Barbara Moore  
KC7NGD Carol Heden

These people are those that have been nominated so far and have accepted the nominations. According to the By-laws of the club we can still take nominations from the floor on the day of the elections but please make sure that those that you will nominate are willing to be elected to the office for which they are being nominated for! Most people don't like that sort of surprise!

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