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2002

HamORama

Campout &
Annual
Meeting
June 28th

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Ruby J. Peterson

Ham It Up In the Northwest

April 6-7
Yakima Hamfest
June 7-8-9
Wenatchee Hamfest
July 26-28
NRAC Vernon BC
July 27th
Hamfest Swapmeet
Bandon OR
August 10th
Swapmeet
Longview WA
September 2002
Island Ham Happening
Vancouver Island
MORE TO COME

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WO7C Silent Key March 7th 2002

Presidential Ramblings

KBARA lost part of its identity recently when Ruby, WO7C, became a silent key on March 7th. She not only was a good friend and confidant to many of us, but for many amateurs was their first amateur radio contact. She always had a friendly voice for newcomers, and made them feel at ease. Ruby was granted one of the few lifetime memberships in KBARA for her service to the club as control operator and manager of the Wednesday evening net. Ruby will be missed very much. (More on Ruby Inside)

Recently, David and Sherry, KB7WRT and KC7KOX, sold their financial interest in the 147.28 MHz Pikes Peak repeater to Walt and Charlene, W7ALT and KC7RQF. David and Sherry have been tremendous supporters of the KBARA system for many years, not only as repeater owners, but as loyal members, regional representative and as net managers. They supported the owners and club through some very difficult, political times, and for all that we have the upmost gratitude. The repeater, though, is in good hands, and the club will continue to give Walt and charlene all the financial and moral support possible. We wish them good luck with their continuing endeavors.

The KBARA election of officers will be held June 29th, and the nominating committee, headed by Bozo, N7DRA, is requesting nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. May we put your name on the ballot? And please don't forget - those running for office and voting must be current members.

Our thanks go to Mike, N1NG, who has been so generous with his time and resources in maintaining a website for KBARA. The new address is WWW.KBARA.ORG. And our thanks also go to Mark, KC7LDE, our new Assistant Manager of the Night Crawlers' Rag Chew Net. Mark has given a lot of time and energy to keep the nets going and we greatly appreciate his efforts.

73's
Betsy, N7WRQ
President.

Kids Day Lots Of Fun

From Ruth KD7EWV

The 2nd Annual KBARA Kids Net was a success in spite of the very short notice about the event happening. This net was in honor of Kids Day January 1 2002. I certainly appreciate all the kids and "big kids" who took the time to check in and participate in the event. I was unsure until a few days before January 1st as to whether I would be in repeater range to run the net. Hence the lack of advertising.

In spite of the short notice we had a total of seven kids and three "big kids" not counting the parents of the regular kids that checked in. I asked them questions such as name, age, grade in school, whether or not they wanted a license and if they could go anywhere in the world, where would it be. I hope all who participated enjoyed themselves. I certainly did. Let's count on having another KBARA Kids Net

The Night Crawler Net now has a swap net in with the Rag Chew Net, We hold the swap net every night during the Rag Chew Net. We also do have a web page for the Night Crawler Net the url is <http://nightcrawler.topcities.com>. We list all items there and have other links to different sites, a listing for KBARA activities and TidBits.

Mark Lindsey
KC7LDE

Ruby Remembered

By Michael West KJ7VJ

Ruby was my first or second contact I had after becoming a ham in 1994 as she was for so many hams before and after. She had such a warm way about herself that made the newbies feel welcomed. She also was famous for her Pies! Mine was banana cream which did



LEO the "Boss"

not last long around this house!

Ruby was always around the radio to help people and keep them awake on those late night drives. One story that I remembered well was about her AMC Matador. Someone threw a bowling ball into her windshield and instead of telling me she was angry or mad she found the good in the situation. The person who did it was not up on bowling balls because the ball he used was a very expensive one. Ruby proceeded to clean up the ball and gave it to someone who really appreciated it. She was truly a kindhearted lady who will be missed greatly. She always found the good in people and I truly believe people saw the good in her. It won't be quite the same without Miss "Wiped Out 7 Cars" on the air. ■

Ham-O-Rama

KBARA's Annual Meeting and Campout 2002 All are welcome!!

This year's annual meeting and campout is progressing nicely thanks to all of our KBARAfriendscontributing ideas. So far, activities include; hamming it up, the annual meeting, potluck, ham testing, hiking, bicycling, crossing the swinging footbridge, kayaking, fishing, radio activities, and more as we get volunteers. We are still looking for volunteers (see below) to help us with many activities. Also, please keep your terrific ideas coming. You can email your thoughts to KBARA.

The Ham-O-Rama will be June 28, Friday, 3PM through June 30, Sunday, 1PM

The KBARA Annual meeting is June 29, Saturday, 3PM, followed by the Potluck Dinner

ARRL Amateur Radio license testing is Sunday, June 30, 9AM

The location is at the Bowl and Pitcher Group Campground, Riverside State Park, Spokane, WA. This new group camp area is located right next to the Spokane River, with the upriver tent area reserved for our use (up to 60 people) plus 7 individual hookup sites (water & electricity), along with a new restroom/shower facility. Day visits are free and tent areas are \$2 per person per night; utility sites are \$20 per site per night, with extra vehicles at the site \$6 per night. Day use is free. Since the number of utility sites is limited to 7, please reserve your site by sending the first night's \$20 fee to KBARA, PO Box 18575, Spokane WA 99228-8575.

Directions: From Interstate 90, take the Maple Street Bridge exit #280. Travel north across the Maple Street Bridge. At the Maxwell St. traffic light, about one mile from the bridge, turn left (west). Follow Maxwell St. as it winds westward, and then northward as it becomes Pettit Drive. It later becomes the Abrey L. White Parkway. The Downriver Golf Course will be on the right, and Riverside State Park just beyond. The Bowl and Pitcher Campground is about two miles north of the park entrance. Signs inside the park will direct you to the KBARA campsites. Special thanks to our President Betsy, N7WRQ, for making the initial arrangements!

Helpers StatusVolunteers and what you signed up for:

Betsy N7WRQ, n7wrq at aol.com, General Meeting

Mike, N1NG, n1ng at maxsonlab.com, Meeting and Campout web page

Activities still looking for volunteer(s):

Guest speaker/demonstrations

Ham testing

Skit and awards

Kids activities

Squirrel Burger Competition Burgermeister

Fire Marshall

Music

Bunny Hunt

Firewood for all

QSL and logbook

Talk-in
Simplex
will be
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To volunteer,
for this years
campout,
please send an
email to n1ng
at
maxsonlab.com
or contact
N7WRQ or the
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Our www.kbara.org website is just about to make a milestone. The hit counter (which actually started from zero, is about to reach 5000! The last time I looked, it was at 4997.

Mike Maxson N1NG

Butch On Mars KE7MBL

In 1967, the 60 MARS stations in Vietnam made 285,000 phone patches and handled over 600,000 other types of messages. During 1968, the Air Force Commo systems, a MARS net with 13 stations in Vietnam and 10 in Thailand, handled 268,512 transmissions of which 172,838 were patches and 26,570 were from military personnel and civilians in Vietnam. These were handled also by Ham Ops here in the states.



*Fourth Full Week
Of June*

June 22-23 2002

KC7QOR Needs Our Help

One of our original Night Crawlers, Bud, KC7QOR, from Walla Walla is currently battling cancer. He doesn't get on the air much now, but does have e-mail and ICQ. We're asking folks to get in touch with him to bring him some cheer. Perhaps you don't know him, unfortunately I never had the chance to chat with him, but know he brought a lot to KBARA, to the hobby and he needs our support right now. Buds' ICQ number is 8879546 and E-Mail is KC7QOR@valint.net.

Betsy
N7WRQ