



September 2013 Newsletter

Apple City ARC

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Upcoming Events

September 7

Club Meeting
5th and Western Fire station
7:30am doors open, meeting at 8am

September 21

WA State QSO Party – Salmon Run
Salmon Fest – Leavenworth Hatchery

Flashback

APRIL 17TH 1961
20 MEMBERS, 2 VISITORS

Meeting called to order by Pres Hollingsworth at 8:10 pm.

- Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
ARRL bulletins read and discussed.
- Pres Hollingsworth reported on parade communications meeting.
- There followed a discussion on Field Day activity and consumed most of the meeting.
- ART W7GRW won the door prize.
- There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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President's Corner

Once again, it is time to start our Apple City Radio Club Meetings. They will be held again at 5th/Western, in Wenatchee at the Emergency Mngt/Fire Station Meeting Room. Much Thanks to Eileen of EM for keeping us on the Schedule for the Meeting Room. As usual the Doors are open at 7:30 am with the Meeting starting at 8 am and lasting approximately an hour. There will be lots to discuss at the meeting with the outcome of the Events we had during the Summer.

Hope to see you there.

Rich (N7PZT)



Club Information

Current Officers

President – Rich Cole, N7PZT
Vice Pres – Lane Giard, N7ZXP
Secretary - TBD
Treasurer – Stacey Kirkpatrick, KB7YYY
Trustee #1 – Sal Spagnole, KA7ZDL
Trustee #2 – Jim Shultz, W7JBP
Trustee #3 – Kevin Hansen, KC7VQQ
Past Pres – Rich Bardwell, KD7MTG

Committees

Hamfest – Michelle Giard, KD7RZX
Field Day – Stacey Kirkpatrick, KB7YYY
ARES/RACES – Sal Spagnole, KA7ZDL
Special Olympics – TBD
VE Testing – Skip Frans, KE7MPO
Yard Sale - TBD

Meeting Times

First Saturday of the month at 8am
Chelan County Fire Station at 5th and Western

Repeater Information

146.68 (- offset / 156.7 tone)
53.390 (- offset of 1.7Mhz / 118.8 tone)

On-air Nets

+ Tuesday Night Net
This is the main net for the club and occurs every Tuesday night at 8pm on the Club 2 meter repeater. Please join us!

+ Monday Night 10 Meter Net / Ragchew
This impromptu net occurs almost every Monday at 8pm on 28.375 Mhz SSB. This frequency is available to Technician and higher license classes. All are welcome.

Notices

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance – \$1978.87

Dues

As the year winds down please remember that club dues for next year are coming up. Please submit or sent them in before January. Club membership is \$15 for an individual, \$6 for each additional family member.

Newsletter Story Ideas

Please submit ideas for the newsletter (or entire stories) to the club email address.

applecityarc@gmail.com

Net Controls Needed

We are still in need of additional members to be net control for the Tuesday night net. Please contact us if you are interested.

Ham Related Pics

If you would like to share a picture of relating to our hobby please send to the club email address and we will get it posted to the website. These may include shack or antenna pictures or whatever you would like to share with the membership. Submissions are always welcome.

Upcoming Events (next month and beyond)

Elections

Quick reminder about upcoming elections, it appears at this point the club will need at least these positions filled: President, Secretary, and the yearly Trustee position that comes open. Please give some thought to participating in the club this way.

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Farewell Judy (Rich Cole – N7PZT)

In case anyone didn't know, KA7ZNA Judy Crisco, has moved to Port Angeles to be near her Daughter. A large number of people showed up at the Coffee Hour on Thursday the 23rd of August at Smitty's Restaurant to wish Judy good luck in her new home. Some of her Family come over to help her in the move. She officially left town on Tuesday the 27th.

Judy has done just about everything in the Club from all the Officer Positions and included leading the HamFest and Highway Cleanup committees. She also was in charge of the Bike Races over in Douglas County until that event was no longer held, and helped with the communication for the Ridge to River and Apple Blossom events that the club used to be involved in. There probably isn't anything is any activity that the Radio Club participated in where Judy wasn't involved, even helping out with the Newsletter by sharing club history for the Flashback article.

Judy said she would be on the Air at her New Home in Port Angeles. She has friends all over from running various Radio Nets including our own Tues. Night Net which she was the Administrator of. I'm sure you will be able to hear her on the Columbia Basin Evening Net at 7 p.m. on 3.960 or 3.970 HF. She had been having trouble with her Kenwood TS440 HF but is getting that repaired. We all wish the VERY BEST for Judy in her new home.

When Judy left she had an approximately 40 foot 2 Stage Mast/Pole for her antennas. Robin (W7MSE) and Rich (N7PZT) took it down for her a few days before she left. She said it was FREE to anyone that wanted it. Here is someone's chance for an easy way to get your Antennas up in the Air. If you are interested please contact Rich (N7PZT) on the Tuesday Night Check-In Net or call him at 662-0215 for information on where to pick it up.

Club Trailer (Rich Cole – N7PZT and Stacey Kirkpatrick – KB7YYY)

During the Club Meeting in May we talked about having a little trailer for storage and transport of our club supplies and equipment. During the HamFest the board held a quick meeting and authorized John (N7RHY) to find a In July John (N7RHY) got a line on one located in in Brewster. After a trip up to check the trailer out it was determined that it would work for the club. Arrangements were made and John (N7RHY) and Rich (N7PZT) made the trip up there and got it for a very nominal fee - No charge to the Club. John was very instrumental in this effort by rounding up some spare tires and nearly everything needed to get it "road ready" for the drive back to Wenatchee. The approximate 17 foot trailer was taken to Bob Lathrop's (K7EVL) place where it could be worked on.

John has had lots of good ideas for the Trailer and as of this writing it is very near ready to go. Because of the age of the trailer and it had been sitting for a long time there was a lot of time and effort put into cleaning it up. So far the interior has been cleaned out and reworked for storage (and travel) of the equipment. Some painting has been done and the plan is to eventually have the Club emblems on it as well. Currently he is working out the wiring for lighting, and just got the wheels and tires worked out.

At this point all equipment that was being stored with the help of Kevin's (KC7VQQ) son-in-law has been picked up. A really big thank you to them for helping out the club and offering to share the rent and space for a small storage unit while we worked out getting a trailer for the club. Also, a thank you goes out to

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Bob (K7EVL) for allowing the club to park the trailer on his property while it was being worked on and getting ready to go. Stacey (KB7YYY) got the trailer's title transferred and licensed so we can pull it to the various events when needed – thanks to him for handling.

Thanks go out to all that played a part (no matter how small) in getting this project going for the club – this should be a benefit to the club for many years to come.

HamFest Final Results (Stacey Kirkpatrick – KB7YYY)

Even though the kids are not out of school yet it seems for the ACARC that HamFest is the start of summer. This year Michelle (KD7RZX) led the committee for planning and putting on our yearly event. As usual many others in the group also assisted in making it happen including – John-N7RHY (hauling, supplies, setup, breakdown, and breakfast), Bob-K7EVL (breakfast), Sylvia-KB7TYT (Bingo), Judy-KA7ZNA (Sun donuts), Michelle-KD7RZX (setup, IC social), Lane-N7ZXP (gun club, setup, IC social, check-in, breakdown), Tracy-KD7KBE (Bingo, breakdown), Stacey-KB7YYY (setup, supplies, check-in, breakdown), Rich C-N7PZT (setup, breakdown), Rich B-KD7MTG (hauling), Sal-KA7ZDL (fox hunts), and Bud-K7BCR (thanks for the pens). If you assisted and I forget to mention you, my apologies. Although attendance was down this year there was plenty of good company and fun things to do including – the swap meet, ice cream social, a delicious breakfast, a few fox hunts, Bingo games, and Prizes to win. Here is a financial recap of the event:

- 75 registered attendees (70 paid) with 48 of those purchasing breakfast.
- Total Income – 1257.71 / Total Expenses – 1257.71 / Net gain/loss = \$0.00

Field Day Final Results (Stacey Kirkpatrick – KB7YYY)

Field Day this year was on the weekend of June 23rd and 24th. W7TD once again set up in the north end of Kenroy Park, East Wenatchee. The committee lead for Field Day was Stacey (KB7YYY), but like any event it always takes more than one to pull it off. Setup started at 10am Saturday with Rich B (KD7MTG) and his son, Brad (KC7MRP), Skip (KE7MPO), Earl (K7EKJ), and Tom (W7TRT) with his young friend (and hopefully a Ham soon) Wil. First task was setup of the canopy which never seems to go as quickly as one would think. Then antennas went up in the trees. Tom brought his air cannon so no tree was too high. We set up an 80 meter dipole running pretty much NE to SW, a 40 meter dipole running N to S, and Skip set up his Buddipole on a (approx.) 15 foot tripod set for 6 meters. First on the air was Tom with his Elecraft KX3 which he brought to show and try out portable. It is quite a nice little radio, however contacts were a little hard to come by early on. While that was being tried the next station on was one of the FT-857's on 6 meters. We actually heard someone calling CQ Field Day on that band so let Wil take it and log the first contact for the group. Later on the other FT-857 was hooked up and on the air with the 80 meter dipole. With both HF stations up calling out and responding to "CQ Field Day" started in earnest. We had several visitors from the club with most taking some time at the mic to log a couple of contacts. We are not "hardcore" so by 1am radios and the generator were silent, and lights were off. Come early morning people started to stir and radios came back to life – for radios it's a switch for us humans it takes some coffee. Band conditions were a little better than the day before so we started getting some more contacts in the log. Eventually the cleanup crew arrived and things had to be broken down and put away until next year. We ended up doing quite well considering band conditions were not too good, and for some reason (unlike last year) there was a high level of noise at the park. We think the noise was from the construction

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job site set up across the street – we will check for noise before FD next year. A great big thank you to all that helped this year – next year should be even better. Here are the final results: 114 Contacts (on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 6 meters) and 28 visitors to the Field Day site. Look for our results and how we compare to other clubs in an upcoming issue of QST.

Newsletter

Please feel free to share your thoughts on the updated newsletter – feel free to email Stacey at kb7yy@gmail.com or the group email address applecityarc@gmail.com