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Official Newsletter of the
Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub
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RACES PRIMER

Some facts, policies, and recommended practices in the statewide RACES program:

- o All volunteers used by any OES must be registered Disaster Service Workers. A receipt (not an ID card) should be given to all registrants.

- o Not all DSW registrants are necessarily given a government ID card.

- o A government ID card is issued for a limited period of time to volunteer "employees" of that agency. DSW registration is a prerequisite for an ID card. An ID card is given to volunteers committed to that specific government (State, county, or municipality).

- o An Amateur can be enrolled in only one government (RACES). Anyone enrolling with the State should surrender any/all other jurisdiction's RACES ID.

- o The RACES is a section of a State or local government's civil defense office in compliance with Federal Communications Commission regulations. The civil defense ("OES" in most of California) may, in turn, delegate the RACES function to another department within the same government that has a civil defense role.

- o The ARRL (American Radio Relay League) is a non-governmental association that represents about 20% of the U.S. ham radio interests. ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) is a special interest group within the ARRL that attracts an estimated 6-10% of all Amateurs. There are 60,000 Amateurs in California.

- o ARES members are not automatically RACES personnel and vice versa. The first is private, the latter is government.

- o State OES and the ARRL policy is to encourage all ARES members to enroll in a RACES unit.

- o Not all ARES people are willing or capable of being in the RACES.

- o Not all RACES personnel are in the ARES, the ARRL or a radio club.

- o OES does not enter into written agreements with ARES groups or radio clubs in California. The structure for the use of Amateur Radio operators is provided by the RACES.

- o Not all Amateurs are members of clubs or the ARRL. A government should not confine recruiting efforts to those groups; it is improper to imply that RACES personnel must come from a club, the ARES or the ARRL. RACES personnel are individually qualified and committed Amateur Radio operators who choose to affiliate with a State or a local government RACES as their primary volunteer emergency communications interest.

- o Any person in a jurisdiction's RACES may serve with or assist any other jurisdiction's RACES when not required by or possible to serve with his/her primary agency.

Klub Officers for 1995/96

President	Lynk Vika AA6UL
1st VP	John McGulley N8HDL
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AUGUST 1995 P.A.R.K. (KBBZVY) MEETING
THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS WERE GIVEN WITH 25 MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE.
THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 1995 MEETING AND TREASURES REPORT WERE
READ AND APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROY (NBYS) ANNOUNCED THE CHAIR RENTAL SCHEDULE FOR THE
PARKERSBURG HOMECOMING IS SET UP.

ROY (NBYS) SAID IF ANYONE WANTS TO WORK THE HALF MARATHON RACE ON
SATURDAY 8-19-95 TO GET IN TOUCH WITH LEO (WABEMA).

OLD BUSINESS

RANDY (KBBHL) SAID HE HAS NOT SET UP THE PICNIC FOR SEPTEMBER
YET.

LARRY (KFBNW) REPORTS NO SLATE OF OFFICERS HAS BEEN SET UP YET BY
THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

ROY (NBYS) OPENED UP NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FROM THE FLOOR.

FOR PRESIDENT:

ARCHIE (WBGWR) NOMINATED LYDIA (AABL)

CURT (KBUC) NOMINATED BLAINE (WABIOE) AND LIBBY (KABFUA) -

BOTH DECLINED

LARRY (KFBNW) MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. LYNN (NBIIM)
SECONDDED THE MOTION.BY VOTE - NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

CURT (KBUC) NOMINATED JOHN (NBBL)

CONNIE (WDBMIO) MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.BLAINE
(WABIOE) SECONDDED THE MOTION.BY VOTE - NOMINATIONS WERE
CLOSED.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT:

JOHN (NBBL) NOMINATED JEP (KBBOT)

CURT (KBUC) NOMINATED TOM (KSIID) - TOM DECLINED

JEFF (NBWGD) MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.RANDY (KBBHL)
SECONDDED THE MOTION.BY VOTE - NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT:

JOHN (NBBL) NOMINATED EARL (KBBHRG)

RANDY (KBBHL) NOMINATED CURT (KBUC) - CURT DECLINED

LARRY (KFBNW) NOMINATED DAVE (WDBCYV)

LARRY (KFBNW) MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.TOM (KSIID)
SECONDDED THE MOTION.BY VOTE - NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED.

SECRETARY:

JOHN (NBBL) NOMINATED LARRY (NBGTI) - LARRY DECLINED

JEP (KBBOT) NOMINATED CONNIE (WDBMIO)

CURT (KBUC) MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.LYDIA (AABL)
SECONDDED THE MOTION.BY VOTE - NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED.

TREASURE:

ROY (NBYS) NOMINATED JANE (NBNDW)

Hi, Gang!!

Thanks to all those who attended our October meeting. We had a great turnout and got a lot accomplished. I appreciate everyone's support and cooperation. Special thanks to John (N8NBL) for "standing behind me" at the meeting!! A big thanks to Roy (N8YYS) for his hard work during the past year - it will be difficult to fill his shoes!!

For those of you who were unable to be at the meeting, Jerry (KA8NJW) agreed to continue doing the Newsletter for us and Larry (KF8NW) offered his assistance. Thanks to both of you guys!! You have both done a great job on the Newsletter in the past, and we appreciate your hard work and dedication.

A copy of the Klub roster was passed around at the meeting so that members might make necessary changes to calls, license class, address, etc. If you have any changes that need to be made, please contact me or Mary (KB8BOA). After the roster is updated, Mary will get all members a corrected membership list. Thanks!!

Also distributed at the October meeting were surveys, 19 of which were returned completed. Several subjects of interest to Klub members were listed on the survey. One of the subjects ranking highest was "Computers in the Shack". As a result, we hope to have a "Computer Information Forum" with various computers and operators on hand at the November 13 meeting. Please come to the meeting with any and all "computer" questions and/or information concerning Packet, RTTY, Morse, etc. It should be fun and helpful!! During the year we hope to have speakers and demonstrations on other subjects listed on the survey. Anyone wishing to fill out a survey and/or offer their assistance, just give me a call.

JINGLE BELLS! AND HO! HO! HO! Yes, it's about that time of year again!! Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 16, 1995, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Char House Restaurant on Route 50 in Parkersburg. Please let me know as soon as possible how many from your family will be attending, as we will be ordering from the menu and need to get a head count to the restaurant about a week before the party. Santa will be handing out gifts to the children, so be sure you bring a present for your little ones!! Also, there will be a Christmas raffle - \$100 worth of groceries and a ham - Connie (WD8MIO) will have raffle tickets available at the November meeting. I'm sure we'll all enjoy good food, fun and fellowship with our fellow amateurs and their families!!!

Looking forward to seeing everybody in November!!! Happy Thanksgiving!!

73 - Lydia, AA8UL

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!!

THE NOVEMBER 13 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT OUR NEW MEETING PLACE - OLD COUNTRY BUFFET LOCATED IN THE LAKEVIEW SHOPPING CENTER IN PARKERSBURG - LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THERE!!!! EAT AT 6:00 P.M. AND MEET AT 7:00 P.M.!!!!

TOM (KSIID) MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. LARRY (KFBNW) SECONDED THE MOTION. BY VOTE - NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED.

ROY (NBVYS) MENTIONED THAT ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR WOULD BE ACCEPTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 1995 MEETING.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWED FOR A DATE FOR THE KLUB PICNIC. THE DATE WAS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 1995. IT WILL BE A COVERED DISH DINNER. VETERANS PARK IN WILLIAMSTOWN IS THE PREFERRED SITE.

JEP (KBBOT) MADE A REPORT ON THE PRESENT 146.97 REPEATER SITE. THERE IS NO NEW WORD ON WHETHER THE KLUB WILL HAVE TO MOVE FROM THE PRESENT SITE.

BLAINE (WABICE) SUGGESTED THE KLUB PURSUE THE WATER TOWER SITE IN VIENNA. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

JOHN (NBBL) QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THE KLUB HAD A LIABILITY POLICY TO COVER KLUB EQUIPMENT AND DAMAGE TO SOMEONE ELSE'S EQUIPMENT AS A RESULT OF KLUB EQUIPMENT CAUSING DAMAGE.

CURT (KBUC) SUGGESTED WE TABLE THE REPEATER DISCUSSION FOR TWO MONTHS.

NEW BUSINESS

JEP (KBBOT) SUGGESTED WE LOOK INTO THE COST OF JACKETS AND TEE SHIRTS FOR THE KLUB. LYNN (NBIM) WILL LOOK INTO THE COST.

LARRY (KFBNW) SUGGESTED MOVING THE SITE FOR ARRL TESTING FROM THE RED CROSS BUILDING TO THE EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH ON 23RD STREET IN PARKERSBURG.

APPLICATION OF BILL TICE (KE4AAU) FOR KLUB MEMBERSHIP WAS READ AND VOTED ON. BILL (KE4AAU) WAS ACCEPTED

BILL (KBBZSN) MADE A MOTION TO ADJURN. JANE (NBMDW) SECONDED THE MOTION. MEETING ENDED AT 8:20 P.M.

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