

# The PARC S-Meter

An Electronic Newsletter of the  
Panoramaland Amateur Radio Club  
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CLUB REPEATER: OUTPUT, 146.62 MHz; INPUT, 146.02 MHz,  
NO TONE

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NEXT MEETING: 7:30 p. m. FRIDAY April 20, 2012

MEETING QTH IS *Walnut & Hawthorne (across from the park and middle school).*

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CLUB NET

SUNDAY EVENINGS, 8:00 p. m. LOCAL

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THE BREAKFAST IS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH,  
DOWN IN SPRINGDALE @ GERONIMO'S @ 9 a. m.

## From the President



Hello Springtime! I think it has finely arrived . Well to me March was a fast passing month. I've opened a few can of worms and it will take me most of the summer to finish the projects. Thankfully it will keep me busy.

I feel that our yearly Auction went well It did give me the opportunity to to trade some treasures for someone else's. Where will I put them till next year? Karl WX7DX made up some smoked cheeses and some Smoked Sausage. I won the bid on that one. It was a mighty fine treat There was some real competition on those items. Do it again next year Karl, but please bring more.

Remember at the April meeting, the Colville Border Patrol will be giving a presentation that everyone will find interesting and even helpful. They do a mighty fine job . I think they might share some of their adventures with us also.

How many out there would be interested in a CPR class either in renewing or a new card ? There would be a minimal fee, if I get enough response I will try to set one up with the Instructor. Something to think about. I will bring it up at the meeting with a show of hands.

Last but not least, by any means, I am sorry to say that one of our own has become a Silent Key, Joe Schmeller N7YPS went to be with His Lord Wednesday morning April 11, 2012. Remember Joe always allowed the Club to hold our annual Field Day on His property. Thank you so very very much Joe . You will be greatly missed..

Jim WW7DD

Happenings from our March meeting.....

We had 28 attend the last club meeting and annual auction. What a fun time!

Jim & I were the lucky ones to win the bid on the delicious beef sausage and smoked cheese made by Karl WX7DX and the outstanding Huckleberry cheesecake made by Bert KE7MAK. Our new ham Dale KF7ION, with a little prompting from Wilse, took home enough equipment to get his start in radio.

Thanks to all who donated and bought items. A big "THANK YOU" to Wilse for being a great auctioneer. Loved the humor you added!

### ***Announcements***

- Congratulations to Randy. He is officially a Senior Citizen.
- Alberto is attending the Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego. A card was circulated for him. If you like to drop him a line, contact Debbie KF7GUB for the address. Graduation is June 1.
- Lauren Orella KL7LC is the club's new Sgt at Arms.
- Congratulations to two new hams, Dale Percy KF7ION (General) and Donna Fortune (Tech).
- Field Day is the last weekend in June. The Spokane DX Association is wanting us to team with them again this year at Lynn & Becky Miner's place. Gimmie volunteered to help with the food. Who would like to volunteer to be Chairman? Come to our next meeting.
- Stanwood Hamfest is May 12. Jim has flyers.
- HRO tickets are \$1.00 each. Club patches are \$5. Contact Randy

### ***Other news***

- Dave and Jim reported on the training Academy given by the Border Patrol. The sessions were informative. They will hold these classes annually. The Border Patrol could use the assistance of ham operators. They will get back with us on how we may be of help.

See you April 20 (corner of Hawthorne & Walnut).

\*\*\*\* The Border Patrol will give an informative presentation; plan to be there.

73 Cynthia WW7CA Secretary



# 36th Annual SPOKANE HAMFEST

and

## American Radio Relay League

Washington State Convention September 22th, 2012

University High School 12420 E 32nd Ave, Spokane Valley WA 99216

Hosted by 8 Amateur Radio Clubs:



**Raffle prizes:** 1st Prize: Yaesu FT-897D HF/6m/2m/430 Transceiver; 2nd Prize: Yaesu FTM-350AR 50 w 2m/440/1w 220 FM Transceiver; 3rd Prize: Kenwood TH-D72A 5 w 2m/440 FM HT w/GPS/TNC Transceiver

**Many door prizes, seminars, demonstrations & displays:** ARRL Headquarters guest Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, Education Services Manager ~ “Junque” Auction~ “Roving Helmet-Cam Reporter” with John, KD7AAT ~ Fox Hunt Demo ~ “Radio Test Gear” table with Jack, AD7FO ~ License Exam ~ Commercial & non-commercial vendors ~ Non-stop coffee, sodas, food ~ And much, much more

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### Admission \$5

Age 18 and under FREE

### Commercial tables \$15

\$12 if paid before September 1st

### Swap tables \$7.50

\$5.00 if paid before September 1st Admission not included in the price of table space

### Friday, September 21st

Vendor Setup: 7PM-9PM

### Saturday, September 22nd

Vendor Setup: 8 AM Open to Public: 9AM – 5PM  
“Junque” Auction: 3:00PM Raffle: 4:00PM

No-host Post Hamfest Dinner: 5:30PM Timber Creek Grill Buffet 9211 E Montgomery Dr. Spokane Valley

### Program advertising available:

1/4 page for \$40 to full page ad for \$120

### Free off-street parking for cars & RV's

The SPOKANE HAMFEST is an annual event hosted by eight Amateur Radio clubs: The Inland Empire VHF Radio Amateurs, Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association, Northwest Tri-State ARO, Spokane DX Association, Palouse Hills ARC, University High School ARC, Lilac City ARC, and Panoramaland ARC.

For additional information contact: Bob Meenach, AC7GP, 509-327-3188 E-mail: [spokanehamfest@comcast.net](mailto:spokanehamfest@comcast.net) <http://spokanehamfest.com>

## **Raffle Tickets available at the PARC Meetings. See Dave – WD7K**

Announcing the 2012 Kootenai Amateur Radio Society (KARS) Hamfest, Will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2012 At the American Legion Hall in Post Falls, ID More details soon at our website [www.k7id.org](http://www.k7id.org)

And another reminder to you about one month in advance. Hope to see you there!

73, Ed AI7H, KARS Hamfest Publicity Committee

### **WILSE'S WIDE WORLD OF RADIOSPORT AND DX 04/12**

The club auction went very well. There were lots of treasures that went to new homes. We had a good turn out of members. The auction took in over \$200.00. Many thanks to those of you that participated in this important annual club event.

The “British Amateur Radio Teledata Group” (BARTG) Spring RTTY Radiosport went well. The band conditions were fair and we had no equipment or computer failure. The “hired guns” were Dale KF7UIN, Mal KK7XS, John KL7LL and Jim WW7DD. We made 619 contacts for a score of 393, 684. The “CQ World Wide WPX Contest”(SSB) on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> did not go very well. The good news was that Bruce KC7H was here for Friday night. Also we got in many hours of training. On Saturday Dale KF7UIN was on the radio several hours practicing his SSB skills under pressure. Then on Sunday Donna KF7UIM came over and was on the radio for several hours practicing her operating skills. They both did very well. By next contest season we should have two more testers for both SSB and RTTY. The 31 flavors PSK radiosport on April 7<sup>th</sup> was a six hour sprint put on by the 070 Club. It is a single band 20 meters only. Most people that work PSK run about 20 watts to a wire antenna. So there is no excuse that you can't get on HF. No power is needed and not much in the way of an antenna. 14.070 is the main PSK operating frequency. A 20M dipole for this frequency is only 33 feet long.

The “Japan international DX Contest” (CW) will be over when you read this. It is on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. CWGet and writelog will be put to use on this one. “Troy Amateur Radio Assoc.” (TARA) will be putting on there annual “TARA Skirmish” 24 hour PSK Radiosport on April 12<sup>th</sup>. There are three category's QRP=5watts, Great=20watts and Low=100watts. No high power here.

The DX is out there but the band conditions are making it tough to work. Patience and (Stick to it) are the key words here. VK0TH on Macquarie Is. a very rare one down in Antarctica. He is only there for a few more days. “Announced DX Operations” shows the following: Spratly Is. 9M0L April 10 to April 24. On two occasions several amateurs have been killed on Spratly Is. And all you have to do is key a mike and talk. South Cook Is. E51GMH April 08 to April 27, Haiti HH8 April 07 to May 12 and Morocco CN2RN April 03 to April 30. SU9VB Vlad (home call UA4WHX) will be in Egypt for some time. He is running mostly RTTY. I worked him on 20M at 0153Z. Check the DX Cluster. He is using “Log Book Of The World” (LOTW) so no QSL card is needed for confirmation.

Log Book Of The World (LOTW)

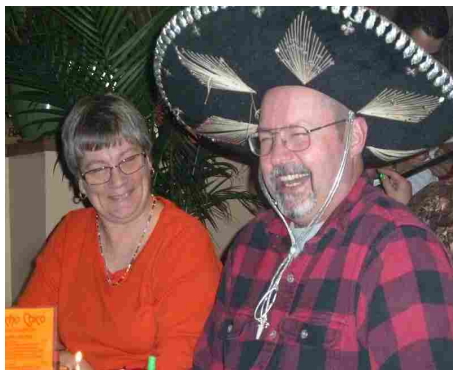
418,156,962 QSO records are now in the system.

49,463 amateurs are now using the system. Are you one WHY NOT!!

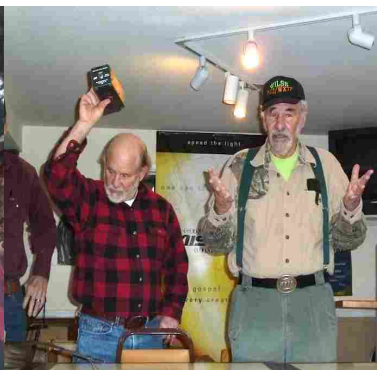
There have been 7,729,256 Q's added to the system since last month.

As of now I have 79,880 Q's in the system.

73 Wilse 509-738-4248 [wx7p@arrl.net](mailto:wx7p@arrl.net) SKYPE=WX7PDX



Randy's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday



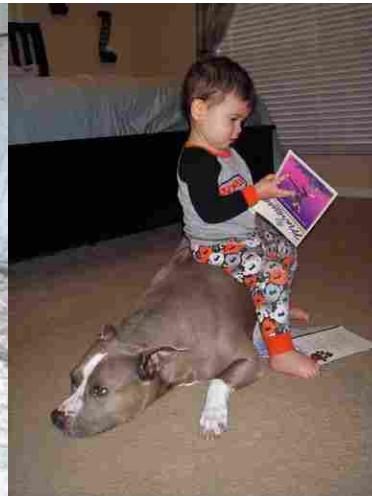
Dave, Wilse's wing man at at this years auction.



Gimmie hard at work, writing down who bought what.

## TRIVIA FOR THE MONTH

What should the caption be to these to pictures?



## **RECIPE FOR THE MONTH**

### **Italian sausage & barley soup**

**3 italian sausage mild or hot**  
**½ green shredded cabbage**  
**2 large diced carrots**  
**1 large can of tomato sauce (fire roasted is best)**  
**1 small onion**  
**4 diced garlic cloves**  
**2 Tbs italian seasoning**  
**2 c cooked barley**  
**2 c veg or chicken stock**  
**3 Tbs olive oil**  
**salt & pepper to taste**

#### **Directions:**

**In large sauce pan saute' onion, garlic & sausage, Brown. Add remaining ingredients, bring to boil then drop to simmer until the vegetables are tender or you just cannot wait any longer or when the bread comes out of the oven.**

## **ITEMS FOR SALE**

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- **Designing Cards; eyeball – qsl – post – greeting, letter heads, & fliers.**

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