

Kittitas County Ham News
July 2021

We had a very good meeting last month. Thank you to everyone who was there. We started the meeting with 4 different radio clubs/organizations in the county. Each one had a purpose, a reason to be here. And, they all have been around for a long time. But the world is different now, and each of the four groups had an issue (or two or three) they were trying to work through. As we, those of us in attendance, discussed the issues and possible ways to solve them, it became clearer. When we adjourned the meeting – there was one radio group in the county.

In geographic order – the Upper Kittitas County Amateur Radio Club, the Rodeo City Radio Club, Kittitas County ARES/RACES, and the Kittitas County Repeater Assoc. have joined together and are now the Kittitas County Amateur Radio Communications Service. Or KCARCS.

And, thanks to Randy K7RHT and all of those members who responded to him every time he sent another version of it around for comments, we now have a Draft Constitution and ByLaws that are ready for discussion and ratification. The step after that will be electing officers.

So we are having another meeting. The major agenda items for the meeting will be:

1. discussion and ratification of the Draft Constitution and ByLaws;
2. electing officers for the new group. The officers will be:
President, Vice President/President Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Chief Tech officer. There are candidates for each office.

The meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 10 , 8 AM at the Palace. Just like last month, please let us know by Monday July 5 if you are planning to attend. That way we can be in a room that is big enough for everyone. Send email to 7gloria@kvalley.com or phone me at 509-962-3820 .

VE testing could be available soon. I know there are a couple of people who

have contacted me already. As of now – nothing is scheduled, but I am working on getting something scheduled. If you are thinking about upgrading, or know someone who might be interested in testing please let me know so that I know what to plan for. If you are a VE – please send me an email and let me know if there are days / weeks that you will not be available. Maybe you know that last year we used an “alternate location”, right now I don't know which location we might use this year. And I don't yet know how many VE's might be available. If you have thought about being a VE (volunteer examiner) check the ARRL website for information. In order to be a VE, you must have at least a general class license. And you have to complete the independent study program available through the ARRL and pass the test that goes with it.

Remember that we have a Facebook page. Find it by searching in Facebook for “Kittitas County Amateur Radio Group”. Thank you to Charlie W7CEG. At least one person was at the last meeting because of the Facebook page. Thank you Charlie.

If you want to do some FEMA training go to <https://training.fema.gov/is> . I didn't check to see if that is still working, I just copied it from a previous newsletter. Please let me know if it doesn't work.

Remember that we have a weekly ARES/RACES net. It happens every Sunday evening, 8:00 PM, on the 147.360 repeater. (+offset, tone 131.8 or 141.3) Listen to all the other information at the beginning of the net. Visitors are always welcome.

Don't forget the meeting – Saturday July 10, 8AM, Palace Cafe
Contact by Monday July 5 to reserve your space (7gloria@kvalley.com)