

Let's get together

**Thursday, Echolink node 286905
at 7:30 p.m**

Friday, 3.812 at 8:30 a.m.



Spring 2018 Newsletter

From the President



**HAVE A WONDERFUL
SPRING IN 2018 AND
ENJOY THE BLOSSOMS!**



At my household we are enjoying the longer days and the spurts of sunshine. It was tee-shirt weather March 9th and 10th and we all felt renewed! We've all been busy with Spring cleaning and preparing for more time outside. Breathing the fresh air always makes us start feeling more energized and younger again! Blossoms on the trees, flower bulbs are blooming, and "kerchoo" the allergies are back again. Soon we'll be mowing lawns!

I've recently acquired a new Bookkeeping client and have just finished the Financial Statements for the Tax Return. That along with preparing the family's Tax Returns has kept me rather busy. Whew! Glad that's done for another year.

I am looking into changing my callsign since I passed my "Extra" class test last November 18th. YES! You heard right! Finally I passed my test. It was the second time I took the test. I set a goal for myself a few years ago and finally hunkered down and studied hard for the test. For my reward, I recently bought a used laptop for my Hamshack and I'm loading up the appropriate software. Soon I will be ready to try some digital contacts and join you on the NET's. Margaret, Marilyn and I met this month in Battleground for our Board Meeting and made plans for the upcoming Annual MINOW NET Convention on May 5, 2018. Cinco de Mayo! Margaret made the notes and will be getting the information out to everyone. We're looking forward to seeing all of you again! Hope you can all make it.

Vanessa, KE7UBB
President MINOW NET
73's and 33's to all!

Annual Meeting

SATURDAY May 5th

1:30 pm

The business meeting will be held at:

AE7MB, Margarets home

The meeting will include both

A Silent Auction

&

A Gift Exchange

Please keep purchases at, or below \$15.

Dinner will be at 5:30pm at

Mill Creek Pub

1710 SW 9th Ave. #101, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Please R.S.V.P. Margaret by April 25th!

Directions to Margaret 's Home

Directions to Mill Creek Pub

Directions for those traveling on I-5

Take exit 11 from I-5 (WA 502) .

Follow WA-502 to WA-503

Turn right onto WA-503 (approximately 5.7 miles)

Turn left on Scotton Way (first traffic light)

Turn right on SW 9th Ave (first right turn)

Turn into parking area near Cinema

Member News

Skye, KA7SKY, reports that her new ham shack is finally ready for “antenna tries”. Also, she passed Level 1 of cwops (cw operations). *Congratulations Skye!*

Elizabeth, KK7VO , writes: Not much to report except that I'm president of the Palouse Hills Amateur Radio Club. Other than that, I haven't had time to do much with radio. *Congratulations Elizabeth.*

Rose, KL7FQQ, writes: Hello Lady MINOWs

I hope you had a lovely winter; I did. I enjoyed being in Texas with my brother and sister for about six weeks and with my daughter and son-in-law for the entire winter. But, as they say, all good things must end and I'm now on my way back to Alaska. I'm sojourning in NM with my youngest daughter and her family and will fly back to Fairbanks on April 3.

I am told that the remodeling of my house in Fairbanks is complete, so I'm looking forward to getting back, getting some boxes unpacked, and things put away. I also hope to spend time working at the Kitty Hensley House (a historical house) at the Pioneer Park. I enjoyed that a lot last year and I even managed to sell several of the books that I wrote. Sales are a bit slow on Amazon, but still continuing. It is exciting when I get to do a book signing.

I'm planning the YLISSB Convention for 2019 in Fairbanks. It would be great to have a MINOW presence! So, plan on coming. The dates are June 5-8, 2019.

Have a wonderful Summer.

Rose, KL7FQQ

Marilyn, AF7BI, writes: Hello to all MINOWs, I am really looking forward to the Convention coming up in May. I do hope many of you can come and join us. It's always nice to meet more MINOWs. Vanessa, KE7UBB, Pres; Margaret, AE7MB, Secty/Treasurer; and I, AF7BI, Vice President, had a board meeting, where we discussed the future of MINOWs, and planned the convention. It was a good time getting together. We decided that we were really all on the same page about what we want for MINOWs.

I had a chance to go to Honolulu a month or so ago. My OM and I usually take a trip for our anniversary, but he had commitments he couldn't change and we couldn't cancel the trip, so I went alone. I really did have a good time. My OM and I talked a couple times a day and I had the chance to see everything I wanted to see. It was a really good trip. Now to get my OM there again and show him what I saw last time.

I'm able to get on HF more and more. I'm still practicing code and I'm enjoying the radio more and more as I do other things. Now to try some contests.

Again I hope to see all of you at the convention.

33, Marilyn, AF7BI, MINOW Vice President

Barbara, AC7UH, writes: Linda AA6MR, Margaret AE7MB, Nicole N7XBY, and Barbara AC7UH teach a six session Technician license class for YLs every year in March and October. The March 2018 class had six members. Five of the members took the license exam on March 17 and every one of them passed! Thanks to the instructors for their hard work. It takes concentration and participation from both the students and instructors to have everyone pass. Congratulations to the students for passing their exam!

Member News (Continued)

Margaret, AE7MB, writes: I was honored by the Clark County ARC with the 2017 Community Service Award at their annual banquet in February.

Emily, WA6YL, writes: I started taking a ceramics class last fall and made a lot of gifts for Christmas. This winter I have mainly done ceramic pots which are glazed and fired. I gave them for birthday gifts. I did one for my cousin in red and black and put ladybugs all over it. My best wishes 33, Emily WA6YL

Board Meeting Minutes

MINOW Board Meeting
March 6, 2018
Battle Ground Library

Attendees: Vanessa, KE7UBB
Marilyn, AF7BI
Margaret, AE7MB

The meeting was opened at 10:54 am by Marilyn.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be on May 5 at 1:00 pm at Margaret's residence. We planned the meeting, then discussed what we wanted to do about dinner. After some discussion we decided to have our dinner at Mill Creek Pub.

Earlier this year we sent out a survey regarding increasing our annual dues. Since we received only a few responses, we decided that the dues would increase from \$1.00 to \$3.00 effective May 1, 2018. In addition we decided that members who pay their 2018 dues before May 1, 2018, could do so at the current rate (\$1.00 per year).

Marilyn suggested that we should devise a policy for handling disruptive members. We do not have a problem with disruptive members at present, but we are seeing it happen more and more in today's world and should be prepared to handle the situation, should it arise. A discussion commenced and then tabled to another time.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret, AE7MB

Dues Are Due May 1

Dues are due on May 1 of each year and delinquent on June 1 of that year.
Effective May 1, 2018, annual dues will increase to \$3.00 per year.

As an incentive to pay your dues early;
if you are on the list below of members, who have not paid their 2019 dues,
and pay your dues by April 30, 2018,
then your dues will only be \$1.00 for the year, otherwise your dues will be \$3.00 per year.

The following members have not paid their 2019 dues:

Sara, AB7PS

Barbara, AC7UH

CJ, KC7CJS

Sue, KA6SOC

Connie (Sky, KA7SKY

Linda, KC7YTD

Lory, N7KTY

Marion, WA7TLL

If your name is on the list, please send your dues to:

Margaret Hardwick

MINOW Secretary-Treasurer

If your records disagree with mine, please contact me and I will
research the issue.



Welcome New Members

Dr. Carol, KP4MD

Carol is a pediatrician in Roseville, CA, and the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section Manager. Carol's interests in amateur radio is very broad and includes just about everything amateur radio related.

A directory page for Carol was sent out last December.

On the Move

Sara has moved.
Her new address is

All other contact information is the same.

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