

<p><b>Let's get together</b>  <b>Thursday, Echolink node 286905</b>  <b>at 7:30 p.m</b>  <b>Friday, 3.812 at 8:30 a.m.</b></p>	
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**Fall 2018 Newsletter**

**From the President**

	<p>HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY FALL THIS 2018!</p>	
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We are still having some nice weather as the leaves begin to fall from the trees and I see a few more outdoor BBQ's on the horizon. As the temperature starts cooling down I start drinking hot tea again, and baking. With the holidays coming, the oven is calling me to bake, roast, and broil for the family. Warmth from the oven on colder days while the family is gathered around visiting with one another brings warmth to my heart. Attention to the decorations in the attic are prompting me to take them down and start making plans for the holiday festivities once more. Our new kitten is now 16 months old and I want a Christmas tree this year. How to set up a tree that is safe from the cat and the cat safe from the tree will be the challenge for this Christmas season.

Speaking of safety; we live on the corner of a very busy intersection where there are 2 lanes in each direction with a center turn lane, which intersects with a 4-lane County highway. Recently, we've had a couple of separate incidences where someone came to the front door wanting to borrow the phone for an emergency call. The first time was a few months ago when I answered the door and there was a man on the front porch. The second time was last week when my husband, Pat, answered the door when a woman was knocking. In both cases the time was between 1:30 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. when the person insisted on coming inside the house to make the call. When admittance inside was declined in each case, the individual became upset and started to demand that we let them inside! In each case the person was informed that it wasn't necessary to come inside to make a call with a cordless phone and offered to dial 911 for them. They each became more demanding to come inside! We each held our ground and refused admittance; finally, the individuals gave up, then we went back in the house and made sure all the doors and windows were locked tight and stayed up for a while to make sure all was safe. We are now

installing a new security system of cameras that can record activity when motion is detected, and we have a monitor set up in the house to view what the camera is seeing all the time. There is also an App we installed on our smart phones where we set up warnings to be sent to us if Motion is detected as well. I want to add that I always carry my house key with me when I answer the door, step outside and lock the door behind me when I don't know the person. In the past I've had individuals who shoved me out of the way and forced their way into my home. These people are like Vampires once they are inside and very hard to get them out even with police assistance. Be safe and be aware of strangers! In the future the door will NOT be opened. I can dial the phone from inside a locked door to render assistance quite easily and if that's not good enough, 911 will do me very nicely thank-you-very-much.

On the subject of making calls, I am receiving signals on my Yaesu FTM-100DR/DE and can hear talking on the radio; but, no one seems to hear me when I transmit. Our new 2-meter antenna isn't working out very well and I think I'll put the old vertical antenna back up. I still have my Yaesu VX-8 which works well and can be used in a pinch. My husband Pat was also having trouble on the Kenwood TS 440S HF-Transceiver and gave up trying to get back on the air. He suggested I need help getting the Ham Shack up and running but couldn't seem to explain what problem he was having. I will try to track down what is happening and see what I can do. I need to learn more about troubleshooting and acquire some diagnostic equipment. Might need help from a local Elmer to get it up and running. Stay warm and safe this winter!

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

# MINOW LUNCHEON



From left: CJ (K7CJS), Linda, Vanessa (KE7UBB), Marilyn (AF7BI), Margaret (AE7MB), Robin (KJ7BI), Shirley (W7SAF)

Saturday, September 22, some of the MINOWs got together for lunch at the Applebee's in the Salmon Creek neighborhood of Vancouver. Skye, KA7SKY, rode down with CJ, but couldn't join us for lunch, since she needed to visit a relative. However the two of them rode together in one motor home, while Linda, a friend of theirs, drove a second motor home. CJ and Linda were on their way to Pahrump, NV, for the winter. We had a delightful time and wonderful conversation and agreed that we need to do it again after the holidays.

# Board Meeting Minutes

MINOW Meeting Minutes May 5, 2018

## Attendees:

Marilyn, AF7BI  
Robin, KJ7BI  
Barbara, AC7UH  
Shirley, W7SAF

Claudia, KL0HI  
Vanessa, KE7UBB  
Mary, KI7VDL  
Margaret, AE7MB

Meeting called to order by President Vanessa, KE7UBB, at 1:44 p.m., then greeted the attendees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited outside by the flag pole.

Since there were no Silent Keys this year, no moment of silence was held.

## Reports:

**President:** Reported that we had two new members last year, CJ, K7CJS, and Carol, KP4MD. She, also reported that she earned her Extra Class license. Everyone congratulated her.

**Vice President:** Marilyn, AF7BI, suggested that we need to recruit new members, especially younger women. Mary, KI7VDL, said that she would talk to her classmates at an upcoming class about the YL nets.

Marilyn, AF7BI, also suggested that we have another YL lunch sometime in the fall. We had one last year, but only Vanessa, KE7UBB, Marilyn, AF7BI, and Margaret, AE7MB, showed up. Marilyn, AF7BI, will find a location and time and Margaret, AE7MB, will e-mail the membership.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Margaret, AE7MB, presented the Treasurer's Report, which shows that we have \$411.66 in the Savings Account and \$93.43 in the checking account. The amount in the checking account is low because we paid for two years for our website, which means we will not have to pay for the website in 2018/19.

Robin, KJ7BI, moved that we accept the Treasurer's report, Barbara seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

**Sunshine Chair:** No report.

**Certificate Custodian Report:** Robin, KJ7BI, reported that she issued a certificate to Margaret, AE7MB, for working six MINOW members in three MINOW states.

Barbara, AC7UH, reminded members that they can earn YLRL certificates similar to the MINOW certificate.

**Badgemaker Report:** Claudia reported that she made a badge for CJ, K7CJS, but still has to make badges for Carol, KP4MD, and our new members Shirley, K7SAF, and Mary, KI7VDL.

**Web Mistress Report:** CJ, K7CJS, sent the following to Marilyn, AF7BI – “Unfortunately Amazon has changed their rules for Affiliate Programs. Anyone listed on the account CAN-NOT use the links. Well, we did, so they ended our program with them. I called and spoke to them and no way would they reinstate us. This is troubling to me as I have always had successful Affiliate Programs on other sites.

The good news is that we have a great website (or so I think, lol). I have not had good internet this winter so have not been able to do more work on it but starting in June I will be back home to a good internet connection. I will be updating and adding more features. I will also be reaching out to other groups to send women to our website. We want the best and I'll do my best to get us there.

Thanks for your patience this winter and happy spring to everyone. Miss you but hope to make it next year.

~ CJ - 33 to all.”

**Membership Report:** As of April 30, 2018, we have 24 members of which 5 have memberships that expired before May1, 2018. Several members asked for an updated list of member e-mails and an updated list of valid member pages. Margaret agreed to send both out via e-mail.

**Nets:** Currently Sara, AB7PS, does not have a radio, since she was moved to her son’s home. We regularly have 3 to 4 members in the Thursday night Echolink net and 2 to 3 members on the Friday morning HF net.

**Communications:** YLRL President Marilyn, AF7BI, presented MINOW President Vanessa, KE7UBB, with a certificate stating that MINOW Net is, and has been for a long time, a YLRL affiliated club. President Vanessa, KB7UBB, then gave the certificate to Vice-President, Marilyn, AF7BI, to be included with other documents that the Vice-President is responsible for.

**Old Business:** Claudia, KL0HI, questioned whether the Board could increase the dues without a member election. Barbara, AC7UH, also questioned this action since it requires revising the Constitution. Discussion ensued and it was finally decided that a committee should be formed to look at the whole constitution and not just Article VI. Dues will remain at \$1.00 per year until a change in the Constitution occurs.

**New Business:** A committee was formed consisting of Barbara, AC7UH, Marilyn, AF7BI, and Margaret, AE7MB, to look at the constitution and make recommendations for revisions. These revisions will then be voted on by the entire voting membership.

**Next Year’s Invitation:** Next year’s meeting will be Saturday May 4 at 1:30 pm. Marilyn, AF7BI, volunteered to hold the meeting at her house.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. A gift exchange and silent auction occurred after the meeting.

*Margaret Hardwick, Secretary- Treasurer*

## Member News

Rose, KL7FQQ, wrote in April :

I was up early yesterday morning, busily packing my cooler, and the rest of my belongings. We left Cyndi's at 6, and were at the airport about a quarter to 7. Cyndi dropped me and my two checked bags at the terminal and circled around, with Tex and the carry on stuff, while I got checked in and the bags checked. It was rather sad to say goodbye to her, but she and Shawn will be up here in a few weeks. I was very lucky that I had a wheel chair ordered, since there was a problem going through security. It ended up taking me an hour and a half before I was at the gate...and they were boarding. The flight to Seattle was very smooth, and the middle seat was empty, so it was a very comfortable flight. We flew right over the space needle, and downtown Seattle, so had a delightful view. And, in the Seattle airport, we even found a pet relief station (complete with a fireplug) so Tex could relieve himself.

The plane headed for Anchorage loaded on time, but we sat on the ground for a long time before getting airborne. This plane was completely full, so there were 3 of us in that row. Since we had been delayed, we were late getting into Anchorage. It was kind of overcast, so not much nice scenery coming into Anchorage. I got off the plane, and right onto the next plane, and didn't even have time to get my phone out to send a text to Sallie telling her we were going to be early! The view was spectacular as we flew to Fairbanks. Talk about a white wonderland, with Mt. McKinley looming over it all. And, Sallie had checked on the plane, and was there waiting when we arrived. The bags both showed up, and we stepped outside ...brrrrr! The wind was howling, and we were greeted by blowing snow! She was parked quite close, and it was a relief to get into her warm car. She also brought me boots and a parka, so I didn't suffer too much, but poor Tex was happy to get in the car.

As we neared the house, Tex got all excited. Once we opened the door, he raced to his doggy door, only to be disappointed since it was still closed, and the insulation was inside his breeze-way. But, I soon removed that, and out he went. Although, I must say, he didn't stay out long. It was nice to see my addition all finished, and I love my new kitchen. Sallie helped me get some of the important things (like the meat) unpacked. I have lots of things that need doing, so I surely won't be bored for a while. I had a good night in my own bed, and was up in time to catch Cyndi as she made her way to work.

Love, Rose and Tex

Barbara, KI7BR writes:

In the past six months, I've:

- passed my amateur extra and got my vanity call sign
- was elected to the board of my radio club (Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club)
- helped coach my 13-year-old grand-niece Alina to pass her Technician exam (she's now KI7ZRG) and to get on the air
- completed the FEMA training needed to get a post through Washington County (Oregon) ARES
- set up my first ham shack, so I could get on HF
- participated in my first Field Day
- participated in our club's annual operations at Crater Lake
- served as a radio volunteer for my second time at the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade
- served as a radio volunteer for my second time this year at the Oregon Int'l Air Show

Elizabeth, KK7VO, wrote:  
I had a couple ham activity write-ups published at EEWeb.com

The first was Field Day  
<https://www.eeweb.com/profile/elizabeth-simon/articles/field-day-means-fun-with-antennas>

The second was the Glacier-Waterton Hamfest  
<https://www.eeweb.com/profile/elizabeth-simon/articles/fun-at-the-glacier-waterton-international-peace-park-hamfest>  
33 ladies!

(editor's note: These were very interesting articles, but there was no way I could reproduce them here. I would recommend following the links to them).

Robin, KJ7BI, wrote:  
The new theme for my life is: "I Don't Have Enough Time" or "Is It MS or Advancing Age?" I never accomplish all I would like to do in a day. This problem seems to have appeared within the past year, but who knows, it might be 30 or 40 years old. This dilemma plus ongoing problems with Stephen's health - Stephen is my partner - seem to conspire to drive me into the proverbial nut house. Oh, and speaking as Section 7 Manager for YLRL, please remember that you, as a member can always send me your news, chit-chat, garden/kitchen stories, ham radio related info; just about anything!

CJ, K7CJS, wrote:  
I met up with a HAM guy that I had planned to meet when I got here. He game be a Yaesu 2900 and 5/8th mag mount antenna!!!! It's only 2m but that's all I need to get comms setup between Linda and me when I'm out in the mountains (lots of repeaters). Now to just get her licensed.  
33 ladies!

Margaret, AE7MB writes:  
It's been a busy summer and autumn. We took our usual Alaska cruise at the end of May and first week of June. We met a lot of nice people including a couple of hams (yeah for call sign hats!).  
Three of us went down to Newport, OR, for a "girls mid-week get-away". We had lovely weather as we explored the area and walked along the beach. There's even a resident pod of whales and it was fun to watch their spouts while the sun was setting.  
Barbara, AC7UH, Nicole, N7XBY, and I along with one other YL just finished our fall YL Tech Class. There was a lot of prep work this time because the Technician's Question Pool was revised effective July 1. There is a greater emphasis on digital modes than in the past and some topics have been reorganized.  
Now it's newsletter time. This is one of two newsletters that I need to get out this month. I'm looking forward to November, when all I have to do is a quilting project for Christmas and preparing for the holidays.

Sara, AB7PS, is in a rehab center. Earlier this summer she fell and broke her knee.



# Welcome New Members

We have two new MINOWs—Barbara Robertson, KI7BR, and her grand-niece, Alina Schechtman, KI7ZRG. You will find their directory pages on page 11.

## MINOW website

Have you checked out the MINOW website? CJ, K7CJS, is our web-mistress and has done a wonderful job collecting, organizing, and publishing information. One of the things she would like to do is include some of the relevant documents located on the ARRL website, but in order to do that we have to become an affiliate member. Don't be surprised if you get an email asking about your status in both ARRL and YLRL.

# MINOW FINANCIAL REPORT

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2017-2018

Meeting May 5, 2018

Checking Account	Beginning Balance		\$132.21
	Income:		
	Donations	79.00	
	Dues	11.00	
	Initiation	10.00	
	Total Income		100.00
	Expenses:		
	Postage	-4.90	
	YLRL Dues (2 DX members)	-50.00	
	Website (2 years)	-83.88	
	Total Expenses		-138.78
	Ending Balance		93.43
Savings Account	Beginning Balance		404.47
	Income:		
	Interest Income	0.04	
	Amazon Credit	7.15	
	Ending Balance		411.66

Savings:	\$411.66
Checking:	<u>93.43</u>
Total:	<u>\$505.09</u>

Margaret Hardwick,  
AE7MB