



MINOW NET

An Amateur Radio Club For YLs in

Montana Idaho Nevada Oregon Washington

MINOW NET Newsletter

Spring 2021

CLUB OFFICERS

President

Vanessa, KE7UBB

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Marilyn, AF7MM

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WEEKLY NETS

Thursday Evening

1930 Pacific time:
Echolink net on ALARA
Conference node

Friday Morning

0830 Pacific time:
HF net on 3.812 or
thereabouts

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ANNUAL EVENTS

May

Annual Meeting

September

Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FIELD DAY IN THE AGE OF CORONA VIRUS

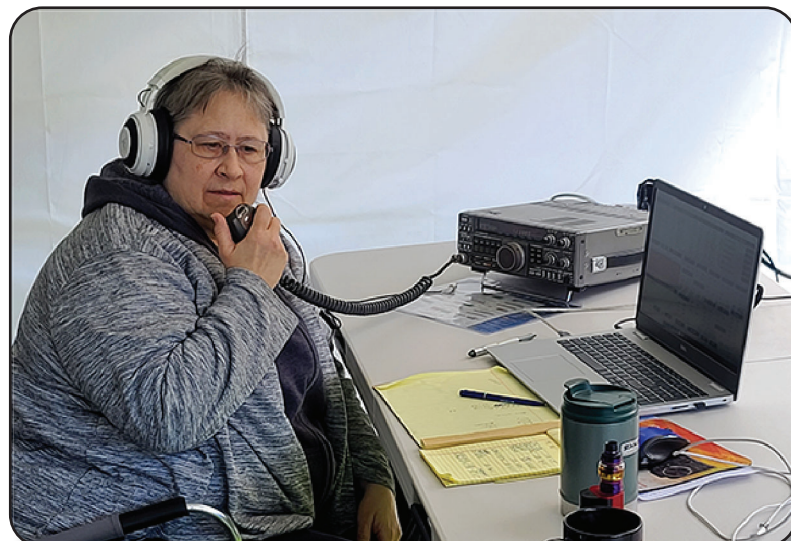
Due to coronavirus in 2020, Vanessa and her O.M. held Field Day in their back yard in July of 2020. We set up our pop-up tent, two foldable plastic tables, and some camp chairs. My O.M., Pat carried out our Kenwood TS-440S HF transceiver, his laptop, solar panels and batteries while I put the coffee on. By the time I came out with the coffee, he had already hooked us up and was tuning in and listening for contacts.

The weather was dry and sunny which made for a pleasant and enjoyable day. In the past we've had rainy and windy days on Field Day which dampened spirits a bit; but we always enjoy making contacts and hearing

all the activity on the radio. It's good to practice off-grid and knowing that during an emergency you will be able to communicate with others who may be able to help you, or you may be able to help someone else.

Back in 2016, Pat set up in January to participate in Winter Field Day. The activity wasn't as heavy as in summer but he still made several contacts and it was a good experience. You never know what the conditions will be outside during an emergency. It's best to be prepared for all seasons and all conditions as well as can be expected.

Happy contacting!
33's, Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB



Vanessa, KE7UBB, "On the Air"

“Now is the time for all good HAM radio operators to come to the aid of their community”

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all MINOWs. I'm excited about this year. I'm excited about the possibility of COVID-19 ending soon and all of us getting together sometime this year for a gathering. Even if it's small, it will still be fun. But I guess we'll see.

Our President Vanessa has been busy bringing MINOWs into 2021. I'm excited about what I've been seeing. For one just check out the website! She got CJ Stevens, K7CJS, to create something perfect for us. Check out our website, MINOWnet.org, and see what I mean.

We also have new flyers, badges coming soon. Linda Creatore, a YL in the making, is working with Vanessa and CJ to get us something nice. She's done a great job too. Linda has taken a Tech license class and is planning on taking her test when the time comes.

We have our yearly meeting coming up May 1. It looks like we'll be doing another Zoom meeting which was very successful last year. So many more are able to come with Zoom. We may start doing hybrid meetings after COVID-19 is gone. By doing a meeting where we get together and also have it on Zoom we can get to see some of our outlying members. And a hybrid meeting is the way to do just that.

I do look forward to having our meeting and seeing who can all come. Those of you that haven't been able to attend please try and get on Zoom and join us. We would love to see your faces. Remember that those of us in and around Portland OR will also be going to dinner at DeNicola's on Powell St. after our meeting. Please be sure and **RSVP to Vanessa** so she can have a head count for reservations.

*33, Marilyn, AF7MM
Vice President, MINOW*

