

Regular Club Meeting 10/27/2012 \*\*\*\*\*DRAFT\*\*\*\*\*

Rob Salsgiver called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM at the Snohomish County DEM location. Members and visitors introduced themselves. The meeting will be brief to enable VE testing and tour.

VE Report: Loren gave the report. November will be last test of the year. Five tests were given for four Techs and one Extra, and all five passed. The blind person who was expected did not show.

Shelly related an example of a blind person who performs admirably regardless of limit which would be imposed upon her owing to the vision disability

Rob gave update on website improvement, including reports.

Jim Ludden has agreed to resume coordination of the Education program. He asked for names of people looking for a license class in the first quarter of 2013. The block of Friday-Saturday-Sunday works well for most participants.

Jim also chairs the Trailer Committee which has yet to meet, but which is collecting information. The Committee will consider issues such as size, number of axles, and cost considered. Several contributions have been given, and a Fund established. Cost range is from \$2000 to \$8000.

Frank gave the DX report. Bands are terrific, including 10 and 15 meters. Several DXpeditions are active like Tongo, Campbell Island, and St. Peter Rocks off Brazil. This weekend is the CQ Worldwide SSB contest. Frank urged the members to get on 10 meters where Techs have 28.3 to 28.5 MHz for SSB. There is a hurricane net on 14325 and Jim urged us to stay clear of that frequency.

Around 8:25, Rob bypassed other committee reports for the day, and began the program. He introduced the basic idea of Emergency Preparedness, illustrated with a slideshow called "Disaster." The Pacific Northwest has relatively high probability of earthquake. Historic record regards our area as "overdue." Wildfires threatened recently. Challenges may come to local supply of safety services, food, water, and healthcare. Individual stockpiles of water, edible products, and other emergency supplies help. Prepare for 72 hours minimum. Provide radios for HF, VHF, UHF, with antennas and battery backup power. Know the frequencies that local EMCOMM stations use. Rob distinguished several agencies: ARES, RACES, and ACS. ARES operates under ARRL auspices. RACES is federal, and can continue to operate when disaster is declared by the President. ACS is locally connected.

EMCOMM training processes were outlined. One may study independently or by National Incident Management Systems classes. Of course, practice makes perfect. Individuals need to find a local group which works for them. For Everett area, Grant Hopper is the contact person. In South County, Emergency Coordinating Services Agency (ESCA), Dan Good, is program manager. ([www.esca1.com](http://www.esca1.com)) Snohomish County Radio Officer, Scott Honaker, N7SS.

Scott Honaker took over the program at 9:00 AM. He circulated a handout called "Snohomish DEM Radio Room Features." The handout emphasized the advantages of the new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) over the old one. Significant improvements have been made to the DEM building to make

it more earthquake-proof, as well as to improve the EOC. The building now has flameproof exterior and emergency generator power backup. DEM invites individuals to affiliate with it. One may become credentialed online via links to FEMA which are available on the WA7DEM website [www.wa7dem.org](http://www.wa7dem.org)

The meeting adjourned by standing up for the tour at 9:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Cornell W9LD, Secretary pro-tem

Rob Salsgiver, President