

Minutes of General Meeting

Held on 03-24-2007 at Providence Medical Center, Colby Campus, Everett

The meeting was called to order by President, Grant Hopper, KB7WSD, at 8:00 AM. He asked for self-introductions around the room. *40 Signed in*

Grant made recognition of Club Member contributions by Gar Thom, Steve Hagberg, Jim Ludden, Steve Burling, and Jon Fortier, as a few who came to mind.

The minutes of the prior meeting of 02-24-2007 were read by the Secretary, Gary W7MGG. Member, Bill Hughes, N7YH, moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Member, Dave Friedman, KE7GOY, seconded the motion and it was passed.

It was noted that member, Bob Hallowell, KB7MMV, has received his badge of VE accreditation from ARRL.

Member Jim Ludden, KD7RHI, Education Coordinator, has created the first Tech Class which will be launched April 20 through April 22, 2007. The classes will be held at the Red Cross Field Office in Everett. After the 14 modules of classwork instruction is finished, exams for Tech Class licenses will be conducted by the Club's VE's on Sunday, April 22, 2007.

President, Grant Hopper, announced the upcoming Stanwood/Camano Island Swap Meet scheduled for May 12, 2007 in Stanwood, WA.

Grant also announced the Yakima Club Swap Meet coming up later on.

Eric Nordin, AD7BF, announced that the Communications Academy in Seattle still has openings for anyone wanting to sign up. The website is www.communicationsacademy.org.

Field Day: President, Grant Hopper, said that member, Dale Shacklett, KA7MVP, has been appointed to coordinate the June Field Day food supply operation. A Welcome Tent coordinator for Field Day is still needed. Other coordinators are still needed for a GUTTA operator and Antenna Party coordinator to organize the erection of Dave Crosby's tower and other antennas.

An Incident Command System (ICS) will be integrated with the Field Day operations.

Yahoo Website: President, Grant Hopper, registered concerns about both club members and non-members being mixed together. This creates problems of sending certain information intended for members only. It was suggested that perhaps a second Yahoo website could be generated for club members only and separating the two in order to solve the problem.

Member, Dave Friedman, KE7GOY, suggested that he would like to see club member's business information *included on the website.*

The current legislative efforts in Olympia to regulate use of communication devices while driving a motor vehicle was related by President, Grant Hopper and member, Bill Hughes. A second effort in the legislature is the taxing of Ham Repeaters located on public property was also discussed. The outcome of both these efforts is of interest, and concern, to *the* Amateur Community.

The program (Get the woman's name and details of her program) got under way at 9:10 AM. The Secretary and the VE's departed for the testing center.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary N Whiting, W7MGG
Secretary