

## The Presidents Corner

Hello in KBARA land one and all.

Wishing everyone a very prosperous New Year.

The past year has been a good year and also a sad year. KBARA lost two long-time members: Ruby Peterson, W07C whose cheerful voice will be greatly missed; and Reginald Haskins, 101 years young. His stories and memories will also be greatly missed. Both of these dear people leave fond memories in KBARA land.

On Dec. 21 there was a holiday party at the Longhorn BBQ. All of those who attended (around 37) had a great time.

Field Day 2003.

This event will take place on the 3rd week-end in June. Ruth, W1MOM, chairs field day for KBARA.

Annual Camp-out and Meeting

It is time to start thinking about our annual campout and meeting. The date has yet to be decided upon but it is not too soon to start thinking about which committee you would like to serve on. Please let me know which one you are interested in.

Net Controls

We could use alternates for all of the nets. Please take time to support the nets. Your participation is what makes the nets a success.

Thanks to all of you KBARA land hams for your support.

Bob Lemon, W7HFI, KBARA President

**KBARA PO Box 18575**

**Spokane, Wa**

**[http://  
www.kbara.org](http://www.kbara.org)**

## REGINALD HOSKIN, SR. W7ROL, SK

Reginald Hoskin, Sr., W7ROL, died December 11, 2002, in Spokane, WA. He was 101 years old, born December 9, 1901. His first radio license was NU9EML in Ironwood, Michigan, issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce in 1918. Later his call sign was W9EML. He was on the air continuously over 80 years, except during WWII when all Amateur Radio was temporarily discontinued for reasons of national security. He was a member of the American Radio Relay League, the Old, Old Timers' Club, and the Quarter Century Club. Reg, as he was known to his friends, was on the HMS Titanic when she sailed from Belfast to Southampton, England. When she docked for more supplies and passengers, there was a long wait on shore for the family. When they tried to re-board, no one could find the baby's passport, and fortunately the Hoskin family was not permitted to sail on that ill-fated voyage. After they finally arrived in America, Reg's father became a miner, while Reg attended fourth grade. Shortly after, the boy contracted polio and consequently lost his voice for several years. When his father was hurt in a mining accident, Reg went to work in the mines at age 14 to help support the family. He learned Morse code and radio theory from the local high school principal, who had been a radio operator in WWI. During Reg's long life, he was employed as a deputy sheriff, fireman, postman, radio repairman, electrician, logger and mechanic. In 1947, he and his wife Ruby, W7QME, moved to Everett, WA, where he was active in the Ham Radio in Search and Rescue operations. He then was licensed as W7ROL. He built a house in Hamilton, WA, and when Ruby died, he moved to Four Lakes, WA, to be near his daughter who lived in Spokane. When she died, he had his dog, Bobby, and his Ham Radio gear. Other local Hams and I especially enjoyed visiting Reggie, listening to his wonderful stories of the old days. He was a grand old gentleman, a good friend, and will be greatly missed. He is buried in Hamilton, along with his daughter, and wife.

Ken Crosswhite, KD7DDQ



# The NightCrawlers

## Rag Chew Net

First of all the International Nightcrawlers Rag-Chew Net would like to congratulate Mark KC7LDE and LaVina on their recent marriage on November 23, 2002. We wish the two of you the very best of luck and may all your dreams come true. Knowing the two of you, what ever you plan for the future I'm sure will come true. Many happy years of happiness to you both.

As you all know, winter is on us and we desperately need Net Controls for the Nightcrawler net. This will enable us to have the net running every night of the week. It's a great help to travelers to know that there is someone on the repeater when driving through our areas for assistance or company. With our weather conditions, accidents or road condition reports are a real help.

Anyone wishing to become a Net Control can contact any of the control operators or myself, VE7AGT, or Mark KC7LDE and we will get you enrolled and ready to go. I would also remind you that do not need to belong to the KBARA System to be a Net Control, but it would help.

Please support all the nets on the KBARA system. It's not the net controls that make the net but you, the one who checks in and participates. With that, I hope to hear you on the nets of KBARA.

73's - Chuck, VE7AGT  
International Nightcrawler Net Manager



### KBARA NETS (Pacific Time)

<i>Weekdays</i>	<i>7:00AM 7AM NW Regional/International Net</i>
<i>Nightly</i>	<i>10:00PM Night Crawlers' Rag Chew Net</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00PM N.W. Elmer Net</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7:00PM Wednesday Evening Net</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6:30PM Whitman/Latah County ARES Net</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7:00AM Bozo Net</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>7:00AM Early Morning Roadrunners' (8:00AM during Standard Time)</i>

# KD7KCX Misses KBARA



Seaman apprentice Stephanie Parrott (KD7KCX) is the daughter of Gary (KD7GUX) and Anita (KD7GUX), and sister of Eva (KD7KCZ). She was an active member of KBARA for two years before joining the United States Navy last June. She is stationed on the USS BRIDGE, currently ported in Bremerton, WA.



Stephanie was born and raised in Pullman, Washington. She and her family became intrested in ham radio as a part of her Physical Science class in High School. She is a 2002 graduate of Pullman Christian School. She graduated from Basic Training on August 19 in Great Lakes, IL and Advanced School on October 11 in Meridian, MS.

Stephanie would love to hear from anyone in KBARAland. Her address is:

USS BRIDGE (AOE-10)  
SKSA Parrott, Stephanie L.  
Division S-7  
FPO AP 96661-3040  
or e-mail her at:  
[sparrott@bridge.navy.mil](mailto:sparrott@bridge.navy.mil)







# A Snow Day Project

Wes Taylor  
KD7HGG

*Want to keep up on the Net Traffic when you're not at home. Here's a nifty program that can come in handy for a lot of applications.*

Vox Recorder is a Windows utility which allows recording sound from an audio source only when an audio signal is present; its main purpose is to avoid the recording of the silence eventually present at the input.

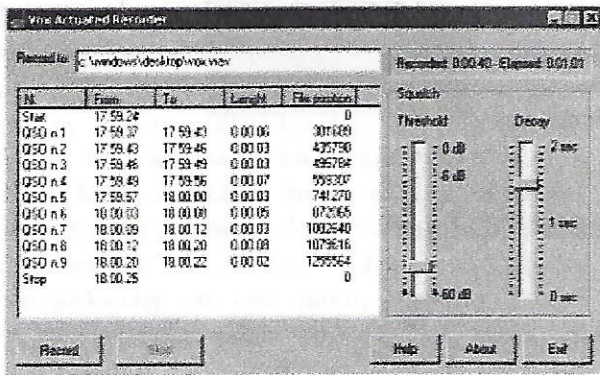
Vox Recorder has been designed in particular for radio-scanner hobbyists. If you are one of them, you already know how much time has to be spent when monitoring a new frequency: the traffic on the new channel is very sparse and communications are short, with long pauses between each one. With Vox Recorder you can compress a whole day's worth of monitoring onto a single .wav file. You can leave the computer on and connected to a scanner at home while you are at the office or doing something else; later, you can listen the messages caught by your radio how many times you want. In this way you can quickly monitor suspicious channels and have all the "action" into a single audio file. Permanently monitoring your neighbours cordless phone is now possible! Let your computer listen for you!

## LICENSE

### Vox Recorder is free software

I use it with a headphone mike attached to my computer, and usually turn the "Decay" to a position under 1 second. One could play with the settings and actually get the recording to sound like real squirrels, or something out of the "Outer limits"

For a filename, I replace the default with something like "vox....." .... being replaced with the date or a descriptor like "voxbozo".



I have really enjoyed using this free program and have used it with scanner or a regular ham radio. One night, I set it up, and set the scanner to receive the satellite frequencies, and the next morning, I awoke to a wav file with satellite packet bursts. I have also recorded the morning and evening nets and then tape recording the Wav file through the computers external speakers.

**Enjoy and have fun listening to radio traffic you might not otherwise get to hear!**

# "W7ALT - Climbing Towers"

( A Wifes View point!)

By Charlene Davis KC7RQF — XYL !



I was Inspired this Morning & Wrote a Poem and it gives a wife's view-point of her 70 Year Ham husband. Walt will be 70 Jan 17. We became Hams in 1996, have bought a repeater and Walt is up the tower a lot or up the creek most of the time. . and I am on the ground looking up and praying a lot. Ham Radio has become a life style for us.

Enjoy. and Happy New Year. 2003

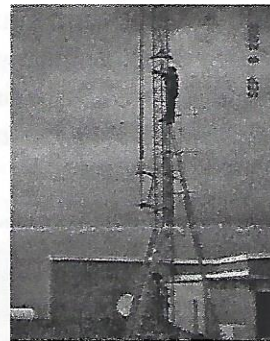
Climb , Climb Up all the Towers, Heavenly Breezes Blow .  
Climb, Climb Up all the Towers faces all aglow !  
Why men like to climb up the towers, Wives will never know,  
Climb, Climbing up all the towers, A thrill she'll never know.

Standing on the ground sending up the tool  
Climb climbing up the towers she thinks is just for fools.  
Her HAM is way up high ,she is thinking he might die.  
He 's climbing climbing higher higher , looking up to the sky!

Climb Climb up all the towers, will make a HAM just Sigh!  
There is no rhyme or reason, why he likes it so.  
Climb Climb up all the towers ,just let him go!  
Wives can yell ,scream & holler it will do no good.

HAM Men Climb towers cause they think they should.  
So XYL's you might as well give in , up the tower he goes again.  
The signal was bad , he though was within, so up the tower he went again.  
He doesn't know he is 70 , ,just knows the signal is bad.

When he stops climbing towers I know it will be sad. A very Sad Day that will be ,  
For you see that is the day he becomes a Silent Key.Sad For Me but not for him  
For when he gets to heaven , I think there will be towers for him to climb again.



By Charlene Davis Jan 1, 2003 6:AM  
Walt Davis,W7ALT says: Let me Climb !



# Membership Information For The Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association



Annual support is \$15 per calendar year, or \$20 for family members living at one address.

Dues are due January of each year. Dues paid during the last quarter (after September 1) will apply through the entire following year. This applies to renewals, as well as to new supporters.

Support can be sent to: KBARA, P.O. Box 18575, Spokane, WA 99228-8575.



## No Comment

Over the last month or so, I've had many questions as to when the KBARA Newsletter would be out. Where is the Gazette. As with any "club" or organization it's the participants who make the club a success. Without participation there wouldn't be a KBARA Net, Nightcrawler Net, Roadrunner Net AND the KBARA Newsletter. Due to my odd work hours and frequent travel to the east side of the US, I'm not always there to remind you, cajole, and plead with you to put your creative powers to use and submit articles, letters, comments, or remarks to the Editor to be included in the yes "Next Addition." Gasp could it be, my name in print? A B S O L U T E L Y ! I guess what I'm trying to say, is that until I have enough material to create something you'll enjoy reading, I'll wait. We have a few "Great Participants" who seem to be there all the time when material is needed. You know who you are, and my deepest thanks. So when you're yakking on the nets, trying a new computer program that someone else may enjoy or an idea pops up, jot it down and send it my way. You just never know what could happen. This Quarter's Gazette features some nice contributions and I think you'll agree, worth the effort.

The next addition of the KBARA Gazette will be the Winter/Spring Edition in March. That gives us a little bit of time to come up with some ideas. I look forward to them. I know they'll be great.

Submit any and / or all ideas to

Duff Johnson WA7BFN

KBARA Newsletter Editor

WA7BFN@AOL.com or W. 218 27th, Spokane, WA 99203 (509) 838-8486

**KBARA**

**Remembers**



1901-2002

## REGINALD HOSKIN, SR. W7ROL, SK

He was the grand old man of radio in the Northwest, maybe the country,

Dennis Coykendall, AC7KA.

Reggie checked into our nets regularly and helped folks on the air right up until the last week he was here,

Charlene Davis, KC7RQF,

Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association.

A grand ham he was, and he'll be missed by many.

**KBARA Gazette**

## KBARA

The Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association

PO Box 18575

Spokane, WA 99228-8575

George H. Tuncil W6AEA  
S 2205 Carmine Ct  
Veradale WA 99037