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## THE PREZ SEZ

Well I guess that just about wraps up the year 2000. The Y2K predictors are almost gone. The only Y2K bug I ran into involved not having enough time on the water looking for fish to catch. I look forward to continuing my search into Y2K.001. I hope that you had a prosperous 2000 as well as holiday season, and I wish everyone all the best life has to offer as you head into 2001. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

The W7PL Amateur Radio Club had a good 2000. The club continues to build on the positive things happening, the membership is becoming more involved in club activities, and the club is working to offer more benefits to it's members. We have had great presentations at every meeting with more planned throughout the rest of the season, the ELMER corps stands ready to assist club members with Ham Radio related problems, and the list continues to grow.

I am planning on holding a series of classes in February on the General Class Radio theory. It will be one night a week for 6-8 weeks and will last 1-1 1/2 hours. There will be limited enrollment, so please let me know if you are interested ASAP. You can e-mail me at [kc7am@arrl.net](mailto:kc7am@arrl.net) or call me at home, 278-2863.

Don't forget to attend the Holiday dinner next Saturday, January 6th at 6:00 PM, at Roosters Restaurant in Pendleton. I look forward to seeing you there! Again, I wish all of you the best in the coming year ahead.

73's & CUL- Richard, KC7AM

## HERE COME THE DOGS!

### Dogsled Race Presentation

The January Pendleton Amateur Radio Club meeting promises to be an interesting one, featuring a presentation by dogsled race coordinator Amy Baker.

The annual races, which are held in the Tollgate/Spout Springs area, are scheduled for February 17 & 18, 2001. Area hams have provided communications for the event in years past. Since race time is fast approaching, especially in terms of equipment preparation, Amy thought that it would be a good idea to give us a "pep talk," and review some of the things we'd need to know about this year's races.

If you missed out on participating last year, don't let it happen to you again—it was fun! Just ask any of the folks who *did* get involved! Owning ham equipment is not mandatory—just make sure that you have plenty of warm clothing and you'll quickly be put to work. It'll be the ideal time for you to

hone your communication skills while donating your time to a truly appreciative crowd. (*...the chili dogs aren't bad, either!*)

### Membership Renewals Due

If you haven't already renewed your membership, now's a good time to get it done. Yes, it's already that time of the season again. Please help keep your club operating in the black—your dues are important! In order for your full membership to continue uninterrupted, your check needs to be received ASAP! Dues for the Pendleton Amateur Radio Club are \$20 for full family membership, or \$6 for associate membership. Please send your check to W7PL at the address printed in the **center of this page**. KE4TRR will send you a receipt. Your club thanks you!



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## VE Licensing Sessions

Examinations are given on even-numbered months, the second Wednesday of the month, at Harris Junior Academy, 3121 SW Hailey, in Pendleton.

The next testing session will be on **February 14, 2001** at 7:00 PM. Look for a sign posted at the front door of Harris Junior Academy for directions.

If you have any questions, please call:

Rudy Rittenbach, KC7N, 541-276-6545  
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## Area Frequencies

### Selected 2-meter voice repeaters:

Black Mtn.	146.780-
Spout Springs	
(use 100.0 Hz PL for best coverage)	146.800-
Cabbage Hill	146.880-
Umatilla	147.020+
Battle Mtn.	147.160+
Pike's Peak	147.280+

### Selected packet nodes:

PDT (Battle Mtn.)	144.950
ALW (Spout Springs)	144.970
NWSPDT (Pendleton Airport, NWS)	144.970
ALW96 (Spout Spgs. 9600 baud)	438.975
PENDOR (Cabbage Hill)	145.010
PENDOR (Cabbage Hill, 9600 baud)	438.975
NUKE (Rattlesnake Mtn, uses repeater pair)	147.180+
ALWGW (Walla Walla, Internet gateway)	147.180+



*Some of last year's dogsled race volunteers...*

## Club Net

The club net ordinarily meets every Monday evening, except the first Monday of each month, at 7:00 PM on the 146.880 MHz repeater. Club members and visitors are invited to check in and participate in the club net.

If you would like to be Net Control Operator for an evening (or on a regular basis), jump right in! It's great experience, and who knows—you may like it!!

## Web Pages

The official W7PL Internet web site is located at:

<http://www.freeyellow.com/members2/w7pl/index.html>

An archive of past newsletters can be found there, all in Adobe Acrobat format. Take a look around and sign the guest book. Webmaster Mike Califf, AB7OC, would like to hear from you if you have any comments, contributions or suggestions concerning the site. Mike's email address is [califfsr@oregontrail.net](mailto:califfsr@oregontrail.net).

## Club Electronic Mailing List

W7PL has its own "listserv-style" email group on the Internet. List members can post questions & answers, announcements, general information of interest, and so on. Any messages sent to the list's server (addressed to "[W7PL@digitalhams.com](mailto:W7PL@digitalhams.com)") will then be automatically distributed to all members subscribed to the list.

If you're not already on the list, you can sign yourself up by following the instructions at <http://www.digitalhams.com/mailman/listinfo/w7pl>. Need help? Send a message to Brett Mueller, WA7V, [wa7v@digitalhams.com](mailto:wa7v@digitalhams.com).

## Meetings

The Pendleton Amateur Radio Club normally has two meetings per month at the Umatilla County Emergency Operations Center. Each meeting has a different emphasis.

First, there is the regular club meeting which occurs on the first Monday of each month from October through June, at 7:00 PM. This is the meeting for special presentations and programs, as well as a short time for conducting club business afterward. The next one will be **January 1, 2001**.

Second, there is an "Executive Committee meeting" which occurs on the third Monday of each month from September through June, at 7:30 PM (*so attendees can still check in for Net!*). This is the meeting for officers to sort through more detailed club business, and to determine the agenda for the regular club meeting which will follow. All members are welcome to attend this meeting. The next one will be **January 15, 2001**.

Directions: The Umatilla County EOC is housed upstairs in the new Justice Center building located near Pioneer (John Deere) Implement. From I-84 exit 207 (Airport exit), turn towards Rieth. About 200 yards from the freeway, turn left onto Pioneer Place. Follow this road ¼ mile and turn left as you reach the parking area. Find any convenient unmarked parking place. The access door to the media conference room is located toward the fence on the north (freeway) side of the main building.

## Teeing Off

A guy stood over his tee shot for what seemed an eternity, looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed... driving his partner nuts.

Finally his exasperated partner says, "What's taking so long? Hit the ball!"

The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

"Give me a break!" came the reply. "You don't stand a chance of hitting her from here!"

## E.C. Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 18, 2000

**Location:** Umatilla County Emergency Operations Center, Pendleton

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Richard Wilson, President; Mike Califf, Sr., Vice President; Alan Polan, Secretary-Treasurer; Brett Mueller, Member-At-Large.

**Club Members Present:** Denton Sprague, Emery Heintz, Rick Wilson.

### Agenda

**Call to Order:** Richard Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

**Committee Reports:** None.

### Unfinished Business:

**Club Repeater** The 146.880 repeater frequency pair was grand fathered by the Repeater Council. It was decided that the Executive Committee should talk to Paul Weston about the club buying out Paul's interest in the 146.880 repeater equipment and transferring control of the repeater frequencies to the club. Richard will call Paul to ask for a dollar amount. Emery Heintz said that Rudy Rittenbach, KC7N, donated the radio being used for the club autopatch.

**Thank You Letter** Alan Polan read aloud a draft of a Thank You Letter addressed to Jan Good and Vickie Leonard of Umatilla County Search And Rescue. A courtesy copy of the letter will go to Umatilla County Sheriff John Trumbo. The letter was approved and will be mailed.

### Certificates of Honorary Full Membership for 2001

Alan Polan submitted draft Certificates of Honorary Full Membership for 2001 for Denton Sprague and Paul Weston. Michael Califf's name was misspelled on the Certificates and will be corrected.

### Pendleton Chamber of Commerce List of Pendleton Clubs & Organizations

Alan Polan discovered that the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce had no information on the club in its List of Pendleton Clubs & Organizations. Alan subsequently provided the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce with the following information to get the club included in its List of Pendleton Clubs & Organizations: When and where the club holds its monthly meetings,

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Club President's name/phone number/e-mail address, address of club Web Site, and club mailing address.

### New Business:

#### Date of the January 2001 Regular Club Meeting

Despite the fact that the January regular club meeting is scheduled for January 1, 2001, which is a legal holiday, it was decided to go ahead and hold the January regular club meeting on that date.

**Dog Sled Races** Amy Baker plans to attend the January 1, 2001 regular club meeting. The Dog Sled Races will be held on February 17-18, 2001.

**Club Financial Report** Alan Polan submitted a written Financial Report consisting of an itemized balance sheet for the club checking account with Pioneer Bank for the period from June 1, 2000 through December 7, 2000. The beginning balance in the checking account was \$1,716.69 as of June 1, 2000. During the period covered by the Financial Report, deposits into the checking account totaled \$240.52 and expenditures in terms of checks written on the checking account totaled \$39.47. The ending balance in the club checking account was \$1,917.74 as of December 7, 2000. The Financial Report is included in these minutes by reference.

**Annual Budget for 2001** Alan Polan submitted a written proposed Annual Budget for the club for calendar year 2001. The proposed total annual budget for 2001 is \$625.00. This figure includes a discretionary fund of \$50.00 for the Secretary-Treasurer, which the Executive Committee approved at this meeting. The proposed Annual Budget will be published in the January newsletter for a vote by the membership at the January 1, 2001 regular club meeting. The proposed Annual Budget is included in these minutes by reference.

#### Discretionary Fund for Secretary-Treasurer

**Motion:** Mike Califf moved "to grant the Secretary-Treasurer a \$50.00 Discretionary Fund for 2001."

**Seconded:** Alan Polan

**Vote:** *Approved.*

**Club Liability Insurance** The feeling was that the club should get a price break on its liability insurance policy since the club is now affiliated with the ARRL. The club should get a policy that has a Commercial General Liability General Aggregate Limit of only \$1,000,000.

**Club Membership Cards for 2001** Alan Polan showed samples of the Club Membership Card for 2001.

**Morse Code Practice** Rudy Rittenbach, KC7N, is planning to broadcast code practice sessions on the 146.880 repeater in 2001.

**Monday Night Club Net** Doug Garlets has resigned as the Net Control Station and Club Net Coordinator.

**Club Hamfest Banner** Denton Sprague brought the club's hamfest banner to the meeting.

### Adjournment:

**Motion:** Alan Polan moved that the meeting be adjourned.

**Seconded:** Richard Wilson

**Vote:** *Passed.*

Richard Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM.

## Club Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 4, 2000  
**Location:** Umatilla County Emergency Operations Center, Pendleton

**Members Present:** Richard Wilson, President; Michael Califf, Sr., Vice President; Alan Polan, Secretary-Treasurer; Brett Mueller, Newsletter Editor, Executive Committee Member-At-Large; Doug Garlets, Executive Committee Member-At-Large; Clarence Gross; Emery Heintz; Karen Wilson; Rick Wilson; Keith Schubert; Jon Mott.

### Agenda

**Program Presentation:** Richard Wilson brought the meeting to order for the program presentation part of the meeting at 7:10 PM. The guest speaker was Jan Good, Coordinator of Umatilla County Search And Rescue (SAR). Jan gave a presentation on the role of Umatilla County SAR and the techniques and methods used during a search and rescue operation. Vickie Leonard, also a member of Umatilla County SAR, assisted Jan with the presentation. Jan handed out a one-page flier containing background information on Umatilla County SAR. The ELT frequency used to search for downed aircraft is 121.500 MHz.

### Transaction of Business:

**Call to Order:** Richard Wilson called the meeting to order for the transaction of club business at 8:10 PM.

**Proposed Agenda:** A formal, proposed agenda for the transaction of club business was not published in the December club newsletter. Therefore, the meeting followed the order of business outlined in the club constitution under ARTICLE 7: ORDER OF BUSINESS.

**The Reading of the Minutes:** The minutes of the November 6, 2000 regular club meeting were published in the December club newsletter.

**Motion:** Mike Califf moved to adopt the minutes of the November 6, 2000 regular club meeting as published in the December club newsletter.

**Seconded:** Alan Polan

**Vote:** *Approved.*

**Officers' Reports:** None.

**Committee Reports:** None.

### Unfinished Business:

**Holiday Party** The Holiday Party will be at Rooster's Restaurant on Saturday, January 6, 2001 at 6:00 PM. Bring a \$5.00 non-gender specific gift for a white elephant gift exchange.

**Renewing Affiliation with ARRL** Richard Wilson gave ARRL a list of names of club members that are ARRL members. ARRL sent the club a letter, dated November 6, 2000, welcoming W7PL back as an active ARRL-affiliated club.

### New Business:

**Thank You Letter** It was suggested that the club make an honorarium or donation to non-profit organizations

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that give presentations at our regular club meetings. The consensus was that the club could not afford to do this. In lieu of a donation to Umatilla County Search And Rescue, Brett Mueller proposed that a "Thank You" letter be sent to Jan Good on behalf of the Pendleton Amateur Radio Club. Alan Polan will write the letter.

**Umatilla County EOC Meeting Room Usage Fee** Brett Mueller said that starting January 1, 2001, any agency not connected with Umatilla County will be charged \$10.00 per hour to use the meeting room at the Umatilla County EOC. Brett assured everyone that this would not apply to the Pendleton Amateur Radio Club; however, to help maintain this relationship he urged club members to continue to volunteer their radio communications expertise to Umatilla County in times of emergencies, disasters, and outages of normal communications.

**Honorary Full Members** Mike Califf proposed that Denton Sprague should be given an Honorary Membership from the club along with an ARRL "Certificate of Appreciation." [Alan Polan has subsequently learned that ARRL has a Certificate of Merit, but does not have a Certificate of Appreciation. Alan has ordered five copies of the ARRL Certificate of Merit from ARRL.]

**Motion:** Emery Heintz moved to give Denton Sprague an Honorary Full Membership for 2001.

**Seconded:** Jon Mott

**Vote:** *Approved*

**Motion:** Emery Heintz moved that the club present Paul Weston with an Honorary Full Membership for 2001 along with a payment of \$120.00 for the club autopatch for 2001.

**Seconded:** Jon Mott

**Vote:** *Approved*

**Election of Officers** Richard Wilson suggested that we amend the Club Constitution to specify that the election of officers and members-at-large of the Executive Committee be held at the December regular club meeting.

**Pendleton Chamber of Commerce List of Pendleton Clubs & Organizations** Alan Polan will check with the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce to verify whether or not our club is listed.

### Adjournment:

**Motion:** Brett Mueller moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Seconded:** Mike Califf

**Vote:** *Passed*

Richard Wilson adjourned the business meeting at 9:10 PM.

*Until next time, 73 de WA7V*