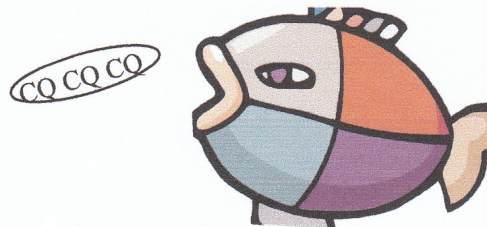


Let's get together

**Thursday, Echolink node 286905
at 7:30 p.m**

Friday, 3.812 at 8:30 a.m.



Autumn 2016 Newsletter

From the President

Greetings MINOWs!

Summer is beginning to draw to a close, however, one wouldn't be able to tell from the temperatures in Portland. Right now at 2:30 pm it is 84°. We have had some "weather", though nothing like in the central and eastern states. We had a slew of days that nearly reached 100° on which my heart cries for all of the homeless people. Gardening is also drawing to a close (for us), albeit slowly. We get about two or three cherry tomatoes every day; they didn't do well. Our beans finally sent out flowers, which, so far, have resulted in two Chinese long beans. We have a single Kabocha squash, a lot of cucumbers and not even one zucchini. They were planted though! I'm hoping that those of you who had gardens fared better than Stephen and myself. Lots of people say that the weird weather Portland has had must be the cause of modest crops.

Summer is also the time for many special events. Multnomah County ARES is having their annual HF camp out toward the end of September. This year the camping trip coincides with the National Parks on the Air event, in which ARES participates, as well. OTVARC had an ice cream social and barbecue at their August club meeting, and just yesterday Hoodview Amateur Radio Club celebrated their 40 year anniversary! Being restricted to the house because of surgery (a hockey puck sized tumor was removed from my back—it's called a lipoma and is benign), I found Nicole NYXBY working an eight hour shift on Saturday, thanks to our Facebook connection!

Of course there have been ham radio's regular summertime activities, including Seapac and the Dayton Hamvention which many north-westerners attended. Still, people find time to travel, always a popular summer activity. And hams often find ways to combine travel with their radios! When people ask me what there is to do in the hobby, I always say that there are so many aspects to this avocation that one can usually expect to find something to interest them.

33, Robin, KJ7BI

Member News



Mariteje, ZD6CEZ writes
in busbus on te gaan leer met Abra.

Sara, AB7PS writes:

My OM, Bob, AA7YD, passed away April 29. I really miss him. I'm glad he did such a good job of putting up my antenna so I can still check in the MINOW Net. I had a bit of a problem when the Lithium battery died but my son finally got a new one installed and I am back on the air for now. I am still living by myself with my cat Pussen and look forward to the Friday net - but wish more of you could check in. I am getting used to the Echolink net - it's not really radio but it is a way to keep in touch and communicate. I enjoy hearing about the activities about other YLs since I live a very quiet life. One of the good things about Echolink is that it isn't

Marilyn, AF7BI writes:

Hello all you MINOWs. It's newsletter time again and I like hearing what is going on in your lives. So I figure you enjoy hearing what I'm up to. And I have a few things to mention this time. The first is that we're getting a tower put up. It's a Rhone 45 and I think it's going to be around 70 ft high. I can't wait. We have the hole dug, the frame in the hole and the rebar cage in the frame. The bottom tower piece is now in the cage and we'll get the cement as soon as I can arrange it, hopefully within the next week. Then two weeks to set up and the antennas can go up. I can't wait!

I'm still working on code but was out of state for a week so didn't do anything for 2 wks, so now unfortunately am behind. But I'm not quitting! Eventually I'll have it down. I'm back to practicing and listening 5-6 days a week.

I enjoy going on the MINOW nets, Thurs at 7:30pm and then Fri 8:30am. It would be fun to get some of you that haven't been on to check in. It's a great way to stay connected and meet new people. If you don't have radios anymore the Thurs pm net is on echolink.

Have a great Autumn!! Marilyn, AF7BI

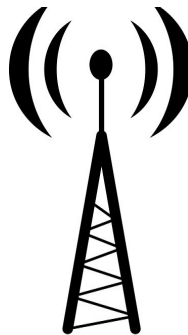
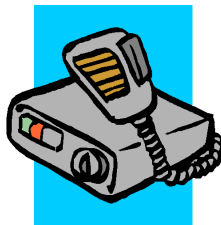
Emily, WA6YL, writes:

The past six months have just flown by here. I am still playing Mexican Train every two weeks. Stan and I have been going to a few car shows with our '59 Ford truck. In July I got to see my grandsons. They moved to Issaquah, WA, a few years ago. The oldest is 13 and the youngest is 8. At the beginning of July we became grandparents again. It was a little girl and her name is Daisy Issabella Wolfe. That makes five grandchildren for our son and his wife. We now have a total of seven grandchildren. I think that's it, but you never know!

My best to all the MINOWs. One of these days I'm going to make a trip to WA to see all of my grandchildren.

Vanessa, KE7UBB, writes:

I am studying for the Extra test again, and I won't give up! I bought flash cards and the updated books to help me succeed, along with 2 or 3 hours of studying each day. In the meantime my backyard grew some new antennas this summer along with a new Ham Shack at my desk for my new Yaesu FTM-100DR radio I won at SeaPac. I have a used laptop that I'm dedicating to my Ham Shack and as soon as I pass my Extra test I will set up for digital communications. I need to borrow Pat's Shack because that's where the HF Radio is set up! I'm working on joining in on the Thursday MINOW nets, and Friday mornings if I can force myself to get up in time! You'll be hearing from me soon. See you in May at the annual MINOW meeting! Until then, stay healthy, happy, and active!



Claudia, KLOHI, writes:

Good summer up North, warmer than usual weather in July was in the 80's which is very warm. Then we needed rain because it was so dry due too not much snow last winter so in same pickle as many parts of nation.....Finally got a couple weeks of wet stuff in August.....

Green house did well lots of Petunias, cucumbers, squash and green tomatoes (never did ripen). My Granddaughter Kara posing with flowers.....



Road to Nome taken 11PM one night looked like gold laying on the Tundra.....



Enjoyed checking into the Thursday night Net on Echolink when I remembered..Had bad HF radio this summer 20 meters where I check in everyday was not good at all.....Now I get back down to Oregon and my Antenna is down so no HF here either but is a reason.....

Hope this finds all well and hope to hear many more on Thursday night. And Thanks to Margaret AE7MB and Sara AB7PS for all there work on nets. 33's KLOHI

Margaret, AE7MB writes:

Greetings MINOWs.

Life has been busy in my household. We took our usual cruise to Alaska again this summer. We had a great time and met a Ham from Las Vegas and another one from Missouri. We played trivia with the Las Vegas ham and of course traded stories about what we were doing.

In October our club activated Ft. Vancouver for NPOTA and I took the Friday morning shift. I've never worked pile-ups before, so it was a new experience for me. I did enjoy the experience, though.

Happy 100th Birthday



Lucie, WB6RFE

Dues Were Due May 1

The following members are current for 2016::

AB7PS, Sara	AC7UH, Barbara
AE7MB, Margaret	AF7BI, Marilyn
K7VFC, Cecil Mary	KA6SOC, Sue
KA7SUG, Marilyn	KE7UBB, Vanessa
KJ7BI, Robin	KK7VO, Elizabeth
KL0HI, Claudia	KL7FJW, Betty
KL7FQQ, Rose	N7KTY, Lory
N7SJH, Polly	N7XBY, Nicole
W7LQV, Diane	W7RFC, Lorraine
WA6YL, Emily	WA7TLL, Marion
WB6RFE, Lucie	

If your name is not on the list, please send \$1 to

Margaret
Secretary-Treasurer



If your records disagree with mine, please contact me and I will research the issue.

MINOW Meeting Minutes May 14, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Robin, KJ7BI, at 3:24 pm.

Attendees:

Marilyn, AF7BI	Claudia, KL0HI
Robin, KJ7BI	Vanessa, KE7UBB
Barbara, AC7UH	Elizabeth, KK7VO
Nicole, N7XBY	Margaret, AE7MB

Robin called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm and greeted the attendees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was held for silent keys

Betty, KL7FJW

Sara OM, Bob, AA7YD

Margorie, N1VCX

Reports:

President: Robin had nothing to report. She opened up the meeting for people to report any news that they might have.

Vanessa reported that she contacted 3 of 13 colonies during the 13 colonies contest last year and 2 of the historical ships.

Barbara announced that she got a new car and her old car was given to her granddaughter.

Claudia suggested that OM's, who become silent keys should be noted in the membership roster as SK rather than deleted. Margaret said she would make the change.

Secretary: Margaret reported that the minutes of the last meeting were published in the November, 2015, newsletter.

Treasurer: Margaret presented the Treasurer's report. We have \$404.42 in the savings account and \$108.42 in the checking account.

Last year Claudia recommended that a new bank be found, since our current bank is difficult to work with and service charges seem to be excessive. We have not changed banks, as doing so would be costly, but we were able to get the monthly service charges removed going forward.

Sunshine Chair: No report.

Certificate Custodian: Robin reported no activity

Badgemaker: Nicole handed the duties back to Claudia since Nicole doesn't sew. She did have a badge for Vanessa, however.

Webmistress: No report. Elizabeth will be looking into getting a website set up this year.

Membership: We have 26 members on the rolls at the moment. Seven were delinquent and three have dues now required. Several people paid their dues at the meeting, so now we have three members delinquent and one person who has until the end of the month to pay 2016 dues or she will become delinquent.

Nets: Margaret and Sara are co-chairs. The Thursday evening net has been changed from HF to Echolink. We regularly get three or four members on that net. The Friday morning net was changed to 3.812 last summer to avoid the QRM caused by the Chinese broadcasts.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Nicole asked for handouts for links to YL nets to be given to new YL's. There are links on the W7AIA website that has that information. Margaret commented that she has a handout that she gives to all YLs that pass their exams at the Clark County ARC VE sessions. Marilyn mentioned that it would be nice to have these documents for the YL table at SeaPac. Nicole was given some MINOW registration forms and Margaret will send Nicole and Marilyn the handouts that she has.

Nicole was appointed Publicity Chair.

Elections: Will be held in April 2017. Per our constitution, Robin and Barbara cannot run for their current positions again.

Robin and Barbara were named the nominating committee. Vanessa said she would run for President, Marilyn said she would run as Vice-President, and Margaret indicated that she would like to remain as Secretary/Treasurer. Any other members, who would like to run for an office, should contact Robin or Barbara by February 1, 2017.

Next Year's Invitation: Robin volunteered to host the next meeting at her home. It is currently scheduled for May 6, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm

A Silent Auction was held after the membership meeting. \$44.50 was collected for items donated to the Silent Auction.

A Gift Exchange was held after the Silent Auction.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret, AE7MB

MINOW FINANCIAL REPORT
2015-2016
Umpqua Bank
Meeting May 14,2016

Checking Account	Beginning Balance		\$174.34	
Income:				
	Donations	25.00		
	Dues	24.00		
	Initiation	15.00		
	Total Income		64.00	
Expenses:				
	Badgemaker Expenses	-29.63		
	Membership Book Expenses	-11.80		
	2015 Convention Expenses	-19.27		
	Postage	-19.22		
	YLRL Dues (2 DX members)	-50.00		
	Total Expenses		-129.92	
Ending Balance				108.42
Savings Account	Beginning Balance		404.30	
Income:	Interest Income	0.12		
Ending Balance				404.42

Savings: \$404.42
Checking: 108.42
Total: \$512.84

Margaret Hardwick,
AE7MB