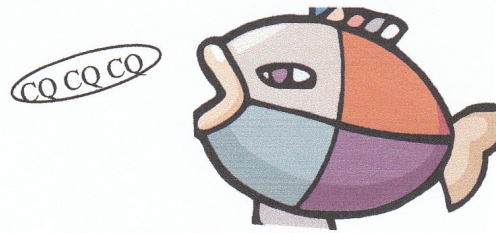


Let's get together

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

Friday, 3.812 at 8:30 a.m.



Spring 2016 Newsletter

From the President

Greetings MINOWs!

Spring has sprung, but where is it hiding? Here, in Portland, it's 49 degrees and it is raining with no letup 'til March 17th! Today is March 9th, and it has been raining since February 26th - - 41.47" in 2016!!!

I do have something else to discuss besides my mildewy feet... hihi. It is time, at least for me, to think about the upcoming "Annual MINOW Eyeball Meeting." I admit that I am disappointed about the number of responses to the short survey at the end of the autumn 2015 Newsletter: TWO! The poll's intention was to determine when, how long and in what format the 2016 meeting should be. Since there was very little feedback, the MINOW Board convened, then decided to have the "Annual MINOW Eyeball Meeting" on the afternoon of Saturday, May 14th 2016. We will have the business meeting and the Silent Auction. We will once again adjourn to DeNicola's for dinner! (DeNicola's is the restaurant we went to last year.)

If you have any questions or comments about our decision, contact me.

Annual Meeting

Where: Robin 's home

When: Saturday, May 14, 2016

1:00 pm PDT

Schedule:

General Meeting

Silent Auction (this is our fundraiser). Bring any white elephants that you think other members might like.

Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped gift under \$10

Pictures

Dinner at DeNicola 's around 5:00 pm

After dinner—back to Robin 's for conversation and coffee?

Notes: OM 's are welcome to join us for dinner.

Stephen (Robin 's significant other) will host OM 's in the shack while the YL 's are in their meeting. Bring a folding chair.

Member News



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

Emily, WA6YL writes

Hi Minows,

Well 2016 has started off with a bang. My husband just got home from the hospital yesterday (3/3/16). He had a stent placed in the artery in his right thigh. The artery was blocked.

I still play Mexican Train with a small group of ladies twice a month and I 'm planning a small get together with my crafty ladies to make sock bunnies. They turn out really cute.

We are taking one day at time and hoping for the best in this new year...

My best wishes to the ladies...

33, Emily, WA6YL

Sara, AB7PS writes

I look forward to the MINOW newsletter. I enjoy reading about what others are doing. My radio activities consist of checking in to the MINOW net on Friday morning (I 'm glad my antenna is still up) and YLRL Echolink and the MINOW Echolink on Thursday evening. I also check in on the YLIBBS if conditions permit. I am living alone with my black cat Pussen (*the cat* in Norwegian) to company. He like to sit on my lap when I 'm on the computer or radio. Best wishes to all.

33 AB7PS Sara

Diane, W7LQV wrote in November:

Very little going on here. Antenna came down in a few weeks ago (wind). So must rebuild it. My on-the-air is much reduced from what it was years ago. I still get by mostly noontime and evening nets.

I joined the DRN-7 net last year when I discovered it. Quite interesting. Armand, W7IG, was the boss and this year he decided to retire. For some reason he asked me about it and like a darned fool I said I could. I became the new manager. Oh, fun!!!

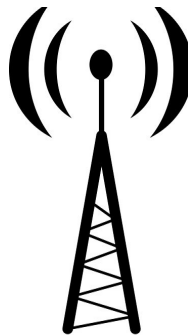
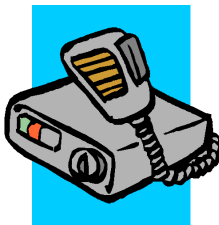
I have 3 bosses that keep me grounded. They can feed themselves, but only if the food is

Marilyn, AF7BI wrote

Hello Minows,

It's good to see spring coming and the start of Minows Conf planning. Hope to see many of you there. My OM and I have been traveling, we got home from Honolulu a few weeks ago. We had the ability to get into the radio room of the USS Missouri which was great fun. We both loved it. I'm still learning code and doing better at it. So that's exciting to me. We're also looking forward to spring coming and the nice weather that comes with it! So all of you take care and hope to see you in May!

33, Marilyn, AF7BI



Lori, N7KTY writes:

Hi, Margaret - sorry I am not able to be on the net anymore. Steve has one lap top that is 'dedicated' to satellite and that is the one I used to use for the net. However, I very much appreciate receiving the newsletter, finding out what everyone else is doing.

Speaking of which, I'm not really doing much of anything these days. I put away my sewing machine for the spring and early summer, have about 40 books to read from my friend who shares books with me. I just finished a beautiful quilted wall hanging for my cousin who has done so much for me involving some family business. He said the only quilts he's ever seen were ones our grandmother/great grandmother and various aunts and other cousins made from scraps of clothing, and they were just added on to as the pieces came about. Nothing like the beautiful quilts of today. I used 4 prints of blue, and it came out quite lovely.

Other than reading for now, I'm, not doing much. OM and I go for about a 1-mile walk either in the mall, if it's raining, or around several of the large blocks in our neighborhood. Oh, and of course, there's the grocery shopping, hair cutting trips. We hope to go to Portland this summer to visit my aunt and uncle and their middle son, possibly stopping in McMinnville to see some college friends of mine. They have been up from Northern California for about 3 years now, so I think they are settled in by now.

Some of my girlfriends and I are going out to lunch to celebrate one lady's visit to Eugene, after her having been moved to Wisconsin for a year. Oh, I sure wish she had a ham radio, then we could visit some more.

One of my Parkinson's' friends, who moved to Chico, CA, to be closer to one of her sons, is going to turn 80 next month. I'm going to try to take my laptop to the support group meeting so we can sing happy birthday to her. It will be quite a surprise to her. Her son is organizing a full day of people calling her or Skyping her or visiting her, all unbeknownst to her. Wont' that be a kick?

Hope all of you are doing well, having fun, etc. I have been a member of MINOWs for about 25 years or so, hope to continue for a few more.

Lory N7KTY

Claudia, KL0HI writes:

This is our 19 year old Granddaughter Sydney, KL4DG, who took her Spring break from UAA to visit us.



She attends college plus works parttime for Tesoro Oil plus is active as Board member AARC (Anchorage ARC). A very busy young lady which we are very proud of. Greetings to all MINOWS hope to see many at the May meeting KL0HI

Welcome New Members

Sue Ludemann, KA6SOC

I have been a licensed ham since early 1982, and was given my novice exam by now SK that some of you old-timers know: NM7N, Mary Lou Brown. I love to chase DX by twitching my keyer. I hold an Amateur Extra class license, but kept my novice call as I could not give the "Send Only Cash" phonetics as I was a YLRL receiving treasurer. My OM Bill (no call) and I retired from our jobs in the SF Bay Area and moved north in 2006. We live on 38 acres of forest with our 2 dogs and love this life! Looking forward to meeting some of you in Portland next month!

Betty Commons Marsh, January 28, 1929 to December 18, 2015

Betty Commons Marsh, passed peacefully at her home in Thorne Bay on Dec. 18, 2015, at the age of 86. Her son and longtime care taker, Jimmy Marsh, was at her side. Betty was born in Butte, Montana, Jan. 28, 1929, to Clarence and Bess Commons. Her sister, Helen DeShazo, described her as "smart as a whip."

Betty graduated from Butte High and then worked at the Floral Street Market. She met Ralph Edwin Marsh after he returned from the service, and they were soon married. They had three beautiful children together: Terry Lynn, Bonnie Louise and James Ralph. In the mid-1950's, they moved their young family north to Fairbanks, where they built a life together in the wilds of Alaska.

Betty took pride in her family and was a remarkable homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, knitting, crocheting, quilting, baking, canning, stamp collecting and she was an avid ham radio operator; KL7FJW. While there she assisted in forming the Forget-Me-Not Garden Club and the MINOWs YLRL Ham Radio Club for the state of Alaska. She loved anything and everything that involved the outdoors. She owned a cabin at Harding Lake (Marshland), outside of Fairbanks, where she was Girl Scout and church camp leader during seasonal adventures and family outings. When Ralph retired, they bought and moved onto a 38-foot sailboat, Betty sacrificed the land, leaving her garden, garden club and quilting group to hit the open waters and adventure with Ralph, Jim and Terry. Travels in the sailboat took them from Southern California to Hawaii and back up to Alaska where they explored the numerous coves, bays and wildlife.

Later, they settled into a cozy little cove in Thorne Bay where they built their home from the ground up. In true pioneer fashion, they cut the trees, cleared the land and milled the boards. Together, they created a fully self-reliant homestead, complete with a Pelton wheel attached to the nearby creek and she even got her plants to grow with the wild weather and the deer coming through to check in regularly.

After her husband's passing in 2005, she moved into the town of Thorne Bay and became an extremely active member of the community. She volunteered at the local credit union, the library, the church and she was also a member of the City Council for Thorne Bay. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Bonnie, husband Ralph, her son, Terry; and cousin Marty Bovee.

She is survived by her son, Jimmy Marsh; grandchildren and spouses Tanya Marsh/Steven Dumdei, and Christopher/Alzbeta Marsh, and one great-grandson, Zac Lee Marsh. Additionally she is survived by her sister, Helen, and husband Donald DeShazo, along with the Baker family cousins in Montana, and LuAnn Dupuy in California.

Betty was cremated as per her wishes and services will be held at a later date. Any correspondence to the family should be directed to Jim Marsh at P.O. Box 19493, Thorne Bay, AK, 99919.

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Dues Are Due May 1

Dues are due on May 1 of each year and delinquent on June 1 of that year.

The following members have already paid their 2016 dues:

AC7UH, Barbara	AE7MB, Margaret
K7VFC, Cecil Mary	KA7SUG, Marilyn
KJ7BI, Robin	KL0HI, Claudia
KL7FJW, Betty	N7KTY, Lory
N7XBY, Nicole	W7RFC, Lorraine
W7LQV, Diane	WA6YL, Emily
WA7TLL, Marion	WB6RFE, Lucie

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

Margaret
MINOW Secretary-Treasurer



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