





## TWO on the Isle

*"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics." - Mark Twain (or maybe Benjamin Disraeli)*

This month I'll concentrate on the statistics part of that quote.

*"About 1 in 10 of my emails are legit, the rest are salacious offerings of unimaginable sexual content. Furthermore, apparently I also need a new Rolex (perhaps to time some of those offerings?)." - VE7TWO*

"ONLY 1 in 3 NARA members have paid their dues so far this year!" – NARA treasurer

*"Think about how stupid the average person is; now realize half of them are dumber than that." - George Carlin*

"ONLY 10 in 30 NARA members have paid their dues so far this year!" – NARA treasurer

*47.3% of all statistics are made up on the spot. - Steven Wright*

"ONLY 33.3% of NARA members have paid their dues so far this year!" – NARA treasurer

*"Facts are stubborn, but statistics are more pliable." - Mark Twain*

"ONLY 1 / 3 of NARA members have paid their dues so far this year!" – NARA treasurer

*"Most people use statistics the way a drunk uses a lamp post: more for support than illumination." - Mark Twain*

"ONLY 2 in 3 NARA members have not paid their dues so far this year!" – NARA treasurer

*"Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please." - Mark Twain*

"ONLY 20 in 30 NARA members have not paid their dues so far this year!" – NARA treasurer

*"Statistics means never having to say you're certain." – author unknown*

"ONLY 2 / 3 of NARA members have not paid their dues so far this year!" – NARA treasurer

*The weather man is never wrong. Suppose he says that there's an 80% chance of rain. If it rains, the 80% chance came up; if it doesn't, the 20% chance came up! - Saul Barron*

"ONLY 66% of NARA members have not paid their dues so far this year!" – NARA treasurer

*"An engineer, a physicist, and a statistician were moose hunting in northern Canada. After a short walk through the marshes they spotted a HUGE moose 150 metres away. The engineer raised his gun and fired at the moose. A puff of dust showed that the bullet landed 3 metres to the RIGHT of the moose. The physicist, realizing that there was a substantial breeze that the engineer did not account for, aimed to the left of the moose and fired. The bullet landed 3 metres to the LEFT of the moose. The statistician jumped up and down and screamed "We got him! We got him!" – author unknown*

Eight out of eighteen of the preceding quotes were meant to instill a 100% sense of guilt in 66% of NARA's membership and produce a flood of cash and/or cheques (made out to NARA) for NARA's treasurer.

de Dave VE7TWO



# TRAINING & NEW HAM PROFILES

**ICS-100 Level Training** if you are interested give me a call or E-mail under my Training below. If you haven't taken ICS 100 yet I highly recommend All Club Members to take ICS 100 which is very important Protocol to know in the event of an Emergency. I will put you on the sign up list. Rapid Damage and Assessment courses dates are Sept 27<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> both Tuesdays 7 to 9:30 PM. If more Club Members are Interested in Taking this training let me Know. **Training will make us all more useful in the Event of an Emergency.** Next ICS 100 October 18 Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 PM  
The next ICS 200 is to be announced as the October dates were cancelled. All Training Sessions at Fire Hall #1 666 Fitzwilliam St

Anyone interested in classes give me Gerry VE7BGP a call at 758-9035 or E-mail me at ve7bgp@rac.ca. Or show up Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM at the Nanaimo Volunteer Emergency Center aka Old Departure Bay Firehall on Wingrove St. Any one else interested in getting a Amateur Radio Qualification Certificate is

welcome to show up there. **We now have Students interested in Taking Their Basic Exam Join the Club** we provide **loan of Training Text Books, Training Instructor and An Accredited Industry Canada Examiner to administer the Exams.** The Morse code was dropped from being the sole addition requirement for HF access. It is still one of the 3 options.

New HF access requirements are 1 Get 80% on your Basic Exam, 2 Get your 5 WPM Morse Code or Get your Advanced certificate. It is still needed for operating HF in countries you visit that still require Morse code USA is one at present. Show up at the Nanaimo Volunteer Emergency Center, aka Old Departure Bay Firehall at 7:00 if you are studying for your Basic Certificate If you want help or upgrading to Advanced Certificate come around 8:15 PM. Industry Canada Exams have now changed and the Pass mark is now raised to 70% from 60%. I have a few new students including Daniel Miller a 12yr. Old youngster The students are doing well I am presently getting them through Capacitance, Inductance and Resistance and those interesting Calculations.  
73 till November Gerry VE7BGP  
Training Director



## Seen and Heard de VA7RS

**VE7JN** Congratulation on winning the major prize at Ham Happening Jim.

**VE7BGP** Gerry doing a good job with NARA's students. Daniel is a student who is 12 years old.

**VE7RLH** Welcome back to Dick and Cathy from their Victorian vacation. Dick needed a break after the great STATIC issue last month.

**VE7FCO** Loyd working some SSB DX at the Nanaimo Fire Fair.

**VA7AA** Thanks to Richard for tuning, tweaking and adjusting NARA's new UHF repeater. The frequency is 443.900.

**VE7LLL** Gunter getting a new GPS unit for his vehicle.

**VE7TUB** QSL cards have arrived and will be sent out shortly. Thanks to Loyd all for another great NARA club effort.

## Ham Happenings 2005

Well another year has come and gone, and I like to think we are the better for it. Let's take a look at Ham-Fest 2005 and see what we can learn.

Ham Fest is a cumulative event. It takes the efforts of the entire club to make it work. In 2005, we had the help of a host of members, working together, to make this event a success. In my lame attempt to thank all those involved, I will forget some contributors. Please forgive me, my memory is like a vertical antenna; sometimes it don't work so good.

We had 38 tables subscribed. This is about normal, given our recent history. Our walk up crowd was about 300 plus, again normal. By and large, subscriptions for tables was above average. The business participation was the best we have seen in many years. (This was not a fluke....it is the result of some extraordinary efforts by some members of NARA.) We had some major hitters in the BC electronic world showing their colours and it speaks volumes by their very presence.

### **Leave us now to concentrate on club efforts.**

Let us start with VE7RLH, a pillar of support. Ever ready to help, and do what is required to make things work. VA7RS, the voice of the repeater system, he coordinated the talk-in, and the pickup of many amateurs from BC Ferries on the way to Ham-Fest. VA7AA, the man of perpetual motion. I doubt he sat down once while the Ham-Fest was active. From 50-50 tickets to his unique ability to solve problems, he was champion.

To VE7BGP (dah-dit-dah-dit) always ready to help, he kept me supplied with VE7 numbers for the minor door prize draws and associated tasks. To VE7FCO, who probably knew more than anyone as to how many people were in the building at any given moment. The keeper of the back door, an unsung hero. Tip your hat to this member.

To VE7MUX & VA7ACL for total commitment to the Ham-Fest. Always ready to help, they were worth their weight in gold. To my wife Ingrid and

my daughter Dyniece, for their work in the concession. They have taken breakfast and lunch and raised it to an art form. Accolades and rainbows to each of them. To Dave at the door. Ever quiet, ever efficient, perhaps one of the most over-looked members of the Ham-Fest. Your efforts speak well of your commitment to our club. Who did I forget??

Probably a host of members but my memory is to blame....please forgive me.

\*Interesting Notes: \*

Nice to see VE7JY manning a table, selling his wares. I suspect there could be judicial investigation as to why Frank Merritt and his co-hort VA7EZ collected some major prizes. Nice to see VA7DR and his dog VA7WOOF at the fest - DR is the main man behind the BC Public Service Net on 3.727 mhz, 24-10.

I was sitting with VE7RLH and we noted that the total clean up of the hall took 38 min. Now that has got to be a record. Praise be to thee who helped with clean-up, for ye shall be rewarded.

\*Now, the downside.....\*(Yes, Martha, there is a down side.....)In my opinion, there was too much in the way of pre-sales before the general public was allowed in. I saw thousands of \$\$\$ change hands before 10:00am. We should put a stop to this. It is not fair to those who wait in line to participate in the HamFest.

The congestion at the front of the stage was a problem, and we should keep that area clear. There is always a lot going on and we need a better traffic flow in this area.

Other than that, it was a BLAST. The club came thru with flying colours. After all is said and done....who can complain when VE7JN wins the major door prize? We made a bit of money, and almost all went away happy.

Cheers, VE7XAS (Arnie)



## **TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS**

The Nanaimo District ARES Group is getting underway; I am looking for Assistant Emergency Coordinators for zone management, net control station operators, and field team operators. We have three field teams formed; more teams the better coverage we have in our area. Please email me your name at [terryleecure@shaw.ca](mailto:terryleecure@shaw.ca) or [ve7lvd@hotmail.com](mailto:ve7lvd@hotmail.com). and fill out the ARES form available at the clubhouse or on line.

Thanks for your time. Terry Cure E.C. Nanaimo District ARES



# THE OLD GRUMP

[the\\_old\\_grump@hotmail.com](mailto:the_old_grump@hotmail.com)



The old hobby just ain't what it used to be. We got new hams getting' on HF phone without even getting' one CW contact. The powers to be are fixin' that though, they've takin' code off the darn exam. Who'd a thought, a ham that don't know CW on HF. I guess that's ok cause most of the new hams don't get off 2 meters anyway. They just stay on those repeaters and kerchunk. How do they know how to read that darn CW ID on those repeaters? They sure don't know how to use simplex anyway. Have you ever heard two hams driving down the road behind each other using a repeater instead of simplex? I guess that's because they don't know how to use their rig and QSY. That's another thing, Q codes, there fine for CW but not phone. Phonetics on 2 meters should only be used if someone cannot get your call, not every darn time you identify. Have you ever tried to break into a conversation on 2 meters? Almost impossible. Nobody waits for the courtesy tone, just lots of doubling. Why do you think its actually called a courtesy tone!! Does anyone remember the days when there was no repeaters and we had to use simplex? Rubber duckies didn't help much in them days. We even made our own antennae. Can you believe that, a ham that knows how to build an antenna and actually put one of those connector things at the end of a piece of coax?

Remember the days when hams were polite and operated with good ol' operating procedures. Yeh, back then we even knew how to ID the right way. It's real easy, at the beginning, at the end and every 30 minutes in between. We used to use the terms mobile, mobeel, mobull and even sometimes portable. The new hams now think that using a handheld in there house is operating portable. Wrong. Let me try to explain this, its not that tough. Mobile is when you're away from your registered address and are operating a station that can be moved. Your vehicle, a boat, a grader, a bicycle, or a handheld unit not at your registered address is mobile. Operating portable is when you're operating a station that cannot be moved and not at your registered address. Field day is portable. Your vehicle if you have an antenna tied to a tree is portable. Your summer cabin at the lake if you have a fixed antenna is portable. You'd think it was gosh darn rocket science.

Radio telephony ( that's voice over radio ) these days is great. I love to hear those chicken band terms. On the side, back on the side, back quiet, best numbers all the way around, back to you, go ahead, shiny side up, good trip and 73's are some of my favourites. It's a real good thing we gave those chicken banders our 11 meter band.

Remember when we used to be called the "Amateur Experimental Service." Gone are the days. 15 words per minute and at least a year of operating CW on HF before you could operate phone. Gone are the days. Remember when you had to have an advanced license and 20 years of operating to be eligible for a 2 letter call. Now we have basic certificates with a 2 letter call. Gone are the days. Remember the days when we didn't have repeater police? We used to give the operator a phone call and not discuss those things on the air. Gone are the days.

Send me your comments if you have anything to add about the good ol' days of Amateur Radio at [the\\_old\\_grump@hotmail.com](mailto:the_old_grump@hotmail.com) and I'll try to answer in the next STATIC.

73

Old Grumpy --- .-.. -.. --. .-. ..- -- .-.. -.-

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# For Sale

*Contact: Jim Horncastle, VE7BXQ, (250) 758-8107 or 758-7024, e-mail: jim@horncastle.ca*

HF Tri-band beam (20, 15, 10) – Wilson SY-3 (with assembly instructions) \$100

Delhi Tower, 48 foot heavy duty, model DMXHD-48 (with a new set of legs and installation instructions) \$200

Radio Shack tower w/mounting brackets, 3 sections (suitable for anchoring to end of house) \$15

Kenwood 2 meter mobile transceiver TR-7500 (146 – 148 MHz) w/user and service manuals \$ 25

Box of 170 Tubes (many new) as follows: \$50

ECF804 - 1	6AQ5A/6669 - 11	6BL8 - 1	6X4 - 2
0A2 - 1	6AR5 - 1	6BQ7A - 1	12CA5 - 1
2E26 - 3	6AT6 - 1	6CB6A - 1	12AT7/6679 - 4
3GK5 - 1	6AW8A - 1	6CL6/6677 - 19	12AU7 - 9
6AB4 - 1	6AX4GTB - 1	6CZ5 - 1	12AV6 - 1
6AH4GT - 1	6BC7 - 1	6DJ8 - 1	6360A - 1
6AH6 - 1	6BE6 - 2	6DZ4 - 4	8106 - 7
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6AL5/6663 - 16	6BL7GTA - 1	6U8A/6678 - 22	

## AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Realistic VHF\FM Transceiver (Model HTX-202) - \$50.00</li> <li>2. Kenwood Transceiver (Model TS-520S) - \$100.00</li> <li>3. 1 CW Key (Vibroflex) - \$35.00</li> <li>4. Radio Shack SWR/Power Meter - \$20.00</li> <li>5. Kantronics RTTY-CW-UP Terminal Unit - \$10.00</li> <li>6. 1 CW Interface - \$10.00</li> <li>7. Micronta 3 Range Power/SWR Tester - \$20.00</li> <li>8. 30 MHz Low Pass Filter (Vectronics Model LP-30) - \$25.00</li> <li>9. Headphones -</li> <li>10. 2 Hand Microphones - \$20.00 each</li> <li>11. Radio Shack 30 ch. Programmable Scanner - \$50.00</li> <li>12. Regulator Power Supply (Pyramid Phase III Model PS-7) - \$50.00</li> <li>13. 14 Range Digital Multimeter (Radio Shack Model 22-7223) - \$20.00</li> <li>14. Assorted Fuses, bolts, brackets, fit-</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tings -</li> <li>15. Microphone (Turner Super Sidekick) - \$25.00</li> <li>16. DSP Signal Processor (Realistic Model 21-543) - \$10.00</li> <li>17. Kruncher III (Model K-9) -</li> <li>18. Morse Code Key -</li> <li>19. Power supply 10v out for Vic-20 -</li> <li>20. Var. Tubes – 7 ECG 6146B-8298A &amp; 4 12BY7AR-12D07K -</li> <li>21. Data CRT Monitor for Vic-20 -</li> <li>22. 2 Vic-20 units CW Interface</li> <li>23. Vertical Antenna Model DX88 - \$100.00</li> <li>24. Various Manuals/Instructions for above</li> </ol> |
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Offers welcome.

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### FOR SALE

Would like to offer my Ham Radio Station to some Newcomer ( or seasoned Amateur ) who is interested in HF DX ing in the Comox Valley. I am moving and can't take my station with me.

Equipment:

Kenwood TS 830 S Transceiver

Heathkit SB 220 Linear

Kenwood MC 50 Mic

Kenwood SP 230 Speaker

Asahi ME 2 K SWR & Power meter

VS 300 A Transmatch Antenna Tuner

Kenwood PC - 1A Phone Patch Controller

Cushcraft A4S 20 - 15 - 10 Meter Beam

HD/9515 Channel Master Heavy Duty Rotor and Controller

30 ft Tower.

Accessories.

The Station is fully operational and can be tested in Fanny Bay. I am asking \$ 1,200 for the whole package. ( Sorry, No selective sale ) If you have any more questions please feel free and contact me @ 250 - 335-3142 or e-mail me. VA7CEQ Peter.

## Notes from the SPI

So this month's editorial is about an article I have chosen to publish, perhaps against my better judgment. Yes, I'm referring to the one by the "Old Grump". I have absolutely no idea where/who this article came from. Even investigating his e-mail didn't really help—heck I even Googled him! (Yes Mr. Grump, you have been Googled..)

I suppose I chose to publish the article in the interests of freedom of speech, and I did think he had a few interesting things to say. But really, does this newsletter have enough weight to carry an anonymous, self proclaimed GRUMP?!?!?

I suppose your responses to his—or her, to be fair—article will let us editors know whether or not you think this Grump's words are welcome or not...

And, I guess Ham Happenings wasn't enough this year! There's a lot of selling, so I hope you're buying!

Until Next time 73, Tricia, VE7SPI

Un HAM related but a good idea:

I received this from Chief Lambert and is a good idea. It came through the Fire Chief Association and is something to think about. ICE campaign

A bit sobering, but a good idea: A new initiative that could be of use to everyone:

Following the disaster in London, East Anglican Ambulance Service have launched a national "In case of emergency ( ICE ) " campaign with the support of Falklands war hero Simon Weston.

The idea is that you store the word " I C E " in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency". In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please do.

For more than one contact name ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc.

Submitted by Jim Kipp, Nanaimo Emergency Program Coordinator & friend of NARA

## NARA Regular Activities

- ☞ **Saturday Mornings:** Koffee Klatch (9:30 am, Moxie's Restaurant, near Costco)
- ☞ **Sunday Evenings:** "Ragchew and More" on ten meters ( 7:30 pm , 28.400 USB )
- ☞ **Monday Nights:** NARA Club Net (8:00 pm 145.430 & 146.640 and Island Trunk System )
- ☞ **Tuesday Nights:** "Gerry's Ham Classes" Club Station 1415 Wingrove St. off Departure Bay Rd. down at Departure Bay Beach 7:00 pm Email Gerry VE7BGP for details or call him at 250-758-9035 and sign up for classes. All months except July and August.
- ☞ **3rd Thursday of each month:** NARA Regular Club Meeting 7:30 pm at Club Station 1415 Wingrove St. off Departure Bay Rd. All months except July and August
- ☞ **1st, 4th, and 5th Thursday Nights of Each Month:** "Open House Nights" 7 pm at club station. All months except July and August
- ☞ **2nd Thursday of the month:** "Hot Solder Night" 7 pm club station. All months except July and August.

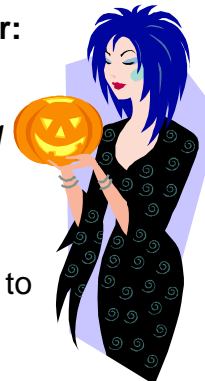
# THE NORTH ISLAND AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Have the following items for sale.

- (1) Delhi DMHX 56 ft. Tower ( no legs for concrete) \$ 250.00
- (1) 1 ft. Square aluminum (30 ft.) tower (needs mounting plates)- - \$100.00
- (2) Top Sections of Delhi tower make us a offer we can't refuse.
  - (1) Mosley TA 33 10,15,20 meter beam needs two nylon insulators \$150.00
  - (1) Gem Quad 10,15,20 meter beam - \$150.00
  - (1) Heavy Duty tower top thrust bearing \$75.00
  - (1) YEASU FRG 7 general coverage receiver \$150.00
- (3) AM FM shot wave Radios
  - (1) Readers digest multi band receiver mod. RDA-127C-2- - - - - \$20.00
  - (2) General Electric SW AM Receiver mod. P-968A- - - - - \$10.00
  - (3) Realistic DX 100 General coverage receiver. - - - - - \$20.00
- (2) MOTORLA Radius P200 H talkies 440mhz low power out put 1/2 watt
  - (1) Motorla NTN 5612a mobile mount for above with packet connection.
    - (1) Superior Instruments Co. Genometer Mod.TV-50 signal generator. 4 mc to 180mc (Note not Mhz.)
    - (1) Fluke 1920A frequency counter.
    - (2) Motorola PT 300 FM Handy Talkies
      - (1) Motorola mod. NTN 5538b 300 ma Battery charger for Motorola batteries
      - (2) MAXON 460.00 MHz four channel Hand held portables
        - (2) Maxon mod. CA1110b 11volts dc @ 200 ma for above
          - (1) Heath kit mod. IT-28 Capacitor checker. \$5.00
          - (1) EMC mod. 215 Tube & Transistor checker \$5.00
          - (1) Micronta Dynamic transistor checker - \$5.00
          - (1) Home made Crystal checker. - - - - - \$5.00
          - (1) Heath kit Capacitor Substitution box .01 to.0068mf mod.IN47.944-3835 \$5.00
          - (1) Heath kit Resistance Substitution box mod.IN37 940-3834 - - - \$5.00
          - (1) Box miscellaneous Capacitors -\$5.00

## Important Dates to Remember:

- November Sweeps Contest  
**CW November 5-7**  
**Phone November 19-21**
- Canada Winter Contest  
**December 17th**



These dates are very important to NARA. These days and events are also our practice for emergency traffic handling. These events are also lots of "Fun" so mark them on your calendar and make it a point to come out and join us

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