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## **AFTER 20 YEARS - SPARKS RETIRES !**

### **SPARKS HISTORY**

The publication of Sparks began in January of 1995, with Polly Keusink N7SJH at the helm. Good software was available so that Polly could compose the pages neatly at home. The front page started with our familiar pelican logo, originated by local artist Buzz Stewart. After composition, Polly undertook to do all the printing herself and then brought the resulting pages to the Tea Room.

Polly continued this work until May of 2011 and remembers the experience as gratifying. Her general memory is that, "It was fun!" Mike Rice KF7VZZ then took it over and kept up the tradition of quality and timeliness. Mike started the process of getting the printing done by the Curry Coastal Pilot office at cost. Too soon, Mike moved to Port Angeles, Washington, but continued to publish remotely from there! Bob and Lorraine Wilkinson W7VN and W7RFC got the printing done in Brookings. Incidentally, Mike was also quickly elected president of the ham club in Port Angeles!

Eventually, some late-breaking needs for revisions made it clear that the composition should be returned to Brookings. Bob and Lorraine took over the composition in May of 2013 and have continued it since, with printing still generally done by the Pilot.

It was sometimes frustrating to come upon good news items and then have to wait up to three months to disclose



**Polly Keusink, the first Editor, with Lorraine and Bob Wilkinson, the last Editors**

them! We think club members and our correspondents (e.g. the Port Orford and Crescent City clubs, and members living in other cities,) will find the new website method timely, useful and even more enjoyable. The club will turn the expenses of printing and mailing to other purposes.

### **SPARKS CONVERTING TO MODERN WEBSITE**



Since January 1995, our club's activities and facts have been chronicled in a quarterly newsletter named Sparks. Some editions featured colored pictures of common interest to our members, and facts relating to the organization. It was a highlight of each quarter when the composed and printed Sparks was brought to the Tea Room and the members assembled it and readied it for mailing.

Time marches on, and presentation of club news and facts has developed in many exciting ways. In several monthly meetings in 2014, our membership moved to create a new website that would be up to date in many ways, including presentation of ongoing activities. Doug Gustafson K7KY and Mindy Hamilton W7ZAP (pictured) combined their talents and have produced

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**A NEW DAY AS PBARC, INC.!**

Our club's annual meeting was held at Loeb Park, as usual, on September 7, 2014. See a summary of the minutes elsewhere in this edition.

What was not usual at all was a motion made and passed that PBARC should become incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization! This move had been worked on for months by our directors and member Kathy Bernhardt KG7EHS, who had had a role in the same transition with the Chetco Activity Center. The motion was that PBARC ratify the presented Articles of Incorporation including the Conflict of Interest policy and the new Bylaws. Also that the directors would be free to make non-substantive changes in order to complete the government's detail legal requirements. The motion was seconded and passed by a large majority of those present, all of whom had been advised of the details in the months preceding the meeting.

This incorporation will, among other things, allow us to give tax credits to anyone donating property to the club, and it will absolve our present and future Directors of liability in case of legal action against the club. We hope it will be an incentive to donors to contribute to projects such as the Brookings Police EOC ham station equipment.

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the new version of our website (<http://pelicanbayarc.com>). Be sure to view this as soon as possible to see how terrific it is!

The website will now be used to unveil news of events almost as soon as they happen. Formal lists of various aspects that are required as disclosures, such as Bylaws, meeting minutes, birthdays, etc. will be in place and available upon inspection. No printing, assembling or mailing, with those costs, will be required.

Doug and Mindy have passed along certain editorial privileges so that news can be inserted. For instance, Bob and Lorraine Wilkinson W7VN and W7RFC will continue to seek and compose news items and insert them into a section of the website without delay, whereas it used to take up to 3 months for these tidbits to appear in print. Please send Bob and Lorraine any items you would like covered at their email address [bobnlori@wtribe.com](mailto:bobnlori@wtribe.com). An email notifying members of some additions will be sent out. If you desire, you can alternatively send anything related to the website to Doug and Mindy at [webmaster@pelicanbayarc.com](mailto:webmaster@pelicanbayarc.com)

**HAM LICENSE TEST SCHEDULE**

The last ham testing session in Brookings for 2014 will be at 9 AM Saturday, December 6, in the Library Annex in Brookings.

Testing dates for 2015 include Feb.7, April 4, June 6, Aug. 1, Oct. 3, and Dec. 5. according to Dar Rasmussen KA7GNK, coordinating volunteer examiner.

**Holiday Brunch -  
Saturday, December 6  
10 AM**

All members, their families and guests are welcome to come and celebrate an enjoyable morning with us!

As usual, we will be at Dee-Ann's Tea Room Café. Our time together will begin at 10 AM. Reservations must be made by December 1st.

The cost is \$18. per person, and you may pay any PBARC officer or mail your check to PBARC, P.O. Box 6125, Brookings OR, 97415.

There will be gourmet food, good conversation, a Scrooge gift exchange and other entertainment.



**PBARC 2015 Dues Still Only \$15**

Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club dues remain at \$15 per calendar year. Licensed hams under the age of 18 may join for \$5 per year.

All memberships are for the calendar year, except when a Ham joins for the first time during the year their dues may be prorated.

Newly-licensed Hams may have the first calendar year of

**Summary of Minutes – Annual Meeting,  
September 7, 2014**

Twenty-six members and 18 associates or guests were present; a quorum.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,912.31. We currently have 61 members.

Events of 2014 were highlighted. Some were:

\*Decision made that after 20 years, Sparks will be discontinued and information will be posted on the website. The next issue, November 1, will be the last.

\*Decision made to proceed with club incorporation preparation, to be voted on today. Many thanks to Kathy KG7EHS.

501(c)(3) – Non-profit incorporation for PBARC: After discussion, **Bob W7VN moved that we ratify the articles of Incorporation (includes the conflict of interest policy) and the new Bylaws. Club Directors may make non-substantial changes as necessary. Seconded, and passed by a large majority of those present!** A new era for PBARC!

Election: The following slate of 2015 officers was presented, and they were elected by affirmation of those present. New officers will take over on January 1, 2015 unless other arrangements are made.

- President: Paul Carlin KE6NVU
- Vice President: Ron Rieg K7IOW
- Treasurer: Larry Mostachetti KE7YUI
- Secretary: Shannon Parrish KD6CMX

Pictures taken at the Picnic/Meeting are posted on the website: <http://pelicanbayarc.com>

# HAMS IN GREAT SHAKEOUT DRILL



Bob W7VN receives message from Margo Ivey



"Safe" after walking to the Library

**Hams** in Brookings and beyond, joined by 360,000 other people in Oregon, took part in the Great Shakeout Drill on October 16. PBARC hams organized to cover several venues around town, and hams from up and down the coast joined in. Our members were posted at the 5<sup>th</sup> St. Curry Medical Center, Brookings PD, the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church. At Lower Harbor and on Memory Lane, we joined with other organizations to walk, after the simulated shaking and without delay, to higher ground at the Chetco Library and the Harbor Fire Department.

A simulated emergency message to ARES in Jackson County was dictated by the duty nurse at the Medical Center for transmission via Packet and Pactor3. Hams from PBARC took part, joined by hams in Gold Beach, Ophir, Port Orford and California's Humboldt County. In all, there were 8 stations making 24 reports into the 10:16 AM net, and 7 stations making 19 reports into the Noon net. After the nets were secured, 8 members joined up for a face-to-face debrief and planning session.

As a sidelight, the group walking up to the Harbor Fire station were able to report a fire in a vehicle parked along their route, using FRS radios that had been distributed for the event!



Drop, Cover and Hold at the Medical Center

### Members' Birthdays

- Nov 4 KE7ALF Wendy Cox
- Nov 8 KE7WJR Dale Stimson
- Nov 9 WA7LBN Linda Hunter
- Nov 13 K6VHG Walt Mead
- Nov 13 KE7UOQ Ted Steinbeck
- Nov 14 K7IOW Ron Rieg
- Nov 17 KE6NCU Stuart Anthony
- Nov 30 WA6MVP Doren Rosenthal



Debriefing and Planning Session

**President's Message...**

The November issue of the Spark's newsletter will be the last issue that will be printed on paper. We will continue to publish Spark's on the WEB site. There is more to the newsletter than stories, it is about the editors that the Sparks newsletter has had over the years. The folding, sorting and stamping of each issue at the Tea Room. The effort that is put into each newsletter is to be appreciated and admired. The current editors Bob and Lorraine have been working for the past few years to make our newsletter and send it to our membership. If any of you have worked on a print staff you will understand how consuming and difficult it is to make a dead line. I would like to extend Bob and Lorraine as well as all the past editors, "Thanks for a job well done."

Because we are now publishing on the WEB, this is by no means easier, but it will allow the staff to insert more pictures and graphs, as well as content. Please, when you see one of our editors, let them know they are appreciated for their time and expertise regardless of when they published the newsletter

**Past Editors:**

Dick and Polly Keusink, Mike Rice, Bob and Lorraine Wilkinson

Thank You and 73s,  
Paul Carlin KE7NVU

**PBARC Sparks**

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REGULAR EVENTS**

**Meeting-on-the-air**

Roll Call  
Every Tuesday, 7 pm  
146.960 MHz — (88.5)

**Coffee Hour Fridays**

8:30 to 9:30 am  
at Dee-Ann's Tea Room

**Monthly Meeting and  
Workshop**

Last Friday of each month  
at 6:30PM at

**Chetco Activity Center**

Brookings  
Unless otherwise advised.

**Annual Meeting and Picnic**

Plus election of officers  
Loeb State Park  
North Bank Chetco River

Stuart Anthony KE6NCU

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