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Happy New year to every-one! Another year has rolled around and I again find myself the president of OARS, a position which I am honored to hold again. I would like to thank Leroy, N7EIE, for his service and stewardship this past year.

I think that we would all like to wish Leroy well and a speedy recovery to his wife. Thanks again Leroy.

I would also like to thank Duane, WB7ROZ for his past service as vice president and his decision to continue on in that role this year. Since one of the main duties of the vice president is to arrange the programs, I would like you all to give him your support as he tries to line up the programs for this year.

The remainder of this year's slate of officers is Chuck, K7VRE, Secretary, Ed, N7WW, Treasurer and Larry, KC7CKO as member at large. Tom, KA4VVA, the ARES/RACES EC/RO is a non-voting member since any repeater business is of interest to his organization.

While we are on the subject of programs, I would like to suggest that we shorten the business portion of our meeting to a maximum

of 30 minutes and concentrate on the program section. The business portion would be mainly handled at a Board meeting with minutes published in the OARS Newsletter. I know that Duane will be bringing this topic up at the January meeting, which I will miss due to being out of town.

I think that as we reflect on the happenings of the past 12 months, we cannot help but consider all of the natural disasters which have occurred both at home and worldwide, and the role that amateur radio played in assisting with communications. I am thinking of hurricanes in Florida, the tsunami in Asia, and more recently the floods in California and

other parts of the West. It only serves to remind us that we are chartered by the FCC to provide a pool of trained communicators. Are you prepared for that role?

One of the big challenges facing any volunteer organization is funding, and OARS is no different. Our primary monthly expenditure is the newsletter which ends up costing us about \$1 for each hard copy that we mail out. So, if any of you are willing to receive the email edition only, please let George, KB6LE, know or go to the OARS website olyham.org and update your member profile.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the United Way White Dove Project, which collected and distributed

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toys to the children who were made homeless by the hurricanes in Florida last fall. Thanks to the generous response of hams around the country, the program was an overwhelming success and was able to distribute Christmas Toys to Children in several counties. Thanks again.

73,

— Ken Dahl, K7TAG



2005 OARS Dues Payable Now

Many thanks to the 24 OARS members who have already paid their dues for 2005. Club membership at the end of 2004 was 92 members — we hope that at least most of other 68 will want to renew for 2005.

Dues for one year are \$20 per individual or \$25 per family. Please write your check to OARS and mail it to OARS at PO Box 2861, Olympia WA, 98507, or bring it to the next OARS meeting and give it to Treasurer Ed Fitzgerald.



Treasurer's Report

As of 12/31/04

GENERAL FUND (checking account)

Previous balance	\$169.20
Income	160.05
Expenses	5.00
Ending balance	324.25

REPEATER / PACKET FUND (savings account)

Previous balance	\$ 978.61
Income	3.75
Expenses	0.00
Ending balance	982.36

— Ed Fitzgerald, N7WW, Treasurer



WINLINK Presentation

This month the presentation at the OARS meeting will be about Winlink. Since the announcement from the ARRL regarding the adoption of Winlink as a standard protocol to be used by ARES units, there has been a lot of controversy about this decision.

Joining us this month will be Bill Vodall, WA7NWP, the newly appointed State Digital Commutation Committee Chairman. Between Bill and myself we will be presenting the Winlink ARES presentation that was given at the November 2004 ARRL Digital Commutation Conference, which we hope will lead to a good discussion on the subject. Hope to see you there.

— Duane Braford, WB7ROZ, OARS VP



OARS OFFICERS FOR 2005

President	Ken Dahl	K7TAG	534-9357
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KEY CONTACTS

RFI Committee	Ghery Pettit	N6TPT	412-1340
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Classes	Lee Chambers	K17SS	866-0800
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Equip. Custodian	Larry Watkinson	KC7CKO	943-4352

REPEATERS: 147.36 MHz 224.46 MHz 441.40 MHz

PACKET: 145.07 MHz OLY Node 147.40 BBS

Membership is open to all interested radio amateurs.
Yearly dues are: \$20 for individual, \$25 for family.

Be Careful What You Ask For

A man was sick and tired of going to work every day while his wife stayed home. He wanted her to see what he went through so he prayed:

“Dear Lord: I go to work every day and put in 8 hours while my wife merely stays at home. I want her to know what I go through, so please allow her body to switch with mine for a day. Amen.”

God, in his infinite wisdom, granted the man’s wish. The next morning, sure enough, the man awoke as a woman.

He arose, cooked breakfast for his mate, awakened the kids, set out their school clothes, fed them breakfast, packed their lunches, drove them to school, came home and picked up the dry cleaning, took it to the cleaners, and stopped at the bank to make a deposit, went grocery shopping, then drove home to put away the groceries, paid the bills and balanced the checkbook. He cleaned the cat’s litter box and bathed the dog.

Then it was already 1 pm, and he hurried to make the beds, do the laundry, vacuum, dust, and sweep and mop the kitchen floor, ran to the school to pick up the kids and got into an argument with them on the way home. He set out milk and cookies and got the kids organized to do their homework. Then set up the ironing board and watched TV while he did the ironing.

At 4:30 he began peeling potatoes and washing vegetables for salad, breaded the pork chops and snapped fresh beans for supper.

After supper, he cleaned the kitchen, ran the dishwasher, folded laundry, bathed the kids, and put them to bed. At 9 pm he was exhausted and, though his daily chores weren’t finished, he went to bed where he was expected to make love, which he managed to get through without complaint.

The next morning, he awoke and immediately knelt by the bed and said, “Lord, I don’t know what I was thinking. I was so wrong to envy my wife’s being able to stay home all day. Please, oh please, let us trade back.”

The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, replied, “My son, I feel you have learned your lesson and I will be

happy to change things back to the way they were. You’ll just have to wait nine months, though. You got pregnant last night.”

(Voted Women’s Favorite Email of the Year)

— from *Joke of the Day*, via Internet

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Correction

The email address table in last month’s Watts News gave Ed Fitzgerald’s address incorrectly. It should have been: fitzgeraldsphoto@comcast.net (I had the “s” in the wrong place.) Sorry about that, Ed.

— George, kb6le, Editor

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OARS Net check-ins

The following stations checked in on the OARS General Information Net one or more times in the month of December:

AA7YD	AB7PS	K7GUH	K7HHW
K7OKC	K7VRE	KB7DFL	KB7GEG
KC7FEE	KC7LA	KD6ZBS	KD7LVV
KD7TQW	KD7UJH	KD7UST	KD7UXJ
KD7YOE	KD7YXY	KE7CFA	KI7SS
N7EAY	N7IVM	N7JHJ	N7SSD
N7WW	NX6W	W7MRK	WB7ROZ
WC7I			

Net Control Stations for December were Dan KB7DFL, Ken K7TAG, Steve WC7I, and Duane WB7ROZ. Thank you for your support!

The net meets at 7:30 every Tuesday evening on the 3 linked OARS repeaters: 147.36, 224.46, and 441.40 MHz. All Hams are invited to check in.

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Ham Radio Antenna Bills Introduced in Two Northeast States

Amateur Radio antenna legislation has been proposed in New Jersey and Connecticut. Introduced January 10, the New Jersey measure, Assembly Bill 3641 (A3641) is sponsored by District 22 Assemblywoman Linda Stender. It's virtually identical to a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Matthew Ahearn, KB2PNN, that failed to make it through the state's last legislative session. The new legislation would incorporate the essence of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 into the Garden State's law books. Northern New Jersey ARRL Section Manager Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, said the state's PRB-1 group plans to meet with lawmakers this month in Trenton.

"Please remember, the bill's passage is not a given, and we all must continue to put Amateur Radio in the best possible light — as many clubs did during this past Field Day — whenever we can," Hudzik exhorted members on the NNJ Section Web site. "And there will continue to be opposition from local governments who may view the bill as a threat to home rule." Hudzik thanked Bob Bednard, KA8SAF, with helping to coordinate the bill's introduction with Stender's office.

ARRL Southern New Jersey SM Jean Priestley, KA2YKN, also alerted her section's members via the SNJ Section Web site. "We are back in business and need to work on developing cosponsors and supporters," she said. "There is lots of work to do on this in the coming year, so sharpen those pencils."

A3641 has been referred to the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee. The proposed law would keep municipalities from adopting zoning ordinances that prohibit construction or use of antenna structures by Amateur Radio operators. It also would require that any application fees be in line with those generally assessed for residential neighborhood variances. The New Jersey bill also would prevent localities assessing applicants for legal, technical or other consultation or advisory expenses incurred by any agency evaluating an antenna support structure application.

In Connecticut's General Assembly, an antenna bill has been introduced in the Senate by 6th District Sen Donald J. DeFronzo. If approved by the Senate and House of Representatives, the measure, Senate Bill No 92 (SB 92), would require municipal regulation of Amateur Radio antenna structures to comply with the limitations on local regulation spelled out in PRB-1.

"To allow amateur radio station antenna structures to be erected at proper heights and dimensions to accommodate amateur radio communication and otherwise reasonably accommodate amateur radio service communications," says the bill's Statement of Purpose. SB 92 has been referred to the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Energy and Technology.

To date, 21 states have adopted PRB-1 bills, and laws in some of those states include a schedule of minimum regulatory heights for Amateur Radio antenna structures. A PRB-1 bill has also been introduced in Vermont, and ARRL anticipates similar measures to be introduced in other states as legislative sessions get under way around the US.

For more information on PRB-1, visit the ARRL PRB-1 Package page http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/PRB-1_Pkg/index.html. The FCC discusses PRB-1 on its Web site <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/prb/index.html>.

— from the ARRL Letter



Baking Funeral

Veteran Pillsbury spokesman, Pop N. Fresh, died yesterday of a severe yeast infection. He was 71. Known to friends as "Brown-n-Serve," Fresh was an avid gardener and tennis player. Fresh was buried in one of the largest funeral ceremonies in recent years. Dozens of celebrities turned out including Mrs. Butterworth, the California Raisins, Hungry Jack, Aunt Jemima, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Skippy.

The grave side was piled high with flours as long-time friend, Aunt Jemima, delivered the eulogy, describing Fresh as a man who "never knew how much he was kneaded." Fresh rose quickly in show

business, but his later life was filled with many turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes — conned by those who buttered him up. Still, even as a crusty old man, he was a roll model for millions.

He enjoyed being prodded by his many friends who invariably poked fun at him. Fresh is survived by his second wife. They have two children and another bun in the oven. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

— from *Joke of the Day via Internet*

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Improper Aging

An elderly gentleman (mid nineties), very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel, smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady (mid eighties).

The gentleman walks over, sits along side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

— from *Joke of the Day, via Internet*

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Survivors

To all the kids who survived the 1930s 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing and didn't get tested for diabetes. Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup on

a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms — WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms (only with some tomato sauce for me) and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live in us forever.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them! Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever! The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL! And YOU are one of them! CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers

and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!

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Amateur Radio Praised as Lifeline in South Asia

As the tsunami relief and recovery effort continues in South Asia, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has joined those paying tribute to Amateur Radio's ongoing emergency communication role. Director and Executive Vice Chairman S. Suri, VU2MY, of India's National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR), noted January 5 that the PM "was all praise for hams in India and the entire world who helped us in this hour of need." Suri said the administrator of hard-hit Car Nicobar Island has asked NIAR to keep on duty Rama Mohan, VU2MYH, and five other radio amateurs who have been providing communication with the island since shortly after the December 26 disaster.

"The district administration chief of Car Nicobar Island spoke to me this morning to say even now it is only the ham communication that is aiding them for relief and rehabilitation measures," Suri said in an e-mail to Jay Wilson, W0AIR, of the Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Association (DERA) and shared with ARRL. Mohan, who had received DERA training in the US, was part of NIAR's VU4NRO/VU4RBI DXpedition to Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In Thailand, Harpole reports, hams have been using mostly 2 meters for their emergency traffic "and doing a huge job." He said he's heard very little from Bangladesh, and nothing from Sumatra and Burma (Myanmar). The earthquake's epicenter was some 100 miles off Sumatra, a part of Indonesia.

Just three days after the calamitous tsunami, Radio Society of Sri Lanka (RSSL) President Victor Goonetilleke, 4S7VK, declared that "uncomplicated short wave" radio had saved lives.

"Ham radio played an important part and will continue to do so," he said in an e-mail relayed to ARRL. Goonetilleke said Sri Lanka's prime minister had no contact with the outside world until Amateur Radio operators stepped in. "Our control center was inside the prime minister's official house in his operational room," he recounted. "[This] will show how they valued our services."

Horey Majumdar, VU2HFR, in Calcutta, said improvisation was "the name of the game" in the emergency's aftermath. "Hams had to switch to good old CW and switch frequencies from 14.190 and 14.160 MHz to 7.090 MHz," he said. Majumdar noted that hams from all over "have been checking into the VU emergency nets and extending their fullest cooperation in the truest spirit of Amateur Radio."

According to the latest estimate, more than 150,000 people died as a result of the tsunami, about one-third of them children.

Although the US does not have third-party traffic agreements with any of the countries affected by the disaster, international emergency and disaster relief communications are permitted unless otherwise provided. While FCC Part 97 has not yet been updated to reflect revisions to third-party traffic rules at World Radiocommunication Conference 2003, FCC staff has told ARRL that if the government agencies responsible for the Amateur Service in affected countries do not object to their amateur stations receiving messages from US amateur stations on behalf of third parties, the US has no objection to its amateur stations transmitting international communications in support of the disaster.

— from the ARRL Letter

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Communicating

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, "Windy isn't it?"

Second one says, "No its Thursday!"

Third one says, "So am I. Lets go get a beer."

— from Joke of the Day via Internet

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OARS CALENDAR

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OARS Membership Application

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" Renewal _____ ARRL member ? _____
Call Sign _____ License class _____
Name _____
Address _____
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Home phone _____
Day phone _____
Email _____

Annual Dues: \$20 (\$25 family) — first year prorated by number of months.

If family membership, please attach above information for each family member.

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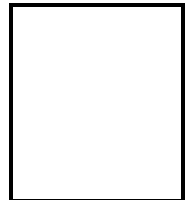
O A R S Meeting
Wednesday, January 26, 7 PM
"Winlink"
— Duane Braford and Bill Vodall

Thurston County Courthouse
Building 1, Room 152

An Invitation

If you are a Ham who has received this newsletter, but are not yet a member of OARS, you are cordially invited to join us. Submit the membership application at the left to OARS at PO Box 2861, Olympia WA 98507, or bring it to an OARS meeting and see Treasurer Ed Fitzgerald.

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If the date on your address label is marked in red, it is time to renew!