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Editorial by Al Liske, KA7Z:

Good Morning all NAARA Hams! (Quoting Ty Pennington on the Extreme Home Makeovers TV Show). The year 2005 is moving right along and NAARA Hamfest time is not too far away. Alma and I just recently spent a day in Hope, BC working on some of the details for this year's Hamfest scheduled for August 4-7. Activities begin on Friday morning and end Sunday noon. Plans are coming together nicely and a new twist for this year is that we are inviting Private Pilots and Geocaching Enthusiasts to join us at our Hamfest this year. Program planning is coming along well – see Hamfest article later in Newsletter.

This year, ham radio in general, is coming on strong. Hams have been very involved in emergency communication assistance. Events such as the major hurricane season, earlier this year, in the USA and then the Tsunami with the serious consequences it caused in the Indian Ocean area of the world. Hams played a pivotal role in assisting with these emergencies.

New technologies are pushing hams to the leading edge. VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol), the linking of the Internet to Amateur Radio is providing for exciting new ham possibilities with EchoLink, IRLP, eQSO and WIRES-II. Check out the Technical Forums at this year's Hamfest. Satellite and Space Communications are also finding interest, especially by some of the younger ham operators.

And finally the face of ham radio is changing. I clearly remember (way back) my very sweaty hands while I was writing the 20 wpm code test for my Extra Class license exam. Guess what? The highest required code test speed these days is only 5 wpm. There are now only three license classes, Technician, General and Extra Class with code as a requirement for the General and Extra Class licenses only. The theory test can still be challenging but the Morse Code is now fairly doable. One of my 10-year old students, Christian, KE7CPE, using his new Technician license, is having a great time talking all over the world using IRLP. Ham radio ain't what it used to be.

So, if you've not been too active for a while, hop on board, get those antennas up and get back into the fun. Ham radio is good for the soul – not only yours but possibly the soul of another ham that you can share with.

**AARA Booth at the GC Session, St. Louis, Missouri
By Jim Hoffer, KW8T, President, AARA**

We are happy to inform all our NAARA friends that the Adventist Amateur Radio Association will, as on past occasions, have a booth at the General Conference session,

June 30 through July 9, 2005, at the America's Center convention hall in downtown St. Louis.

We have been assigned to space 941 in the exhibit area, and are currently trying to determine whether it will be possible to set up a working amateur station at the booth. If we are successful, we will undoubtedly be found around the normal net frequencies, and will need some volunteers to help operate. Otherwise, we will be there to create awareness of our organization, recruit new members, and be a gathering place for current members.

On Sunday, July 3, we will meet in business session from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in meeting room E, close to the atrium by the Washington Avenue entrance. At that time we will elect officers for the new quinquennium and conduct any other business that is needed. We are open to any member suggesting items for the agenda.

We hope many of you will be in attendance at the session and will stop by to meet us.

Adventist Amateur Radio Association Web Site

<http://www.gsl.net/adventistara>

by Tom Turk, KM4VI

Many of you are already familiar with the web site for the AARA. I have had the privilege of maintaining the web site for several years now. I do not claim to be a Webmaster and the web site certainly isn't the quality of a lot of web sites. Everything I know about web design I learned on my own by reading and talking to others, and with two kids ages 4 and 6 months, it's certainly hard to find time to do much of anything right now! Seriously though, it's a privilege to do what I can and to have a web site that can represent our organization in this day and age of computers and the Internet

The purpose of the web site is to provide information about the AARA to those that are members and to those that are searching for information about Adventists involved in Ham Radio. More importantly it may be a way to link someone to the ultimate source of joy in our organization, Jesus Christ. I know that there are many ways that AARA has used to reach out to others and that the web site is just another way of reaching out.

I've tried to include as much information as I can think of that would be of use. I also receive a lot of suggestions on information that should be included and that has been appreciated. The web site includes a brief history of the AARA, its officers, and information on becoming a member. You can also view the list I've compiled of Adventist Ham Radio Operators with e-mail addresses. **(Cont. p. 5)**

33rd Annual NAARA Hamfest, August 4-7, 2005 By Al Liske, KA7Z

Camp Hope, British Columbia, Canada is again the site for the annual NAARA Hamfest (convention). Camp Hope is much appreciated for its motel-style rooms and the terrific food provided by Donna and her fine cafeteria staff. The hamfest marks the highpoint of the year for the members of the Northwest Adventist Amateur Radio Association. This year the hamfest will feature fellowship, operating the on-site NAARA ham station, technical forums, tours, music, and weekend worship services that will feature outstanding guest speakers and musicians. Attendance is open to hams and non-hams alike and membership in NAARA is not a requirement. Special guests this year will be aviation/pilot enthusiasts and those interested in Geocaching. Geocaching is a relatively new hobby interest where enthusiasts use GPS systems to find hidden caches placed there by others. The hamfest this year begins with supper on Thursday evening, August 4, and concludes at noon on Sunday. Hamfest attendees come from various parts of the USA and Canada, with the majority coming from British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The keynote group this year is from Kelowna, BC. They are a male quartet known as the Freedom Singers. They will be making three presentations over the course of the weekend. Leader of the group is Don Melashenko, cousin to Lonnie Melashenko, the main speaker for the internationally known Voice of Prophecy television and radio broadcast. The group features primarily Gospel type music and travels extensively throughout Western Canada. As a featured part of their program two of the quartet members, Simon Ivascu and Wesley Pop, with additional narration by Don Melashenko, will share the story of their harrowing escape to Canada from Communist Romania. They now hold Canadian citizenship. It is guaranteed that their story will keep you on the edge of your seat.

A full gamut of activities is planned for the hamfest. On Friday morning attendees will be able to pick and choose from a variety of tour options. They may attend a chain-saw carvings tour, along with a presentation by the head carver in his display shop. Hope has adopted, as sort of a local trademark, a display of many chain-saw carvings throughout the city – something quite unique. Another option is a trip to the Hope Airport where members of the Vancouver Soaring Association will show us their gliders and talk about their gliding program. As good fortune would have it, we'll be there right in the middle of their Annual Gliding Camp. The option for glider rides will also be available (for a fee of course) for those wanting to give it a try. Hope, BC is known for its excellent wind currents that are particularly suitable for gliding. Another tour choice will be a visit to Harrison Hot Springs, which features strolls along the picturesque lake front and many unique gift and souvenir shops. On this same tour, if one chooses and just a few more miles down the road, is the unique little town of Kilby. The feature here is a real old-fashioned country-style general store.

Maps and detailed instructions will be provided for each of the tours. Be sure and have your batteries all charged up on your two-meter rigs so that you can stay in touch as you travel.

Friday afternoon programming features two (or possibly more) Technical Forums. The first will be an explanation of IRLP, The Internet Radio Linking Project. The aim of this project is to reliably and inexpensively link amateur radio systems without the use of RF links, leased lines, or satellites. IRLP uses Voice-Over-Internet Protocol (VoIP) coupled with the power of the Internet. IRLP will link your radio site (generally 2-meters) to the world in a simple and cost effective way. A big plus to using IRLP, is that all you need is your ham gear, fixed station or mobile as no computer or Internet connection is required. IRLP operates a network of dedicated servers and nodes (somewhat like repeaters) offering a very stable worldwide voice communications system between hundreds of towns and cities—all this with unsurpassed uptimes and the full dynamic range of telephone quality audio. IRLP is a very exciting new system that combines the power of the Internet with ham radio and as a result provides the capability of worldwide ham communication to hams of all license classes. The second Technical Forum could well be titled, "Geocaching for Dummies". You'll learn all about the fine art of Geocaching. Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for GPS users. Participating in a cache hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a GPS unit. Sunday morning at the Hamfest will combine the traditional ham radio-style hidden transmitter hunt with a Geocaching hunt.

Friday evening features a Mini-Concert by the Freedom Singers to be followed by an evening vespers program. The vespers program will be presented by Roger Johnson, WB7VZL, a pastor from College Place, Washington. Roger has been an avid ham radio operator for many years. He and his XYL, Dalene, KA7WPL, keep regular schedules with Lil Ringering, WH2ACV. Lil is Dalene's mother and lives in Hubbard, Oregon.

Sabbath (Saturday) morning will see a variety of programs. At 9:15 AM there will be a "Praise Sing" featuring the "NAARA Orchestra" with singing lead by Bev Neal, KK7OE. The NAARA Orchestra is YOU – bring your musical instruments. Anybody that plays anything – bring it along. We plan to focus on making a "Joyful Noise". Then there will be stories from the Mission Field, Children's Programs, and the first installment of the Escape Story by two of the Freedom Singers. The Freedom Singers will conclude their story in an afternoon session and will also provide some time for questions and answers.

Saturday evening events begin with a Vespers program by Cam, KA7MIG, and Jeri Litvin. They will share pictures of their vacation in Thailand, which took place between December 18, and 31, 2004. They visited Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Phuket. They were in Chiang Mai the morning of the Indian Ocean earthquake and were scheduled to travel to Phuket that same day and were at the Airport in Chiang Mai waiting for the flight when news broke of the tsunami in Phuket. Their plane did go to Phuket that same Sunday. They will share their experience of their time in Thailand, how they heard about the disaster and what they saw on Phuket the days following the disaster and the effect this has had on their lives. The NAARA Business Meeting will follow their presentation. The rest of the evening will be a time for visiting and fellowship in the Fireplace Room. David Corson,

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from Oregon City, will mix with the group as a "Strolling Magician". His tricks will mystify and amaze you. David is an academy student, the son of Dave Corson, WA7JCT and Bonnie Corson, KA7TKG

The highlight of Sunday morning is the Great 2-Meter Ham Radio/Geocaching Fox Hunt (hidden transmitter hunt). Stay tuned for more details on this. <http://www.naara.org> will provide updates.

Mixed in with all these great activities are the always-excellent meals, as provided by the Camp Hope Kitchen Crew; operating the on-site ham radio station, hiking, visiting, enjoying the wonderful private lodge rooms for a good nights rest, etc, etc. The Registration Form for signing up for the hamfest will be out soon. Again check for this on the NAARA website. Be sure to sign up early and invite some of your friends to join you. This program will appeal to both hams and non-hams alike. See you at the hamfest. Camp Hope is a beautiful place.

NAARA Hamfest Overview

Thursday Evening:	Supper at Camp; Registration and Get Acquainted
Friday Morning:	Tours – Chain Saw Carvings, Glider Display, and Harrison Hot Springs (2-meter communication for all tours)
Friday Afternoon:	Technical Forums; Registration
Friday Evening:	Freedom Singers; Vespers Program by Roger Johnson, WB7VZL. Roger and Dalene, KA7WPL, are both musical so we're hoping that some music might be included as an extra bonus.
Sabbath Morning:	Singing accompanied by the NAARA Orchestra (Note: If you have a musical instrument of any sort, please bring it to the hamfest. Saws, harmonicas, accordions, castanets, what have you – please bring them along so that you can be part of the NAARA Orchestra. Bev. Neil is in charge of the music).
	Sabbath School (Adults and Children)
	Church Service – Freedom Singers and Escape Story (part I)
Sabbath Afternoon:	Freedom Singers and Escape Story (Part II)

Saturday Evening: Thailand Experiences – The Tsunami by Cam, KA7MIG, and Jeri Litvin;

NAARA Business Meeting; The Strolling Magician, David Corson (son of Dave, WA7JCT and Bonnie (KA7TKG) Corson Freedom Singers tapes/CD's available for purchase

Sunday Morning: The Great 2-Meter Ham Radio/Geocaching Fox Hunt (hidden transmitter)

What's Geocaching?

Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for GPS users. Participating in a cache hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a GPS unit. The basic idea is to have individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these caches on the Internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. For the NAARA Hamfest we are combining the search capabilities of ham radio (using a hidden transmitter) and Geocaching (using GPS units and coordinates for the hidden transmitter) in a first-of-its-kind "Fox Hunt". Let's see who wins.

Invitation to Pilots and Geocachers

Join us at the NAARA Hamfest this year. You'll enjoy the program and the camaraderie. <http://www.naara.org> for registration information.

The Don F. Neufeld Award, 2004 Presented to Dr. Barney, W4STU, & Marcella, KD4HRG, McLarty

The recipients of the 2004 Don F. Neufeld Award were Dr. Barney, W4STU, & Marcella, KD4HRG, McLarty. They received Award #13 on August 28 in the Calhoun Adventist Church in Calhoun, Georgia. Don Starkey, K7NHR, made the presentation. The award is presented annually to individuals that have been recognized by their fellow hams as having made a significant contribution to the advancement of Adventist Amateur Radio.

Dr. Barney and Marcella were recognized for their part in helping build the original Adventist Amateur Radio structure. For many years, Dr. Barney served as the net control station on the 20-meter Adventist Amateur Radio Network. Their contribution and service to Adventist Ham Radio is much appreciated.

To nominate an individual for the Don F. Neufeld Award, please contact Al Liske, KA7Z. Al is the AARA Don F. Neufeld Award Coordinator. Al can be reached at (360) 293-5457 or by email at: ka7z@arrr.net.

Hamfest Guests from Far Away

The NAARA Hamfest at Hope, BC seems to attract, on quite a regular basis, ham operators that have traveled quite some distance to get to the hamfest. This always adds interest to the hamfest as new stories and experiences can be shared. Some names that you'll recognize are a few of these long-distance visitors from the past. They are Ed Peterson, K3LJP; Jim Hoffer, KW8T; the McLarty's, W4STU and KD4HRG; and many others.

Last year's "far-away visitors" came from Clarksdale, Arizona. They were "Chris" Christian, KC7CU and XYL Frances Christian. Chris has been everywhere and done it all. His parents were missionaries in Peking and Manchuria. At one time he was rare DX from China. His call there was XU8CA. Some of his schooling was at Far Eastern Academy in Singapore, and just before the Pearl Harbor invasion returned home to the USA. During WW II he served as a Medic in the US Army. Chris had two primary careers in his lifetime. First he worked as a Chiropractor for many years and later he became an Accountant.

This was the Christian's fourth visit to the NAARA Hamfest at Hope. Highlights of the "Hope Experience" for the Christians are: the fellowship, the fine facilities, the food and the cool weather. For those far away – why don't you come and join us at Camp Hope this year?

News from Bill and Sandy Wolfsen

I have on my schedule for July to bicycle the STP (Seattle to Portland) with 2000 other bicyclers. It's a two day bike tour with 102 miles each day. I have been riding more so I can do it with a breeze. I am also hoping to cycle from Coast to Shining Coast in the summer of 2006 so want to get my average cruising speed up.

This is one ride from the RV that is 6 miles up Rhea Creek from lone which was the starting place at 6 a.m.. For those that want to get a map out I rode through Lexington to Butter Creek which is towards Hermiston and turned up Butter Creek and then onto Little Butter Creek. Meeting Highway 74 with a right turn to Heppner then back to Lexington then up

Rhea Creek to Brenner Canyon.



About 15 miles into the ride and climb out of Lexington from about 1000 feet elevation to 1760 feet. This is the view of Wheat country

looking North towards the steam vapors of the Boardman potato plants. From here you can see Mt. Hood, Adams and what is left of Mt. St Helens on a clear day. And farther into the haze is Mt Rainer. As you can see this is not a clear day.



Along this country are many grain elevators which remind you again

that you are in wheat country. When I reached Butter at about 35 miles into the ride I was back down to 1000 feet altitude.



The road continues to make a slow climb up Little Butter Creek. Little Butter Creek road has a valley running up it with farms along the way. Along this part of the route I came onto construction where they

were laying down miles of gravel 4 inches thick before repaving it. After going over 5 miles at 4 miles per hour or less the boss of the crew picked me up and took me to the pavement on the other side. After turning right on 74 towards Heppner there was an unexpected big climb. The elevation went from 2000 feet to 3470 in just a few miles then the decent down to 2000 feet at Heppner. During that climb I was a bucking a head wind at about 15 to 20 miles per hour.



The little town of Heppner is the County seat. The town has one fair sized grocery store with very few blocks of businesses.



There is also a Museum and outside are these reminders of how the wheat was harvested in the past.

Heppner leaves me with 20 miles back to the RV.

The loop ride was to be about 90 miles long but because of that construction where I was taken a few miles it cut my riding distance down to 85 miles. In spite of the construction and unexpected climbs I made it back to the RV at 4 p.m.

Bill & Sandy Wolfsen

Just a note of interest

Don and I (Bev) will be moving in the next few weeks. We will drop our tower and antennas as weather permits. So we may be off the air for a while. We are relocating next to the shop where Don works with his father in their business. The move will be a long awaited one for us. The boys will each have their own rooms now. I will actually have kitchen cabinets. There will also be room for company to come and visit us. Our new address will be:

190-A Dayton Rd.
Grandview, WA 98930

We will still have the same phone number and email address.

Bev Neil, KK7OE

July Campout

Get ready for a great campout. The **NAARA campout** is scheduled for July 7-10, 2005. The campout will be at **La Wis Wis campground** again. We had lots of fun with those who came last year. We would love to have more people come this year. You may come for the whole time or just a day or two. Come and enjoy some great fellowship. Last year we each made our own reservations. We will do that again. Also we tried to all be in the same area. We were in the "H" section. Look forward to seeing many of you there.

<http://www.reserveusa.com/jsp/commonpage.jsp?goto=/nrns/wa/lawi/newindex.html>

Bev Neil, KK7OE

Ham fellowship potluck.

Bev Neil is having a fellowship potluck dinner at her home on May 21, 2005. Dinner will start at 1:00pm. All local hams are welcome to come. Please feel free to bring a friend, or let other local hams know about the fellowship dinner. Please bring a salad, cold dish, dinner rolls, or dessert. She will provide the hot dishes and drink. Please feel free to contact her directly with any questions that you might have.

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Other News of Note:

- ❖ April 25th, 2005, Keith and Mary Carlin's daughter, Tambrey Anne Tosk, passed away at 8:50 am after a long battle with tongue cancer. In her capacity as a civil engineer in the state of California, she worked for the company Lee & Ro Consulting Engineers, Inc. for many years and she was a valued employee there even after she could no longer talk. Services were held for her on Sabbath afternoon, April 30, at 4 pm in the Enumclaw Seventh-day Adventist Church at 3333 Griffin.
- ❖ There are cell phones, and there are computers with internet communication, but there is still ham radio, and just to let everyone know, the Sunday morning net is still in operation. Those who checked in the 24th. of April were K7ATX, Ivan, K7BAC, Steele, WA7TRC, Roger, K7ADO, Bill and KD7SJW, N7ACW, Keith, VE7KLY, Mike, KA7Z, Al, KD7SJV, Allen, KK7OE, Bev, W7QHR, Bill, KA7IGD, Carl, and KA7KWN, Virginia, K7PBL, Jack, and KC7N, Rudy. It is a pleasure to visit with these folks. and most of them check in each Sunday morning. I want to personally thank each one for making the effort to check in. I know, it is hard to get up so early in the morning, and it is with much appreciation that I get up each Sunday morning with anticipation to see who will check in this day. There are several who check in occasionally. I would like to encourage everyone to check in a little more often. It is a nice way to keep in touch with your ham radio friends.

- ❖ Connie Murphy, W7TPF, recently returned from a trip to Phoenix, AZ, where she graduated with the rest of her class with a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems. Her next goal is to get her total knee replacements over with so she can start having fun again...
- ❖ Pitcairn Island News: Tom, VR6TC and Betty, VP6YL, Christian and family are planning a tour of the USA this year. They will arrive in mid-June and stay until the end of September. They plan on doing programs, presentations, and slides for various groups as they travel. At this point their schedule has not been fully defined. Keep tuned – you may be able to meet them along the way.
- ❖ Sid Kettner, VE7LLU, and XYL Carol, from Creston, British Columbia are on the move. Rumor has it that they sold their house in town and are in the process of building a new home somewhere in the "back woods". We hear that the new house is right next to Kootenay Lake and sitting nearby is the Kettner, 21' sailboat. Hopefully, Sid will be able to find the box in which he packed and stored his ham station, and get his antenna back up so that he can get back on the air again soon.
- ❖ The NAARA Officers/Board met on March 5, 2005, for the regular Spring Board Meeting. The meeting was held in the Auburn Academy SDA Church at Auburn. In addition to routine business, the majority of the meeting focused on planning this summer's hamfest at Camp Hope.
- ❖ Don't forget to bring your musical instrument/s so that you can be part of the NAARA Orchestra for the Sabbath Morning program.

AARA Web Site (from p. 1)

You can find a link to the current newsletter (in PDF format), the nets and schedules, the QSO party, and clubs and repeaters throughout the country.

If you wish to be added to the e-mail list, just send me an e-mail at the link on the web site or to: km4vi@arrl.net. You can also e-mail me with corrections or changes to your own listing or to that of a club or club repeater. I've tried to make it easy to access and navigate the web site. To access the web site go to: <http://www.gsl.net/adventistara>. Many thanks to those at QSL.net who provide free web space to Amateur Radio related web sites.

In summary, I must reiterate how much I enjoy being able to manage the web site. I certainly appreciate all those who provide comments and suggestions on how to improve the web site. May God bless us in our hobby and in our outreach to others in presenting Jesus Christ.

73's

Tom Turk, KM4VI

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Thank you for helping to keep NAARA alive, healthy and vibrant.

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