

NAARA Newsletter—Retreat Edition¹ 2009

A Brief Note about NAARA President—Nate Zane, KH6IHB

Note by Al Liske, KA7Z: Your NAARA President, KH6IHB, along with his XYL, Robin, have been working very hard putting together the 2009 NAARA Camp Hope Retreat. Thus, no editorial by Nathan this time—just plain too busy.

Don't Miss It—Plan to Attend

The 2009 NAARA Camp Hope Retreat
For Hams, Aviators, Families and Friends
August 5-9, 2009
Camp Hope, Hope, BC, Canada

Watch www.naara.org for the latest updates

Questions?

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The Passing of a Legend: The CBS newsman, Walter Cronkite, who held the title of “Most Trusted Man in America,” passed away Friday, July 17 after a long illness. He was 92. He anchored the CBS Evening News for 19 years, until retiring in 1981.

Some of you may not know that Walter was a ham radio operator. His call was, KB2GSD. Cronkite's radio engineer at CBS, Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, encouraged Walter to get his license. Walter was an ARRL member.

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Some Program Highlights

Day 1 & 2: Wednesday/Thursday, Aug. 5 & 6:

Ham Radio “Blitz Classes.” These are all-day classes, with an evening exam session on Thursday. Offered will be preparation for the Technician Class and the General Class ham radio licenses. Canadians wishing to take these classes must have a contact address in the United States. The Blitz Classes are recommended for all. It works real well if mother, father (or at least one of the parents) and the kids all take the class together. There is no age limit for children but its best if they are 12 or over to succeed in this high-speed class. Spread the word among your friends and bring them with you—its great fun to do the class together. And Home-Schoolers, this is a great class for you too. **Classes will begin at 10 AM on Wednesday morning. For more information click link or go to www.naara.org and look at Ham Class Information.**

Day 3: Friday, August 7:

Friday morning will feature a very special Field Trip. The Field Trip is designed for all those attending the Retreat, hams, pilots, families and friends. We travel, caravan-style, while keeping in touch, car to car via 2-meter amateur radio.

We’ll be headed for Chilliwack to the Murphy Aircraft Company. Our NAARA board member who is a veteran pilot, Dave Hensel, has made all the arrangements for this one. Dave says this trip will be of interest to all; pilots, hams, women and children. Murphy builds airplane kits that you fly. Because you build at least 51% of the plane yourself, costs are not nearly as high as those for a commercially built unit. And remember these are not model airplanes—you literally fly in these. You’ll see several models; the Rebel, the Super Rebel, the Renegade and the Moose. You can buy the kits equipped with either wheels, ski’s or floats.

Seminars are planned for Friday afternoon. For the ham operators we’ll feature Larry Young, WB6EGS. Larry is from the Portland area and a NAARA member. He has worked as an engineer for many years for the Motorola Corporation. He did a seminar for us at Hope a couple of years ago and all thought it was excellent. And since we have Larry doing the ham radio seminar, we have another plus. Larry’s XYL (wife) Cheryl, has volunteered to do the ladies afternoon seminar. Cheryl is a very creative person and we’re looking forward to seeing what she’ll be doing for her seminar. On the aviation side of things, Dave Hensel will bring us the latest report on all the newest things in aviation. Dave will be back to Hope fresh from Oshkosh.

For Friday evening we’re scheduling “Friday Evening Vespers”. And if you play a musical instrument of any sort be sure and bring it to Camp Hope and become a part of

the famous "NAARA Orchestra". Music has always played an important role at NAARA Retreats.

Day 4: Sabbath, August 8:

Our Sabbath's at the Camp Hope NAARA Retreat are always special. The camp atmosphere, in the center of some of God's most beautiful creation, certainly provides an enhanced worship experience. Activities begin with the "Early-Bird" Sabbath School Lesson study. Sabbath School focuses on a mission's emphasis. The children's Sabbath School features nature and is directed by Sharon Wilson, KE7COZ. The main Sabbath sermon features a special speaker and this is followed by a most delicious lunch. Sabbath afternoon is spent hiking and enjoying some of the beautiful nature spots in the Hope/Agassiz area. Rumor has it that for those that love flowers and beautiful gardens, a trip to Minter Gardens is in the plans. Vespers and evening fellowship finish off the day.

Day 4, Sunday, August 9:

Sunday is our final day—the Retreat ends just before noon. Friday morning you can check into the NAARA Net from our Camp Hope Ham Station (our ham station that is located in the Camp Hope lodge. Hidden transmitter hunts and other fun/educational activities finish out the morning.

Work on the program for 2009 still continues so stay tuned—check www.naara.org every so often for updates.

A Bit About Camp Hope:

Hope, BC is just a bit over an hour across the US/Canada border if you cross at the Sumas, WA crossing. The camp facilities are outstanding and the camp setting is beautiful. You can stay in the motel-style rooms in the lodge, bring your RV, tent-camp or sleep under the stars if you wish (If you choose to camp, you may want to bring along some mosquito repellent—these little pests do show up once in a while (although this has been a pretty hot and dry year). You can provide your own meals or enjoy some or all of your meals in the superb Camp Hope cafeteria.

We look forward to seeing you at the NAARA Camp Hope Retreat 2009. (Bring along some friends too).

Border Crossing Information:

All US Citizens Visiting Canada must have at least two official forms of ID. A passport works for one but is not required. **However**, to cross back into the United States you'll need a US Passport or an **Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)**: EDL's indicate both citizenship and identity. **The EDL is a good idea since it, along with your drivers' license, gets you into Canada and then gets you back into the USA.** Typically, the EDL is cheaper and you can get it more quickly through your local Washington State Department of Licensing office. If you already have a driver's license, further testing is not required and the fee is only \$15.00. Take with you: 1. Proof of US citizenship, 2. Proof of identity, 3. Your Social Security number and 4. Proof of Washington State residence. For children, 15 and under, traveling across the border it appears that a certified birth certificate is advisable. Following are several helpful websites.

www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense

<http://gocanada.about.com/od/canadatraveloverview/qt/uscitizenborder.htm>.

<http://www.vitalchek.com/washington-express-vital-records.aspx>

US/Canada Dollar Exchange Rates: As of July 23, 2009, the exchange rate was 1 USA dollar equals about \$1.10 in Canadian dollars. What stores will give you in change can vary widely. It is suggested that if you are making out-of-country transactions, it is best to use your credit card in order to obtain the best current rate of exchange.

The Camp Hope Ham Radio Station:

NAARA, along with the BC ham operators are pleased to have a fully operational ham radio station set up in the lodge at Camp Hope. We are set for operation on HF, 2-meters and 440 MHz. On HF we have an 80-meter dipole and a tri-band beam antenna. On 2-meters and 440 we use vertical antennas.

The Camp Hope simplex frequency, used during the NAARA Retreat is typically 146.52 MHz. The Hope repeater is on 147.08 MHz with a CTCSS tone of 110.9. If you travel through Chilliwack, you can try the Cheam Repeater. The frequency is 145.11 MHz. and it's an open repeater—no tone required.

Finding Camp Hope:

**Directions to Camp Hope from Trans Canada Highway 1
(Starting at Chilliwack)**

1. Head east on Hwy 1—pass through the town of Chilliwack.
2. After a few miles the highway gets curvy,
watch for **Agassiz exit #135**
3. Take exit 135 and keep to right and curl around over top the freeway – you are on Route 9 North
4. You will come to a “round-about” continue straight through “round-about
5. Stay on Hwy 9 North – cross the Frazer river bridge (long bridge)
6. Keep to right and follow signs to Hope – Highway become #7 East
7. Note your odometer – Continue on #7 East

For about 16 miles (26 Kilometers)

8. Watch for highway striping for **left-turn lane**
9. Turn left at sign for **Camp Hope**

10. You will be on a treed driveway for about ¼ mile
11. When you enter the open camp area, continue straight ahead for about another block and turn onto road on right
12. You will see the camp lodge on the left (there is a loop drive to the main entry door with parking in the loop)

SDA Ham Radio Networks:

Sunday	0730 PT—3.955 MHz—NAARA Net
Sunday	1445 UTC—14.305 MHz—AARAI Worldwide Net
Sunday	2000 UTC—21.405 MHz—AARAI Worldwide Net
M-W-F	1300 EST—14.328 MHz—Worldwide Net
Daily	0550 PT—3.975 MHz—Western Bible Study Net
M to F	0900 PT—3.970 MHz—770 Group Net
Friday	2100 PT—3.960 MHz—Western Canada Net

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<http://www.naara.org>
<http://www.aarai.org/>
www.hamradio4u.info
www.collegedalehams.org
www.arrl.org
www.grz.com
<http://www.irlp.net/>
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>
www.w5yi.com
<http://mysite.verizon.net/wilson-world>
<http://www.litvinland.com>

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any officer listed at the end of this newsletter. We love having new members. Thank you for helping to keep NAARA alive, healthy, and vibrant.

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