

Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes
November 20, 2004

Call to Order: 08:32 by Robin

Introductions: Robin, Bernice, Tom, Dan, John, Dave A., David H., Jeff Nielsen visitor

Secretary/Treasurer Report: October minutes were adopted. Account balance is \$334.58, activity was +. 11 interest and an expense of \$52.85 for ARRL manuals.

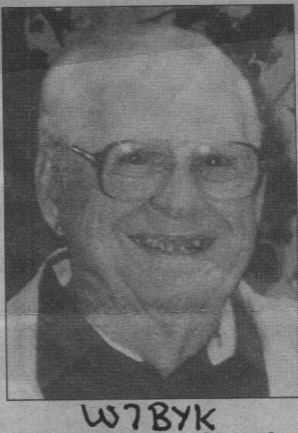
Old Business: All gave thanks to Bernice and Tom for the brochure work and to Dan for maintaining the Web site. Dave Axe reports our repeaters and digi are operating fine and reminded us that #7 brings up the two-meter transmitter. Both Dave and John said they monitor the repeater. For club activities Dave stated he would like to do a presentation of NVIS, Near Vertical Incidence Skywave communication. Bernice said Gary WA7BBJ would present ATV and Robin will present APRS.

New business: Bill Chambers, W7BYK, SK on October 23, 2004. David read the obituary as posted in the Everett Harold newspaper. Bernice brought tot the clubs attention that Valerie, WB7TEI is now assigned to a germinate Saturday shift. A motion was accepted that John, AC7LC would chair the Ham of the Year committee. Additionally, David suggested and it was accepted that the club have a second person authorized to sign the clubs checks. Dave Axe, W7AGJ volunteered and the club approved this action. Checks will be signed either by David Harvey or Dave Axe. The clubs' publications uses were discussed and it was decided that the publications are to be used as reference material by club members.

Good of the Order:

Adjournment: 09:29 by Robin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Harvey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.



W7BYK

William E. "Bill" Chambers

Dec. 4, 1915 - Oct. 23, 2004

Bill grew up in Crescent Bar in Eastern Washington while living on his parent's apple orchard. When amateur radio was still in it's infancy, he became intrigued with the concept, and would study every bit of literature he could lay his hands on pertaining to the subject. Over the years, he became very proficient with the art of radio communication, serving at times as an emergency communicator in times of disaster. His knowledge led him to far flung arenas, including radio operator on several Alaskan vessels, and in the early days of World War II, he was quickly called up from the Naval Ready Reserve. He rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer as a cryptographer in the Pacific Theater, helping to break the secret codes used by the Japanese, surviving an attack from the Japanese Navy while stationed on Midway Island during their "all-out attack" on the United States on December 7th. He was later called up for a short stint in the same capacity during the Korean War.

Leaving the Navy, he served as a communications technician for the FAA and General Telephone Co. At home, he continued his avid pursuit of ham radio, and numerous other hobbies. While he lived in Sultan, he and his son George raised and raced teams of Siberian husky sled dogs throughout much of the US and even to Alaska. He was a railroad history buff, and built model railroad layouts at home. An avid mountaineer, he has "topped" nearly every significant mountain in the Northwest. He was one of the original founders of Everett Mountain Rescue Unit and Paine Air Force Base Search Rescue Team, long before Snohomish County Search And Rescue came into being.

He will be sorely missed by his wife Willa; daughter Mary O'Conner and husband Tim; son George; brother Kelly and wife Salome; sister Patricia Lindsey; step-sons William Ramsden, Richard Hawkins and wife Susan, and James Hawkins and wife Becky; as well as a multitude of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends with whom he has kept in contact over the years by way of email and ham radio.

At his request, no services will be held. Arrangements by Bauer Funeral Chapel, Snohomish.