



Radio Class II

The SYC Amateur Radio Committee held the second annual one-day review class and exam at the Mainstation on Saturday, January 6th. We started with a live demonstration of an Amateur Radio net at 7:47 a.m. conducted by Dale Sherrow, KE7GCJ – net control for the morning. We

had about a dozen check-ins from around the building (since many of the regular net attendees were part of the event) and a number of mobile stations (including WO7O, Bill Whitney, Wojo, who was still mobile due to the slick conditions in the morning), and a few stationary stations including a report from Gig Harbor (N7KIA, Larry Hills, Snowbird).



The Tech exam consists of 35 questions chosen from a set of 395 possible questions. Subjects include FCC rules, operating procedures, antenna,

electricity, safety, etc. We breezed through the 395 questions and completed most of the material by lunch time. The group enjoyed lunch in the Marine Room. Exams were given for all four elements concurrently in the Commodores Room and by 4 p.m. the Team had given



almost 50 FCC new and upgrade exams. As a result 33 passed the E2 exam and have received their licenses (a list is on the w7sync yahoo site). Two passed the E1 (Morse code) test and 9 passed the E3 exam - for a total of 36 new licenses. Twelve students received a perfect score of 35 out of 35 on the Technician exam (E2).

The session was taught by the Committee VE Team (Volunteer Examiners). We are fortunate to have ten VE members in our club. VEs hold a General Class or above and have passed an exam conducted by the ARRL for certification as FCC/ARRL VEC examiner. VEs participating included: Extra Class: Bill Whitney, WO7O, Wojo, Charles Bowden, WB7R, Grey Dawn, Chuck Steward, AI7V, Alert, Dan Withers, WM7W, CG-83527,



Day Chapin, W7HDC, Oceana, Dwight Shaw, WA7DS, Cassis, Heather Ballaine, AB7JT, Gypsy, Kim Bottles, K7IM, Ceol Mor, Advanced Class: Barrie Arnett, N7ATC, Cloud 9, and General Class: Bob McConnell, N7DOS, Finesse. In addition, the following assisted with registration and exam paperwork processes: Dale Sherrow, KE7GCJ, Little Brother's, Dave Ballaine, KE7SHC, Gypsy, Frank Dean, K7FSD, Encore, Laura Cruz, KE7HIP, Ruddy Duck, Marc Sidell, KE7GDE, Almaxm, Peter McLean, KE7GCR, Eclipse, Ruellene Morganti, KN0TEE, Petit Syrah.



The VEs took turns presenting and all pitched in to conduct the examinations. Extra kudos go to Heather Ballaine and Kim Bottles for organizing the paperwork and Heather for developing memory cues for the questions and providing encouragement and a constant flow of emails and communications to those taking the class. Thanks go to all the volunteers, the SYC staff, and particularly members who made our guests feel welcome at the club.

Meetings

The Amateur Radio Committee March meeting will be a Part II design and discussion class (continuation of radio on boats design from the February meeting). All boaters are welcome whether you have your amateur license or not (the techniques apply to Marine SSB & VHF as well as Amateur). On April 11th, we will offer FCC exams. If you are thinking about getting your license (or upgrading before summer) this is for you! There are many on-line resources for studying and obtaining studying materials – contact one of the committee members for more information on study options and sign up at the Front Desk to reserve a space. We also have the w7sync yahoo group site with additional information. The Radio Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Commodores Room. All SYC members and guests are welcome to all meetings and events. Meetings are informal and usually cover a variety of subjects including; communications, VHF & SSB radios, antennas, and electronics.

Radio Rendezvous III

A good event to test your radio installation will be the Radio Rendezvous III at Port Madison on the weekend of April 14, 2007. We start off with a radio exercise on two meters and rendezvous in Port Madison for an "Open Boat" at 3 p.m. – a chance to see how radios are installed on other boats. At