

# Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association

## Notes of the Activity Meeting of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **Digital meeting night**

President Carl Gray, K7ECW, welcomed everyone to the meeting. We have two new people Dave, KD7HNP, and Marc NC7P.

Randy, NU7D, reminded us about the following things that are coming up.

- 1 All agency mock search on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30am to 18:00pm. Hams are to locate two ELT beacons and assist with communications. Two or three people will be in the Comm Van and want four teams to do searching. Also two or three people at the club house to do comm and mapping.
- 2 ELT practice here Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Will go out as teams for the practice.
3. Talked about having a potato bar at Woodland Founders Day June 20-21. Plan for two shifts of four people each day. Everyone will need to have a state food handlers permit. We can get permits online or may plan a group class on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

We had a video presentation by Steve Andrew, K7KO, about the Russian Woodpecker. This was a radar transmitter to track missiles that was built in the '70's. It used HF frequencies to go over the horizon. The antenna array was about 450 feet high and 1500 feet wide. There was a second smaller antenna next to it. It was about 15Km from the Chernobyl nuclear power plants. In the '80's one of the plants had a melt down and the projects all stopped because of radiation. The video ended at about 8:00pm.

The meeting ended at 8:12pm, some people visited a little longer.

We can see more about this on YouTube, type Russian Woodpecker.

**Attendance: 19**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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