

# Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association

## Notes of the Activity Meeting of Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### **HF Night**

Carl Gray, K7ECW, club president welcomed everyone here this evening.

Bill Davis, N7AYU, came this evening and joined the club. He has a crank up tower and would like help installing it later on this year.

Carl turned the time over to Brian Rickman, KJ7OX, to talk about how to operate on HF. He started by reading an article by WB2WIK, "It's not your microphone it you".

He then talked about setting the power level on the radio. When we set the mic gain for SSB operation the meter will not be able to read the actual full power being transmitted. The meter can't move as fast as the frequency changes. A reading of about 20-25% is all that will be indicated. The speech processor only effects the transmitter signal by chopping the pecks off of it. It's best not to use it. Most features on the HF radios should be set once and not bothered again.

**Attendance: 16**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Rick Ouzts, WA7NWN, Secretary.**