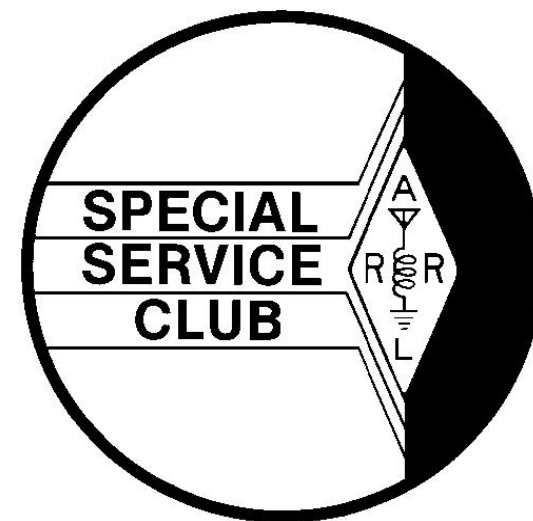


# COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS 2020

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CCARC  
Monthly meeting  
January 3, 2020



## SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 2020

- ❖ MS Walk Saturday April 25 Start line at Esther Short Park
  - ❖ Contact Jim Loudon N6ERX [ms-walk@w7aia.org](mailto:ms-walk@w7aia.org)
- ❖ Hazel Dell Parade of Bands Saturday May 16 Start at Fire Station 61 8800 Hazel Dell Ave.
  - ❖ Contact Barbara Yasson AC7UH [hazel-dell-parade@w7aia.org](mailto:hazel-dell-parade@w7aia.org)
- ❖ Veterans Parade Saturday November 7 Start at Evergreen and Reserve
  - ❖ Contact Larry W7HGC, Phil AB7RW, or Barbara AC7UH [vets-day-parade@w7aia.org](mailto:vets-day-parade@w7aia.org)
- ❖ Walk and Knock Saturday December 5 Start at Clark County Food Bank 6502 NE 47<sup>th</sup> Ave
  - ❖ Contact Barbara Yasson AC7UH [walk-and-knock@w7aia.org](mailto:walk-and-knock@w7aia.org)



## WALK AND KNOCK 2019

- ❖ Largest one day community food drive in US.
- ❖ CCARC supplies over 40 radio operators to communicate from 32 Areas, 10 Drop Sites, and the Clark County Food Bank
  - ❖ Logistics communications—distribute volunteers and transport supplies throughout the day; transmit and record volunteer statistics for W&K organization
  - ❖ NCS runs a directed net
  - ❖ Most complicated to coordinate/move to Drop sites causes NCS to re-establish communications with remaining operators
  - ❖ Most locations can use HT on 2M repeater or linked 440 repeaters
  - ❖ Some locations work better with mobile radio
- ❖ Collected 276,220 pounds; worth \$477.861; approx. 230,000 meals
- ❖ Thanks to everyone who helped; they can't do it without us.
- ❖ This year it will be on Saturday December 5.



## MS WALK

- ❖ MS Walk is non-profit fundraiser for research for cure of MS
  - ❖ MS is a disabling disease of the central nervous system
- ❖ Radio operators along walk route look out for safety of participants
  - ❖ Route from Esther Short Park to Who Song and Larry's, Beaches, and back
- ❖ NCS runs directed net; operators must have 2M & 70 cm; HTs are fine for event
- ❖ T-Shirt provided by event organizers
- ❖ This year's MS Walk will be on Saturday April 25.



## *HAZEL DELL PARADE OF BANDS*

- ❖ Middle and High School bands from SW WA and schools across WA participate along with Parade floats, equestrian units, and scout groups, sports teams, and politicians during election years.
- ❖ Route starts at FD 6 station 1 on Hazel Dell Ave and goes south to Minnehaha then turns north on Hwy 99. Parade ends at Hwy 99 and 78<sup>th</sup> St.
- ❖ CCARC supplies around 40 radio operators for the staging area, along the route and at Disband to watch for participant and audience safety issues.
- ❖ NCS runs directed net on 440 MHz and 2 2M simplex nets
  - ❖ HTs work from all locations along the route
- ❖ This year's Parade of Bands will be on May 16.



## *VETERANS PARADE*

- ❖ Parade recognizes veterans; route is in downtown Vancouver on the Saturday before Veterans Day 11/11
- ❖ CCARC supplies over 40 radio operators to provide communication support for staging and the parade route reporting health and safety issues, and working to keep the parade moving.
- ❖ NCS runs a directed net during staging and during the parade until the final parade unit arrives at disband at the Providence Academy parking lot.
- ❖ This parade route is particularly challenging for pedestrian units and bands.
- ❖ This year's Veterans Parade will be on Saturday November 7.



## WHY DO IT?

- ❖ Good practice for radio operators who participate
  - ❖ Get to know your radio and what it can do
  - ❖ Enhance operating skills
  - ❖ Practice being part of a net
- ❖ ARRL Special Service Club—CCARC goes the extra mile
  - ❖ Help new hams get into hobby—Elmer program, classes, club meeting presentations, VE testing
  - ❖ Operating activities
  - ❖ Public relations to inform community about amateur radio and get public involved
  - ❖ Get out in the community with public service events, work with schools, scouts, etc.



## WHY DO IT?

- ❖ Build relationships with community groups
- ❖ In case of emergency or the next operating event it is good to have practiced radio skills on the street, at a school, at Field Day with the Mayor, city council and county council, etc.
  - ❖ Radio experience outside of ham shack is part of a ham's education/experience
- ❖ Fun





## WHO DOES IT?

- ❖ Some hams are proud of doing one event because it is their cause.
  - ❖ Race for the Cure because breast cancer runs in the family.
  - ❖ Walk and Knock because I know what it means to be hungry.
  - ❖ The Rose Festival Rose Parade, because I was in the parade once.
- ❖ Frequent flyers have fun while helping to make an event better
  - ❖ There is always a way to make something better—I appreciate your comments
  - ❖ They enjoy participating
  - ❖ The communications team for any event is teamwork; some of us enjoy being a team player
  - ❖ Did I say it is fun?



## WHO DOES IT?

- ❖ New hams and new club members who want to get into the hobby
  - ❖ I just signed up and now I have to learn how to program my radio
    - ❖ Many club members help program radios
    - ❖ Club's Elmer program has many helpful mentors
    - ❖ Do read the manual, but sometimes a live demo is easier
  - ❖ Find out what equipment the event requires
    - ❖ Hand-held transceiver or mobile radio in vehicle
    - ❖ Hands free operation?
  - ❖ Club's communications coordinator for each event will send out communications plan with frequencies and other information with your location, tactical call sign, etc.
  - ❖ Keep asking questions
  - ❖ If you want to work with an experienced ham at your first event, let the coordinator know—we do it all the time.



## WHAT DO YOU BRING TO THE TEAM & EVENT?

- ❖ A radio operator on time and prepared for the event
- ❖ Programmed radio with event frequencies; charge the batteries; bring headset or speaker mike; protect you and your equipment from weather; practice with your radio if it is new
- ❖ Read all event documents so you know the route map, event times, your tactical call sign and how to use it
  - ❖ Ask questions when you don't understand
- ❖ Listen to the net; know your location; respond to net control when called
- ❖ When finished secure your location with event official and with NCS.

