President's message

Calvin KC1M and I attended the services for Dwight W8TJT. Saying goodbye to my friend and knowing I can't just pick up the phone and talk it over with him, left me thinking 'how am I ever going to fill those big shoes?'. And the answer is, I can't by myself. I'll need help- I'd like us to unite in the endeavor to continue working to improve the club where we should and yet keep the traditions that define the RV Radio Network.

Tim Myers, WA8MD, thank you for stepping up as my vice president. Our talks have already provided good insights. And, for setting up, maintaining, and teaching Discord.

With Fred, KA2HPG leading a great team of net control station operators, we continue the tradition of gathering on the nets. We still have room for more folks to join the team. We can have you do a regular schedule weekly, monthly, or substitute when someone needs it. Contact Fred KA2HPG or me and let us know.

Theresa KC3WXB and Hank K4HM have migrated the website to a new server/account. Hank built the website and has provided service on it from his own for many years. Thank you Hank. This new account will provide continuity in caring for it. In the vein of continuity, we are seeking a 3rd webmaster to join their team. Contact Theresa if interested (all that programming talk goes right over my head, that happens a lot since I'm so short).

The awards committee has created some fun things to do on the nets. They are easy and fun, a little harder, and some competitive ones. Labor Day, Thanksgiving, & Christmas are ones that let us learn about each other on the air. Most times checked into the nets or from most locations are more competitive. And the on the move and mover & shaker are a little harder. Look on the awards page for information.

We also have a special award for the United States 250th anniversary. This is a very simple one. You must be a member and check into a RV Radio Network net in July of 2026 to earn a pin. To save the RVRN postage of about $8.50 per household, we are planning to have them available at Huntsville Hamfest and the fall rally. If you are attending neither of these- you can arrange with someone who is. We can hold them till Quartzfest, Hamcation, Hamvention, or the spring rally. Or you can pay for the postage, and we'll ship it to you.

I’m grateful that Calvin keeps folks updated with emails. And he stays busy keeping up with the membership applications.

And JJ works very hard - you could make his job easier by sending lots of input for the newsletter. He accepts articles all the time. He starts the next issue as soon as the one goes out. He’ll even help write the article…just talk with him.

So, I do have some help filling those shoes…but they are big shoes! I could use your help too. There are plenty of other things to help the club. If you have ideas, suggestions, want to get more involved - I am available by email (msack@verizon.net) and appreciate input from members of the RV Radio Network. You can also let me know in the AIM window on Netlogger if I’m on the net.