

IDAHO SOCIETY OF RADIO AMATEURS
BOISE CHAPTER
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CLUB WEB: <http://israboise.com> CLUB NET: 144,94 8:30 PM Sundays
President: W7PKL **Yrs Trooly: W7GHT**

The Boise Chapter ISRA will next meet Tuesday February 17, 2009 at Fairmont Jr. High School, 2121 North Cole Road, Boise, Idaho. The time is 7:00 PM. The program will be y Home Braumer on the use of a triode (tube) as a simple amplifier and as a grid-leak detector Then he will give us ideas for getting started with working (playing) with tubes, with focus on the simple signal generator and then he will review his recent experience restoring a WW-2 receiver, plus ideas for construction of inexpensive QRP transmitters.

ALSO - Does anyone have tube rigs to bring for show and tell? Bring 'em.
 Better come - and bring a friend.

Our January meeting convened without a scheduled program. Instead, we had nominations, election of officers, then a detailed discussion on how to improve our club.

Ed Fuzii, W7IZZ, reported he had joined the local Gem State Mineral Club, and it meets Tuesdays also. Ed will not be attending our meetings, apparently.

Al Hale, N7AL, chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave us his report. He nominated the current officers minus Ed, W7IZZ. Whereupon, President Bill, W7PKA called for nominations to replace Ed. Al Hale, N7AL, was nominated. Then all officers, including the one new one, were unanimously elected.

The officers, for 2009, are:

- President: Bill Barrus, W7PKL
 - Vice, Jim Hall, W4TVI
 - Secy/Treas, Bob Sulanke, KE7GKM
 - Directors, Bill Smith, W7GHT and Al Hale, N7AL
- May we rest in peace.

President Bill then bought up a display board with 5 categories of on it. This list was used for our discussion on what the club should do to enhance its status and to attract more members. The members also recognized that only a few attend meetings.

Secy/Treas Bob Sulanke, KE7GKM could not make it to our January meeting. His father passed away. We extend our sincere sympathy.

MEMBERS

Here is the roster of the 2008 Boise Chapter ISRA members. Who was left out? This list is quite important in order to make up the Newsletter Mailing List.

N7AL Al Hale KC8BX Jack Stiles

W7CNL	Jack Hotchkiss	W7PKL	Bill Barrus
W7CVS	Brian Adam	W7SC	Bob Alman
W7DOK	Doc Rhines	KB7SYE	Gaylan Olson
W7DVR	Doug Rich	W4TVI	Jim Hall
KB7DXN	Robert Kliethermes	KD7ULT	Gerald Kroenke
KE7GBC	Vince Brigante	WB6URE	Dock Nolen
W7GCL	Al Wickstrom	KK7WB	Todd Blue
W7GHT	Bill Smith	WE7Y	Dale Muhlestein
KE7GKM	Bob Sulanke\	W7ZEB	Duane Carley
W4IMT	Gene Pentecost	N7ZF	Bob Willis
W7IZZ	Ed Fugii	W7ZRQ	Larry Smith
K7JV	Jim Voyles		Bob Albanese
KC7KLL	Margaret Norlen		
W7OSH	Harold Carraway		

ARE YOU LISTED ABOVE?

2009 DUES

The 2009 dues are due and delinquent. They are \$10.00 each year. Some of us paid up during the January meeting, but a lot of the members, as yet, have not. Make your check payable to Boise Chapter ISRA and mail it to our Secy/Treas Robert Sulanke, KE7GKM, 3316 Bogus Basin Rd., Boise, ID 83702.

You wanna keep gettin the Newsletter and other stuff from the Club? You better act.

TRIPLE PLAY AWARD # 1 ISSUED

ARRL has created a new award, for Worked All States contacts made on and after January 1, 2009. It is the "Triple Play Award", an award for working all 50 states using three modes, CW, phone and RTTY/digital.

David Strout, W2YC managed to accomplish this feat by finally working KH6-land on phone at 2004 UTC January 15. He applied for the award 3 minutes later, at 2007 UTC.

Note: all 150 contacts, for this award, must be made on and after Jan 1, 2009 and must be confirmed via Logbook of the World (LoTQ). Any ISRA member got such a program?

All bands, except 60 meters, may be used, by the way.

Just imagine - -working all states using three modes; and doing so in 15 days. How long did it take you to work WAS using one mode? I've made it all mixed, all cw and all SSB, plus 5BWAS; but each of my WAS Awards took absolutely forever.

LEAP SECOND

Who noticed that the year 2008 was a second longer? I didn't. I went to bed early.

One second was inserted just before midnight on the 31st of December. Leap seconds are added either at the end of June or December, and in 2008 it was at December's end. These are necessary because the rotation of Earth continually slows at a slight and variable rate.

It is now too late to monitor the insertion of the leap second. However whenever the next event comes about, all you need to do is tune to WWV; or if you have a Global Positioning System clock, watch it just prior and during zero hour on the day the second is inserted. But don't blink your eyes. If you do, you might miss the leap second event and then have to wait another several years for the next one to come

about.

One of our members, Bob W7SC, knew the “leap second” was going to happen and he stayed up till midnight to watch. He listened to WWV and watched his atomic watch. Sure enough, we heard WWV delay one second. But his watch didn’t awake to the lost second for some time later. Thanks for taking part in the event and for the info, Bob.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

The first of February (a long time ago) I received an interesting e-mail, originated by Dennis Bombardiere, W8YS. Have to agree 100% with his comments.

CNN reported today (Jan. 31) that emergency officials have reported that relief to the ice emergency situation in Kentucky and surrounding areas is severely hampered by a lack of communications. Telephones and cell phones are not working. Some satellite phones are working, and amateur radio is working where they have it. Officials say that they have learned a valuable communications lesson. They plan in the future to have Emergency Operation Centers equipped with amateur radio equipment.

What a surprise. They didn’t learn from 911, and they didn’t learn from Katrina. They also should realize that they need to reach out to amateur radio operators and have them operate this equipment to insure the reliability of the system and of the of communications. This is a shining example of why understanding and being proficient in traffic handling is so important.

Dennis Bombardiere W8YS

NEW LAWS REGULATING CELL PHONE AND TEXT MSG

Recent years are always the same. Local and state regulatory bodies consider new restrictions on use of Cell Phones and Text Messages. Often these regulations affect Amateur Radio, too.

As of February 1, 2009, eleven states are considering proposals. They include Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Montana, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming. Add to this several local city or town proposals.

ARRL urges law makers to limit their new laws or regulations to devices such as full duplex wireless telephones and related hand-held or portable equipment. It suggests that licensed Amateur Radio operation should be specifically listed as an exclusion.

Let us hope ARRL has a loud enough voice to be well heard by all.

QSO PARTIES

ADD North Dakota to last month’s listing. The Area Contests now are:

Idaho QSO Party -	March 10-11 < http://www.nx7tt.com/main_page_link/rules.htm >
NOTE Idaho QSO Party is 24 hour period only. Check the rules at the address above.,	
North Dakota QSO Party	March 21-22 < http://k0ln.com >
Montana QSO Party	April 4-5
7th Area QSO Party	May 2-3
Nevada Mustang Roundup	May 9-10
Washington QSO Party	Sept 19-20
California QSO Party	Sept 20-21

BIRTHDAYS:

2-5-31 KC8BX
3-28-47 K7DMV

Happy Birthday to each of you. May you have many more.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Think Spring! Think Spring! Think Spring!

With all the snow, rain, Fog, freezing temperatures, it's difficult to think spring. I have been told that spring will come and I have hope that it will. For some of us that means getting off the couch, dusting off whatever it is that needs dusting and get busy. My XYL is buying seeds for me to plant in the garden. Unfortunately the garden is not ready for planting. That should keep me busy for awhile and maybe work off some of the pounds gained through the winter months. I also have an antenna to put up for 2 meters and another for 80 meters and 40 meters. I am looking forward to spring. I'm getting tired of all this gray stuff.

Well we had our Club officer election in January. Most of you already know the outcome. Couldn't find anyone who was just dying to take over as president so you still have me. The list goes like this . . .

Pres. Bill Barrus w7pkl
V. Pres Jim Hall w4tvi
Sec/Treas. Bob Sulanke ke7gkm
Board Mem Bill Smith w7ght
Board Mem Al Hale n7al

Ed Fujii is unable to attend our meetings on Tuesday evenings and he was replaced by Al. We will miss him at our meetings, however he is still a member of the club and we look forward to seeing him at some of our activities.

Along with the new year is the collecting of dues. I am pleased to see so many renew their membership. There are still a few stragglers so you won't get a new list out until the March Newsletter.

I would like to welcome Wil N0KHL, and Barbara Matschke as new members of the ISRA Boise Chapter Club. Wil is a member of the Wednesday night Net and a regular check-in on the ISRA 2 meter Net on Sunday at 8:30 pm. Hope to meet Wil and Barbara face to face one of these days.

It's time again for the Idaho QSO party. It will be the weekend of March 14 and 15. More information and rules etc. can be found at <www.nx7tt.com. Let's help put Idaho on the Ham Radio map.

Don't forget the Idaho State Ham Convention in Boise, Idaho, April 24, 25 and 26. Check out the schedule at <www.voiceofidaho.org> web site.

I am looking forward to the coming year. Hope all is well with everyone in spite of the economic downturn.

William (Bill) Barrus W7PKL