

IDAHO SOCIETY OF RADIO AMATEURS
BOISE CHAPTER
June 27, 2008
CLUB WEB: <http://israboise.com> CLUB NET: 144,94 8:30 PM Sundays

President: W7PKL

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President Bill, W7PKL, didn't make it to our May 20 meeting. Instead, our Vice, Jim, W4TVI ran things. He explained that Bill had a very bad cold and felt he shouldn't come and cough his germs all over us. We were thankful for his thoughts (and absence).

Vice, Jim reviewed our Club's part in the Idaho Hamfest, by saying we had 16 or so people that showed some interest in the club. Unfortunately, no letter or other invitations was sent to those people on account our Secy/Treas, Bob, KE7GKM has the info as to who and addresses, and at the time of our meeting, he was in the country of Greece. All raffles were drawn and the winners rewarded with the goodies on the display table. Info about the winners was in Bob's hands, too.

Toni Baca, WV7I, our program, talked about digital communication, equipment and how to get on the air and what to do when there. A very, very interesting and enlightening presentation. Thank you Toni.

This is the last "formal" meeting until September. But - - read on.

We ain't gonna have a "program", as such during our next Club function, which is Saturday, June 27. Instead, it will be our **FIELD DAY** outing. We will set up on Eagle Island. The arrival time was given by our Vice (during May 18 meeting) as about 9:30 AM. Our May Newsletter gave the time as 11 AM. Thinking about it, the later time is too late for set up. We'll start operating at noon, so an earlier time to start set-up is mandatory.

Those that can make it at 9:30 AM will be most welcome. Tree climbing won't be necessary, if Bob Sal Sulanke, KE7GKM joins us. He's got one of those sling-shot gadgets that flings objects over limbs and we then simply pull a line up with the antenna attached. **But** if Bob ain't here, there's going to be a bunch of climbing.

We'll share at least two HF rigs (and perhaps another) and someone also will be watching on the "talk-in" 2-meter frequency, needed to guide lost ones. Operation will **stop** about 5 PM.

Don't forget there's an entrance fee of \$4.00 per car. It is good for the whole day.

Remember to bring some food for the Pot Luck Lunch. We'll be eating at about 1 PM. The Club will supply soda pop for lunch and to quench our thirst other times during the afternoon.

You've probably thrown your May NL away, so here again is driving directions:

Go west on Chinden (Hwy 20/26) to Linder Rd. Turn right (North) on Linder to West Hatchery Rd., Turn right (East) on West Hatchery Rd and proceed straight to the Park.

There is a \$4.00 day fee per CAR. The fee is good for the entire day.

Other activities for the family include swimming, picnicking, water-slide, sightseeing, non-motorized boating, photography, nature study, fishing, relaxing, and other stuff

Next activity, after Field Day, will be the **AUGUST PICNIC**. We will join the QCWA Club, again for a pot-luck on SATURDAY August 15 at noon o'clock. This, again will be a Pot Luck. The place again this year, thankfully will be in the back yard of Jack W7CNL, and Carolyn Hotchkiss, 3708 Hawthorne Dr. Boise, ID,

A reminder and directions will be sent you early in August.

WINNERS AT HAMFEST DRAWING

(Submitted by Bob Sulanke, KE7GKM)

At the 2009 Idaho State Amateur Convention, April 24-26, our club had a booth where it advertised the existence of ISRA, Boise Chapter. Part of the booth's activity was a free drawing for four quite nice prizes. There were 50 individuals entering the drawing, 21 of whom live with an easy drive to our club meetings.

Stan Rhees (ex W7TSW) of Meridian won the set of old ham magazines. John Stone (K7JPS) of Caldwell won ten radio/electronics books. Jonathan Cantrell (WB7DTU) of King Hill won the collection of tubes and related older (good) stuff. Wade Hales (KD7VNS) of Middleton won the junk box of more contemporary parts.

On the cards submitted that were marked with exactly one "Prize Desired", 7 cards were marked for the Old Ham Magazines, 14 for the books, 10 for tubes, etc, and 11 for the junk box.

On the cards, in addition to asking for "prize desired", we asked for an indication of ones interests regarding one of six categories. Of the 50 cards 22 were marked with a positive interest for home brewing, 17 for vintage radio, 6 for CW, 13 for service, 22 for mobile operation, 10 for QRP. The 22 for home brewing and 10 for QRP might be somewhat surprising results. Of course those cards came from hams who both wandered the booth area and understood the nature of our free drawing.

Somewhat disappointingly, only about 150 people, out of about the 500, who attended the hamfest, gave at least an interesting glance at our booth and only 50 submitted an entry.

Thanks Bob.

BIRTHDAYS:

6-14-34	W7PKL
6-26-27	W4IMT
7-1-35	KI7BP
7-9-48	K7JV
8-2-27	KC7KLL
8-8-40	WA7ZNH
8-20-27	KC7YUI
8-20-14	W7GCL
8-26-49	N7ZFE
8-29-43	K7NEY



Happy birthday yo each of you. May you have many more.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dan Marner, K7EX, and Jim Meldrum, KD7NGR, both from Boise. We all hope you enjoy the club functions, and will continue your membership for many years to come.

REMEMBER: FIELD DAY IS ALSO A POT LUCK. BRING FOOD.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Jun 25-Jul 4, 2300Z-2300Z. Kluane Lake YT, Field Day and Jacquol Island 14.260, 7.260, 3.960. QSL KL7JR, 3709 Arctic Blvd #1830, Anchorage, AK 9903.

kl7jr@yahoo.com

Jun 27-Jun 8, 1800Z-1899Z Fresno CA Salvation Army, N6S, Fresno SATERN EOC Field Day, 21.290, 14.290, 7.190, 3.890. QSL AE6SX, 4834 N Diana St., Fresno, CA 93726. k6cme@yahoo.com

Jul 4, 1330Z-2100Z. Troy, MT. Lincoln County Amateur Radio Group, KK7XT, 100th Anniversary 7.175. QSL Bill Cunnane, 622 Michigan Ave., Libby, MT 59923.

Jul 4 1500Z-2100Z Missoula, MT. Hellgate Amateur Radio Club, W7PX, Independence Day at Fort Missoula, 14.260, 7250. QSL W7PX, PO Box 3811, Missoula, MT 59806. www.w7px.org

Jul 4 1600Z-2359Z San Diego, CA USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating Independence Day and 233 years of freedom. SSB 14.320, 7.250. CW 14.060, 7.055, PSK-31 78.070-7.080. RTTY 14.080, 7.080. QSL USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, 910 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101. af6ha@yahoo.com.

Jul 10-Jul 13 2300Z-1700Z Deception Pass State Park, WA, PNW QRP Group, K7S. West Coast QRP Field Event - - Salmoncon. 14.060 10.116 7.030 3.560. QSL Doug Phillips, 25120 SE 14th St, Sammamish, WA 98065 (Rus in concert with Lobsercon.

Jul 10 - Jul 20, 0000Z-0000Z. East Glacier Park, MT. Great Falls Area Amateur Radio Club, W7G. 75th Annual Glacier Waterton Hamfest. 50.125, 28.400, 14.250, 3.880. QSL George Forsyth AA7GS, PO Box 1763, Great Falls, MT 59403. aa7gs@arrrl.net.

HAMFESTS

Montana: State Convention, July 17-19, Annual Glacier-Waterton Pierce Park Hamfest. (Note the Special Events station above). To be held at Glacier Meadow RV Park, US

Hwy 2 (Mile Marker 191)

Oregon: Coos County RC, Jul 18. North Bend Middle School, 1500 16th St., North Bend OR. www.coosradioclub.net

Washington: Chehalis - Jul 11, 9 AM - 1PM. Chehalia Valley ARS, Southwest Washington Faigrounds, 146.06 (110.9 Hz). www.cvars.org/swapmeet.htm

Washington: Spanaway. Aug 8. 9AN-2PN Bethel Junior High School. www.w7dk.org

Washington: Pacific Northwest DX Convention, Aug 7-9. 54th Annual Event. Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center, 1100 N Sullivan Rd, Spokane www.sdx.org

NO MEETING, NO NEWSLETTER - - NO NOTHING - - IN JULY

RESCUE RADIO

The June 12 issue of Amateur Radio Newslines has an article about Rescue Radio, and therein it states President Obama is urging all rescue teams to contain at least one transceiver that is waterproof. I had an experience way back in the tube-radio equipment and during Field Day. I was on top of what we then called "Bald Mountain". The hill to the east of Table Rock. A cloud below us obscured the town, but at least it didn't bother operation till the cloud decided to raise. This was very quick and sudden we were in a cloud burst...and everything started sparking. Things got turned off in a hurry. No damage was done and when the rain stopped I got back on the air.

Imagine the effect if this were during a rescuee operation. Yes - - waterproof is a good idea.

Presidents Corner

I have less than half a page so will keep it short. Our summer schedule is upon us. We have the opportunity to see and visit with each other on field day and during the August picnic. This is a time where we can talk about anything we want to if we can find someone to listen to our ramblings. I look forward to these times especially when there is not the pressures of; is the meeting going OK, where is everyone, what do we have for next months meeting. etc. It is a time to relax and enjoy.

Since we do not have any official meetings for 3 months these more social activities are very important to maintain the continuity we need to hold our club together. These social activities also give us an opportunity to talk about the on-the-air experiences we are having. This helps promote the many facets of amateur radio. There are several that we hardly ever and some never see at our regular meetings. These social activities are in the day time. Thus we who are challenged by night driving can venture forth.

I look forward to visiting with everyone. 73

Bill Barrus W7PKL