

SUMMER

Summer is upon us. We'll take a vacation from the formal meetings in Fairmont Jr. High School starting in June, BUT other activities will happen.

In June there's a Pot-luck Field Day. It will be Saturday (only) June 27 at the Idaho State Eagle Park. Two stations, one SSB and the other CW will operate simultaneously.

Bring something to eat, plus your eating utensils. We will meet at Eagle Island State Park, 400 W. Hatchery Rd, Eagle, ID 83616.

Here's the schedule:

Set-up (for Field Day)	11:00 AM, Saturday, June 27
Operation (Field Day)	12:00 Noon
Pot Luck Lunch	1:00 PM
Take Down	5:00 PM

- 1- Our Club will set up on the eastern side of the parking area.
- 2- Talk-in Frequency 146.94 repeater.
- 3- We plan to have two HF transmitters, operating simultaneously. We hope to have club members who can coax bystanders, particularly younger ones to come investigate the operation, as well as Ham Radio itself. Any who wants, will be allowed to make a contact on the SSB equipment

Please, make this a good outing - - come and enjoy yourself and bring stuff to eat, and eating utensils. Oh yes, the club will purchase a couple cases of sodie-pop for us to enjoy during Field day and pot-luck.

And here's - - BETTER DIRECTIONS TO GET THERE:

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.

We understand there will be a boy-scout gathering at the Park that afternoon. Let us hope our activity will attract some of them and they, in the future, will become hams.

Saturday, August 15 is our Pot Luck picnic. And again, it is a joint picnic with the Gem State Chapter QCWA. Always a fine time and oodles and bunches of great food. The place will be the same as last year, in the back yard of Jack and Carolyn Hotchkiss, W7CNL, 3708 Hawthorn Dr, Boise, ID. A very grand place for us. A reminder and directions again will be sent you early in August.

AND THAT'S what we will be doing this summer

JOB OPENING

Anyone in Idaho want a job? Just received notice from Ed, AI7H, SM Idaho that Chuck Robertson, KX7ID (from Caldwell, ID) has resigned as Idaho Section Emergency Coordinator. This is a job requiring the ability to work with government and private sectors, and to coordinate and direct the training of local Emergency Coordinators and all ARES members and (as always) to help recruit members. A very responsible top job. ARRL membership, of course is mandated.

All Idaho hams interested in the job, contact Ed immediately. His e-mail is ai7h@arrl.org.

DAYTON HAMFEST ON LINE

Wednesday, May 13 W5KUB began his Website video at approximately 1300Z as he drives 10 hours, or 550 miles from Memphis, TN to Dayton, OH. On Thursday they set up in the flea market and they will leave their video to capture Hamfest events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Included this year is another program wherein there will be FREE ham Prizes, and lucky viewers will win some great prizes. They also will interview astronaut Richard Garriott, W5KWQ, at 2100 UTC on Saturday May 16. If you have questions for W5KWQ, the web site is <http://w5kub.com>.

SUN SPOT CYCLE 24

From ARRL Web

I don't know where the scientists obtained their basis for this prediction, however, at the annual Space Weather Workshop held in Boulder, CO. last month, an international panel of experts lead by NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center predicted that Solar Cycle 24 (the new one coming up) will peak in May 2013 with 90 suns pots per day on average. If the prediction proves true, Solar Cycle 24 will be the weakest cycle since Solar Cycle 16 which peaked with 78 daily sunspots in 1928, the ninth weakest since the 1750's, when numbered cycles began.

BIRTHDAYS:

5-14-27	W7PCP
5-24-56	N7ILX
6-26-27	W4IMT
7-1-35	KI7BP
7-9-48	K7JV



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to each of you. May you have many more.

Presidents Corner

Thank you to all that helped make our booth at the State Convention a success. We don't have a full measure of what success might mean. There were several letters of invitation sent inviting those that stopped by the booth to visit our club meetings. More on the results at a future date. Meanwhile we press on with the affairs of life as best we can.

Gosh, with great effort I can remember when waiting for tomorrow to get here was a long time. As I grew older the tomorrows kept coming at a faster pace. Now they just flash by. I want you to notice that I mentioned growing older. Not the same as growing up. I don't think I will ever grow up and my dear wife feels the same way.

Along with the growing older stuff is the slowing down. I never was very speedy. The kind words would be thorough and methodical. The unkind words would be slow and lazy. Well I don't like to think of myself as lazy, but I am certainly slower than I was a few years ago. That's one of the excuses I use to just relax in front of a ham radio and chat with others just like me.

I had a QSO with a fellow ham on 40 meters CW the other day that was 94 years along his path of life. He and I have a little difficulty getting up in the tree or on the roof doing the antenna thingy, but we still are able to enjoy the other aspects of being a ham. Besides that he called me OM. Of all the nerve. I have several years to go to catch up with him.

As I look over the birthday list that W7GHT so diligently maintains I see that there are others in the same canoe. And that's just one of the reasons that make the ISRA club important. It provides a place where like minded people, regardless of their age, can get together and enjoy each others fellowship. We can still tickle our minds with the technical aspect of amateur radio through our monthly meeting topics as well as refresh acquaintances.

We have the meeting at the school May 19. This will be the last meeting at the school till the September meeting. In the meantime there is Field Day at Eagle Island State Park June 27th. You young folks come early and help us old folks get the antennas up. July will be a vacation from club meeting, but we can still get on the air and have a great time talking to friends we have never met before and may never meet again. And then there is the August Picnic (pot luck) where we can sit and eat and talk in a nice little back yard park thanks to Jack Hotchkiss and his dear wife. Life is good.

73 William L. Barrus W7PKL