

June 2008

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS:

Friday, June 13

American Legion, Post Falls
Program: Potluck
Refreshments: Everyone bring something to the potluck

Monday, July 7

Search And Rescue Building
Program: Bob Kesson, D-Star
Refreshments: Lani Hopkins

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Dear Club Members:

The annual club meeting designed to meet and greet local area Hams and encourage them to join KARS occurred in May and was promoted as our May Mixer. I am pleased to announce that this activity was a success with approximately 50 attendees, resulted in 11 Hams signing up as members. The effort put forward by the Board and other KARS members to make this event successful needs to be recognized. Over 500 postcards were generated with mailing labels provided by John Hollor and then applied and mailed by Jeff Wall. Returned cards were evaluated for incorrect address labels and then Ed Stuckey, Tom Richmond, and Thomas Barrett sorted the returns and searched for new addresses. I believe the post card graphics were set up or aided by Larry Telles who continues to maintain our Web site, promote club activities and act as the club photographer. Gary Roth puts together all our newsletter inputs and brings this information out once a month by email to members. These highly paid members (just a joke, they are all volunteers) need to hear your appreciation every once in a while for their behind the scene effort. Cheryl Richmond also did a great job coordinating refreshments and Randy Carlson's monthly supplied coffee is always appreciated. I am sure I have forgotten to mention others and the tasks they performed to make this event successful, sorry. If you are one of those individuals, then you can give me a gentle Dope Slap up along side the head.

The next upcoming event, which will be completed before you get this newsletter, is our first of two Highway Cleanup events on I-90. The clubs two mile stretch of I-90 Highway between mile markers 16 and 18 will be cleaned on Saturday the 24th followed by a club paid lunch at the Noon Time restaurant.

As you can observe from the above comments, there are lots of volunteers working hard behind the scenes to make various club activities happen smoothly. Our next big yearly event is the Hamfest, which has been heavily advertised , and is being coordinated by Jim Monroe. Please contact Jim to see if you can help join other volunteers already in the loop to support this activity scheduled for June 14th. Visit us at : www.k7id.com for updated information.

A little clarification in last months newsletter is needed concerning comments about the use of the clubs K7ID call sign. The board members agreed that club events using the club call sign need to be controlled with contacts documented and a control operator in place. This procedure was successfully followed at the Scout – O – Rama. If you plan to participate in a club event and want to use the club call sign, then contact Jerry Hooper for details.

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Review the Monthly Problem section, which is under going some changes. This section should help keep your brain exercised over a cup of coffee without causing too much stress.

Ed Hannigan KE7FOW
Club President



We had a great May!

I want to thank all our members, old and new who made the May Mixer a huge success. Plenty of coffee and sweet treats kept the evening's QSO's brisk and friendly! (Thanks to Randy Carlson and Cheryl Richmond for the goodies!!)

After some delay... we finally got our 2 miles or so of I-90 cleaned up on Saturday May 24th. Ed and Marilyn Hannigan, Bob Rosie, John Hollar, Jerry Blythe, Roy Cook, and I met at Michael D's about 9am. We cruised on up to our section and the orange bags began to fill up! At the end of the day we had picked up about a dozen or so bags of trash. Ed and Marilyn found a surprise as well (just a deer carcass, thank God)! Afterwards we went to Moon Time for lunch and a good time was had by all.

The June meeting is a POT LUCK on FRIDAY the 13th at the Post Falls American Legion Hall.

Our 2008 HAMFEST will be there on Saturday the 14th of June.

PS coming up in July, Bob Kesson K7CGA, will be presenting D-STAR at our regular meeting.

See ya'll there- 73 KB7TIC Jeff

Problem Set #6:

#1. One hundred people attend a circus, and the admission receipts come to 100 dollars. Tickets are 5 dollars per man, 2 dollars per woman, and 10 cents per child. How many men, women, and children attended?

#2 What is the time constant of a circuit having two 100 microfarad capacitors and two 470 kilohm resistors in series?

Answers to last months Problem Set are as follows:

#1. Wavelength = c/f

$$c = (\text{speed of light}) = 300,000,000 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$f = (\text{frequency}) = 7.125 \text{ mhz}$$

$$\text{therefore wavelength} = 42 \text{ meters}$$

#2 Total resistance = $1 / (1/R1 + 1/R2 + 1/R3)$

Since all the resistors are of equal value (100 ohms), then the Total resistance is the value of the resistor divided by three or 33.3 ohms

Submit your answers at the next meeting and win a unique prize.

Ed KE7FOW

KARS Sponsored VE TESTING SESSIONS

14-Jun-2008 at the KARS HAMFEST

Sponsor: KOOTENAI ARS

Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: [JOHN S HOLLAR, N7JU](mailto:JOHN.S.HOLLAR@N7JU)

Email: VETESTING@K7ID.ORG

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: AMERICAN LEGION

1138 E POLELINE AVE

POST FALLS, ID 83854

New Extra Class Examinations Start on July 1, 2008

14-Jul-2008 at the KARS Regular Member Meeting

Sponsor: KOOTENAI ARS

Time: 5:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: [JOHN S HOLLAR, N7JU](mailto:JOHN.S.HOLLAR@N7JU)

208-765-5470

Email: VETESTING@K7ID.ORG

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: KOOTENAI COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE

10865 N RAMSEY RD

WEST END OF MILES AVENUE

HAYDEN, ID 83835

11-Aug-2008 at the KARS Regular Member Meeting

Sponsor: KOOTENAI ARS

Time: 5:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: [JOHN S HOLLAR, N7JU](mailto:JOHN.S.HOLLAR@N7JU)

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Email: VETESTING@K7ID.ORG

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: KOOTENAI COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE

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North Idaho VE Testing Session Report for June 2008
The following Extra Class Licensees and certified VE's is presented with their total number of KARS testing sessions for the ARRL VEC.

Nice work es TNX [JOHN S HOLLAR, N7JU](#)

KI7EP 145
KA7RNX 61
N7JU 32
K6SPP 27
KB7BYR 22
K7CGA 9
N7SZY 12
WO6LF 5
W7GSV 1 (new)
KE7IAT 1 (new)
N7JIL 1 (new)

Our congratulations to KARS member *Ron Kimberling*, KE7SKL Rathdrum, ID. for passing his Extra Class; and to *Melva Bradshaw*, KE7UAD, of Priest Lake, ID. for her new Technician call letters (with 0 questions wrong) ; all actions from the May 2008 KARS meeting VE Session.

[JOHN S HOLLAR, N7JU](#)

SPOKANE, WA - Register to test in Spokane this month by calling **Mary, AA7RT** at 509-991-2192 or e-mail aa7rt@arrrl.net for dates, locations and times.

June KARS Meeting

Different Day-of-the-Month, Different Time, Different Location!

The KARS June meeting will be a Pot-luck dinner, at the American Legion Hall, 1138 E. Poleline Ave, Post Falls, on Friday, 06/13, starting at 6PM. A brief program will include a review the Hamfest check-list, to ensure that all volunteers are aligned and understand their assignments.

If you would like to assist in setting up, please be there by 4:00 p.m. If you have questions about what to bring, contact Jim (jim@intermountainsecurity.com) or phone (208) 755-2100.

Reminder About Hamfest Donations

The KARS Hamfest and Swap-meet is only a month away now. The Club will be running a sales table at the Hamfest where we will dispose of any member donations. If you have items that are no longer needed at your Ham station, please consider donating them to KARS. Your donation can be large or small, they are all appreciated. You may bring donations to the Club May meeting, or contact any officer if you need us to pick something up from your home. Thanks in advance! 73, Ed AI7H

Attention: Kootenai County ARES/RACES

Members! Don't forget! New meeting location for monthly KC ARES/RACES meetings, Civil Air Patrol, Sheprock Building, Coeur d'Alene Airport. The start time remains 6:30 p.m.

Refreshment Sign-Ups for the rest of the year:

04/14/08 - Megan Barrett
05/12/08 - Cheryl Richmond
06/13/08 - Pre-Hamfest Potluck
07/14/08 - Lani Hopkins
08/11/08 - Jean Carlson
09/08/08 - Leanne Carney
10/13/08 - Chris Monroe
11/10/08 - Gary Roth
12/08/08 - Christmas Potluck

Amateur Radio Field Day Stations

The Spokane DX Association ("SDXA") will be operating a "Field Day" station at the Jacklin Seed Farms Research Farm, located on Prairie Ave. about ½ mile east of SR-41, near Post Falls. Field Day will take place over a 24-hour period from 11AM on Saturday, 06/28 thru 11AM on Sunday, 06/29. The SDXA people will be operating from a large white "circus tent" that will be situated near the farm house. Visitors are welcome, and station tours will be offered. Visitors will see a multi-operator/multi-transmitter station in operation.

The Lilac City ARC will be hosting a four club Field Day station at Valleyford, Washington at the Valleyford Park. The park is located on the east side of Valleyford. Spokane ARES/RACES, KBARA, and the Inland Empire Radio Amateur Club will be participating as well. Planned modes include SSB, FM, Packet, and Pactor.

AMERICAN RED CROSS RESPONDS TO ARRL CONCERNS REGARDING BACKGROUND CHECKS

At the ARRL ARES forum at the Dayton Hamvention, ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD, announced that the American Red Cross (ARC) has finally moved to the issue of background checks for ARES volunteers.

In November 2007, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote to the American Red Cross (ARC) regarding concerns voiced by ARRL volunteers. In 2006, the Red Cross stated it would implement background checks that included, among other things, a credit check and a “mode of living” check for its staff and volunteers, including ARES volunteers providing services to the Red Cross during disasters. ARRL saw these portions of the background check as unneeded and inappropriate for ARES service.

In a letter dated May 8 of this year, Armond T. Mascelli, ARC Vice President for Disaster Response Services replied to President Harrison: “I can now report back to you that [these] actions have been completed and changes have been instituted which I trust resolves the concerns detailed in your letter. This effort took considerably more time and attention than originally envisioned, but I believe the results will now benefit our respective organizations.

“A new background consent form now [is] to be used by all Red Cross chapters for ARRL members and other partner organizations. The form and related process is limited to the name and social security number verification of the individual, and a criminal background check. References and suggestions to other related investigative possibilities have been stricken.”

Harrison said that “We are very pleased that the American Red Cross has addressed some of the issues that we raised regarding their background investigations and that we can move forward in a relationship that has existed for a long, long time. The American Red Cross and the ARRL have shared a productive relationship for many years which has been of benefit to both the organizations and to the public. We are glad that throughout the past months we have been able to negotiate the issues that we had and have finally come to a resolution.”

With the background check issue apparently resolved, the ARRL will be working with the ARC in the negotiation and creation of a draft for a new “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) or similar document to replace the one which expired last year; Dura and Keith Roberatory of the ARC will be leading the effort. When complete, the draft of the MOU will be presented to the leadership of both organizations for approval.

“While we believe that the Red Cross is implementing some changes that will address some of the concerns expressed to them by ARRL, at this point, it is work in

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To
10:00 A.M.



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process,” said ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B. “There are many questions yet to be answered, but we believe that the Red Cross is progressing in good faith to complete the changes to their policy and their background check consent form, which was the primary concern expressed to the Red Cross by ARRL. There will be more clarifications and information in the near future. Please keep an eye on the ARRL Web site for updates as we know them. We are very much aware of your concerns and have conveyed them to the Red Cross. We expect the Red Cross to address these and other concerns on subject of their background check policy in the near future.”

“The ARRL is very pleased that the American Red Cross has responded appropriately to our concerns about the background check issue,” said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. “We believe it now will be possible to go forward to negotiate a statement of understanding between the two organizations. We look forward to renewing and expanding the relationship with the Red Cross.”

Dura warns that when requesting a background check on the ARC Web site, volunteers from partner agencies, such as the ARRL or ARES, should select “I am an ARC partner” when asked “What is my Red Cross role?” Otherwise, he says, volunteers will see the background check form that asks for “everything.”

Deadline for submitting articles, stories, reports, etc., is the 25th of each month for the following month’s newsletter.

Kootenai Amateur Radio Society (KARS) YEAR 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

{ } New Member: \$12.00 { } Renewal: \$12.00 { } Family Membership: \$18.00

{ } Information Update Only

New! Two year membership Rates:

{ } New Member: \$22.00 { } Renewal: \$22.00 { } Family Membership: \$33.00

ARE YOU AN ARRL MEMBER? YES NO (Please Circle One)

CALLSIGN: _____ CLASS: _____ EXPIRATION: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ M.I. _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS1: _____

ADDRESS2: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

PHONE NUMBER: (____) _____ OK TO PUBLISH? YES/NO (CIRCLE ONE)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ @ _____

OK TO PUBLISH EMAIL ADDRESS? YES NO (CIRCLE ONE, PLEASE)

**NOTE: IF THIS IS A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP, (All members with the same address),
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION FOR YOUR FAMILY.**

NAME: _____ CALL: _____ CLASS: _____

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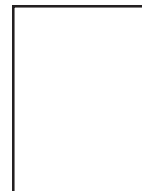
NAME: _____ CALL: _____ CLASS: _____

*RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DUES, (CASH OR CHECK), TO THE KARS TREASURER OR, MAIL TO:
KARS TREASURER, P.O. BOX 5222, Coeur D'Alene, ID. 83816.*

(Office use only.) CK: __ CSH: __ Mbr Spreadsheet: __

PASS THIS ON TO A FRIEND!!!

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Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816



DIRECTIONS TO KARS MEETING:

Take U.S. Highway 95 to Miles Avenue (Miles is about 1 mile North of Hayden Avenue). Instead of proceeding west from the corner of Miles and Ramsey, go north about ¼ mile, to the first building on the left (West) side of the road.

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KARS operates a voice repeater on 146.98 and a packet repeater on 145.510 Mhz.

Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is welcome to join. Dues are \$12.00 (individual) and \$18.00 for a family membership. Contact the Treasurer if you wish to join.

If you know of anyone interested in joining KARS, you can notify the newsletter editor as to that parties email address. A copy of this newsletter will be sent with no obligation to join.

Material can be submitted for publication in Propagation. The deadline for articles, etc., is the 25th of each month for the following month's issue.