



October 2011

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS:

Monday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.
Kootenai Search & Rescue
Bldg., Hayden, Idaho
Topic: DX-pedition to Cuba
Presenter: Quint Webb,
W7CQW
Refreshments: Larry Telles,
K6SPP

ARRL VE Testing Session 10/
10/11; 5:30 PM Walk-ins
welcome
All exams administered.

Monday, November 14, 7:00
p.m.
Kootenai Search & Rescue
Bldg., Hayden, Idaho
Topic: CdA Fire Cache
Presenter: Jason Mulhauser
Refreshments: Gary Roth,
KE7IAT

Upcoming Social Events

December 12, 2011
Annual Christmas Party
American Legion Hall
Post Falls, Idaho

“DX-Pedition” Report

Our speaker this month will be Club member Quint Webb, W7CQW. Quint organized an expedition to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he and three other hams put the “KG4” prefix on the air. Like all DX-peditions, there was an organizational phase, a logistics phase, the actual operation, and then handling all the QSL card requests. Please join us for an informative presentation about this area of Amateur Radio.

Nominating Committee Progress

As described in the September Propagation, we are now in the process of finding candidates to fill the Club Officer positions that will become vacant at the end of the year. (By the way, “we” is “me” so far; the President and sitting Officers have not yet chosen their Nominating Committee members).

There are five positions that will become vacant: President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; and Executive Director. Two current officers have indicated that they would serve in a different position, if nominated.

Any licensed Amateur who is a Club member is eligible to serve as a Club officer. Please contact Ed, AI7H (ai7h@arrl.net) if you are interested in serving.

The Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

This note is to familiarize newer hams (and the rest of us who have forgotten) with the Amateur Radio Simulated Emergency Test, or SET. The SET is organized by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), with rules and scoring, almost like radio contests. The idea is to conduct some sort of emergency communications exercise at the ARRL Section level (our Section is the state of Idaho), using a scenario developed by Served Agencies. The exercise is typically conducted over the first weekend in October, but may be deferred to any weekend in the 4th Quarter of the year. SET is a voluntary exercise, and many Sections do not participate at all. We (Idaho Section) will NOT conduct a Section-wide SET in 2011, although individual Counties are encouraged to conduct local or regional exercises.

Had This Been A Real Emergency . . .

September is the month designated by the Federal Government as “National Preparedness Month.” October is designated by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) as the month to be used for the Simulated Emergency Test (SET). November will be the annual Global SET

Remember, “this is a test, it is only a test. . .” Should an emergency arise, you should tune in to the local ARES/RACES repeater(s) and monitor as necessary. SET is designed to practice the skills needed during an actual emergency. Among those skills are formal written traffic via voice, digital traffic, and CW using every mode where possible. Also tested is the speed of deployment at an unknown location (from arrival until on the air).

One of the recommendations to come out of Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference (GAREC) 2007 was to append a “/D” to the sender’s callsign when involved in emergency communications. It

was particularly stressed that with digital communications, stations might not be heard that well from the disaster area because of power limitations and noise level, and that the station in contact with them append the /D in order to inform other stations of the situation.

All frequencies are in KHz unless otherwise noted.

80/75 meters: 3595 (Winlink Hub frequency); 3750; 3980 (Oregon); 3985 (Washington); 3990 (Idaho).

Regional 60 Meter Agreement – Remember 50 watts maximum, USB only

5405 (Channel 5) – National/International;
5373 (Channel 4) – Washington;
5368 (Channel 3) – Idaho;
5348 (Channel 2) – Montana/Oregon;
5332 (Channel 1) – Regional coordination between states/sections.

40 meters: 7060 IARU Regions 1, 2, 3; 7240; 7245 – Washington; 7265 – Evening Hurricane Watch Net; 7280.

20 meters:
14300 – Maritime Mobile/IARU Region 2 Emergency Net Frequency;
14325 – Hurricane Watch Net.

17 meters: 18.160.

15 meters: 21.360

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

COFFEE & DONUTS EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

8:00 A.M.
To
10:00 A.M.

The Golden Spike
Community Center
Rathdrum



TALK-IN: 146.98
100 PL

Bring a writing instrument. The Golden Spike has the napkins for our breakfast table engineering!

Kootenai Amateur Radio Society

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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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All opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual contributors and not the radio club as a whole.

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.