



July 2012

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS:

Monday, July 9, 7:00 p.m.

Search & Rescue Bldg.
Hayden, Idaho

Topic: Straight Key Society

Presenter: Quint Webb,
W7CQW

Refreshments: Lee Hopkins
AA7AF

Monday, July 9, 5:30 p.m.

ARRL VE Test sessio
Same location as above.

Monday, August 12, 7:00 p.m.

Search & Rescue Bldg.
Hayden, Idaho

Topic: County 700 MHz System

Presenter: Bob Kesson,
K7CGA

Refreshments: Pat Patterson,
W7SGS

Upcoming Events

July (Time TBD)

Moving K7ID repeater

August 18

Picnic/Ice Cream Social

Hosts: Bob and Bonnie Kesson

August 25

Bozeman Hamfest

Bozeman, Montana

Sept. 22

Spokane Hamfest

President's Column

Whew!! Finally time to take a deep breath. June was a busy month for KARS. The second weekend in June we held our annual Hamfest. On Friday evening 40+ members and spouses enjoyed a potluck dinner. We had lots of good food and plenty of conversation. There was even time for some of the members and vendors to set up their tables for the next day. The weather wasn't perfect, but it turned out to be a great day. Even with the heavy rain our attendance was up from last year. All four segments of the event; prizes, food, entrance and KARS equipment table showed a profit. I must admit I was worried about covering the cost of the prizes, but we did and then some.

Hope some of you found that piece of equipment or that connector you needed or maybe some coax at the vendor tables. I do know that one young man, who is not a ham yet, bought a radio just like his Grandfather used to have. Another very young man, also not a ham, bought a power supply that he was thrilled with. He is going to use it on his scanner. A ham, I know, found the piece of equipment that was on his list of additions for his shack at a reasonable price.

On June 16th, an able group of trash gatherers worked on highway I-90 at exit 17. This time the weather was much more cooperative. It wasn't too hot nor too cold. We worked for about 2 hours and found lots of trash to remove. Those plastic bottles, for one thing and another, were quite prevalent. One of our participants even found \$20. Remember we will be doing it again in the fall so you can try your luck at finding treasures.

June 22-24 members of our club were getting ready and participating in Field Day. Friday, the 22, was set aside for raising antennas, running coax and finding the perfect location for a station. This year, we ran 3 stations: a VHF/UHF station primarily for voice and two HF stations used for voice, Morse code and data transmissions. Saturday night there was a potluck dinner so all the operators and their families could have some dinner. Then Sunday a little more operating time and finally the always exciting tear down and clean up.

I would like to thank all of the KARS members that participated in the June events. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Just to keep you on your toes, we have a challenging project coming up in July. We need to move the repeater from its current location to another location on

Mica Peak. Not only is there the move to accomplish, but there is some building repairs that need to take place. The roof and the entrance door need some TLC. If you are interested in helping, have a 4 wheel drive pickup, building skills or just want to help, please contact a board member. Give them your area of expertise and what day(s) in July you would be available to support this effort.

In the meantime, have a great summer. Hopefully summer will eventually arrive in Northern Idaho.

Bonnie, KG6QQM

KARS Hamfest 2012

Our Grand Prize winner this year was a KARS member, Bob Novak, K7RDN. He won the Yaesu FT-897D. The winner of the Yaesu FT-60R was Sholto Fisher, K7TMG. The winner of the Autek Antenna Analyzer was Brad Kasper, KA5PER.

Door prizes were won by Tom Richmond, NI7W; Dale Atwood, KI7PH; Dawayne Statler, KE7NUB; Mark Avakian, N7MA; Gabbee Perry, KE7ADN (a 2 time winner); Vern Wright, N7VGG; William Steinhour, KF7OPR (a two time winner); James Frees, WW7DD; and Kevin O'Hare, W7KEV.

We would like to thank the following KARS members who worked at the event and helped to make it a success. (The names are in no particular order.)

Randy, KB6YAV; Dale, KI7PH; Ron, KF6WKR; Pat, W7SGS; Allan, KE7DF; Bearpaw, KE7ADT; Mike, KF7VYC; Roy, KE7EH; Cheryl, KF7SQL; Jacob, K7AJC; Mark, N7MA; Cheryl Richmond; Vic, K3SHD; Robert Holt; Teresa Holt; Tom, NI7W; Quint, W7CQW; Rick, KI7I; Tom, W7UAT; Ed, AI7H; Gabbee, KE7ADN; Jim, N7ESU; Todd, AD7VB; Gary, KE7IAT; and Larry, K6SPP. Also thanks to XYL, Lani Hopkins.

Hope you are all looking forward to the 2013 Hamfest and are eager to help during the event.

KARS Spring/Summer Highway Cleanup

On Saturday June 16, a hardy group took to the roadsides at Exit 17 on Interstate 90. Armed with their lovely safety green vests and their large orange garbage bags they were a colorful sight.

Jerry Blythe, KE6RVZ, had the road signs out and delivered all the necessary supplies.

We would like to thank the following for spending the morning picking up trash: Allan, KE7DFT; John, N7JU; Larry, K6SPP; Dave, KF7OEV; and his son Ben; and Pat, W7SGS. A special thanks to Ben for putting up with the old timers.

We will be undertaking this task again this fall. Hope to see more of you there.

Field Day 2012

We would like to thank Quint and Donna Webb for hosting this year's field day activities. It was indeed a beautiful location with plenty of room to separate the stations. In addition, to providing the location for the 3 stations, the Webbs also hosted the potluck dinner on Saturday evening. The potluck provides sustenance for the operators; 24 hours is a long period to cover.

In addition to the Webbs, a big thank you goes to Ed Stuckey, AI7H, for acting as the event organizer. Once again, Ed has done an outstanding job. He was able to arrange some local publicity for this year's event. Not only was it mentioned in the Spokesman Review in the things to do this weekend column, Ed appeared in person on Channel 6 at 8:17 a.m., Saturday, the 23rd, explaining the event.

Since the event was held so close to the deadline for the newsletter a detailed account of the activities will be provided in the August newsletter.

My First Field Day Experience

By Bonnie Patterson, KG6QQM

When my husband became an active member of our local ham club, I noticed a peculiar phenomena that occurred the last weekend in June. He had to take Friday off of work and then disappear for the weekend. He supposedly went to some remote location, where I couldn't possibly contact him, so he could get above the noise. This was all quite puzzling to me. Upon his return I would ask what they had done, and his reply, "You wouldn't understand".

Several years later, I got my ham license and now I could be included in this annual ritual. We had moved to the Sierra Foothills so the remote location now wasn't all

that remote. It was only 15 miles from the nearest freeway, on a mountain top.

1 PVC Contraption



We arrived at noon

on Friday. Everyone had their special place to set up their station and you had better not try to muscle in on one of these ideal locations. When all the “early birds” were settled we set to work. We had built this funny looking contraption out of PVC pipe, but I had no idea what it was used for. Apparently, you aimed it at the tallest tree and then pulled back the large rubber band like a sling shot. Wow! The fishing line flew out, and into the trees. Then came my job; locating the fishing weight at the end of the line. Sometimes it was hanging way up in the tree, sometimes it was on the ground. It didn’t take long for me to figure out that you don’t stand where you expect the weight to come down. It can give you a headache on impact. By late afternoon we had a number of antennas draped in the trees.



I was ready for dinner,

but it was time to tune up the radios. Where to put those generators. No one wanted them close to their camp. Were the radios interfering with one another? Tables had to be set up for logging at each station. Lots of things to take care of before we could call it a day.

2 20 Meter Voice Station

Saturday morning everyone was up early. Final testing of the individual stations. On our small piece of hill we had 11 stations, each one working in a different mode and/or frequency. All very serious stuff. Luckily for me, I found a very patient ham who invited me to work with him at his station. (It wasn’t my husband). He was working 20 meters voice so at least I could understand the various QSOs. It was decided I should give it a try. I had never worked anything other than the local 2 meter repeater. There were many pile ups and my initial attempt was unsuccessful. My “Elmer” finally told me to speak up or I would never be heard. That is when I entered the shouting mode. In no time I had made my first contact. I was walking on air. I made a few more contacts. It was then suggested that I call “CQ Field Day” and see if I could work a few stations. There were so many stations that responded that I panicked. It was decided maybe I could keep the log for awhile. My “Elmer’s” patience was exhausted.



I spent the rest of

the weekend wandering from station to station, picking up suggestions on how to operate. I ran the log for several stations and all in all had a great time.

3 20 Meter CW Station

Saturday evening the families came to our “hill” for a potluck. The first thing I was asked was, “Did you make a contact today?” “Yes”, I had. ” Where was the contact?” “Right over there”, I replied, “ at the 20 meter voice station”. “No”, they answered, “Who did you contact?” I couldn’t remember. I had been so excited about making the contact that I forgot who I talked to. Oh well, it didn’t really matter. I had actually said something on the air and someone had responded.

Field Day Recap

Well, it's over, and we did well as a multi-transmitter, multi-operator ("multi-multi") once again, although most of us are accustomed to our single operator situation at home. K7ID, the KARS Field Day station, assimilated a total of 2134 points, which was very close to our achievements over the past couple of years. Quint (W7CQW) and YL Donna invited us to their beautiful mountainside QTH near Post Falls, a total of sixteen hams participated in some way, we learned a lot, and the weather was cooperative for the most part. We managed to work all states except Delaware and Maine, and a total of 12 visitors signed the log (although there were several more). We had a nice picnic pot-luck on Saturday evening, a number of YL's joined in (partly for the fellowship, and especially since they brought the food), and everything was very tasty. And if you can believe it, some guy gave an "Anderson PowerPole" presentation with dessert. So, in summary, many thanks to our host and hostess, to all of our operators and helpers, to the YL's who provided a marvelous meal, and to the weather gods who kept storms away from the station. Anyone interested in doing it again next year?

73, Ed AI7H

KARS member provides an emergency link

Michael Russell earned his Technician license at our VE testing on May 14, 2012. He became a member of KARS during the Hamfest, June 9, 2012. Then, on Tuesday June 19, Michael was the person providing a link between the emergency radio channel in Spokane and the internet during the officers down and high speed chase through North Spokane. Through Michael's web site www.nwscanner.com you can use an app on your iPhone or Android to access the emergency radio channel. A full story of his activities was available on the front page of the Spokesman Review on Friday June 22.

Congratulations to our New Licensees

Daniel Hanson KF7WDZ	General
Oscar Lehman, KF7WHO	Tech
Tom Hayes, KF7WHN	Tech
Bruce Booker, KF7WHP	Tech/General
David French, KF7MZL	General
Glen Ahlborn, KF7QLH	General

Welcome New Members

Jack Robertson, KF7VII
Kenneth Lindahl, W7KU
Michael Russell, KF7VYC



June Field Day 2012

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

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8:00 A.M.
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