

June 2013

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS:

Friday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.
American Legion Hall
Post Falls, Idaho
**Topic: Potluck Dinner and
Hamfest Setup**
Presenter: None
Refreshments: Everyone

Monday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.
Search & Rescue Bldg,
Hayden, Idaho
Topic: ?
Presenter: ?
Refreshments: ?

Upcoming Events

KARS Highway Clean-Up
TBD

SEA-PAC
May 31-June 2, 2013
Seaside, Oregon

June 8 - KARS Hamfest
7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall
Post Falls, Idaho

KARS Field Day
June 22-23
Home of Rick Van
Landingham, Ki7I,
Spirit Lake, Idaho

President's Column

Summer is close at hand, which means the busiest time of the year for KARS is upon us.

We start the month out with our annual Hamfest on June 8, 2013. The event commences at 7:00 a.m., and will come to a screeching halt at 1:00 p.m. We will have a silent auction of "antique" equipment for the first time. If you know any collectors of old ham equipment, let them know that we have a couple of gems. As usual, we will be serving breakfast and lunch. There will also be the opportunity to purchase tickets for both our grand prizes and the door prizes. There should be lots of used equipment available to handle as well; a chance to spend the morning talking to your old buddies and looking for upgrades for your shack.

In order to have the best possible Hamfest this year, we need some additional volunteers. There is still a need for kitchen support. For breakfast, we could use an additional cook and a cashier. For lunch, a cashier would speed the process along. In addition, we need people to help with the setup of the tables on Friday evening and restoring of the room on Saturday afternoon. Cleanup should be finished by 2:00 p.m. If you have some time available, please support our fund raising event with a little labor.

After the Hamfest you will have a short period of time to recuperate and then it will be on to yard work and maintenance at the Canfield Mountain Repeater site. If you have a yen for yard work or just helping out, please contact me by E-mail (kg6qqm@arrl.net) or by phone (208-683-2939) to make sure you are included in this effort.

Next up for the month of June will be Field Day. This year the event will be held at Rick Van Landingham's QTH. Rick has a busy weekend planned for us. He still has a few operator positions open for the 24 hour event, so if you are interested please contact him. For those of you that enjoy eating, he and his wife will be hosting the potluck on Saturday evening. As always, people are needed to help set up and then tear down.

That pretty much describes the events for June. Hope there is something that appeals to you, so you can interact with the other club members and have a good time.

Now that the events for June have been laid out, we need to reflect for a moment on the accomplishments of May. The Tech class was completed on May 23rd with 18 new technicians licensed.

We're hoping that some of these new hams will be attending the Hamfest and/or Field Day. Please be supportive and helpful. Encourage them to use our repeaters and become members of our club.

73s to all.

Bonnie Patterson KG6QQM



KARS 2013 Hamfest
Three Grand Prizes
DRAWING AT 12:30 PM



KARS HAMFEST 2013

June 8, 2013

7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

ADMISSION \$5

Children 16 and under free

TABLES \$10

Includes one admission

GRAND PRIZE TICKETS:

\$5 each or 3 for \$10

DOOR PRIZE TICKETS

3 for \$1

BREAKFAST AND/OR LUNCH
AVAILABLE

1. Yaesu FT-8800R

Dual Band Mobile Transceiver



2. ICOM IC-T70A

Handheld (Dual Band 2M/70CM)



3. Yaesu FT-60R

Handheld (Dual Band 2M/70CM)



Tickets: \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Need not be present to win. **Arrangements must be made for pickup or shipping may be made at the winner's expense.**

TECH CLASS FINISHES

KARS has been conducting a Technician licensing class on Thursday evenings.

Thursday, May 16, the students had a chance to make their first on air contacts. Thank you to Rick, KI7I, and Mark, N7MA, for providing the contacts.

Thursday, May 23, the class took their tests. Eighteen students took their Technician Class license tests that evening and they all passed. Three students went on to pass their General Class exams and one student passed his Extra. I think maybe the last student was a ringer. To add to this, several of the students had previously passed their tests at the May meeting. One of these people passed her General exam on May 23. Several more are planning on taking their Technician tests during our Hamfest. Great job all!!!

Thanks to John, N7JU, and his VE team for supporting this effort. The VEs presiding over the testing were Allan ,KE7DFT; Mark, N7MA; Bob, K7TM; Bob, W7GSV;

Todd, AD7VB; and Larry, K6SSP. A special thanks to Dale, KE7VMN, for the excellent teaching job. He had some interesting demos and some lively discussions.

I would also like to thank Vic, K3SHD; Bob, KF7VIH; Lee, AA7AF; and Pat, W7SGS, for supporting the class with their attendance at the sessions.

Kootenai Medical Center also deserves kudos, for allowing us to use one of their classrooms for the 8-week course.

Things Coming Up in 2013 (Updated!)

The KARS Hamfest (American Legion Hall, Post Falls, ID – 06/08, 7AM-1PM)

Now THIS is the best little Hamfest for hundreds of miles! The Club resale table will be VERY well stocked with vintage ham gear and accessories. There will be complete ham stations from three eras, and the KARS board has decided that the best way to offer these gems is by the “silent auction” method. (Items include Hammarlund HQ-129X, Johnson Viking-II, Johnson VFO, Johnson Matchbox, Complete Collins “S-Line” Station, Complete Heath “SB-100” Station, Antique Broadcast radio). We also have many other items, large and small. You won’t want to miss this one!

Field Day 2013 (11AM 06/22 – 11AM 06/23) (At home of Rick, KI7I, Spirit Lake, ID)

Rick (KI7I) and *newly licensed* YL Carla (we don’t know her call yet) have generously offered their home QTH as our Field Day site this year. The Field Day station will be operating as “Class D” (means “from home”), so it will be a more relaxed atmosphere. We will be simultaneously Demonstrating the station to visitors; engaging in “RadioSport” (a competition of sorts); testing our equipment; practicing how to work together. We will gladly help new hams or prospective hams get on the air and make a contact, this is an opportunity to get young people more interested in science and technology. Everyone is welcome to visit – and to help with operation of the station. See the “Field Day Flyer” elsewhere in this newsletter.

73,
Ed Stuckey, AI7H

**Kootenai Amateur Radio Society
May 13, 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was recalled to order by President Bonnie Patterson.
New Members A big welcome and thanks to new members Ted Phelps, KG6MTC, of CDA and to Mike Hoskins, KF7WRQ, of Hayden.

New Hams or Upgrades – (***) = KARS Member

Patricia Quail	Tech, Gen	KG7DON	Sandpoint
Melanie Savage	Tech	KG7DOJ	Post Falls
Mark Williams	Tech	KG7DOL	Spokane
Ted Phelps	Gen	KG6MTC ***	CDA
Robert Holt	Tech	KG7DPE ***	Rathdrum
Albert Smith	Tech	KG7DOK	Spirit Lake
Sina Kirk	Tech, Gen	KG7DOM	Spokane
Kevin Korsund	Gen	KF7VYB	Spirit Lake
Peter Hammond	Tech, Gen, Ex	AF7BL	Heron, MT

Guests Mike Oliver and Sons
Damian Impett from Spokane

Announcements – Gary Beaudreau is back home after a brief stay at Hospice. (He subsequently pass away May 27, ed.)

Program – A video on a DXpedition to South Orkney Islands was shown courtesy of Bob Rosie, W7GSV.

Refreshments – Courtesy of Dale DuRee, KE7VMN

After the Break - 50/50 - Ted, K7TED. Membership drawing could not be held because K7JAC, Jacob, keeper of the pot, didn't make it to the meeting along with the chips.

Minutes – April meeting approved as presented in KARS Newsletter

Treasurer's Report - \$4997 cash in bank and in petty cash

Old Business – The class has 2 sessions left. Approximately 30 students attend and some have already passed their license test. Hopefully we can offer a General class in the fall. Let President Bonnie Know if you are interested in helping.

Hamfest - Motion made, seconded and passed to allow \$350 for food at the Hamfest. Potluck Friday June 7 open at 6pm, eat at 6:30. Set up starts at 4:30pm for those who want to help with the work.

Field Day - June 22-23 at Rick Van Landingham's (KI7I) qth. Saturday night potluck starts at 5:00pm, eat at 5:30. Sign up with Rick for operating times.

Life Members – Bob Hallock, K7TM and Ron Phillips, KF6WKR were presented with their badges and certificates.

Repeater – Work party to Canfield in June will be announced shortly. If you have a Baofeng the alarm function needs to be shut off as it is transmitted over the air. Alan, KE7DFT, has more info.

President Bonnie is re-forming the Repeater advisory committee to study options for a master plan that will address issues that have surfaced since we have gone to 2 locations. More on this as it comes together. The group will look at replacing some of the older, outdated GE equipment as well as how to best cover our area.

Ice Cream Social – Since this is a very popular social event for our members it will again be held in August at Bob and Bonnie

Kesson's QTH. The date and time will be announced.

Announcements – Wed night roundtable has been discontinued until further notice.

Traffic Net is every night at 6:30 pm on the 98 repeater. Gabbee, KE7ADN, needs backup net control people. If you are interested check into the net and let Gabbee know. You don't need any special skills but a radio that will make it into the repeater is helpful.

June Program: Friday night potluck and Saturday Hamfest replaces regular meeting. VE Testing at 9AM.

No further business was brought forward so the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by: Tom Richmond, NI7W, KARS Secretary

KARS HAMFEST POTLUCK

Date: June 7, 2013

Time: 6:30 PM and 6:30.

Location: American Legion Hall

1138 East Poleline Road
Post Falls, Idaho

Please bring your favorite potluck dish. The club will provide paper plates, plastic knives and forks, drinking cups, coffee and water.

Questions? Call Bonnie Patterson 683-2939 or
email: kg6qqm@arrl.net

**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!

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

Kootenai Amateur Radio Society (“KARS”) - Field Day Operation

Who: The Kootenai Amateur Radio Society, a local Amateur Radio Club

What: Amateur Radio Field Day, an International Ham Radio exercise, sponsored by the American Radio Relay league (our national organization). This exercise has been held by “Hams” each year since 1933.

When: Press tour at 10AM on Saturday 06/22. Actual event period is 11AM on 06/22 through 11AM on 06/23, a 24-hour continuous operation.

Where: 117 Old Forest Rd., Spirit Lake, ID. (Just north of City on Idaho Hwy 41, at Mile Post 20)

Why: This is an annual preparedness exercise that tests the capability of Amateur Radio operators throughout North America to set up and operate their stations under simulated emergency conditions. Additionally, it provides an opportunity for the Ham Radio community to interface with the general public and allows prospective Hams to experience the magic of Amateur Radio communication.

How much: Our Radio Club will operate two separate radio stations for a continuous 24-hour period under the leadership of an event captain. The stations will be operating on the traditional “short wave” bands, using voice, Morse code, or data transmission modes.

Contact Person: Edward Stuckey, (208) 457-0354 / (208) 699-7743 cell
e-mail - ai7h@arrl.net

Potluck Supper: There will be a Potluck Supper Saturday evening starting at 5PM. Meat and fixings will be provided. Please bring a side dish or desert to share.

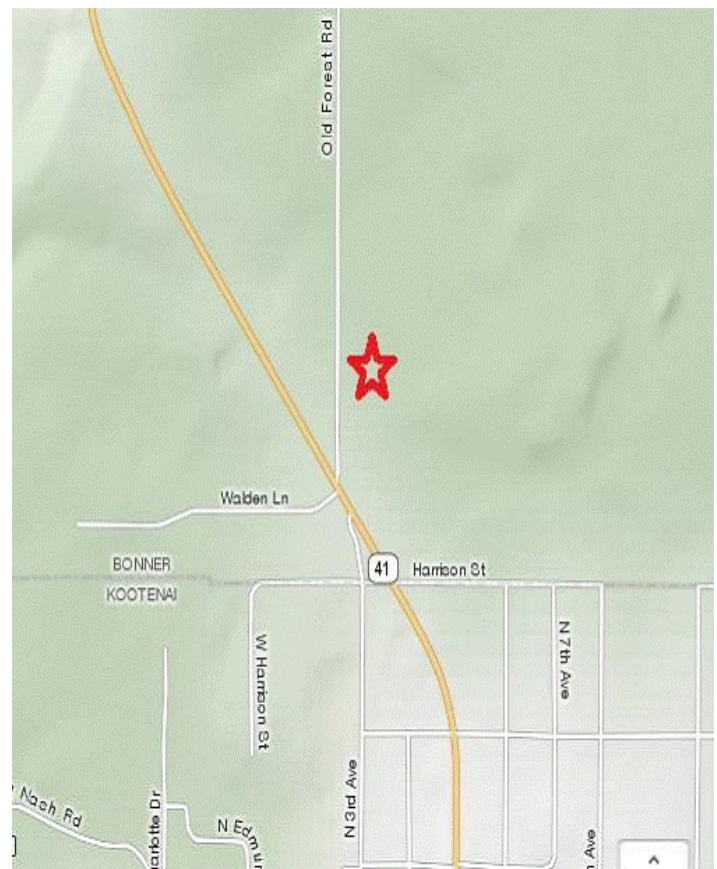
FIELD DAY LOCATION

Directions:

From Spirit Lake, ID proceed north on State Highway 41, about 0.2 mile beyond Van Buren St. (last cross street in the City of Spirit Lake)

Exit Hwy 41 to the right, (at MP 20), on Old Forest Road. You will see “FIELD DAY” Signage at Old Forest Road.

Proceed on Old Forest Road to a large home with blue roof and two tall towers on right-hand-side of the road. This is the Field Day Site.



Kootenai Amateur Radio Society

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New Member \$12.00 Renewing \$12.00 Family Membership \$18.00 Information Update Only

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New Member \$22.00 Renewing \$22.00 Family Membership \$33.00

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

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Roster	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Card	<input type="checkbox"/>		

For Family Membership, Please complete an application and staple together.

Signature _____

K7ID.org Request Form

First and Last Name _____ Callsign _____

Would you like your (callsign)@k7id.org email to be forwarded to an existing email account or would you like to access it through a web or post office protocol (POP) system?

Please Forward to My existing Email (Please Complete the Bottom and Sign.) Webmail Access POP Access
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For Forward Request Only

Email Address _____

Signature _____

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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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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.