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Future Meeting Information

When allowed, our regular club meetings will resume at the Search and Rescue Building, 10865 North Ramsey Road, Hayden ID at 1900 (7pm). VE Testing will be again offered at 1730 (5:30pm) at the same location prior to the meeting. We will resume meeting the 2nd Monday of every month.

Click on the Facebook or Website links to see our active pages!

<http://www.k7id.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/kootenaiamateurradiosociety/>

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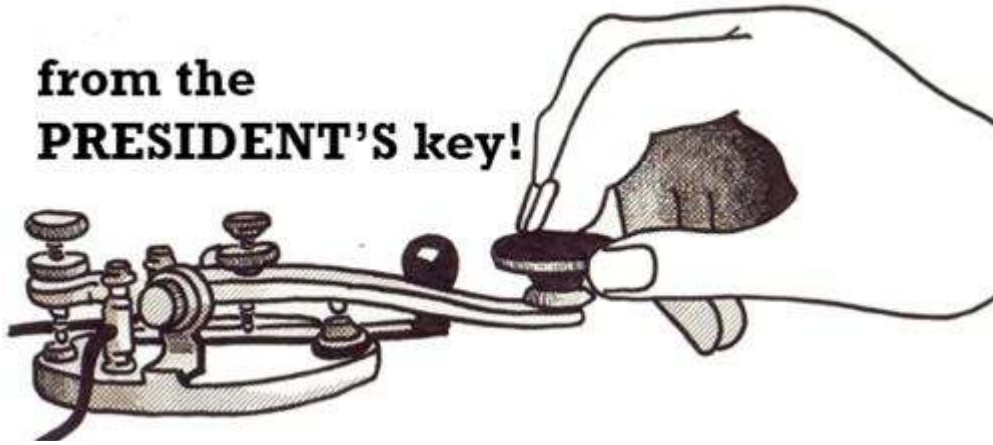
"Tractor Beam" in the Real World!

Jerry Luc Picard (Jerry Hart, W7KR) assisting Frank Krug, KD7FK taking down the tower to work on the very loose beam antenna. A tractor with a bucket is a valuable tool for hams! 3 of the 4 nuts and bolts worked their way loose and fell off the boom-to-mast clamp and the last bolt was finger-tight with only 2 threads left keeping the antenna on the tower! THAT was a close call! North Idaho weather can be troublesome! If you have some pictures of your antennas damaged by winds or weather, please send them in so we can all see what happens in our backyard!



Wind took down this beautiful hex beam. With a few hams' help...it was not down long! Nothing like another ham to get things working again!
We KNOW how important it is to get back on the air!

from the
PRESIDENT'S key!



"What we've got here is...failure to communicate!" The immortal words of the captain in "Cool Hand Luke". Well...not a TOTAL failure because, as you know, we have radios! And how great is this hobby? Did you know there is a SURGE in interest in amateur radio? I wonder why? Even during this strange time in which we are now living, we can STILL enjoy our hobby while experiencing "social distancing." Do I miss the face-to-face interaction of my fellow hams? Of course! You know me!!! I'm a *People-Person* and I need my interactions to keep my relationships refreshed. I was writing our webmaster Lenny and he said, "*Amateur Radio...the Original Social Distancing Network*". That sounds like some great T-Shirts to me! Stay tuned for "Round Two" of the K7ID T-Shirts!

While our meetings have all been curtailed for the time being, this is still an excellent opportunity to continue growth in the radio hobby. Did you commit to learn CW and join our slow-speed (5 wpm) CW Net on 10 meters? That net, under Quint (K7CQW) Webb's direction, is almost ready to launch. He is taking many CW learners (me included) under his wing and we start on a frequency which allows both CW and sideband voice so we can stay together and grow in our proficiencies. Technicians are allowed on HF at that frequency so none are excluded if you are licensed! Join SKCC.com and get going! The 10 meter local SSB net is also in development and nearing ON AIR time. **The schedule of these nets is not established yet but stay tuned.** This is a good way to get into HF and have a lot of fun!!

We are waiting for more information on COVID 19's effect on all our lives. The timeframe is unknown. Thankfully, we enjoy a communications hobby and are never without someone with

whom to enjoy a QSO, learn a new facet of our hobby, contact and help another ham, study to upgrade your license, get some help yourself, build a radio kit or just do some deferred maintenance or repair of your station. Stay active, healthy and enjoy the benefits of being home with your radio! Remember what we say, "When all else fails, there is Ham Radio!"
YOU ARE NOT ALONE!!!

Like our new newsletter format? I encourage you to write me and let me know what you think!

73,

Frank Krug, KD7FK

president@k7id.org



Typical meeting of hams over coffee and donuts at Silver Lake Mall "back in the good old days" before coronavirus disbanded our group. We call this "The Pile Up" and it will resume as soon as we can all get together again. 0800-1000 every Thursday morning. Average attendance is 25+! Plan to join us!

Want to TEST for upgrading your amateur license? **We want that too!** Unfortunately, even the ARRL offices are closed on the examination end of the service. As of the sending of this

newsletter...ALL examinations are closed until further notice. Please check our K7ID.org website regularly as we will post any new information as soon as we get it. Remember...we WANT you to succeed and advance your license too!



Kootenai Amateur Radio Society (KARS)

March 2020 Meeting Minutes:

The March 9, 2020 KARS meeting was held at the Search & Rescue Building located at 10865 N Ramsey Rd. Hayden, Idaho.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Club President Frank Krug (KD7FK). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Krug (KD7FK).

Attendance: Thirty-three (33) members and four (4) visitors were in attendance.

Frank Krug (KD7FK) introduced the KARS Board members.

VE Testing: Jerry Hart (W7KR) reported that seven people tested this evening. The results were as follows:

Passed Technician	6
Passed General	1

First time visitors introduced themselves.

Frank Krug (KD7FK) reminded everyone about the Coffee/Donuts meeting on Thursdays. Bring your own coffee!

Minutes: Larry Angel (KI4ZPE) moved to accept the February 10, 2020 minutes as printed in the newsletter; Jerry Hart (W7KR) seconded; the motion passed by member vote.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Rod Anderson (K7ZBE).

February 2020

Checking	\$1,589.76
Repeater Fund	\$183.00
Savings	\$2,528.00
Petty Cash	<u>\$42.70</u>
TOTAL	\$4,343.46

Income: Savings interest (\$0.06), Memberships (\$304.00), Donations (\$75.00), Tee-shirt sales (\$40.00). Total \$419.06.

Expenses: PA System – Jerry Hart (\$140.45), Life Member tags – North Idaho Trophy (\$38.68). Total \$179.13.

Bernard Schmitt (WA3OWP) moved to accept the Treasurer's report for February 2020 as read; Frank Ten Thy (KG7CUI) seconded; the motion passed by member vote.

Ed Stuckey (AI7H) moved to allow the Treasurer to spend \$375.00 for the North Idaho Fair booth; Larry Angel (KI4ZPE) seconded; the motion passed by member vote.

Chris Jones (KE7CJO) moved to authorize an expenditure of \$115.00 for the Club's PO Box; Tom Macy (W7UAT) seconded; the motion passed by member vote.

Rod Anderson (K7ZBE) reported that work is ongoing to set up a PayPal account for Club membership payments. There is a service fee for non-profits that will need to be charged.

Old Business

*Slow Speed CW Local Net on 10M

Quint Webb (W7CQW) discussed the planned slow speed CW local net on 10M. Quint will be the net control operator on this directed net. The frequency to be used is 28.600 MHz which is available to technician level amateurs. The date and time for this net are to be announced.

*Local Single Sideband (SSB) Net

Frank Krug (KD7FK) announced that a volunteer is needed to run a local SSB Net that some Club members have expressed an interest in.

New Business

*Frank Krug (KD7FK) announced that Tom Norris (KI7DTL) has passed away.

*Frank Krug (KD7FK) announced that a Silent Key page has been added to the k7id.org website.

*KARS Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Frank Krug (KD7FK) reported that the Committee is reviewing the KARS Constitution & Bylaws and will be presenting their proposed updates to the Board. The updated version will be posted on the KARS website for one month after which the general membership will vote on it.

*Sign up sheets were passed around for volunteers to help plan for the following events:
North Idaho Fair

Hamfest
Field Day
4th of July Parade

*The Idaho QSO Party is coming up on March 14-15 (noon to noon). The club sponsor is the Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club. Rules can be found at <http://www.pocatelloarc.org/idahoqsoparty/>

Evening Presentation: Kris Schmidt (K7DJL) gave a presentation on Summits on the Air.

Frank Krug (KD7FK) presented a life membership to Greg Pasqua (K7YOM).

Chris Jones (KE7CJO) moved to adjourn; Bernard Schmitt (WA3OWP) seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.



Have you ever been to a repeater? We have 3! Would you like to go? We are required to keep the repeater areas free from weeds and debris. We can sure use some assistance

keeping our end of the bargain. This affords an opportunity to see the repeater and help your club out at the same time! When you transmit again, you will have that picture in your mind of that repeater and knowing you helped keep it on the air. You might even get your picture in the newsletter! Contact me to get on the team. Not much work, lots of fun and great memories! Drop me a note! Schedule to be determined after we get back to "normal". Thanks in advance!

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[Download a KARS Membership Application HERE](#)



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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 voice repeaters on 146.780 (Little Blacktail), 146.980 (Idaho Mica Peak) and 443.975 (Canfield Mountain), and a packet repeater on 145.510 Mhz.

Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is welcome to join. Dues are \$15.00 (individual) and \$23.00 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.

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