



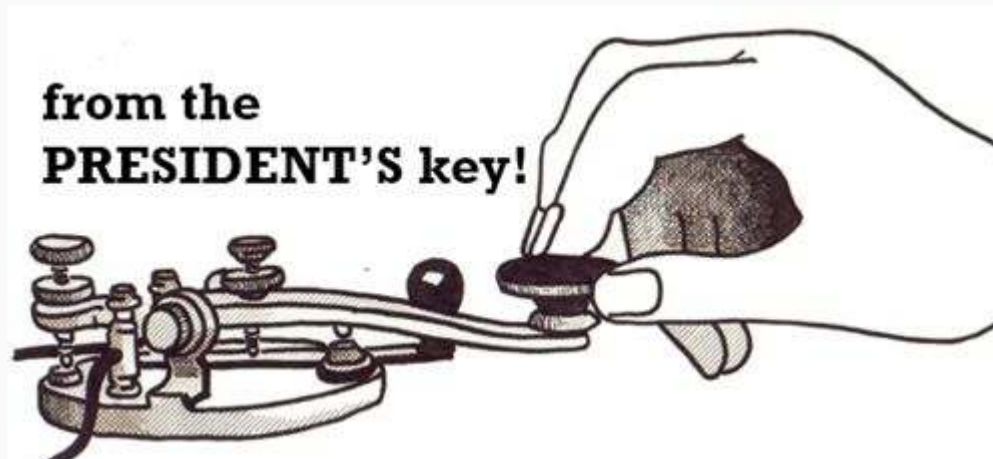
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[KARS HamFest Delayed](#)

With Tuesday's news of the cancellation of the North Idaho State Fair, the KARS Board of Directors has chosen to DELAY the HamFest originally scheduled for July 18 to another date, hopefully in August or September. ALL of the ham radio events in Washington have been cancelled and our little club may be the ONLY landing zone of MANY out-of-state amateurs hoping to secure that "special something" or sell that "special something". We honestly don't know what to expect and need more time to prepare for a good, safe show...not just a "get-r-done" event. Please stay tuned to K7ID.org for the latest

information regarding the KARS HamFest. We hope to pull it off and have a great time in the process.



Field Day 2020 is now in the rearview mirror. Our radio connections made at Majestic Park were hard-fought and highly celebrated since conditions were less than optimal. We all cheered when one on our club team made it through the noise and got the prized call sign. Quint Webb W7CQW, was our CW warrior and may have exceeded the club total for contacts in the log. He was a CW Machine! See Quint's picture later in the newsletter. 6 nice stations adorned the tables and we rotated around trying out the new HF equipment.

Who says hams can't move fast? While at Field Day...about midnight as we were sitting around visiting and lamenting the poor conditions, the park's sprinklers came on! These are not just lawn sprinklers...these shoot about 80' and put out a lot of water! How much is a lot? Well, radio stations which are up and running tolerate maybe a couple of drops on the outside of the case. We panicked! Fortunately, our club Treasurer, Rod, K7ZBE JUMPED into action and ran out to the field putting his shoe over the main offender and redirecting the stream until the zone passed. NEXT ZONE! Yikes! It was shooting into the building, right through the screens and onto everything! Again, Rod sprang into action trying the same technique. However...this time, a 2nd sprinkler passed over Rod several times, soaking him! Mind you...it's a windy 45 degrees at midnight and this was not warm water. He finally put some plastic tubs over the water streams. Rod saved the day...er, night! Thank you, Mr. Anderson,!!! The rest of us cheered him on!

2020 has proven to be an "interesting" year. There has been much difficulty in getting together. Even our coffee and donuts crowd at the mall is now in search of a new home! Due to Covid (of course...) they said they would now charge us to meet there. Well, what are hams? Cheap! We moved...but the location is still elusive and looks like Ramsey Park, just south of Kathleen in CDA, an outdoor venue for now until we can secure something indoors. If you know of a spot...please let me know! And...now our HamFest has been cancelled for July 18 but we hope to still hold it in maybe August or September. Watch K7ID.org for more information.

I hope you attend our next KARS meeting July 13 at our regular Search and Rescue location, 7pm. Ed Stuckey, AI7H will present the topic of "Transformers" and has alot of show and tell. If you know Ed...you know what I'm talking about. If you DON'T know Ed...you are in for a real treat! You do not want to miss this program! It will be transformational! (Sorry...could not resist that...)

I really enjoy feedback. Please let me know what you are thinking as we move through this year. Hope to see you soon!

73,

Frank Krug, KD7FK
president@k7id.org



Kootenai Amateur Radio Society (KARS)
**No June meeting occurred (again...unfortunately) so there are
no minutes to report. Watch for this section to soon be
populated!**

**However...we DO have a Treasurer's Report to share so here it
is!**

Kootenai Amateur Radio Society

Treasurer's Report – March - June 2020 *(because of missed Meetings)*

Balances:

Checking	1139.60
Repeater Fund	183.00
Savings	2628.12
Petty Cash	42.70
Total	\$3,993.42

Income:

Savings Interest	0.12
Memberships	515.00
Total	\$515.12

Expenses:

North Idaho Trophy – Life Member nametags	12.90
North Idaho Fair	375.00
USPS Box Rental	130.00
Meeting refreshments	31.42
Risk Strategies - Insurance	300.00
Field Day setup crew food	15.84
Total	\$865.16

KARS Field Day 2020 Pictures

Just a few this time...more to come!

Photos courtesy of Larry Telles, K6SPP



Early morning sunrise at Majestic Park. The bands were beginning to open up. Michael, AI7MG took this shot while the rest of us were huddled in the warm kitchen trying to stay awake all night...a K7ID tradition! Crazy, right? AI7MG Photo



This is Quint, K7CQW. He may "look" like he is snoozing, but he is "head-copying" Morse code at 35+ words per minute. He does not need to write it down, he is copying words, not letters. Quint can do this in his sleep, but I assure you...he is NOT sleeping! Thanks to Quint, we made a lot of points in the Field Day event. CW gets through even when radio propagation or conditions are very bad...which they were! Quint will be heading up the KARS 10 meter Slow-Speed CW Net (5wpm) once we get antennas and participants sorted out. If you are interested, please contact Quint! Ric, AD7IV

Photo



Meet Bernie, WA3OWP. Bernie sat down at this HF radio and operated straight through for HOURS, late into the night, like 0230...racking up most of the SSB contacts. He was RELENTLESS! I have not seen the totals yet but Michael Glauser was way up on the contact list as well. Dedicated hams!



Eric, KD7EH chases HF contacts with the tenacity of a bulldog! See that determination on his face? Noisy conditions didn't help but what we lacked in S-units, Eric made up for in resolution and persistence! Way to go Eric!



Dave, KF7YWR talks with Arleta, KG7WGM explaining why his antennas always seems to work well while the club president's antennas always seem to have trouble. Maybe the president needs to grow a beard? Crazy hobby!!!



Andrew, KF7HSH makes a valiant attempt to out-power the VERY noisy generator being used by a baseball concessionaire. Andrew's patience and calm nature netted contacts! This was Andrew's first venture into the wonderful world of HF! I think he is hooked! It happens THAT fast...He looks so relaxed! It is so good seeing younger hams growing in this hobby!

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS UPDATE

The proposed Revised Constitution will be contained in the August 2020 newsletter to be emailed out to all KARS members. The following was in last month's newsletter but still applies. There simply was not enough time to pull it all together for this month with the Field Day preparations and all the associated activities.

Several months ago, our radio club sought to review and update our club Constitution and By-Laws as is spelled out in the Constitution. A team was selected to review and suggest possible changes. This massive work was undertaken and the three committee members of the "Constitution Review Committee" worked tirelessly, going word-by-word to clarify and update our document to the best of their abilities. They presented their draft to the Board of Directors for comment and approval over the ZOOM platform and with minor changes and clarifications and it was accepted unanimously. We now have the revised KARS Constitution and By Laws to present to the membership for their vote of acceptance. This revision will be posted on the K7ID website as well as in the August newsletter next month for one month. The plan is the membership will have time to read it vote to accept or reject the revised Constitution and By Laws at the September, 2020 regular meeting of KARS. Watch for this document...it is amazing! VERY special thanks goes out to Ed Stuckey, AI7H, Kathy Kent, KI7OVA and Sheila Waller, KG7SAA for their tireless efforts to strengthen and solidify the founding documents of our radio club! We ALL owe them a great deal of appreciation!

YOU NEED K7ID REPEATER K7ID REPEATER NEEDS YOU!!!

We are hoping to get to the Canfield Repeater and inspect or replace the antenna. It is at the top of a 150' tower and we are required to have a "Certified Tower Climber" go up the county's tower to do the work. If you are interested in joining the team going up to the repeater to help clear the few weeds and get a spectacular view of our repeater and the CDA area, please let me know and we will let you know when the event will happen

Frank, KD7FK, president@K7ID.org



NEW KARS BOARD FOR 2021

This November, we will be electing new members of the KARS Executive Board. Positions are: President, Vice-President, Executive Director, Treasurer and Secretary. Our club has a rich history dating back to 1952. Dedicated and talented people have held every one of these positions, but it is time to change hands on the plow. New blood brings new energy and ideas. Sure, it is a challenge, but what in life worth anything is NOT a challenge?

Frank, KD7FK will remain on the Board as "Past-President" and will assist in any way possible...but we need new hams to help out. Please be thinking about what capacity in which you might serve. It is thrilling to be a part of a vibrant club! At our August meeting, we will begin receiving decisions to run for a position. DO NOT be afraid to do this...it is one of the most rewarding things we can do in radio and keeps our club healthy as we move on into the future.



[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 1/4 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.

KARS is your local amateur radio club here in North Idaho. Help support your club and repeaters!

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