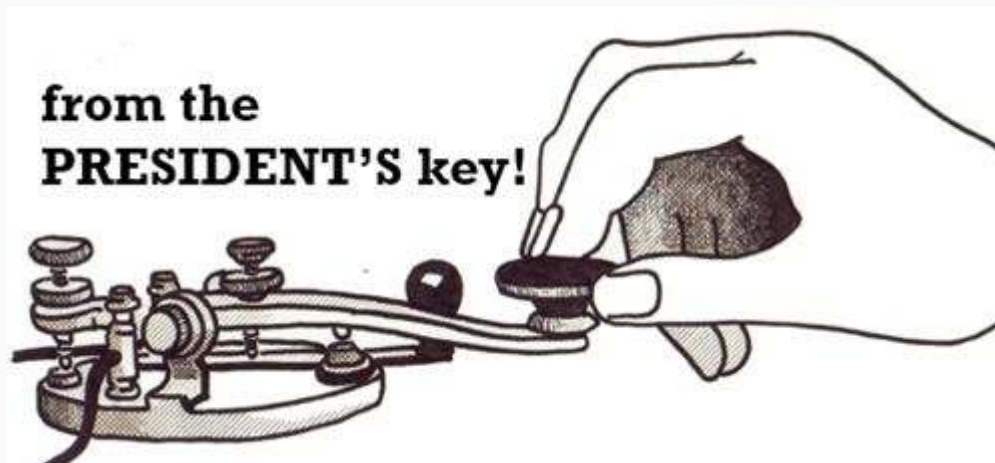




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ON the air or IN the air?

It's in the air. You can feel it. Summer has made her retreat and Fall is creeping into the air. Leaves are starting to turn and the cooler evenings are becoming more pronounced each night. The daylight is slipping away a little each day and the darkness of night lingers more each morning. It won't be long and here in North Idaho we will again experience the beauty and challenges of winter.

2020 has been a tough year for many. Our nation, and indeed the world have struggled with a "new normal" which does not quite fit. Dramas of all kinds fill the headlines and I can only imagine my parents would not believe the times in which we are now living. A good

friend passed this year under questionable circumstances and his loss impacted me greatly. My wife fell and broke her knee just as so many plans for camping, travelling and enjoying life were taking place. Believe me...it altered our plans immediately! Many are facing surgeries and physical challenges. It has been a tough year!

Over coffee, a friend shared the pain and struggles of things he has endured this year. For him, 2020 has been a disaster and his desire to see this year pass is foremost in his conversation. It is so common...and even easy to see only the darker sides of this year because they are legion. It seems every day that new and unbelievable things happen and challenge our ability to cope with them. I have to guard my imagination at times because it can run amok and lead me into fear, worry and frustration...and I am not alone in this.

Our radio club however is healthy, very healthy. Over the last couple of months, despite the cancellation of events and meetings, we pulled off an excellent "Field Ham Fest" which drew perhaps 150 or more interested hams into an open-air event with the fun and excitement of hamfests in the past. It was a symbolic "normal" in an abnormal time. Frankly, it was refreshing and delightful to see so many enjoying being together and looking beyond the circumstances we face. I saw smiles and heard laughter. It was a much-needed break from our current "normal" and allowed us to connect again around our common interest.

Fall is a busy time for hams. Prepping for winter and getting our roof and tower antennas secure and performing well takes time and energy. I found myself out of both last night. A busy day left me spent...but...I had a schedule with Quint, W7CQW who is heading up our local slow-speed CW net on 10 meters Thursday nights. We wanted to check out how the ground-wave signal was performing between us. Mind you, due to all the activity at my QTH, I have not been practicing CW for 4 months. That did not matter. Quint was "slow on the draw" and made every effort to help me during the 20 minute QSO. It was SUPER enjoyable! I had to focus my mind on CW and CW ONLY! No thoughts of covid, riots, debates, political agendas, China, oil changes, roof radials, winterizing the RV, mowing...NONE of that! It was a vacation for my mind for just a while and it was exhilarating!

I can definitely say Ham radio is therapeutic! I encourage you to dive into an aspect of radio that you are interested in and feel challenged by and go for it!

73,

Frank Krug, KD7FK
president@k7id.org

KARS Christmas Party

Monday, December 14, 2020 at the Rathdrum Senior Center. 5PM to 8:30PM. Check the K7ID website for more information!



NOTICE



**WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS IS AN AMATEUR RADIO STATION,
LICENSED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

BEFORE YOU ASK THE QUESTIONS, HERE ARE THE ANSWERS:

The total cost of this equipment cannot be discussed here as it creates marital conflicts.

No we cannot send a message to your brother in Hong Kong. We suggest you call Western Union.

This is strictly a hobby.. we do not have the facilities or the time to fool around with TV sets, radios, or Wi-Fi. We suggest that you see a serviceman.

Yes, the antenna in the back yard is essential to the operation of the equipment.

The cards on the wall are called QSL cards. They are confirmation of contacts made with other stations.

It is technically impossible for this station's equipment to interfere with television reception, telephones or stereo systems. Any interference problems of that nature are caused by design flaws in the home-entertainment devices themselves.

An Amateur Radio station may only be operated by a highly qualified, technically skilled, electronics expert. It takes dedication, training, and intelligence to reach the level of competence that justifies one to be licensed by the United States Government. Therefore, it is not considered inappropriate to show proper awe, respect and general obsequiousness when I discuss my hobby or operate the controls.

**FURTHERMORE IF YOU ARE GRANTED THE EXTREME HONOR OF BEING INVITED TO
SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE, PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES.**

Speak in a low and soothing tone.

Do not disagree with me in any manner.

Say no bad words and tell no off-color jokes.

**It is customary for guests to make complimentary remarks about
this station and its licensed operator when talking to other hams on the air.**

DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING. TURN ANY KNOBS, SIT ON EQUIPMENT, ETC.

I HAVE LOST SEVERAL VISITORS BY ELECTROCUTION IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS



Kootenai Amateur Radio Society (KARS)

Minutes of the September 2020 Meeting

The September 14, 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 7:03 pm by Club President Frank Krug (KD7FK). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Krug (KD7FK).

Attendance: Twenty-four (24) members and seven (7) visitors were in attendance.

First time visitors introduced themselves.

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

Passed Technician 4

Passed General 1

Attempted Technician 1

Attempted General 1

Attempted Extra 1

Frank Krug (KD7FK) encouraged membership to support KARS.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Rod Anderson (K7ZBE) for July and August 2020.

July 2020

Checking \$1,233.05

Repeater Fund \$ 283.00

Savings \$2,653.12

Petty Cash \$ 42.70

TOTAL \$4,211.87

Income: Savings interest (\$0.03), Rathdrum Parks & Recreation Deposit Return (\$75.00), Memberships (\$73.00), Donations-Repeater Fund (\$100.00), Donation(\$10.00). Total \$258.03.

Expenses: Hot cups for meeting refreshments (\$8.41), Life Member tags – North Idaho Trophy (\$19.08), PO Box key (\$12.00). Total \$39.49.

Lindy Bryant (KE0AZD) moved to accept the Treasurer's report for July 2020; Larry Telles (K6SPP) seconded; the motion passed by member vote.

August 2020

Checking \$1,233.05

Repeater Fund \$ 283.00

Savings \$2,678.16

Petty Cash \$ 42.70

TOTAL \$4,236.91

Income: Savings interest (\$0.02), Memberships (\$43.00). Total \$43.02.

Expenses: Total \$0.00.

Phil Rotella (K6PRR) moved to accept the Treasurer's report for August 2020; Bernie Schmitt (WA3OWP) seconded; the motion passed by member vote.

Old Business

***Canfield Repeater Update**

Frank Krug (KD7FK) reported that there is a need to replace the antenna at the Canfield repeater. It is suspected that water has gotten into the existing connector. The antenna and connector will need to be taken down and replaced. This project will probably not happen this year because the Little Blacktail site also needs to be visited and a certified tower climber needs to be found to take down the antenna at Canfield (due to the tower being government property). The cost for a certified tower climber has not been determined at this time.

***Hamfest Report**

Frank Krug (KD7FK) announced that the Club did well at the Hamfest that was held on September 12, 2020.

***KARS Constitution Report/Update**

Frank Krug (KD7FK) reported that the revision to the KARS Constitution & Bylaws have been completed and are ready for the membership to review. A 2/3 vote by the membership is required to repeal the current Constitution & Bylaws and a 3/4 vote is required to adopt the new

version. The membership will have a full month to review the new version. There is no provision for mail-in ballots, however. The Board is working through this.

***KARS March 2020 Minutes**

The minutes for the March 9, 2020 meeting were read by Frank Krug (KD7FK). Martin Waller (KG7LRV) moved to accept the March 9, 2020 minutes as read; Bernie Schmitt (WA3OWP) seconded; the motion passed by member vote.

The minutes for the July 13, 2020 meeting were read by Frank Krug (KD7FK). Ed Stuckey (AI7H) moved to accept the July 13, 2020 minutes as read and verbally corrected by Sheila Waller (KG7SAA); Steve Murphy (KG7UWB) seconded; the motion passed by member vote.

New Business

***Little Blacktail Repeater Update**

Frank Krug (KD7FK) announced that plans are being made to visit the Little Blacktail repeater site during the upcoming weekend.

***KARS Christmas Party**

Frank Krug (KD7FK) announced that a location for the Christmas Party has not yet been identified.

***KARS Coffee & Donuts**

Frank Krug (KD7FK) reported that the Coffee & Donuts meeting is currently being held at Finucane Park. Frank is working on identifying an indoor meeting place.

***KARS Nomination Committee**

Frank Krug (KD7FK) reported that the entire KARS Board will be stepping down next year except that Frank will stay on as Past President. Formation of the nominating committee requires that the current KARS President pick one person, the Board picks one person, and the membership picks one person. Frank asked for a nomination by the membership for a nominating committee member. Arleta Holmes (KG7WGM) volunteered to serve on the committee.

Evening Presentation: Jerry Hart (W7KR) gave a presentation on How to Make HF Contacts.

Martin Waller (KG7LRV) moved to adjourn; Rod Anderson (K7ZBE) seconded. The motion passed by member vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Kootenai Amateur Radio Society Treasurer's Report – September 2020

Balances:

**General 3127.67
Repeater Fund 283
Savings 2703.18
Petty Cash 42.70
Total \$6,156.55**

Income: Savings Interest 0.02

**Memberships 124.00
Fieldfest 2163.00
Total \$2,287.02**

Expenses:

**Fieldfest – Tams Traveling Toilets 189.40
Fieldfest food 195.98 0.00
Total \$385.38**

2020 HAMFEST Expenses and Income

Income Expense Net

Facilities

Admissions 610.00

Tams Traveling Toilets 189.40

Totals 610.00 189.40 Net \$420.60

Food

Breakfast/Lunch/Coffee/Water/Soda 351.00

Food Expenses 195.98

Totals 351.00 195.98 Net \$155.02

KARS Table

307.00

Totals \$307.00

Prizes

Raffle 895.00

Ham Field Fest 2020 Pictures!





Field Ham Fest 2020 was an enormous success! Not only did 150+ hams come and enjoy a beautiful Saturday in North Idaho, we found great deals on equipment, received excellent advice on technical issues, ate the famed "Breakfast Burritos" and polish dog lunch, but shared the all-important gift of camaraderie and friendship around our common hobby.

Our "Grand Prize" was a Yaesu FT-847 radio with Studio microphone and hand mic. Also included in the raffle was the Yaesu automatic tuner for the 847...a prize addition. This radio setup sells currently on line for over \$1k! This is called the "Satellite Radio" or "Earth Station" because of so many features. It handles UHF through 160 meter HF in such a small package. The tuning VFO knob has a wonderful "speed search" function which is great! We hooked the radio to a 20m beam antenna at 50' and were having QSOs with TX, AL, FL, MA and an extended special event with the USS Midway in San Diego.

It was "open mic" at Field Ham Fest and was enjoyed by all! Gabbee, KE7ADN took the reins and ran with selling the raffle tickets. She was great and probably doubled our sale of tickets! Lots of excitement and fun! Jerry, W7KR was our chef for the day and did a wonderful job. So many helpers made the event a great success. We cannot thank you enough!

Philip Freddolino, KJ7MRJ (bottom left) won the grand prize radio raffle. He is a happy camper! Hamfest was GREAT and lots of "toys" exchanged hands.

**JOIN THE K7ID GANG EVERY
THURSDAY MORNING!**

**COFFEE
QSOs**

**GROSS DONUTS
1603 E. SELTICE
POST FALLS**



8 till 10

Thursday Coffee and Donuts Is INDOORS!!!



We have a new location for Coffee and Donuts! Gross Donuts in Post Falls is now hosting this rowdy group of hams! We have our own room with plenty of space, plenty of coffee and plenty of donuts! 21 showed up this morning (some left before pic) but a great time of challenging conversation, electronic discourse and just plain fun was had by all! We start at 0800 on Thursday mornings and are usually done by 0945 or so. Plan to join us...it's a great time!

YOU NEED K7ID REPEATER K7ID REPEATER NEEDS YOU!!!

A group of hams have already been to the Little Blacktail repeater to help clean up the area, "assist" Repeater Tech Dale, KE7VMN and insure our repeater is ready for winter. A few things were discovered which may necessitate a return trip so please let us know if you would like to join "Blacktail 2" before years end.

Frank, KD7FK, president@K7ID.org

10 Meter Slow Speed CW Net Kickoff!

Tonight, October 1, 2020, KARS will start a 10M slow Speed CW net on 28.400 at 1930 hours. We will coordinate on the K7ID repeater system following the NWTN and QSY to 28.400 HF for our CW net. All licensed hams are allowed to be on this frequency, Technicians also if under 200W of power. Quint, W7CQW will be the Net Control Station and will use both CW and phone (sideband) to keep track and encourage. This is a learning experience. If you do not have your CW skills down yet, you can still listen in and participate. Equipment required is an antenna capable of 28.400, an HF transceiver, a microphone and a key capable of Morse Code. A straight key is recommended for this net.



NEW KARS BOARD NEEDED FOR 2021

KARS now has a nominating committee and they are asking hams to get on the ballot for our November elections. 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! **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](#)

2020 CLUB OFFICERS	President: Frank Krug, KD7FK president@k7id.org	Repeater Trustee: Larry Telles, K6SPP trustee@k7id.org
	Vice-President: Jerry Hart, W7KR vicepresident@k7id.org	Repeater Tech: Dale DuRee, KE7VMN
	Exec. Director: Tom Macy, W7UAT execdir@k7id.org	Webmaster: Lenny Gemar, N7MOT 208 691-4735 webmaster@k7id.org
	Secretary: Sheila Waller, KG7SAA secretary@k7id.org	Past President: Larry Telles, K6SPP pastpresident@k7id.org
	Treasurer: Rod Anderson, K7ZBE treasurer@k7id.org	

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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