
HAM HAPPENINGS

Lewis-Clark Amateur Radio Club

April 6, 2010

THE LEWIS-CLARK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB IS A GREAT WAY TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH AMATEUR RADIO. OUR CLUB HAS MUCH TO OFFER THE BEGINNER AS WELL AS THE SEASONED VETERAN. PLEASE JOIN US AT AN UPCOMING MEETING AND DISCOVER THE LCARC.

*Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7pm at the EAA Hanger #N14
406 Burrell Ave. in Lewiston, Idaho*



CQ from the President

LCARC meets at 7:00PM at the EAA Hanger #14, located at 406 Burrell Ave. in Lewiston. An ARES-RACES meeting is held right after the club meeting. There will be *FCC license exam testing at 6p.m. before the meeting.

For those of you not able to make the Puyallup Hamfest, I understand from those who made the trip, it was one of the biggest in years and there was something for everyone. Please keep in mind that the second annual Idaho's State convention in Boise, on April 23rd -25th, is coming up. The deadline for early-bird special pricing is still available to those who preregister through 03/18.

We will have a guest speaker, Steven Blanchard. He will be talking about Antenna Modeling using the EZNEC software program along with some photos of his designs.

I think the Club is off to a great start this year and if anyone has a project they have been working on over the winter, please let our program director NA7EM know. We would like to have you speak at an upcoming meeting about this project or at least bring it to the Club's attention. This is what keeps the Club going and the interest high. It may be a new software package, antenna, homebrew, new radio, anything. We would love to see what you have been working on.

Also keep in mind there is a General training course coming up the beginning of April. Contact NA7EM for more details.

Vice President—KE7WOE, Ray Ulery

Book Review by KE7WOE:

The ARRL Antenna Designer's Notebook by Brian Cake, KF2YN

This book is certain to open a window into the mind of the antenna designer as the design imagined, perfected, and finally constructed. This book provides a thorough description of new components of antennas—such as the FZ element and the C-Pole, and practical antennas made from them.

CD-ROM included with EZNEC models for all the antennas in this book plus a bonus presentation on Boxkite Yagi antennas.

This book can be ordered from the ARRL for \$34.95 and is #1479. It is new to my library and I'm really looking forward to this read.

PODCASTS IN REVIEW:

This is a very informative podcast that talks about everything from antennas to Linux in the ham shack. You can check out their podcasts by going to: www.blacksparrowmedia.com/resonantfrequency/

73, de KE7WOE and I'll sync with you next time.



Are you looking for test sites and dates? Check out the Internet site below.

<http://www.lewisclarkarc.org>

Lewis Clark Amateur Radio Club Minutes from March 2, 2010 meeting

The March meeting was called to order by President Kelly Blackmon. There were 11 members and 5 visitors in attendance.

The members in attendance were: Paul Woelfel (N7RXY), Emmett McCormick (NA7EM), Kelly Blackmon (KD5ALU), Elaine McLaughlin (N7RYL), Alan Russell (KC7CXV), Bob Dickeson (WA7UZG), Jim Otey (KE7ATD), Ray Ulery (KE7WOE), Allan Saari (KB7VPC), Mark Baker (AE7AJ), Bob Bashore (KF7COU). The visitors were Ken Tuning (KT7KEN), Richard Brown (KF4LDP), Matt Turner and Matt's Dad, Mark Drevlow (KF7FTG).

The meeting opened at 7:00p.m. Kelly asked if everyone has read the Ham Happenings minutes and if they should be accepted as written. The minutes were approved as prepared.

Treasurer's Report: \$1109.64

OLD BUSINESS:

--**Repeater Committee Report**--Kelly asked about the repeater. Bob said he hasn't been up there yet. Jim said he has a set of keys if someone needs them. Paul said he was up there a couple of days ago and there are a lot of wasps hatching out. He thinks they are coming from the ventilator. Alan Russell said he will go up and check on the roof.

--**Technician Class**—Jim asked if the Tech class will start on Thursday. Emmett said the class will start on Thursday at the EAA Hangar from 6p.m. until 9p.m. It will be a four session class with the test for the license being held on March 25th. There are 12 people signed up for the class. Jim asked if it was still ok to audit the class and Emmett said it was ok and to come prepared to help.

--**Introduction of Guests**—The members and the guests introduced themselves by name and call sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

--**Storm Spotters**—Allan Saari mentioned that he had notes from a storm spotter class that was held in previous years. He asked if the program was still in existence. Discussion was held. Paul said the guy who used to present the class, retired. He was with the weather station in Spokane. Paul said they are still presenting the program but only every two or three years instead of every year.

--**Riggins Boat Races**--Ken mentioned that the Riggins Boat Races will be held on April 17th and 18th and they need Hams to help with it again this year. Jim Rynearson (N7UBO) is the contact for it. His email address is N7UBO@msn.com. Ken said last year 80 Hams were involved. The Hams are on safety boats and on different sites along the shore. There will be a free barbeque and safety meeting on April 16th for those who help. Ken explained about the equipment used and the bands that will be used.

--**Clearwater ARRES**—Mark said there is a Clearwater ARRES group that covers three counties; Idaho, Lewis and Clearwater. An ECI class will be held. If anyone is interested in being a member of the ARRES group, contact Mark Baker (AE7AJ). Other activities that were mentioned were a Fun Run on March 13th, Just for the Hill of it and an Off Road Rally. The Off Road Rally committee is still negotiating with the Forest Service on the area that they want to hold the rally so no date has been set for it yet. Ken said the area they want to hold the rally in is full of wolves so take your gun if you are participating in it.

--**Boy Scouts**—Matt Turner, one of our visitors, is one of the Boy Scouts that Dave Ostrom has helped complete their Scout Communication Badge. Matt came to the meeting tonight because he is interested in Ham Radio. Some of the members encouraged him to take the free Technician class that will start on Thursday.

--**Money for our Club**—Emmett explained how our club can get money if the membership uses a special ARRL membership form to either renew their membership or if new people sign up. If a new member signs up for ARRL, and uses the special form, the Club gets \$15 out of the \$39 that is paid to ARRL. For a renewal of membership the Club will receive \$2 if the special form is used. This form can be found on the Club website and membership can be paid through Pay Pal.

---**Thank you**--Allan Saari thanked Mark Drevlow for campaigning for the club on his radio program. All of the members also thanked him by joining in with applause.

--**New Motion on Club Membership**—Kelly mentioned that a motion that was passed, at the January meeting, stated that anyone who took the test and got a license through our Club would be offered a year's free membership to our Club in the calendar year that they took the test. Because of the Club's ARRL affiliation this would cause a problem. Discussion was held. Ray made a new motion to amend the old motion. Amended Motion: Anyone who passed the test through our Club and joined ARRL would be given one year free membership to our Club. It was seconded by Bob Dickeson and the motion passed.

--**Visiting other Clubs**—Jim thought it would be interesting for the membership to go to Ham Club meetings in other areas to see how they are operating.

--**Three Rivers Ham Club**—Mark Baker mentioned that a new Ham Club in Kamiah has started and Ken Tuning is the president of it. Ken said there are about 25 paid members and some regular visitors. It started about six months ago. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 6:30p.m. at the Lewis-Clark Resort. It takes about an hour and one half to get there from Lewiston. Discussion was held about VE testing.

--**IRPL**—Bob mentioned that Arne got the IRPL up and running with a new link on 440. The computer went haywire but with new programming and a new link, it is working fine now.

--**Cards sent out after Winter Field Day**—Ken thanked the Club for sending out thank you cards to the attendees of Winter Field Day. Emmett sent out the thank you's. They had a collage of pictures and a thank you for attending message on them like he sent out for Spring Field Day. The membership thanked Emmett for doing this too.

--**Coming Ham Activities**—Kelly asked Emmett to tell the members about activities. Emmett mentioned: Spring Field Day will be held on June 26th and 27th. He will have more information about it next month. Several parks are being considered to hold it in. Some locations under consideration are Airway Park by the airport, Syringa Park, located near the Lewiston Country club off Shilo Drive, and the area at Lewis-Clark State College east of the nursing building. It was suggested that the Nez Perce County Fair Grounds might be considered. Discussion was held. There will be a ARRL DXing contest this coming weekend. Also the Puyallup Ham Fest is this weekend in Puyallup, Washington. Emmett mentioned that he is thinking about some social events for the Club but there will be more on those later.

--**Feed Back on Book Reviews and Podcasts in newsletter**—Ray asked the members to tell him if the book reviews and information on the podcasts in the Ham happenings newsletter are informative and helpful.

--The business part of the meeting ended at 8p.m.

Ray presented a Program on Podcasts and RSS (Really Simple Syndication). He showed slides on his computer and told what they do and how they work. Podcasts are derived from IPOD telephones and can be down loaded on to hand held devices. RSS is a format for distributing news and web content.

--The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.



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LCARC PROGRAM NOTES



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*****Any comments, suggestions or HELP is greatly appreciated*****

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FEB. 3--- VE Testing

MARCH 3 -- VE Testing-Tech license class-March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th preregistration needed. Contact Kelly or Emmett to register.

APRIL 6, 2010—VE TESTING

APRIL 8-- General license class—April 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th. Contact Kelly or Emmett for pre-registration.--
- Riggins Boat Races April 17th and 18th--- Idaho State Convention, April 23rd, 24th and 25th in Boise, Idaho at the Holiday Inn at the Airport—www.idahostateconvention.com

MAY 4, 2010—VE TESTING

JUNE 1, 2010—VE TESTING

JUNE 26 –FIELD DAY June 26th and 27th.

JULY 6, 2010 --VE TESTING

AUGUST 3, 2010 –VE TESTING

SEPT.7, 2010 --VE TESTING

OCT.5, 2010 --VE TESTING.

NOV.2, 2010 -- VE TESTING

DEC. 7, 2010—VE TESTING

DEC.?- Dinner meeting at Antonio's- 1407 Main St.- Lewiston, Idaho