
HAM HAPPENINGS

Lewis-Clark Amateur Radio Club

August 4, 2009

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

Wow, summer is really here, with temperatures near or exceeding 100F and it just begs us to be outside enjoying the season. Unless, of course, it's too darn hot to enjoy, which may mean you're inside working with your favorite hobby gear.

This month's meeting is looking to be pretty interesting, with a speaker coming to invite us to consider changing our meeting location, and one of our members is going to bring along a "dog and pony" show to introduce us to slow scan TV. So, let's get set to attend our meeting this coming Tuesday evening at 7:00p.m. at the EAA hangar on O'Connor Road at the airport. Bring along a friend or neighbor and introduce them to our interesting hobby and the folks who share it with us.

Hopefully you will read this prior to Saturday, when there will be an opportunity to check out a bunch of HAM gear which was (and still is) the property of Everett Jordan. Everett is seriously ill and living in the Boise area, and his daughter Amy is working to liquidate Everett's HAM gear. It is being offered for sale at Everett's former home on Airway Avenue, just a block west of the Lewiston library, beginning at 0900. Our club members have been involved in assisting Amy in preparing for this yard sale, and we will derive some monetary benefit from the results of the sale. So, come on by on Saturday, August 1st and have a look. There must be something there that you just can't live without. See you there. OscarTango, KE7ATD

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 after the meeting



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

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml>

Lewis Clark Amateur Radio Club
Minutes from July 7, 2009 meeting

The July meeting was called to order by President Jim Otey. There were 10 members and four visitors in attendance. Two of the visitors were taking tests. They were Isaac French and Benjamin Smith. Isaac's father and his Grandfather Byron Bottoms (KG5FM) were with Isaac. The members in attendance were:

Jim Otey (KE7ATD), Elaine McLaughlin (N7RYL), Ray Ulery (KE7WOE), Lyle Cable (K7LWC), Jackie Cable (KB7UEK), Kelly Blackmon (KD5ALU), Michael Blackmon (KE7OEH), Walt Rozelle (W7NCP), Ernie Jorgenson (AC7XV), Bob Dickeson (WA7UZG).

Bob Dickeson moved that the minutes of the last meeting should be approved as prepared and it was seconded by Kelly Blackmon. The motion passed.

--**Treasurer's Report:** \$678.75

OLD BUSINESS:

-- **Hats**—Jim thanked everyone who ordered hats for paying him for them. He said there is still a hat for Michael Small that he hasn't received. Jim asked if anyone knew Michael's call sign. Elaine had Michael's call sign as K7ZZT.

--**Repeater Report**- Dave is the chairman of the repeater committee and he was not at the meeting because he is out of town so no report was given.

--**Rag Chew**—The weekly Rag Chew that has been held on Thursdays is not very well attended. Discussion was held about the reason for the poor attendance. Kelly moved that the Rag Chew should be suspended temporarily until further notice. The motion was seconded by Bob. It passed. Jim said there will be more discussion about it at the next meeting.

--**Field Day**—Emmett was unable to attend the meeting tonight because he hurt his knee during Field Day. He had surgery on his knee. Jim said Emmett paid a lot of the Field Day expenses out of his own pocket but one expense he had not foreseen was the \$30 fee for the Food Handlers permit. Ernie moved that the Club should reimburse Emmett for the \$30 for the Food Handlers permit. Walt seconded it and the motion passed. Jim mentioned that Field Day this year was a lot of fun and it was a learning process. A report on Field Day written by Emmett was included on the June Ham Happenings and is also in the July issue in case some of the members did not get a chance to read it. Ernie said Field Day was an A-1 event. Jim thanked the Field Day committee for an excellent job.

--**Burl Tackett** –Ernie mentioned that Burl has a lot of antennas that he wants to sell. He lives at 3235 5th Street. He has a tall blue tower in his yard.

NEW BUSINESS:

--**Everett Jordan's Equipment**—Jim and Bob went to Everett Jordan's house with his daughter Amy who lives in Boise, to look at Everett's ham equipment. Amy wanted Jim and Bob to inventory the equipment so it can be sold. Jim said there is so much stuff that it needs to be taken out of the basement of the house and sorted into three piles; a junk pile, a recyclable junk pile, and stuff with value. Jim said they suggested to Amy that a Ham Radio Yard sale should be held. He also suggested that the Club should receive some compensation for helping inventory and helping with pricing for the sale. Amy said she would discuss it with her sister. Club member discussion was held. Kelly suggested holding the sale in September along with an ice cream social and swap meet. Jim also mentioned advertising on the Club's classified page or taking what didn't sell at the proposed yard sale to hamfests in Seattle or Spokane. Jim said it will take a long time to inventory everything. Two things of interest were a 65' crank up tower and a complete Heath Kit station.

--**Club Trailer**—Some items were taken out of the club trailer to be used at Field Day. Jim asked if anyone has anything that needs to go back in the trailer. Everyone at the meeting thought all of the items had been returned to the trailer.

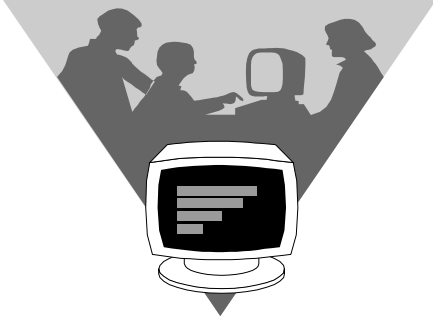
--**Clarkston Alive after Five**—Kelly suggested that the Club should have a table at the remaining Alive after Five events. A couple of members could be there to give information about the Club and hand out flyers. To participate in the event the Club would have to register with the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce. The cost for participating in one evening is \$25. It costs \$20 for registering for several Alive after Five evenings. The event is from 5:30p.m. until 8:30p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Discussion was held. Ray and Michael said they would man a table and Kelly would come and help after he got off work.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob and Ray seconded it.
The meeting adjourned around 7:45p.m.

LCARC-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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LCARC PROGRAM NOTES



Program Director –Lyle Cable **K7LWC**

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

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FEB. 3--- VE Testing

MARCH 3 -- VE Testing—FEMA Emergency Communication Training contact Ken Tuning if interested at Robert Finch's number 208-926-0088—Idaho QSO Party March 14th per Kelly

APRIL 7-- VE Testing—April 11, 2009 Yakima Hamfest at the Selah Civic Center (216 S. 1st Street) see page 7 for more information.

-- Riggins Boat Races, April 18th & 19th

--- State Ham Convention in Boise on April 24th, 25th and 26th.

MAY 5-- VE Testing—Pacificon 2009, (ARRL Pacific Division Convention, will be held May 1 thru 3 at Emcommwest at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada—Reservation and info at pacificon.org

JUNE 2 – KARS Hamfest 2009 will be held June 13th at the American Legion Hall in Post Falls, ID

June 17th thru the 20th YL International Single Sideband Communication System annual convention in Spokane, WA-contact KL7FQQ at kl7fqq@yahoo.com for information

JULY 7 --VE Testing

AUGUST 4 –VE Testing-Pacific Northwest DX Convention on August 7, 8, and 9th in Spokane, WA at the Mirabeau Park Hotel

SEPT.1 --VE Testing

OCT.6 --VE Testing.

NOV.3 -- VE Testing

DEC.1- Dinner meeting at Antonio's- 1407 Main St.- Lewiston, Idaho

2009 Dues Paid Members 7-7-2009

Call	Last Name, First Name
KB7IAW	Anderson, Ken
AE7AJ	Baker, Mark
KD5ALU	Blackmon, Kelly
KE7OEH	Blackmon, Michael
KF7COU	Bashore, Bob
KB7UEK	Cable, Jacquelin
K7LWC	Cable, Lyle
KD7XD	Clark, Ray
KB7VPN	Cline, Leo
WA7UZG	Dickeson, Robert C.
W7TRO	Halleen, Arne
AC7XV	Jorgenson, Ernie
NA7EM	McCormick, Emmett
N7YFY	McCormick, Richard
KF7ATJ	McCullough, Jim
N7RYL	McLaughlin, Elaine
KE7LAP	Musgrave, Mel
KE7OEG	Ostrom, David
KE7ATD	Otey, James
W7NCP	Rozelle, Walt
KC7CXV	Russell, Alan
KB7VPC	Saari, Allan
K7ZZT	Small, Michael
KE7WOE	Ray, Ulery
N7RXY	Paul Woelfel

REMINDER

CLUB DUES FOR 2009 ARE DUE. DUES ARE \$25.00. Please remit to Paul, N7RXY

Field Day 2009 Report

Success... Our main mission for Field Day this year was to HAVE FUN! We sure did! It all started months ago. Kelly, Ray, and I began planning what was to be a Field Day that was fun and involved as much of the public as we could possibly attract. We did everything high and low to accomplish this mission.

Hundreds of papers flew around the quad cities and even up to Spokane as we hand delivered press releases, formal invite letters, and store front ads. The advertising was of ridiculous proportion. I had an interview with KLEW TV Northwest Morning which aired twice before the event. In addition, I had a quick interview with Stephanie Smith at KLEW TV which aired on the evening news. Including rebroadcasts, it aired several times. Other media sources are not yet confirmed. The two interviews will be posted on the website in the near future.

Saturday started early..very early.. We erected two 260 foot all-band dipoles and one smaller 40m dipole with slingshots and fishing reels. We had two stations running at any given time in addition to the GOTA station. It was a rocky start with some technical problems and unfavorable propagation, but we kept chuggin! The potluck was fantastic. Thanks to all who participated and brought those wonderful dishes of food. Hobby Bob kept all the kiddies entertained with radio control vehicles. Thanks Bob!

Ray, Dave, Zach (the Boy Scout) and I stayed all night, bbq'd at about 3:00a.m. and continued to make QSO's as able. It got very cold about 4:30a.m. and we began drooling on our radio's for about 30 minutes. It was quite a sight. We were huddled around 2 lanterns for warmth. Eventually, the sun found its way into the sky and thawed the radios, thus, allowing us to continue operation. We wrapped it up just a bit early just after another hot dog feed. We operated around 22 hours.

We had visitors from all over. We had around 48 participants including operators, members, families, and public, We tested and passed one new Technician. Congrats Bob! One Boy Scout earned his Radio Merit Badge. We talked to at least 30 sections and 3 provinces. QSO count is 91 and 136 Points using CW, SSB, and multiple digital modes. With multipliers we claimed 272 points. We got 670 points in bonuses for multiple categories. Estimated total score is 942.

That all aside...since it is NOT a contest. WE HAD A GREAT TIME! It was great to see everyone that showed up. I hope that some old and new connections were accomplished.

Extras:

Thanks to Coca-Cola and Scentsy, we enjoyed free Coke products and bottled water all weekend. This attracted several folks passing through the park.

Dave Ostrum and Jim Otey blessed us with a ton of hot dogs and hamburgers.

Ray Clark won the Field Day Hat Raffle, Congrats Ray! Zachary McCormick and Mike Small each won a case of Coke.

Pictures will be posted on the web soon.

We plan to debrief Field Day at a near future club meeting. This year gave us a great foundation for many future improvements.

My thanks to EVERYONE that participated. We could not have done this without you! Everyone brought something special to the table in one way or another, and I could not be more grateful. I especially appreciate the optimism, enthusiasm, and general positive environment.

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Emmett McCormick, NA&EM
2009 Field Day Coordinator