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# HAM HAPPENINGS

Lewis-Clark Amateur Radio Club

February 3, 2009

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 after the meeting

So, we've struggled through another session of winter this past month, and at least some of us are preparing to make repairs to our antenna systems. It seems we have had more than a normal amount of wind this winter, as well as more snow than any time since I became a Lewiston resident.

I received a call from Rob Vance and he will be able to be the speaker for the Tuesday evening meeting this time. He was unable to make our meeting last month because of snow accumulations near his home. He will be discussing network of repeaters.

In addition, we are approaching a time for some hamfests, and it would be appropriate to see if anyone has any needs to bring to the attention of those of us who are planning to attend the Puyallup hamfest.

So, please plan to attend the meeting and bring along a ham friend. Let's get acquainted.

OscarTango, KE7ATD



**Are you looking for test sites and dates? Check out the Internet site below.**  
<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml>

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## **Lewis Clark Amateur Radio Club** **Minutes from January 6, 2009 meeting**

The January meeting was called to order by President Jim Otey. There were 10 members and five visitors in attendance.

The members in attendance were:

Alan Russell (KC7CXV), Kelly Blackmon (KD5ALU), Jim Otey (KE7ATD), Elaine McLaughlin (N7RYL), Bob Dickeson (WA7UZG), Paul Woelfel (N7RXY), Ray Ulrey (KE7WOE), Dave Ostrom (KE7OEG), Arne Halleen (W7TRO), Walt Rozelle (W7NCP)

The visitors were: Allan Saari, Randy Stevenson, Emmett McCormick, Phil Greer and Bruce Renshaw

--The scheduled special speaker, Rick Vance, was unable to attend the meeting because he was snowed in.

--Alan R. moved that the minutes of the last meeting should be approved as prepared

--Treasurer's Report: \$195.00 plus \$25 in dues which were given to Paul at the beginning of the meeting. Total at that point was: \$220.00. Paul is collecting dues for 2009.

--Paul spoke to Joe Dubner over the holidays. Joe said to tell everyone "hi" for him. He moved to Independence, Oregon.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

--Lewiston Hill Antenna Tower—Jim mentioned that Bob Dickeson repaired the antenna. Bob mentioned that he is not able to get up to his repeater shack. The KLEW TV crew told him that the roof on the repeater shack has blown off.

--Visitation Between Ham Clubs—Jim said Ray is organizing a time to visit the Schweitzer Laboratories Ham Club. Ray said it would be some time after the roads are better that the visit would take place.

--Children's Home Money Tree—Jim mentioned that the \$80 that was collected from the Christmas Party money tree was delivered on Monday (January 5<sup>th</sup>) to the Children's Home.

--Christmas Party for 2009 —Jim asked if any of the members had any objections to having the 2009 Christmas party at Antonio's. The membership thought that would be a good place for the party.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

--Problem with APPERS and Air Craft Antenna-- Jim mentioned that when the APPERS antenna at the EAA Hangar transmits, it gets into the air craft transmission. Jim said these two antennas are located very close to each other. Discussion was held.

--West Mountain Radio-- Ray asked if anyone has used equipment from West Mountain Radio. Discussion was held.

--Three Phase Wiring-- Jim said the EAA Hangar has three tools that need three phase wiring to work. He asked if anyone had experience with that type wiring. Arne Halleen and Allan Saari said they both have had experience with it.

--Membership Chairman—Kelly suggested that a club member should become a membership chairman. Jim suggested that Ray might be interested in doing this. Ways to attract more people to be perspective club members were suggested. Anyone can come to the meetings without paying dues. Kelly suggested that either low dues or no dues would help to get young people in to the meetings. It was suggested that anyone who takes a technician test should be given free club membership for one year. Discussion was held about the Boy Scouts and their interest in Amateur Radio.

--Club Project—Jim asked for ideas for a club project. Ideas were fielded. Phil mentioned he could use help in finding out what went wrong with the 20 meter side band kit radio that he built. Allan S. suggested that a fox hunt would be fun. Bob suggested that a fox hunt would be best held in the summer.

--Walmart Grant –Walmart has a back to the community grant that it is offering. This grant is only made known by word of mouth; Walmart doesn't advertise it. The club put in an application for the grant. Jim asked when the club would know who would receive it. Dave said Walmart will look into applications in the first two weeks of June.

--Antennas—Paul and Ray brought in antennas to show the members. Discussion was held about the antenna wiring and equipment.

Meeting adjourned around 8:15p.m.

--The EAA Hangar breakfast is the first Saturday of the month. It is served from 8a.m until the food runs out (around 10a.m.). The price is a \$6 donation.

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# LCARC PROGRAM NOTES



Program Director –Lyle Cable **K7LWC**

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

- JAN.6
- FEB. 3--- VE Testing
- MARCH 3 -- VE Testing
- APRIL 7-- VE Testing
- MAY 5-- VE Testing
- JUNE 2 --
- JULY 7 --VE Testing
- AUGUST 4 –VE Testing
- SEPT.1 --VE Testing
- OCT.6 --VE Testing.
- NOV.3 -- VE Testing
- DEC.1- Dinner meeting at Antonio's- 1407 Main St.- Lewiston, Idaho

## **REMINDER**

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

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