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# HAM HAPPENINGS

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Lewis-Clark Amateur Radio Club

February 2, 2010

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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

Our next meeting will be held at the EAA hangar building as usual for February. We are planning a demonstration on "Connecting to an IRLP node," along with a quick presentation on how to download and listen to podcasts.

**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.**

Come one, come all! Join us for Winter Field Day on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Winchester Lake. Sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio, this contest is a chance for hams to get out and practice their emergency skills, just like the summer Field Day. The contest starts at 9a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> and ends at 9a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. The purpose is to setup a remote operating station and make as many contacts in the 24 hour period as possible. The temperature determines our point multiplier! For more information about how the LCARC is participating, visit: <http://www.lewisclarkarc.org/wfd2010.aspx> or general information about the even visit: <http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php>. RSVP would be appreciated to Emmett or Ray.

Several ham conventions are coming up so don't forget to mark your calendars now. The Idaho State Convention in Boise will be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. I understand that room reservations are going quick so plan now. For more information on the convention go to this web site: <http://www.voiceofIdaho.org>.

We are planning a specific show and tell or guest speaker to be scheduled for each meeting. If you have an interesting subject, or would like to bring a project you are working on, please let Emmett know.  
Hope to see all of you at the next meeting!

### **73, Vice President KE7WOE**

#### **Book Review from the Vice President:**

Each month I'm going to review a book that deals with amateur radio or electronics. For those of you that like reading but are not sure if the book is worth the money...here will be another opinion. For those of you that don't want to spend any money and have PCs, audio files is the way to go. Of course I'm talking about podcasts.

The book this month is called "Soldersmoke a global adventure in Radio Electronics" by Bill Meara N2CQR. SolderSmoke is the story of a secret, after-hours life in electronics. Bill Meara started out as a normal kid, from a normal American town. But around the age of 12, he got interested in electronics, and he has never been the same. Bill's work has taken him all over the world as a diplomat and most recently to Rome and caused him to stay up late into the night working on strange radio projects, and to build embarrassingly large antenna above innocent foreign neighborhoods. SolderSmoke as the name implies, takes you into the basement workshops and life of an expatriate geek. Finally, SolderSmoke is about a brotherhood, and International, cross-border brotherhood. With Bill's sense of humor and witfulness, he truly has the nack. He unites the reader by a common interest in radio, he forms an "International Brotherhood of Electronic Wizards."

--I would truly recommend this book to anyone interested in Amateur Radio and experimenting in electronics.  
KE7WOE, Ray Ulery

If you would like to order the book you can find out more from: <http://www.lulu.com/publish/books/>

#### **Audio Review:**

The audio file I would like to turn your attention to this month is called "LowSWR" and can be found at: <http://www.lowswr.com>. This new podcast started up the beginning of December 2009 and is hosted by a father son duo. They are into their 7<sup>th</sup> issue now and this podcast is raising up the charts and will be one you don't want to miss each week.

See you next month with another book and audio review.

73,  
KE7WOE  
Ray Ulery



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

<http://www.lewisclarkarc.org/fd.html>

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## **Lewis Clark Amateur Radio Club** **Minutes from January 5, 2010 meeting**

The January meeting was called to order by President Kelly Blackmon. There were 12 members in attendance.

The members in attendance were: Paul Woelfel (N7RXY), Doug Graham (KB7RKY), Leo Cline (KV7VPN), Emmett McCormick (NA7EM), Kelly Blackmon (KD5ALU), Michael Blackmon (KE7OEH), Elaine McLaughlin (N7RYL), Alan Russell (KC7CXV), Bob Dickeson (WA7UZG), Jim Otey (KE7ATD), Ray Ulery (KE7WOE), Allan Saari (KB7VPC)

The meeting opened at 7:05p.m. Kelly asked if everyone has read the Ham Happenings and if they should be accepted as written. The minutes were approved as prepared.

Treasurer's Report: \$785.44

Old Business: No old business was brought up for discussion

New Business:

--Allan Saari said he has heard Mark Bone giving the Ham Club free advertising on the Classic Rock Station. He said Mark is doing a good job with his announcement.

--Direction of the Club—Kelly asked for discussion on the direction of the club for this coming year. Kelly suggested having a monthly drawing for donated items to help raise money for the club. Discussion was held. It was decided that a quarterly drawing instead of a monthly drawing would be better. The drawings will start in February if enough things are donated. Jim mentioned that the EAA Hangar is having a silent auction on some things that were donated to them and maybe the radio club might like to do this as well. Discussion was held. Doug Graham said he has a squirrel cage ticket holder that can be used for the drawings if the club would like it. Our new Program Director, Emmett said he thought it would be good for the club to have more community events, social activities, fun things, fund raisers, have more learning activities at the meetings, and have different topics and demonstrations at the meetings as well as a business meeting. Emmett said if any one has any ideas or ways to get more people involved to email him.

--2010 Dues are due. Kelly said the dues can now be paid on line if you have a pay pal account. It tells how to pay with pay pal on the club website.

--Club Website—Emmett has worked on the website and he wants everyone to check it out. It is now on a Windows host and this will allow him to do more things on it.

--List of all Hams in the Valley—Bob Dickeson suggested that the website should have a list of all the ham radio operators in the valley. Kelly said that list can be pulled up on the University of Arkansas website. Emmett asked members to call him if they find anything on the Club website that needs corrections. The restructuring of the website should make it simpler to use according to Emmett.

--Free Club Membership—After discussion it was decided to offer any new person who passes the ham radio Technician test, that they take at the EAA Hangar, the option to have a free membership to the LCARC for a year. The free membership would be for the calendar year when they passed the Tech test.

--Repeater—Discussion was held about work on the repeater. It was suggested that a committee should be formed of 3 or 4 people to get the repeater going. If any expense is involved the committee would come to the club to discuss the reason for the cost before any money is spent. Doug Graham moved that Bob Dickeson would be the head of the committee. The committee would fix the repeater, perform regular maintenance, do everything they could without cost and would come back to the club if anything was needed that would incur an expense and discuss the expense that was needed with the club membership. Bob could pick some committee members and volunteers would be welcome to help. The motion passed.

--Doug Graham discussed his 220 repeater that he wants to get up and running. Discussion was held about the repeater and antenna heights.

--Ray Ulery mentioned that on December 4<sup>th</sup> the Amateur Radio Enhancement Act passed the Senate and is moving to the House.

--Ray will be sending Elaine a book read about amateur radio and a pod cast article to put on the Ham Happenings to encourage the membership to read them. The book he is suggesting this time is Bill Meara's SolderSmoke, a global adventure in electronics and lowswr.com which is a pod cast website.

--RayUlery needs help with scheduling QSO's with some elementary children to contact NASA and the astronauts but he doesn't have a definite time to do it yet. Contact Ray for more information. Discussion was held about satellite tracking.

--Jim Otey said on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. the EAA Hangar is going to be showing some Cub Scouts some things about the radio. Contact Jim for further information about this.

--Paul said the fee the club pays to keep the Anatone repeater power running has been \$10 for a long time. He suggested since power fees have probably raised over the years that the club should raise that the Club pays to \$15. Discussion was held. Paul moved that the fee should be raised to \$15. The motion passed. The fee is paid every quarter. The new fee will start this year.

--RTTY Contest—Emmett asked if anyone was involved with the RTTY Contest that was held. Emmett reached 13 countries and almost every state in the USA using RTTY. Discussion was held.

--Doug suggested Echo Link as something that could be of interest to the membership.

--Ray proposed a winter Field Day on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Winchester. The date for the winter Field Day was on ARRL. Discussion was held. Emmett will send out an announcement about it.

--Discussion was held about getting new tags for the Club Trailer. It was decided to wait and see if the trailer is needed before relicensing it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

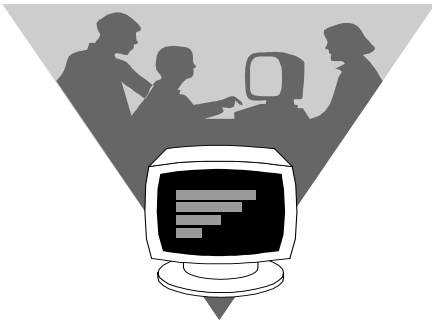
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# LCARC PROGRAM NOTES



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

**JAN.6**

**FEB. 3---** VE Testing

**MARCH 3** -- VE Testing

**APRIL 7**-- VE Testing—Idaho State Convention, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Boise, Idaho at the Holiday Inn at the Airport—[www.idahostateconvention.com](http://www.idahostateconvention.com)

**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