
HAM HAPPENINGS

Lewis-Clark Amateur Radio Club

July 7, 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

It's time for another monthly club meeting, and right in the warm time of the summer. But it suits me just fine, especially as it allows for some beautiful evenings and hopefully some opportunities to enjoy our hobby of hamming.

The past week-end, June 27th and 28th our club participated in the annual ARRL Summer Field Day, and what a great change it was from any mundane "going through the motions" field day events of the recent past. To those of you who participated in this year's event, congratulations are in order, especially to Emmett, dad Rick, Rays (both of them), Kelly and all of the other members who provided support and equipment for the enjoyment of all. And to those of you who were unable to attend, may I say you missed a fine exercise which broadened the experience base and hopefully the knowledge bases of those who were able to participate.

A local Ham who's health has prevented his participation in any Ham activities for the past several years, is allowing his family to liquidate his equipment. And the family has made contact with a couple members of our club to see assistance in that effort. As with most of us, this person had many items of value in his accumulations, and we, as a club, will be allowed to help establish values on this equipment and possibly hold a Ham Yard Sale in the future. So, come join us at the club meeting this Tuesday, July 7th at the EAA Hangar at 7:00p.m. and learn more about who this paragraph is talking about. See you the 7th. 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 June 3, 2009 meeting

The June meeting was called to order by President Jim Otey. There were 14 members and two visitors in attendance for testing. The two taking the tests were Marcus Jennings (KC7DAL) and Carol Alexander.

The members in attendance were:

Jim Otey (KE7ATD), Elaine McLaughlin (N7RYL), Paul Woelfel (N7RXY), Ray Ulery (KE7WOE), Dave Ostrom (KE7OEG), Lyle Cable (K7LWC), Jackie Cable (KB7UEK), Kelly Blackmon (KD5ALU), Michael Blackmon (KE7OEH), Dave Davis (AC7TQ), Emmett McCormick (NA7EM) Walt Rozelle (W7NCP), Ernie Jorgenson (AC7XV), Arne Halleen (W7TRO).

It was moved that the minutes of the last meeting should be approved as prepared. All were in favor.

--Treasurer's Report: \$655.56

OLD BUSINESS:

-- **Hats**—Jim mentioned that more members have club hats. The hats cost \$14 each. Please pay Jim if you want a hat.

--**100 Hertz tone**—Jim said they have a repeater for a 440 split. The members working on it will try to set one repeater west of the original site. They think this will help remove the interference. Lyle moved that we should keep the repeater, in total, at the original site and fix it there, instead of splitting into two locations. Walt seconded this motion. Discussion was held. Walt thinks privately owned equipment will be mixed with the club equipment if the split plan is put into effect and there could be a problem if the private equipment owners ever decided to take away their equipment. Discussion was held about the causes of the noise problems. Arne said frequency spacing is the problem. Close frequency spacing doesn't work. Discussion was held about possible causes of the interference such as cavities, duplexers, corrosion, wind and the 50,000 watt transmitter across from the ham repeater. A vote was taken on Lyle's motion and the motion passed. Further discussion was held about the antenna coverage and repeater range and if a linking radio would be a possibility. Jim asked if the Anatone repeater is a viable option. Discussion was held. Jim suggested that a committee should be formed to check further into the options. The committee members will be Walt, Dave Ostrom, Paul and Dave Davis.

--**Burl Tackett**—Ernie mentioned that Burl is moving and he has equipment that he wants to sell. He lives at 3235 5th Street. He has a tall blue tower in his yard. Ernie said he will ask Burl if he wants to sell the tower.

--**Local Classifieds for Ham Gear**—Jim mentioned that there is a classified ad area on the Club website.

--**General Manual Needed**-- Jim mentioned Benjamin Smith's need for a general manual and Dave Ostrom said the need has been taken care of.

--**Field Day**—Emmett said the location for Field Day will be at Swallows Park on June 27th and 28th. A permit was granted from the Army Corp of Engineers for the stations to be set up and spend the night of the 27th. There will be three stations for sure but Emmett said he would like more if others would like to do it. Emmett sent around sheets for participants to list what equipment they would like to bring and use at the event. Discussion was held about what equipment members had available and could bring. Emmett said Coca-Cola is furnishing free pop, Maria Ulery with Scentsy is furnishing bottled water and Emmett, with SendOutCards, is providing participants and sponsors a thank you gift when the weekend is over. There will be a hat raffle and all proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the club to be used toward a one year ARRL gift membership (recipient to be determined). Jim and Dave Ostrom are providing hotdogs, hamburgers and the accompaniments. The media and public are being informed with over two hundred flyers, sixty formal invites, and at least thirty press kits. Emmett is hoping for between one and two hundred people to show up for the event to make it a success. Kelly suggested inviting other groups to join us for Field Day next year. Dave Ostrom suggested including a Hamfest with the Field Day next year.

--**Rag chew**—Kelly said the Rag Chew was started to give amateurs a chance to discuss whatever they wanted to on Thursday nights but it didn't work out.

NEW BUSINESS:

--**ARRL Letter**—Jim read a portion of a letter sent to the club that congratulates the members on being affiliated with the ARRL on May 13, 2009 as the thirteenth group. The ARRL sent a framed charter certificate in honor of this occasion. Jim said a big thank you to those who were involved in making this possible.

--**Hamfests**—Ray mentioned there will be a Ham fest in Post Falls on June 13th. There will be a Christmas in June at Adams, Oregon, put on by the cracker barrel net. It will be June 12th through the 14th at Adams Field. It will be a potluck and everyone should bring an ornament with his call sign and a baby picture of themselves. The Wenatchee, Washington Hamfest will be held at the Dryden Gun Club on June 12th, 13th and 14th of June.

--**Transceiver wanted**—Ernie is looking for an all mode transceiver.

--**Everett Jordon's equipment**—Jim said Everett Jordon's daughter has asked him to inventory her father's radio gear. One of the things he had was a crank up 60 foot tower.

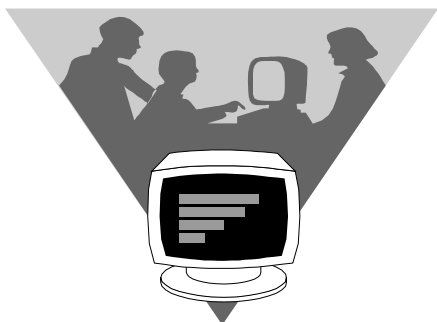
The meeting adjourned around 8:25p.m.



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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 5-6-2009

Call	Last Name, First Name
AE7AJ	Baker, Mark
KD5ALU	Blackmon, Kelly
KE7OEH	Blackmon, Michael
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.

73m

Emmett McCormick, NA&EM
2009 Field Day Coordinator