
HAM HAPPENINGS

Lewis-Clark Amateur Radio Club

June 2, 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

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

Welcome to summer. The past week or so has certainly been a pleasant change from the rather wet & cool springtime weather we had in April and early May. But what should we expect? Never the less, I for one, am happy to see the change.

Our club is beginning to show some changes of its own. Through the work of a few members, we have recently received official confirmation of ARRL affiliation. On the surface this may not seem like a big deal, but it does put us in the light of recognition by the HAM community and will bring some other benefits to us as an organization and as members. There will be more to come on this subject at the club meeting this Tuesday.

I would like to quickly address a couple of things which have recently been on my mind and I am hopeful that some or many of you will respond with your thoughts. During the past several weeks our member participation in weekly ARES/RACES net check-ins has been pretty minimal. And yes, during this time of the year we seem to have several things going on in our private lives. But as volunteers to participate in this activity it would seem only reasonable that if we elect to participate, then we should do just that, especially when members of the club have taken the time to operate the net in the interest of maintaining the communications within the group. And in that same vein, it seems we get minimal participation in our weekly Rag Chew on Thursday evenings as

well. So, please give these two activities some thought and I will expect some discussion at the meeting on Tuesday evening.

Also, several of our members have been devoting considerable time and effort in planning our participation in the June 27th & 28th Field Day activities. This is a club activity, not just something for a few of the members who have an interest in it. So please put these dates in your scheduling processes and prepare to participate.

OscarTango, KE7ATD



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 May 5, 2009 meeting

The May meeting was called to order by President Jim Otey. There were 11 members and five visitors in attendance.

The members in attendance were:

Alan Russell (KC7CXV), Jim Otey (KE7ATD), Elaine McLaughlin (N7RYL), Paul Woelfel (N7RXY), Ray Ulery (KE7WOE), Dave Ostrom (KE7OEG), Lyle Cable (K7LWC), Allan Saari (KB7VPC), Mark Baker (KB6HDE), Bob Dickeson (WA7UZG), Kelly Blackmon (KD5ALU), The visitors were: Sandy Jennings (WL7DD), Korina Vermilya (KE7VGZ), Mike Small, Rick Wilkins, Bob Bashore, who were all taking a test and Darlene Jackson who was a driver.

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

--Treasurer's Report: \$633.53

OLD BUSINESS:

-- **Hats**—Jim handed out hats to some of the members. The hats had their call signs embroidered on them. Jim said the hats cost \$14 each. Please pay Jim for your hats.

--**Getting new Club members**—Jim mentioned we need to make more local contacts and invite others to come to our meetings.

--**EAA Hangar**—Jim thanked Kelly for bringing his family to the EAA Hangar breakfast. It is held every first and third Saturday of the month. They start serving food around 8:30a.m. It is a fund raiser for the EAA Hangar. The EAA group is also selling chances to win a play house. The tickets are \$3. The drawing for the play house will be held during an event at the Hangar on July 3rd, 4th and 5th.

--**Clarkston Fire Station**—Jim asked if anything was done on the Fire Station on Wednesday. Dave said the work party was cancelled because of rain but they plan to try again on Wednesday. He said the antenna can be tuned and used the way it is.

--**100 Hertz Tone**—Jim asked for discussion concerning the tones on the repeater. Dave said some people he has talked with don't think we need them. They prevent access to the repeater. Bob said we need the tones because of noise fluctuation. He said the radio station, located due south of the club repeater, puts out power and the rust on the guy wires for the antenna are a source that causes noise. Bob said there is a plan for a work party to try to get the noise level down by insulating the guy wires between the turn buckles and the u clamps. Discussion was held about cavities and duplexers. Bob mentioned that a change in the receiver site has been suggested. This site would be connected by a 440 antenna. The 440 is in Boise and needs to be picked up. Discussion was held about antennas. Bob said, the site that has been suggested for the receiver is his personal site on the Lewiston Hill. Bob is looking for an 8' by 20' container to make into a new radio shack for that site. He has already checked with Steve Carlton and he wants \$3,000. Bob would like to find a container that costs less. If anyone knows of a container please contact Bob.

--**Local Classifieds for Ham Gear**—Jim asked if anyone has tried to advertise any ham gear. Kelly said there is some gear advertised on the club web site. Kelly suggested that the club should hold a tail gate party and swap meet. Discussion was held. Bob suggested that Kelly should be in charge of planning one. Kelly nominated Emmitt to be in charge and he would help him.

--**General Manual Needed**-- Jim mentioned that he had written to Benjamin Smith who was at out April club meeting. Benjamin needed a General Manual. Jim didn't have one but Allan S. said he had access to a study guide; so Jim gave Benjamin's address to Allan.

NEW BUSINESS:

--**Hamfest in Post Falls**—Jim mentioned there will be a Ham fest in Post Falls on June 13th. Elaine made some copies of the flyer and they were given out to whoever wanted them at the club meeting.

--**Rag Chew Monitor**—Kelly said a copy of the preamble will eventually be on the web site. He thought there needs to be a net control sign up for it and more publicity. Kelly did not think a specific topic needed to be discussed on the rag chew; just whatever the hams that call in want to discuss.

--**Recovering member**—Walt is recovering from his surgery and would like visitors. He needs some help with getting his antenna put up in a new place. Jim is Walt's neighbor and he needs help with a guy. Bob said he could help on Saturday morning.

--**Field Day**— Field Day will be held on June 27th and 28th. It will be held in the north section of Swallows Nest Park. Discussion was held concerning preparations for the event. Ray mentioned that Emmett had some brochures made up for the event and he needs reimbursed for the \$20 shipping cost. Any questions about how to help with the event can be directed to Ray, Emmett and Kelly.

The meeting adjourned around 8:00p.m.



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*****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 |
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| KB6HDE | Baker, Mark |
| KD5ALU | Blackmon, Kelly |
| KE7OEH | Blackmon, Michael |
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| WA7UZG | Dickeson, Robert C. |
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| AC7XV | Jorgenson, Ernie |
| NA7EM | McCormick, Emmett |
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| N7RYL | McLaughlin, Elaine |
| KE7OEG | Ostrom, David |
| KE7ATD | Otey, James |
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| 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 Update

Lewis-Clark Amateur Radio Club will be holding the 2009 ARRL Field Day at Swallows Park just one mile South of Clarkston from Saturday June 27, 2009, beginning at 11:00a.m., operating all day and night, until Sunday June 28, 2009, at 2:00p.m. We will be operating out of the covered day use area at the North end of the park. Don't miss out on the hat raffle! Need not be present to win!

This should be a very exciting year for the public! We are going to be sponsored by Coca-Cola, Scentsy, and SendOutCards. Coca-Cola is providing us with free soft drinks all weekend which will be served out of their trailer at our site. Maria Ulery from Scentsy is providing some bottled water to get us through those hot days. Emmett from SendOutCards is providing participants and sponsors a special thank you gift when the weekend is over, in addition to a 2009 ARRL Field Day hat for raffle. All proceeds will be donated to the club to be used toward a one year ARRL gift membership (recipient to be determined). The remainder of the membership cost that is not accrued by the raffle is being donated by Emmett. Jim Otey and Dave Ostrom will be providing hotdogs, hamburgers, and all the accompaniments.

The media and public are being informed with over two hundred flyers, sixty formal invites, and at least thirty press kits. If we can get one person to show, it will all be worth the effort!

There are plenty of trees, so bring those sling shots! Emmett, NA7EM will be using his radio station as this year's Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station. This is a radio station dedicated to the public relations side of the event. It will consist of a Yaesu FT-900 HF Transceiver, MFJ-949E Tuner, Power supply, Keyer, and a 2m Station...and of course, a 260 foot center-fed inverted-V dipole. All other stations are welcome for the contest portion of the event.

The equipment sign-up list will make its rounds at the June club meeting in addition to the discussion of all the remaining details for the event.

A special thanks to Ray Ulery, KE7WOE and Kelly Blackmon, KD5ALU from Emmett, NA7EM, for all of their very dedicated and tireless work in helping with the coordination of the 2009 ARRL Field Day!

73, Emmett McCormick
2009 LCARC Field Day Coordinator