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# HAM HAPPENINGS

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Lewis-Clark Amateur Radio Club

March 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

Once again it's time to come up with some words of interest to our group, without inviting the readers to sigh and make some awful remark. But this month we have had some good things going on that are worthy of a few words; Bob Dickeson, WA7UZG, Arne Halleen, W7TRO, and Ray Ulery KE7WOE, have generously given some time and talent to trouble shoot our repeater up on the Lewiston Hill, and have identified and corrected several items that were causing lowered performance of 146.86. There are evidently some more items to be addressed, but the improvements are already obvious. In that regard we will discuss the 100 Hz tone at Tuesday's membership meeting. Emmett McCormick, NA7EM, has been working to update our local club constitution and by-laws, and will be presenting them for confirmation at our March meeting. A former member and president, Baxter Lee Brown has donated a Phelps-Dodge 2 meter antenna for use at our Lewiston Hill repeater. This will play into the updates being incorporated there soon.

Our thanks to all of you guys for your volunteer work toward improvements to our local communications systems.

In addition, Kelly and Emmett have been working to get our web site up and active; and Dave has been doing some antenna work. So this month's meeting will be a good time to get us all updated on the goings-on. So please plan to attend the meeting

**Tuesday evening at the EAA building, beginning at 7:00p.m. Hope to see you there (and bring along any interested friends).**

**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 February 3, 2009 meeting**

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

The members in attendance were:

Alan Russell (KC7CXV), Kelly Blackmon (KD5ALU), Michael Blackmon (KE7OEH), Jim Otey (KE7ATD), Elaine McLaughlin (N7RYL), Bob Dickeson (WA7UZG), Paul Woelfel (N7RXY), Ray Ulrey (KE7WOE), Dave Ostrom (KE7OEG), Lyle Cable (K7LWC), Leo Cline (KB7VPN)  
The visitors were: Allan Saari (KB7VPC), Ken Tuning(KT7KEN), Jim McCullough, Reggy Crow (KC5MSQ) , Troy Criswell (KE7PRI), Robert Finch (KE-7SMN), Andrew Pillard (KE7URN), Rob Vance (K7EI), Becky Vance (K7BEC).

--Dave moved that the minutes of the last meeting should be approved as prepared. It was seconded and all were in favor.

--Introductions of members and visitors were made.

--Treasurer's Report: \$379.02 Paul said more dues were collected at the meeting. Paul is collecting dues for 2009.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Children's Home Money Tree—Jim read a thank you letter from the North Idaho Children's Home for the Christmas money tree donation that was given to them by the club.
- EAA antenna and APPERS Tracking Problem- Jim mentioned that Bob built an antenna to solve the problem of the APPERS and EAA Hangar antenna transmission that was reported in the January meeting.
- Boy Scouts—Dave said there was a meeting with the Scouts concerning a merit badge for radio communication. Michael was one of the scouts in the meeting. Materials and information concerning the requirements to earn the badge were given out. The next meeting to find out what the scouts did with the materials, will be on held on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Dave said one of the scouts was from Spirit Lake.

Further discussion was held.

--ARRL Radio Commercial—Lyle mentioned that ARRL is broadcasting a commercial on the Colfax Radio station about amateur radio. Jim asked Lyle to check with the Colfax station and find out more about the commercial.

--EAA membership—Jim mentioned that last year the LCARC was a member of the EAA club so we could legally use their building for our meetings. Jim asked if there was a motion for the LCARC to be an EAA member this year. Paul moved that the LCARC should be a member of the EAA club, Bob seconded it and the motion was passed by the LCARC members in attendance.

--EAA Hangar Breakfast—The EAA Hangar breakfast is held the first Saturday of each month. It starts at 8a.m and is usually over by 10a.m. It is a good breakfast consisting of hash brown potatoes, eggs, sausage and coffee for a donation. The suggested donation is \$6. They will start having another breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month also.

NEW BUSINESS:

--ARRL Membership—To have a charter with ARRL the club has to give ARRL a copy of the club constitution and 51% of the membership has to be members of ARRL. Emmett is reediting the club By Laws and the constitution. Discussion was held.

--Web Page—Kelly and Emmett have been working on a web page for our club. The club needs to have domain and hosting. Equifirm.com is the domain and Kelly suggested letting them do the hosting for \$60 per year. The club members would have to decide what information should be on the web page. Bob moved that the club should pay the \$60 a year for the hosting of the web page. It was seconded and it passed. More discussion was held. Jim suggested that a committee should be formed to discuss the information that should be put on the web page and present it at the next meeting. The committee members are Kelly, Paul and Emmett.

--Idaho QSO Party—Kelly mentioned there will be a QSO party on March 14<sup>th</sup> that will run for 10 hours.

--Ray said the Palouse Hills Radio Club is having a radio course for techs, general or extra. The Cost is \$15.00. The first class started January 22. It will be every other Thursday from 7p.m. until 9p.m. and there will be eight sessions.

--Bob said the repeater will be pulled down on Thursday or Friday to pull in a new front end and spruce it up so if you can't access it that's probably the reason why it isn't working.

--Jim mentioned that the Puyallup Ham fest is the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March. Jim is planning to attend. He will leave on Friday in the a.m. If anyone wants to caravan to the Hamfest contact Jim

--Ken Tuning mentioned three things of interest:

\*\*Riggins Jet Boat Races will be held April 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> any hams that want to help by manning check points on the shore or riding in the safety boats should be at the April 17<sup>th</sup> safety meeting. N7UBO sent the information to Ken.

\*\*State Ham Convention will be held April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The voice of Idaho web site has more information on it. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Boise Airport on Vista Ave. For room discount rates use the word "Ham". For contact information call W7RAZ at 208-315-1988.

\*\*FEMA Emergency Communication Course will be held in March. If anyone is interested, contact Ken Tuning by calling Robert Finch's number 208 926-0088. If enough people attend the first course a course with more information will be offered later.

Business part of the meeting adjourned around 8p.m.

The special guest speaker, Rob Vance gave handouts as far as they would go. In the handouts, he had his back ground in working with radio equipment. The handouts showed the locations of his six repeaters, and the do's and don'ts of using them. The six repeaters are linked so they work as one and they cover around 1000 square miles. Rob fielded questions and gave a very interesting presentation.



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## LCARC PROGRAM NOTES



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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

APRIL 7-- VE Testing—April 11, 2009 Yakima Hamfest at the Selah Civic Center (216 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street-- Riggins Boat Races, April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> \*\* State Ham Convention in Boise on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

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