



## GEM STATE CHAPTER QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION May 25, 2010

**President: Don Clower, KA7T**

**Yrs. Trooly, W7GHT**

Our Club will meet Tuesday, May 25 at I-Hop Restaurant, on Emerald between Milwaukee and Cole. The time will be 6 PM. This is our LAST meeting before Summer. We will, of course meet during August for a Pot Luck Dinner, but its location still hasn't been selected.

During our April meeting Officers were elected They are: Don Clower, KA7T, President; Jack Hotchkiss, W7CNL, Vice President; and Rex Green, W7DMV, Secy/Treas. Congratulations and best wishes to our 2010 Officers.

Now that we have a Secy/Treas, lemme remind you that our 2010 dues are due. They are only \$5.00. You can send your \$5.00, payable to Gem State QCWA, at Gem State Chapter QCWA #201, PO Box 9036, Boise, ID 83707; or if you are coming to the meeting, bring an extra five bux for dues.

### PROBABLE ARTICLE FOR NATIONAL

Our newly elected Secy/Treas, Rex W7DMV has put together the following to send to the National QCWA Magazine, for possible insertion. It ought to go. After all, each Chapter can send short news items for publication. What's more, the following is quite interesting, too. And the cookies were good. Thanks for sending us the article, Rex.



Dave Karaloff N7EZQ at QCWA Hospitality Room

On Saturday, April 24 2010, the Gem State Chapter # 201 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association hosted a Hospitality Room for all hams and guests that attended the second annual Idaho State Convention. The hospitality room was a place to take a break from the Idaho State Convention and meet new friends as well as renewing old acquaintances.

The Idaho State Convention is sponsored by the Voice of Idaho Amateur Radio Club. This year's event was at the Airport Holiday Inn, in Boise, starting on Friday April 23, 2010 and winding up at noon with the door and other grand prize drawings at noon on Sunday April 25, 2010.

The QCWA Hospitality Room was stocked with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and more than thirty dozen baked cookies provided by Rebecca's Bake Shoppe of Weiser Idaho. Katie Gardiner, also of Weiser was the hostess with Rex Green K7DMV, Chapter secretary and Dave Karaloff, N7EZQ assisting with the greeting of the visitors.

Over 64 hams and guests "signed in" when visiting the room. Fifteen of the visitors were current QCWA members with several coming from as far as Washington, Oregon and Utah. One visitor was from Connecticut! Several new chapter members were recruited.

Gem State Chapter # 201 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association was first organized in 1978. The chapter meets the last Tuesday of the month at the International House of Pancakes on Emerald Avenue in Boise. Meetings start at 6PM. There are no meetings during the summer months of June, July and August

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## **FIELD DAY**

The Boise Chapter ISRA Club will go out Saturday (only) for Field day. They will meet at the west end of Eagle Island State Park about 9:30 AM on Saturday, June 26, stick up antennas and put together two (separate) stations, one CW and one SSB. They also will have a Pot Luck.

Field Day is the last weekend in June. It starts at noon (our time) on Saturday, June 26.

Our gang and our families are invited. If we go, we should also bring something for the Pot Luck, however. Hope to see you there.

Directions to the Field Day Site:- Go west on Chinden (Hwy 20/26) to Linder Rd. Turn right (North) on Linder to West Hatchery Rd., Turn right (East) on West Hatchery Rd and proceed straight to the Park. There is a charge of \$4.00 fee per car. This is good for the entire day.

Hope to see you there.

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## **GEORGE HART AWARD**

It is absolutely amazing the attention Yrs Trooly has received since the public announcement in QST. The Idaho State Convention had a special ARRL meeting. It was coordinated and run by Northwest Director, Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, and Idaho Section Manager, Ed Stuckey, AI7H, They even had the brand new Vice Director, Grant Hopper, KB7WSO along to make sure no mistakes were made. I was called upon to reply to all of the accolades mentioned and bestowed. Don't know what I said, but everyone seemed satisfied when I shuddup.



K9JF and Yrs Trooly

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## BIRTHDAYS:

6-10-20 WA7VPW  
6-26-27 W4IMT

7-1-35 KI7BP  
7-9-48 K7JV

8-2-27 KC7KLL  
8-8-40 WA7ZNH  
8-20-27 KC7YUI  
8-20-14 W7GCL  
8-26-49 N7ZFE  
8-29-43 K7NEY



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to each of you. May you have many more.

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## TELEGRAPH BEGINNINGS

Thanks to Dan Maler, K7REX, for this

Telegraph operators developed a shorthand for commonly used phrases and words which have since become part of our language. Newspaper reporters still mark the end of their copy with 30, the morse code for "I have no more to send."

Amateur Radio Operators send 73 – the code for best wishes.

There is good reason to believe that O.K. was first used in telegraphy – as early as the 1840s, it was listed in telegraph manuals - - O.K. was "That is correct."

The first Morse machine scribed the dots and dashes on a moving strip of paper. Operators of the day found that they could decode the sound of the scribe by ear, so the scribing machines were scrapped.

Several codes have been devised in the past, notably American or land line and International or Continental. American Morse was used by railroads, Western Union, and other utilities in North America. It was superseded by International Morse which was used in Europe for the trans-Atlantic cable. Because British Marconi Company supplied most of the early shipboard operators, International Morse became the standard for radio telegraphy.

An early telegraphic scheme before Morse used 26 wires - - one for each letter of the alphabet!!! Originally, two wires were used for telegraphs, after which they found one tied to ground works just as well - - only one wire was strung.

SOS was originally proposed as SOE by the Germans. A committee decided otherwise - due to the possible loss of a single dit (E).

Early telegraphic CQ was a general call - - "hey every one listen up" - - type of thing.

## **VOICE OF IDAHO (VOI) PRESIDENT RESIGNED**

During the May 11 VOI Meeting, Vice President Fred Begen, KE7FIX was at the helm. He explained that President Raz Rasmussen W7RAZ had resigned and that he, KD7FIX was the new President.

KE7FIX also, on Saturday May 15, circulated an e-mail announcement with the same info.

During the meeting, Fred told us that Patsy had become quite ill and because of this Raz was home caring for her.

Recall during the State Convention, both Raz and Patsy were quite active, keeping things going. Her sudden illness is a shock to all of us. Please, anyone with up-date info, please gimme a call at 321-8167, and let me know how she (and Raz) is doing.

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