

# ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

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## ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

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Idaho ARRL “One-stop” email address for ALL Idaho Amateur Radio Operators.

**ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com**

Please send your news, events, activities, and pictures.

Be sure to include recent Silent Keys (SKs)

**Do you have questions or comments? Send them.**



**Check local snow levels:**

<https://www.weather.gov/source/crh/snowmap.html?zoom=7&lat=45.29&lon=-113.45&hr=24>

We began this month by observing a rodent's prediction for the length of winter. I'm not sure where you are, but here in North Central Idaho, we are currently experiencing weather conditions similar to those we typically see in March. This morning, we woke up to a layer of bright snow, but by noon, it had vanished without a trace. Currently, we are seeing rain clouds rolling in.

Did you and your significant other discuss who would be talking worldwide or locally while gazing lovingly into each other's eyes? Also, did you participate in Winter Field Day by brushing off the radio equipment? If you're interested, you can join Idaho Hams for Spud Day, which has been elaborated on page 7. Furthermore, let's learn how to send an email over radio frequencies, check out page 6. Lastly, don't forget to check page 8 for updates on Hamfests and other upcoming events. Stay tuned!



## Idaho ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC)

**Rich Casper, WB7ML**

[idahoanghost@gmail.com](mailto:idahoanghost@gmail.com)

Rich oversees Idaho's club coordination, working with clubs to promote their activities at the monthly Idaho ARRL meeting.

Contact Rich to promote your club—we want to learn about you!

For a Club presentation, we had a volunteer to talk about the

### American Red Cross

Winnie Lohof works as the Regional Direct Services Program Manager and is based in Missoula, Montana. The territory she manages is Idaho, Montana, and East Oregon.

She recently delivered a presentation on how the Red Cross responds to disasters. The organization has volunteer Duty Officers who receive calls, assess the situation, and dispatch a field team to address the needs of those affected by the disaster.

The Duty Officer also monitors the team while they support individuals who have lost their homes due to fires or other disasters. Though Idaho may not experience as many disasters as other parts of the US, the state still has to deal with house fires, wildfires, and other disasters.

A Duty Officer is available 24/7/365 and volunteers to do 6-hour shifts—want to volunteer?

### Winnie is seeking Idaho Duty Officer volunteers

contact her at [winnifred.lohof@redcross.org](mailto:winnifred.lohof@redcross.org) and 406.830.8939

***How well does your club advertise its presence within your community?***

*Published articles in magazines or newspapers, a newsletter, such as this one?*

***Today's youths follow all sorts of platforms including Facebook and Instagram.***

## [RATPAC](#)

**RATPAC** Amateur Radio presentations are **FREE** and available for viewing and/or download.

Does your club, group, or organization need a presentation? We have well over 300 of them and growing. <https://tinyurl.com/3zjnunw6>

You can now follow RATPAC on Mastodon at [@RATPAC@mastodon.radio](https://mastodon.radio/@RATPAC)

If you are not already on Mastodon, we suggest signing up at

<https://mastodon.radio>

Follow us on X (Twitter) [@RatpacP](https://twitter.com/RatpacP)

Follow us on Threads

[https://www.threads.net/@ratpac\\_ar](https://www.threads.net/@ratpac_ar)

### **Wednesday RATPAC Zoom presentations**

Are centered around general Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio is like a giant pizza with a slice for everyone's taste. RATPAC brings those "slices" to the forefront. Let us know what you want to hear about; we'll do it!!

### **Thursday RATPAC Zoom presentations**

Are centered around disaster communications. There is no one-hat-fits-all, but there is a place in disaster communications for everyone. Our federal, state, and local agencies, hospitals, etc., all need us. However, they need us to be trained and part of their team. RATPAC Zoom presentations cover what to do, how, when, and where to be involved.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2128884758?pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZiWmhXaEdwdz09>

**Meeting ID: 212 888 4758**

**Passcode: RATPAC**

Watch previous sessions on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/RATPAC](https://www.youtube.com/c/RATPAC)

Check out the list of upcoming and past sessions at

[Tiny.cc/ratpac\\_list](https://tiny.cc/ratpac_list)

Or view just EmComm-related sessions at

[Tiny.cc/rpem](https://tiny.cc/rpem)

**RATPAC offers free online presentations via Zoom for clubs upon request. Submit request, date & time to**

[Ratpac.plan@gmail.com](mailto:Ratpac.plan@gmail.com)





**Do you have an Idaho based Net?  
Drop an email to ALLIDAHO-  
HAMS@gmail.com with the day,  
time, and time zone, please.**



**Idaho State ARES Nets  
Thursdays - Autumn/Winter  
Phone: MST 0830/1930 - PST 0730/1830  
Digital: MST 2000 - PST 1900**

### **Magic Valley/Twin Falls Amateur Radio Club**

hosts a weekly net on 146.76 Mhz (tone 88.5) in the Twin Falls area every Tuesday at 7 PM (CST). The net is operated by 4 to 5 volunteer amateur radio operators who take turns as Net Control Stations.

You do not need to be a member of MVARC to participate in the net.

The net manager position was held for several years by Lee Bunch WB7CYO. As of January 1, 2024, Terry, MVARC's president, took over the net manager role and successfully recruited a couple of new net control station operators.

If you have questions reach out to Lee at [lee@leeandjeanne.com](mailto:lee@leeandjeanne.com)

## Global Radio Email

### Idaho Winlink Net for 2023

–Don Gardner W7PJ, Idaho SEC

We began taking Winlink seriously in December 2022. Two years later, by the end of 2023, we had 112 participants who checked in 2,062 times throughout the year.

Each month, we assign different tasks to the participants, such as using various ICS and Winlink forms. You can find more information about this at

<https://winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com/>

Soon we will have Idaho-specific ICS forms to use.

To make this activity more engaging and enjoyable, we have a special event called **Winlink Wednesdays of Idaho Net Century Club** for participants who have checked in 100 times are awarded a certificate of achievement.

Join the Net:

[Winlink Wednesdays of Idaho  
\(winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com\)](https://winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com/)



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## WINLINK

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### GLOBAL RADIO EMAIL

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Global Radio Email](#)

Join the Net

[Winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com](https://winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com/)



**The Idaho QSO Party Spud Run** is coming up the weekend of March 9 and 10, 2024.

We have more opportunities for participants to get BONUS POINTS this year.

All the information about the **Idaho QSO Party Spud Run** is on our web page

[THE SPUD RUN - Idaho QSO Party](#)

Also, here is a short YouTube video explaining the **Idaho QSO Party Spud Run 2024** that can be shared among clubs and Hams.

***Share ... share ... share!***

[Idaho QSO Party Spud Run 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Questions? [IdahoQSO@gmail.com](mailto:IdahoQSO@gmail.com)

## ***The Idaho QSO Party SPUD Run***

March 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon MST  
until  
March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. MDT









2024 Events

Email to have yours  
listed



ARRL Idaho State Convention  
August 3, 2024 2130 N Meyer Road  
Post Falls  
Outdoor venue  
Host: Kootenai Amateur Radio Society



15th Annual  
Tailgate Swap Meet  
Mini-Cassia Amateur  
Radio Club, Inc.

Saturday, August 17, 2024

9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Minidoka County Fairgrounds  
085 East Baseline Road Highway 25  
Rupert, Idaho

For further info:  
Kevan KD7IYA 208 431-8802 // [yogtak6057@gmail.com](mailto:yogtak6057@gmail.com)

<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants>



**From the desk of Kelly Klaas K7SU**

Need help getting your Club organized. Here is the information on the Ham Club Online web site. This is a site where you can get your club organized.

<https://www.hamclubonline.com/>



## Final Comment

Finally, as with any newsletter, we need your contributions, your Idaho related articles, your photographs.

Please submit your Idaho news to [ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com](mailto:ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com)

The next page is contact information for the Idaho ARRL Leadership



Finally...finally...finally,  
That's it!

Idaho ARRL website [Idaho ARRL](#)

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