

# ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

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## ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

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

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

# Happy June!



Visit Jim Hunt at [facebook.com/huntcartoons](https://facebook.com/huntcartoons)

June is the sixth month of the year.

Amateur radio operators are happy June happens for a lot of reasons. Many events to be had and we fired up our radios.

Idaho had jet boat races, BBQs, and practiced WinLink weekly,  
and

Then we strung HF antennas in trees, on the ground, on masts and  
talked for 24-hours.

## [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>

If anyone needs an article for local or section newsletters

**Anthony Luscre**

K8ZT

Ohio Section: Section Youth  
Coordinator & Education  
Outreach

K8ZT Radio website—

[www.k8zt.com](http://www.k8zt.com)

Amateur Radio Resources for  
Students/Youth —

[www.k8zt.com/hry](http://www.k8zt.com/hry)



<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](http://www.youtube.com/c/RATPAC)

Check out the list of upcoming and past sessions at

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

Or view just EmComm-related sessions at

[Tiny.cc/rpem](http://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)





## Idaho Needs Public Information Officers

We need your help in recruiting volunteers for Public Information Officers for many counties. We have a few but we need more to cover the state better.

Any information pertinent regarding amateur radio is important for the state. We will publish your news in a copy of this newsletter. Please contact Dan Mahler K7REX and let him know.

Thank you in advance,

Polly Smith KG7DPO

Public Information Coordinator

Idaho Section



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## Clearwater Rush Jet Boat Races 2024



Safety Boat-1 on standby.

A cellphone tested the waters so the dive team assisted.

Ahsahka team waiting in the rain for the race to begin.



Racing boat photo credit: Angry Mosquito Media



Amateur Radio communications organized by the Clearwater Valley Amateur Radio. A primary Net Control at Orofino with a secondary Net Control at Kamiah provided safety communications for the boat pilots and copilots, and spectators.



Radio operators from that club and the 3 Rivers Amateur Radio club put a Ham on each Safety Boat, the Sweep Boat, and staff shore positions in strategic spots, and covered the 27 mile course.





Even the Sweep Boat had a Ham

The Sweep Boat is the last to cross the finish line at either end of the course.

Crossing the finish line on Saturday is Chris Barger along with Don Mabree KW7DWM ensured all were accounted for along the banks, and the Kamiah time-crew stayed on station until they passed.

So, after the race we Hams then fed the boat teams and the public grilled BBQ burgers and hot dogs.



Until next year...





## What Happened For Your Field Day?

Results are being tallied at the time this is written. But how did your personal Field Day go? Was it fun? Make lots of contacts? Send me your photos, please.

## Adventures With Field Day 2024

The group I was with had a special 1 by 1 callsign of Whiskey-7-Whiskey (3A ID) for this event. We used solar and batteries for our power source.

Club members generously offered a “corner” of their place.

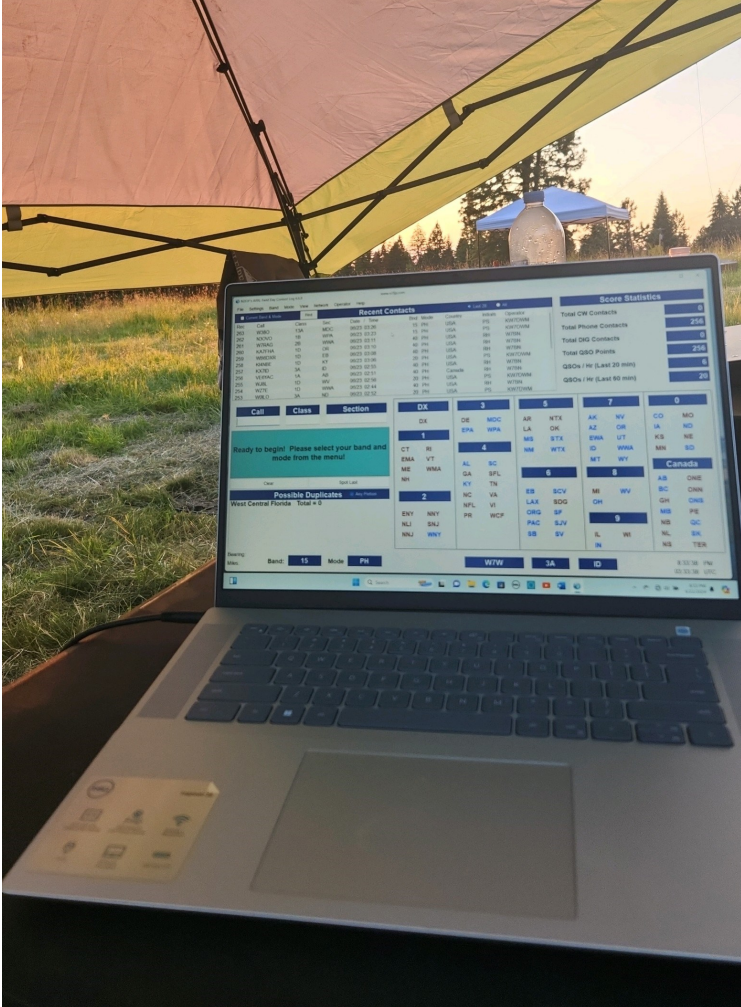


Homemade air-pressured launcher “Fire In The Hole!”



Discussion to properly hook up the HF.





**We logged each call, some were dups but we kept going.**

**We camped on a frequency and called CQs.**

**We went through the bands and answered CQ's**

**We had 3 radio stations. The blue canopy above the laptop is the 3rd station.**

**Our endeavors resulted in 707 contacts in twenty-hours.**

**Two of the eight radio operators made their first HF contacts.**

**And lots and lots of fun!**





A Strawberry Full Moon helped guide us as we played Cow Pie Bingo on the way to the outhouse.

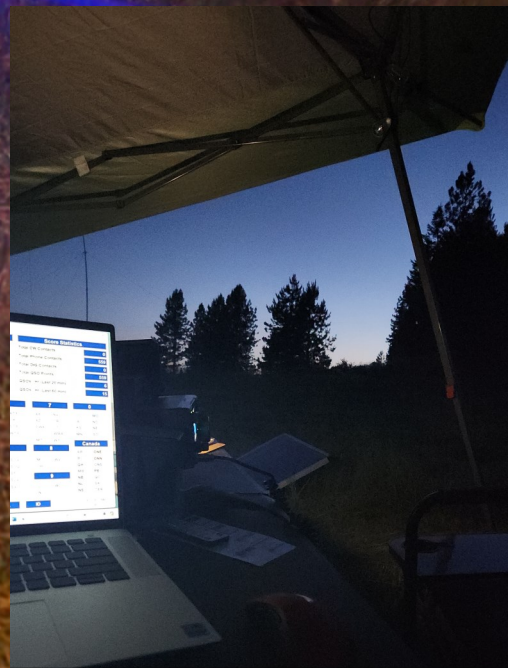


Safety is a must we placed flashing lights on the guy wires to avoid clothes lining on them.

The solar lights fully charged and lasted over 6-1/2 hours.



The average age of the five who did the all-nighter was only 70.6 years old.



Field Day 4 AM



Do you have an Idaho based Net?  
Drop an email to  
[ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com](mailto:ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com)  
with the day, time, and time zone,  
please.  
Idaho has two time zones!

### Clearwater Valley Amateur Radio Club

Sundays

PDT 7:00 PM 146.7600 Tone 1318

PDT 7:30 PM 145.4900 (no tone)

### Magic Valley/Twin Falls Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

CST 7 PM 146.76 Mhz Tone 88.5

Questions—Lee at [lee@leeandjeanne.com](mailto:lee@leeandjeanne.com)



[iHeartCraftyThings.com](http://iHeartCraftyThings.com)



Idaho State ARES Nets  
Thursdays - Spring/Summer  
Phone: MDT 0830/2030 - PDT 0730/1930  
Digital: MDT 2100 - PDT 2000

### 3 Rivers Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

PDT 6:30 PM 145.62 88.5

Followed by Simplex Net 145.54

[Info3riversarc@gmail.com](mailto:Info3riversarc@gmail.com)

### Camas Prairie Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

7:30 PM 145.68 100 MHz

## 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.

For the latest on Winlink net go to  
<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:

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



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## WINLINK

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## Is Your Club Wanting To Become an ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest or Convention?

Check out these links!

Please refer your club to this on-line guide:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Hamfest/ARRL%20Hamfest%20and%20Convention%20Guidelines.pdf>

*The ARRL Convention and Hamfest Planner* is the most comprehensive guide that I know of, and a link to this pdf document can be found on the ARRL Web's site at the bottom of the page that discusses how to "Become an ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest or Convention."

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events>

It's very good to know that KARS is already approved to host the ARRL Idaho State Convention on August 3. <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2024-kars-arrl-idaho-state-convention>

If there are questions or clarifications that are needed about the information in this booklet or elsewhere about hosting a convention, please let me know. I will be happy to try to provide answers and updates.

Best wishes to KARS and to you as you prepare for a great ARRL Idaho State Convention.

73,

Steve Ewald, WV1X  
Field Organization Supervisor

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# ARRL Idaho State Convention And KARS Hamfest 2024



2130 N Meyer Road, Post Falls, ID

**08/03/24, 8AM – 3PM**

Tailgaters Arrive 7AM, Visitors Arrive 8AM, Sales Begin 9AM

\$5 per Visitor, \$10 per Tailgate (includes entry)

Kids under 18 free

Raffle tickets \$1, or 6 for \$5

Grand Prize tickets \$5

Breakfast and Lunch Available

Club Resale Table and Program Your Radio Table

Commercial Vendors

*Many Raffle Prizes*

Grand Prize: ICOM 7300 HF Transceiver

Contact Persons

Jay Bremner (KK7BVY) – (208) 640-4878

Ed Stuckey (AI7H) – (208) 699-7743

Visit us on *K7ID.ORG*

Talk-In: 146.98 Mhz, PL 127.3

## 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 // [vogtak6057@gmail.com](mailto:vogtak6057@gmail.com)



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- The ARRL Operating Manual for Radio Amateurs
- The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual
- The ARRL General Class License Manual
- The ARRL Extra Class License Manual
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**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



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