

ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

ARRL NEWSLETTER

March 2024

ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

Polly Smith KG7DPO Idaho ARRL Public Information Officer (PIO)



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.

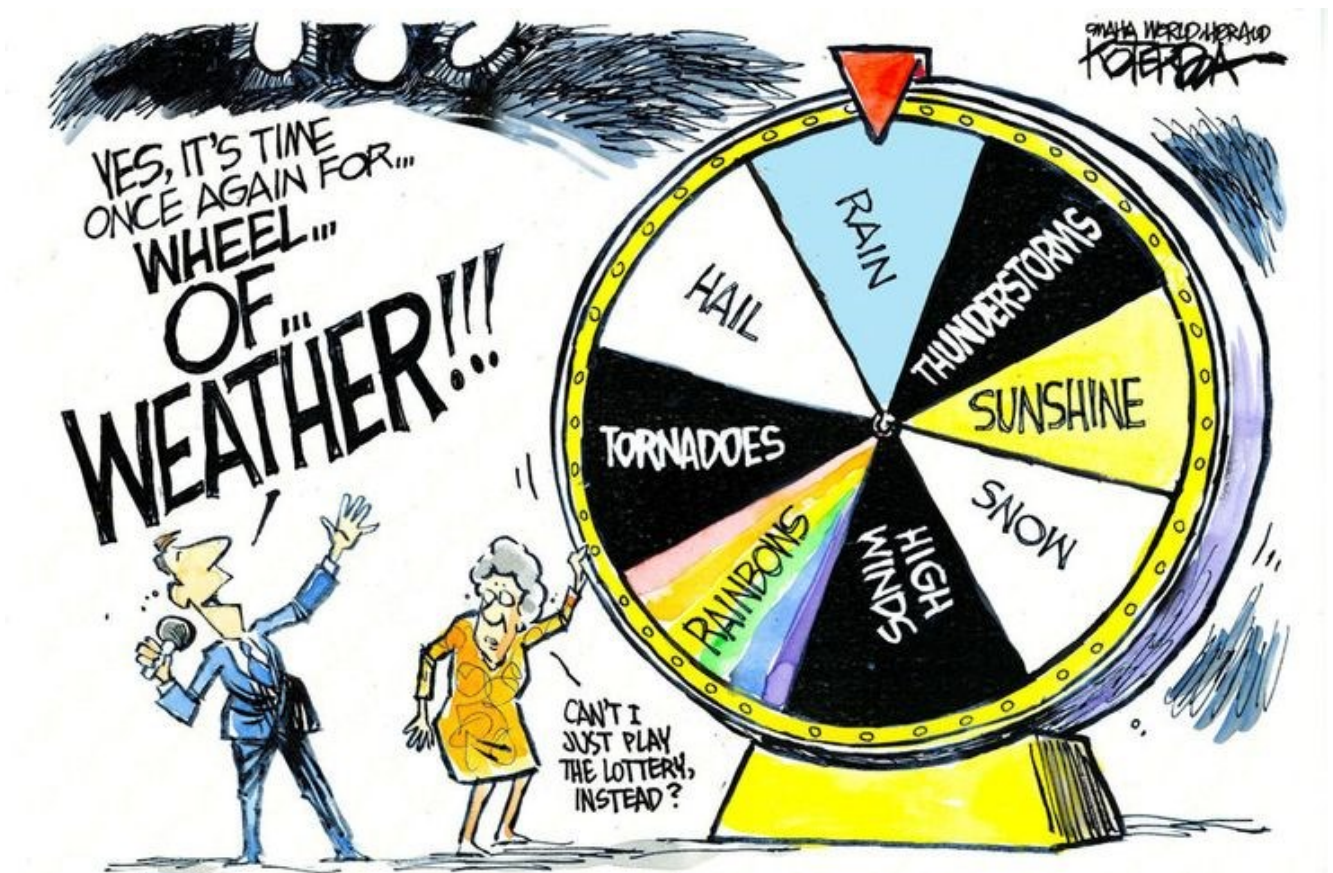
march

Check local snow levels:

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

What a month so far. In Idaho we experience all four seasons in a five minute span. From buckets of rains to warm sunshine and anything in between.

So, this month what are we doing? We are gathering more Hamfest & Swap Meets that are happening within the state. Send in your flyer or information and we'll post it.



Idaho ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC)

Rich Casper, WB7ML

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!

Clearwater Valley Amateur Radio Club

Clearwater Valley Amateur Radio Club is located in the Clearwater Valley River corridor of Highway 12. We meet the first Thursday of each month at the Emergency Ops Center in Orofino, Idaho at 6:30 PM. The public is welcome.

CVARC started in the latter 1960s when a group of CB enthusiasts discovered Ham radio. Our club officially formed on February 13, 1970, making 2024 their 54th year of educating the public and promoting amateur radio. We are a long-time ARRL-affiliated club.

Our club owns and maintains two repeaters in the Clearwater Valley, both located near Orofino, Idaho. Each Sunday volunteers operate the nets from both repeaters with active participation.

Our club membership is strong with members from Peck all the way upriver to



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.

Kooskia. There are members of CVARC that are also members of the 3 Rivers ARC and vice versa which creates a valuable way to share information in and around our area. Our club started the WinLink Wednesday Check-in which is an invaluable tool in our communication toolbox.

An interesting story about the 146.49 repeater is the club was in the middle of their net when the repeater went silent. Access to the 49 is not easy and requires a 4WD even in the summer. We went to the repeater as soon as we could and discovered the building for the repeater had been vandalized. Further inspection the door latch and lock were ripped off, on the side and back of the building were mud smears, a corner of the roof had been pulled off, and a small window on the back had been broken. The coax between the building and the tower had been cut—our signal loss. We discovered claw marks that punctured the outside material and realized a bear, a BIG BEAR had done the damage. With the material we brought we were able to get the 49 on the air and repair the building. The bear revisited the site in a few months, which merited another trip, and now so far, we hope it is bear-proof.

CVARC is very active in our area. We have the privilege to provide radio communications for the Clearwater River Jet Boat Races (June 15 & 16, 2024) a safety for the racers and the public. We organize radio operators along the 25 miles from Ahsahka to the Kamiah bridge in strategic places along the riverbank and in safety boats. And we look forward to joining others to celebrate Field Day 2024 as well.

Presented by, Don Gardner W7PJ, president CVARC, and Idaho's ARRL SEC.



Clearwater River at Orofino—Dworshak Dam

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>

RATPAC started a new series,

"First Steps in Emergency Communications Prep,"

with its Thursday, March 21st session

Setting Up a VHF/UHF Station by
Anthony Luscre, K8ZT.

Join us on Zoom at 9 PM Eastern / 6 PM
Pacific / 0100 UTC at

www.ratpac.us/zoom.

**This new series will focus on Radio
Fundamentals, On-Air Operations &
Techniques for new or veteran Emergency
Communicators.**

First Steps in Emergency Communications Prep- Setting Up a VHF/UHF Station

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT



[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/2128884758?
pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZiW
mhXaEdwdz09](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

Or view just EmComm-related
sessions at

Tiny.cc/rpem

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

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

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/)



WINLINK

GLOBAL RADIO EMAIL

[Winlink Express | Winlink
Global Radio Email](#)

Join the Net

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

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

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®
860-594-0265
sewald@arrl.org

HAMFEST

MAY 11th

Educational Events
HAM Meetup
& Radio Swap Meet

Coax & Connectors
John Kernkamp **WB4YJT**

AREDN
Jon Glauser **KG7KMV**

FLDigi
Mike Leister **N7XH**

Working Linear Birds
Tony Galli **KK7BTT**

And More TBA!

Presented By:



PEACE VALLEY

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

1845 S Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705

SWAP MEET **8AM MST**

CLASSES **9AM MST**



2024 Events

Email to have yours
listed



[ARRL Field Day](#)

This is the link to the 2024 Field Day Portal. It has all the information clubs or individual operators need for this year. Field Day is the last full weekend of June, which is June 22-23.

<https://field-day.arrl.org/>

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

ARRL Library Book Set

The ARRL Library Book Set includes the most popular ARRL publications, and is intended for ARRL Affiliated Clubs and members who wish to gift or donate a set to a local library, school, or classroom. The set is available at a special price of \$250 (includes US ground shipping).

The Set Includes These Books (subject to availability when ordering):

- The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications (softcover)
- The ARRL Antenna Book for Radio Communications (softcover)
- 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
- Understanding Basic Electronics
- Basic Antennas – Understanding Practical Antennas and Designs
- Your First Amateur Radio HF Station
- Get On the Air with HF Digital
- FCC Rules & Regulations for the Amateur Radio Service

DONATE BOOKS FOR...

**LIBRARIES • SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS • COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
• STUDENT RADIO CLUBS • STEM OUTREACH • MAKER AND HACKER SPACES**

Terms: Orders must be pre-paid and must include the name of the library, school, or institution intended to receive the library book set. Editions sent will be those available at the time the order is received. Publications and prices are subject to change without notice. Applies to orders purchased directly from ARRL:

ARRL

Publication Sales Department

225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111-1400

Phone Toll-Free (US) 1-888-277-5289; pubsales@arrl.org

For more information | www.arrl.org/Library-Book-Set



form rev. 2/2024

<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

The next page is contact information for the Idaho ARRL Leadership



To read past newsletters:

<https://www.idahoarrl.info/Newsletter.html>

Idaho ARRL website [Idaho ARRL](#)

Idaho ARRL Leadership Contacts:

Idaho ARRL Section Manager (SM)

Dan Marler, K7REX arrl.idaho@gmail.com

Idaho Assistant Section Managers (ASM)

Butch Hoseley, KD7RMB Elmore County kd7rmb@yahoo.com

Rob Blout KA7ERV, Boise/Valley County ka7erv@gmail.com

Kelly Klaas K7SU, Twin Falls kelly@K7SU.com

Don Lynn ND7L, Nampa Don_Lynn@pacbell.net

Bob Minton NU7L, Boise nu7l.idaho@gmail.com

Doug Nielson N7DN, Idaho Falls nielson.doug@gmail.com

Mike Brown, N7ID, Moscow/Troy area N7ID@outlook.com

John Ailport, K7BSV, Sandpoint john.ailport13@gmail.com

Idaho Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC)

Don Gardner, W7PJ W7PJ@parnasas.com

Idaho Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator (ASEC)

Rob Blout, KA7ERV ka7erv@gmail.com

Idaho ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC)

Rich Casper, WB7ML idahoanghost@gmail.com

Idaho ARRL Public Information Officer (PIO)

Polly Smith, KG7DPO KG7DPO@gmail.com

Idaho ARRL Technical Specialist (TS)

Rick Briggs, KL7BR kl7br@yahoo.com

