

ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

ARRL NEWSLETTER

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ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

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

Be sure to include recent Silent Keys (SKs)

Do you have questions or comments? Send them.

Submitting Info for Anything Amateur in Idaho Newsletter

This newsletter is for radio enthusiasts and clubs to show how they are working the hobby in their Idaho communities to advance amateur radio. If you or your club supports an event, completes a project, or participates in an emergency communication mission, we want to hear about it.

Submit your article to ALLIDAHOHAMS @ gmail.com. Send them as Word files or PDFs. Send photos with the name and callsign of the photographer, and name the individuals with their callsigns.

Our goal is to highlight the excellent work that Idaho clubs and individuals do in their community.

This newsletter (and past newsletters) is posted on the Idaho ARRL website [Idaho ARRL](#), and our readers are “all over.”





December

ARRL Home: www.arrl.org

Find an ARRL Affiliated Club: www.arrl.org/clubs

Find your ARRL Section: www.arrl.org/sections

Find a license class in your area: www.arrl.org/class

Find a license exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam

Find a hamfest or convention: www.arrl.org/hamfests

ARRL Launches Nationwide Grassroots Campaign to Pass Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act

[ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio](#)® launched a nationwide [grassroots campaign](#) aimed at securing the passage of federal legislation that would grant Amateur Radio Operators the same rights to install antennas on their property as those enjoyed by users of TV antennas, wireless internet, and flagpoles.

The campaign, announced in an [ARRL Member Bulletin](#) on September 17, 2025, follows the reintroduction of the *Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act* in February 2025 (see [ARRL News 02/07/2025](#)). The bipartisan bills -- [H.R.1094](#) in the House and [S.459](#) in the Senate -- are designed to prevent restrictive homeowners' association (HOA) rules that currently prohibit or severely limit the installation of amateur radio antennas, even when such antennas are hidden in trees, placed in attics, mounted on vehicles, or look like flagpoles.

“This legislation is about restoring equal rights to licensed Amateur Radio operators,” said ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR. “These restrictions hinder not only the enjoyment of Amateur Radio, but also its vital role in emergency communication during disasters.”



Public Support Needed for Passage

To advance the legislation, ARRL is calling on its members and all licensees of the US Amateur Radio Service to take action by sending letters to their congressional representatives. Through a dedicated online tool at [send-a-letter.org/hoa](#), amateurs can easily generate and submit pre-drafted letters with a few clicks.

Go to — [send-a-letter.org/hoa](#) — and help us by sending your letters to your Representative and Senators.

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Twenty Clubs Received the ARRL Handbook

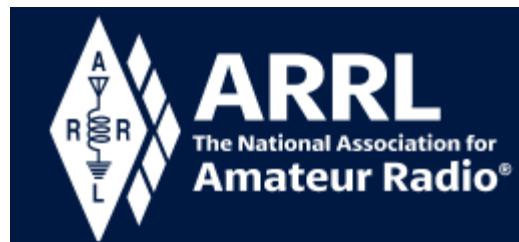


3 Rivers Amateur Radio Club
All Idaho Contest Club
American Legion Post 113 ARC
Boise County ARES Group
Bonner County Amateur Radio Club, Inc
Boundary Amateur Radio Society
Clearwater Valley ARC
Eagle Rock Amateur Radio Club
Idaho Mountain Amateur Radio Society
Island Park ARC
Kootenai Amateur Radio Society
Madison High School Radio Club
Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club
Mini-Cassia Amateur Radio Club
Mount Harrison American Radio Society of Idaho, Inc
Pocatello ARC
Snake River Amateur Radio Club
South West Idaho Amateur Radio Club
Treasure Valley Radio Assn
Voice of Idaho ARC

Need assistance getting your club affiliated? Idaho ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC), Richard Casper, WB&ML, will help.

idahoanghost@gmail.com

Idaho ARRL Section Manager (SM) Don Lynn, ND7L, advises the books were mailed December 17th.
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Do you have an Idaho based Net?
Drop an email to
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 145.4900 (no tone)

Continuing to be challenged with noise in the evenings.

This week we will switch to the 40m Frequencies for the evening nets. We will evaluate.

See net frequency logo attached.



Idaho State ARES Nets Thursdays

HF Phone Net
Primary 3920 kHz LSB
Alternate 7190 kHz LSB
Mountain - 0830 / 1930 hrs
Pacific - 0730 / 1830 hrs

HF Digital Net
Modem MFSK32 @ 1500
Primary 3578.5 kHz USB
Alternate 7108 kHz USB
Mountain - 2000 hours
Pacific - 1900 hours

Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

Mountain Time 7 PM

146.76 MHz Tone 100

Help@K7MVA.org

Camas Prairie Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

PDT 7:30 PM 146.68 100 MHz



iHeartCraftyThings.com

3 Rivers Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

PDT 6:30 PM 146.62 88.5

Followed by Simplex Net 146.54

Info3riversarc@gmail.com

Radio Communication Support for the Idaho Sled Dog Challenge

Submitted by
Mickey Pillers, K7TPH

****Current Status**:** The event requires a sufficient snowpack for the sled teams to run on, as well as low temperatures to ensure the dogs' comfort. This year, the warmer weather has delayed the development of a suitable snowpack. Because of this, the race committee has announced that they will make a go/no-go decision for the race on Thursday, January 1st.

For the fifth consecutive year, amateur radio operators from southwestern Idaho are coming together to support the Idaho Sled Dog Challenge. This event is scheduled to take place from January 31 to February 4, 2026, in the areas surrounding Cascade, McCall, and New Meadows.



Amateur radio communication support was chosen due to the limited cell phone coverage in the area and the presence of several amateur radio VHF repeaters.

The primary responsibilities include reporting the status of sled dog teams, providing logistics support, and coordinating emergency response. The event typically requires 10 to 12 radio operators to staff a Net Control station and several checkpoints. Over the years, these radio operator positions have consistently been filled by volunteers from Valley and Adams Counties as well as the Treasure Valley.



Code	Dog	Frequency
High	Monitoring	Morse
Newsletter	Parties	Racing
Radio	Sled	Sledding
Snowboarding	Snowflakes	Usage
Weather	WinLink	



Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Solution on page 10

Expand Your Ham Radio Activities. Here is an article to help you get ready for January's ARRL VHF/UHF and even give you a few ideas for holiday gifts (especially for Techs and new hams). "FT8 in VHF/UHF Contesting" - <http://tiny.cc/vu-ft8>



Anthony Luscre

K8ZT

ARRL Ohio Section- Youth Coordinator & Education Outreach
ARRL - The National Association For Amateur Radio™



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2128884758?pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZIWhXaEdwdz09>

Meeting ID: 212 888 4758

Passcode: RATPAC

Watch previous sessions on
YouTube: 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

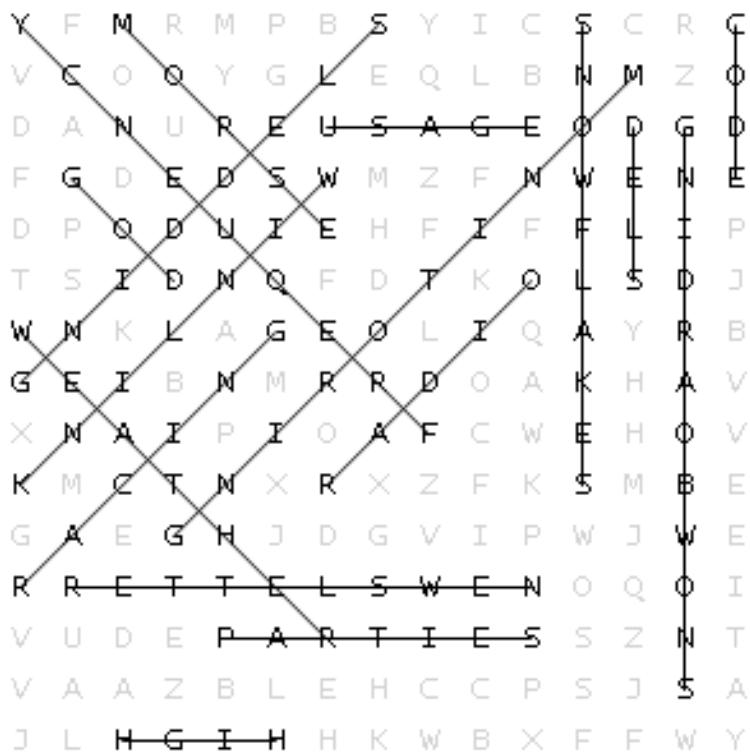
**RATPAC offers free online
presentations via Zoom for clubs
upon request. Submit request,
date & time to**

Ratpac.plan@gmail.com



Upcoming RATPAC Presentations

Dec 17, 2025	NO RATPAC- HOLIDAYS
Dec 24, 2025	NO RATPAC- CHRISTMAS
Dec 31, 2025	NO RATPAC NEW YEARS
<u>Jan 07, 2026</u>	Winter Field Day
<u>Jan 14, 2026</u>	FreeDV- Radio Autoencoder (RADE) Technology
<u>Jan 21, 2026</u>	The "New" DX Marathon Program
<u>Jan 28, 2026</u>	DLARC: updates from your favorite free online ham radio library
<u>Feb 04, 2026</u>	What's in Your Information Go Kit (IGK)?
<u>Feb 11, 2026</u>	AREDN Networking Software Update
<u>Feb 18, 2026</u>	Ham Radio Supports the Chicago Marathon
<u>Feb 25, 2026</u>	Using Commercial Broadcast Gear for Amateur Radio
<u>Mar 04, 2026</u>	Marine coast station KPH (or) Marconi Point to Point
<u>Mar 11, 2026</u>	Andy's Ham Radio Linux



Weather Related Links

[Https://www.cocorahs.org/](https://www.cocorahs.org/)

CoCoRaHS

<https://radar.weather.gov/?set->

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National Weather Radar

<Https://www.weather.gov/mso>

NWS Forecast Office Missoula, MT

<Https://www.weather.gov/otx/#>

NWS Forecast Office Spokane, WA

<Https://www.weather.gov/>

National NOAA

<Https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

Climate Prediction Center

Have Southern Idaho weather links—send them in.

<Https://511.idaho.gov/#:Alerts>

Idaho 511

<Http://kamiahweather.com/>

Kamiah weather

<Https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ens/>

USGS Earthquake Notification Service

<Https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

Space Weather Prediction Center

<Https://www.lightningmaps.org/#m=ses;t=3;s=0;o=0;b=0.00;ts=0;y=45.3506;x=->

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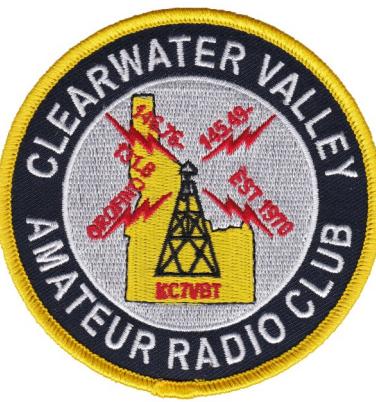
Lighting Maps

Don Gardner W7PJ
Clearwater County office of
Emergency Management



A few photos from our annual pizza party. During our party, we were monitoring the frequencies. We had a lot of fun. We had a drawing for prizes. Crossover members enjoyed partying again with Clearwater Valley ARC





Winlink 100 check-ins club as of 11-30-25

KG7DPO	Polly Smith
WX7Z	Greg Owen
N7XRD	Steven Fiala
WB7ML	Richard Casper
AG7QP	Frank Hutchison
KB7WHO	Ken Burton
N7XCF	Eric Switter
K7BSV	John Ailport
N7RGS	Dave Ferguson
KE7LY	Kelly Gardner
KW7DWM	Don W Mabee
W7BOI	Rich Dees
N7SZY	Thomas Dunn
K7WIV	William Drury
KE7CIU	Dean Quackenbush
AH6I	Milt Nodacker
AK7RS	Kent Sampson
K7ABY	Curtis Johnson
KJ7IFD	Kenneth B Cunningham
K7SPS	Stephen P Smith
W7WXV	Carroll Tracy
KN6QR	Tom Florence
KF7BRO	Halli Stone
ND7L	Don Lynn
KA7U	Ronald Morell

Wednesday WinLink Check-in

The current assignment can be found
at:

Winlink Wednesdays of Idaho



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Idaho ARRL Calendar

To send an item for the Idaho ARRL Calendar on the web site...

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

To send a Silent Key announcement, the web page explains how...

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

To Update a repeater in your area...

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

To make a suggestion to the Idaho ARRL team...

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

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/>

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Voice Over for ads and audio books



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