

ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

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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.



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ARRL Launches Nationwide Grassroots Campaign to Pass Amateur

09/19/2025

[ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio](#)® has 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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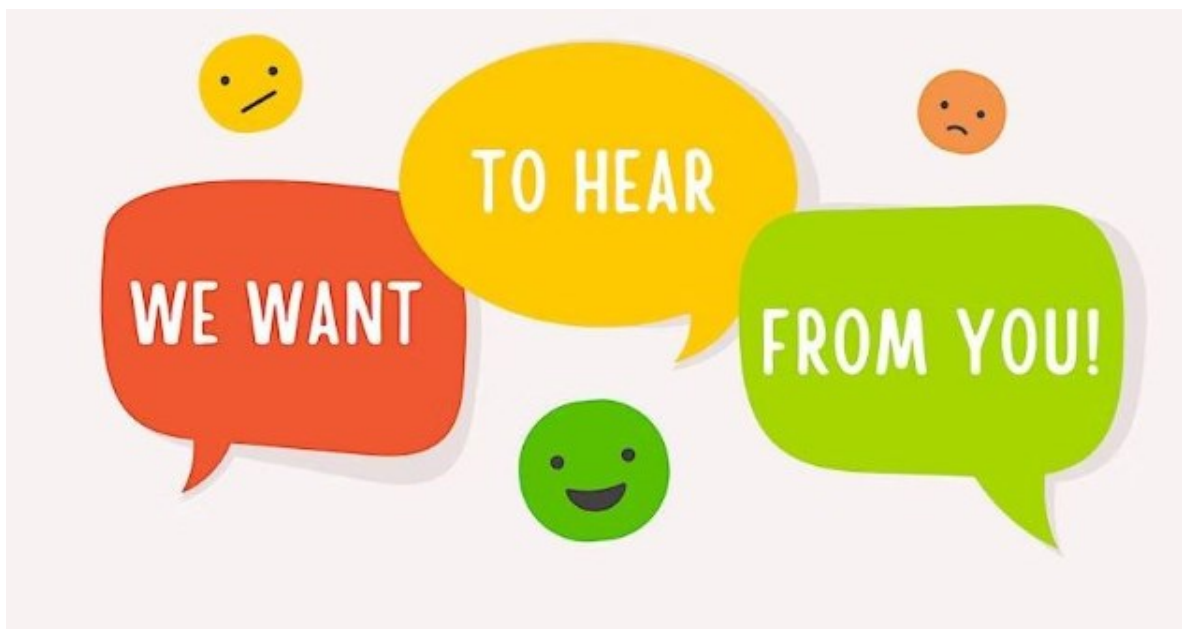
Submitting Info for Anything Amateur in Idaho Newsletter

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.”



ARRL Club Affiliated Information

Idaho ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC), Richard Casper, WB&ML, announced the twenty Idaho-based amateur radio clubs who updated their information, and qualified to receive the Handbook. Thank you!

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



Why Monitor Our Radios?

Tuesday, November 11th, after our monthly Club meeting adjourned, all in attendance scattered to their destinations. KG7DPO settled at home for the evening when she heard WB6DHW on the local repeater. She answered and discovered that the member had difficulty driving in thick fog, had dropped both tires off the road edge, and was now stuck. After ascertaining he was not injured, just unable to get back on the pavement. So, could she call the local tow truck? He knew his approximate location as “between mile markers two and three”, and his hazard lights were flashing.

As a retired 911 dispatcher, she repeated that information back to him to ensure accuracy before asking questions that the tow company would need the answers to.

Was there lane blockage? What vehicle are you driving? Are all four tires up and pointed the same way? Will you be able to drive it, or do you need it towed to your place?

With those answers, she contacted the tow company, gave the information, and clarified if she needed to contact the sheriff's dispatch. Some counties require a deputy to be notified. In this case, the direct contact was acceptable.

She updated WB6DHW that the tow truck was responding and gave an estimated time of arrival (ETA) of twenty minutes. A few minutes later, she saw the tow's red lights moving through the thick fog. This update provided relief for WB6DHW, indicating that help was on the way. After some time, he reached out to inform her that he had successfully arrived at his destination.

The point is, he does not carry his flip phone (yes, it is old), so he has a mobile Ham radio. He didn't have to leave his two-wheel drive minivan in a precarious situation that was a safety issue. Plus, he didn't have to walk the three miles to his home in the dark. Because someone was monitoring.

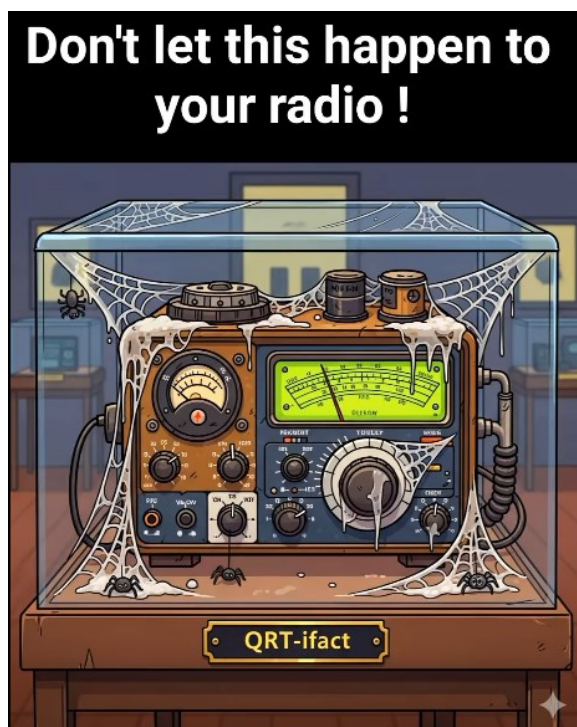
Years ago, the 3 Rivers Amateur Radio Club tracked members headed to and from the meetings. At the December meeting,

we will restart this. We have a housebound member who volunteered to be the Club contact. We will contact her with “I have reached my destination.”

Maybe your club does something similar. Let us know by emailing the newsletter.

Thanks for reading,

Polly KG7DPO





Antenna
Family
Monitoring
Sweet

Contests
Gravy
Potato
Travel

Dxing
Meetings
Repeater
Turkey

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Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Solution on page 10

RATPAC Wednesday live sessions Are back!

[Keeping Up with Amateur Radio News & Events-
General, ARRL, EmComm, DXing, Contesting &
More](#)

Did you miss the last presentation?

Catch up on over 400 recorded
videos at <http://tiny.cc/ratpac-list>.

Do you have a presentation? RATPAC has automated
the scheduling and tracking of presentation proposals
with an on-line form to schedule presentation dates
according to presenters' needs

<https://forms.gle/Vtw6kTHQWYwWM7pUA>



[https://us02web.zoom.us/
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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**

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3 Rivers ARC

In October, the Club organized a maintenance project for the former repeater site that currently hosts a 2M RMS Gateway. As with most fall projects, weather conditions limited progress, and we completed as much as possible. The last step for painting the tower is scheduled for next spring. These are random photos of the work in progress.





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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

Show us your photos of your setup and what you accomplished!

Wednesday WinLink Check-in

The current assignment can be found at:

[Winlink Wednesdays of Idaho](#)

[For the Month of November 2025](#)

I want to send out Congratulations to **Tom Florence, KN6QR, and Halli Stone, KF7BRO**, for reaching the Idaho WinLink Wednesday Net Century Club by checking in 100 times.

We now have 25 who have reached this level. We have others who will soon be able to join this club. Keep checking in, and you too can reach 100.

We are keeping things simple for the next two months. For November 2025, please send a weather report or your choice.

Thanks for being a part of the Idaho WinLink Wednesday Net

All Hams from around the world are welcome to join in. Remember, if you include your daily email, you will receive a copy of your check-in status faster.

Don, W7PJ
Net Control



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Join the Net

Winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com

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/>



Idaho Repeater Frequency Coordinators

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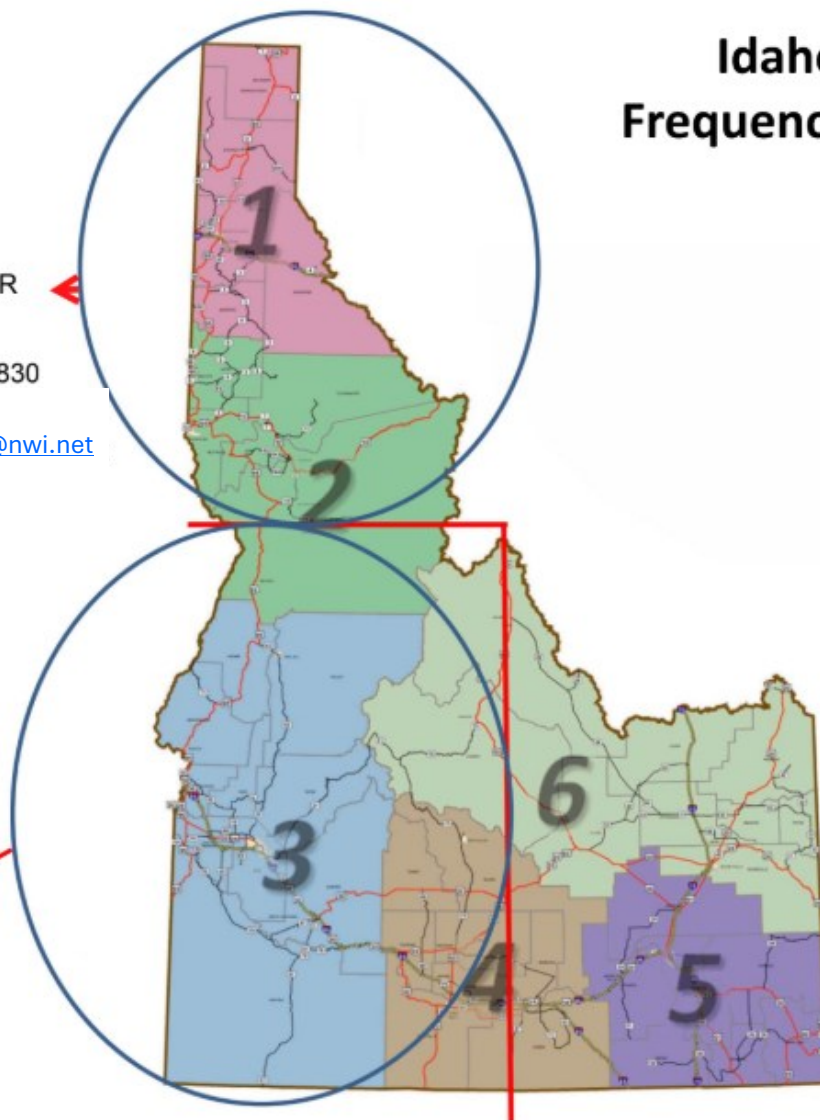
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Idaho Repeater Frequency Coordination

Information:

1. Repeater Frequency Coordination is a responsibility of the National Frequency Coordinators Council (NFCC).
2. NFCC is not associated with the ARRL. (This information is presented as a courtesy to Idaho hams).
3. The preceding page is a map of Idaho showing three frequency coordination zones in Idaho. (The shaded areas with numbers 1 through 6 are the ARES "districts" in Idaho).
4. Here is a description of the three Idaho frequency coordination zones:
 - The Northern Zone is coordinated by the Eastern Washington Coordinator, and includes all of Idaho north of an east/west line passing through Grangeville, ID.
 - The Southwestern Zone is that part of Idaho south of Grangeville, and west of a north/south line running through Malta, ID.
 - The Southeastern Zone is that part of Idaho east of a north/south line through Malta, ID.
4. The Northern Zone Coordinator is Ken Rau (K7YR), e-mail: lacc.coordinator@nwi.net
5. The Southwestern Zone Coordinator is Larry Smith (W7ZRQ), e-mail: smith_larrye@hotmail.com
6. The Southeastern Zone Coordinator is Bliss Wheeler (W7RUG), e-mail: bmw@ida.net
7. If you have questions about repeater coordination, please contact the coordinator for your area.

Dan Marler, K7REX Idaho ARRL Section Manager

Idaho ARRL Calendar

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

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

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

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

To Update a repeater in your area...

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

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

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

-- Kelly Klaas

Ham Radio Operator K7SU

Woodworker

Voice Over for ads and audio books



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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

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