

N7LGN NOTES AND NEWS

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Who Am I?

My name is Jonathan and my call sign is KE0JRH, you've probably heard me occasionally call the Thursday night net. I asked Rich Dees (W7BOI) if he could use some help with the newsletter, his response was "Go for it"! I do have some previous experience with newsletters, but I may be a little rusty so please bear with me. Earned my Tech license in Colorado back in 2018, hence the zero in my call sign. I'm very happy with 2 meters for now, but look forward to expanding my interests. My modest station is on the right.

Station of the Month



New Happenings! Had a great breakfast at the Post this morning, eggs to order, French toast and sausage patties. Susan Barnett (Post Adjutant) cooked and Janet Cook (Auxiliary Chaplin) received the orders and served. Breakfast will be served every 4th Saturday of the month from 0900 to 1100 all are welcome. Rumor has it...biscuits, sausage gravy and hash browns are the fare next month. I'll see you at the next breakfast!

Classified Section: While brainstorming with Rich this morning I suggested we include a classified section in the newsletter. Lets keep it radio related, as there are other sites available to sell your old patio furniture. We will have a For Sale column and a Wanted column, include the price when selling and a contact number when selling or wanting. Contact me at gr8alarmguy@yahoo.com.

Station of the Month: I'd like to post a photo every month of a member's station. I already started this by posting a photo of my very modest Yaesu 2 meter station. It doesn't need to be fancy, just clean up all the fast food cups and bags before snapping the photo. Extra points for a cat or dog in the photo! Send your station photo to me at gr8alarmguy@yahoo.com

Elmers in the House: On the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1430, Rich has graciously planned time at the post assisting those that need help radio issues and if nothing else, to chew the rag with other Hams about radio. If you want to know how to get on the air, have any hints or kinks, we will be there. We can talk about modes, discuss antennas, or anything else, this is a great opportunity. The session is made for oldsters as well as new people in the hobby to connect, find out more about the hobby, get on the air and meet some other local operators. To put it in the words of another member: "A 12-year-old with a license and a hand held can have as much fun as a good many of us who just listen". The first session will be February 17, 2024

Every Thursday Night: At 1900, except on holidays, we have the N7LGN Club 2 meter net. We would like to have more NCO's (Net Control Operators) on hand. We have 4 regulars now, we would like to have some backups just in case. Some of us get a little tongue-tied at times but we just snicker a bit and move on. Receive 146.940, Transmit 146.340, PL 100. Many thanks to Larry Smith W7ZRQ and the ISRA for making this possible by letting us use their repeater.

Our next meeting: We will feature Chris Cox the owner of the Star Repeater. He will be discussing the operations and availability of his new machine.

Also, during our next meeting: We will be giving away a brand new, untouched by human hands, 2024 ARRL Handbook. The thing weighs a lot and is loaded with the latest info related to our hobby. You must attend for a chance at winning the book. Good Luck!

Let Me Know: What you think of your “new” newsletter! I can’t accomplish this task all by myself, it’s going to take some of you to help keep it interesting! Send me your photos, humorous items and stories. I really enjoy editing the newsletter, but it becomes just another chore when I don’t receive any input. gr8alarmguy@yahoo.com



Rich Dees: Helping Paul Bader (W7PSB) program his Yaesu HT, during an impromptu “Elmer in the House” session. (Single handedly by the way)

Starhamradio.com is planning a Ham Radio Swap Meet to be held at Star Riverwalk Park 979 S. Main Street Star, Idaho 83669.

On Saturday May 4th 2024 from 9am to 1pm and Saturday September 7th 2024 also from 9am to 1 pm. There will be postings and an application posted on starhamradio.com soon for pre– registering and details on the event.

Sellers:

- * Get a 10X10 spot on the grass area (no vehicles on the grass)
- * Sellers encouraged to use an Ez-Up for shade & tables.
- * Sellers can sell Ham two-way radios, GMRS, computer parts, radio electronics, parts, antennas and related items.
- * Pack it—In Pack it out is required, leave no trace rule.
- * Attendees & Sellers are at No charge!
- * A complete list of conditions and Seller information will be posted SOON on our web site.

Mark your calendar for these 2 dates this year!

Talk in frequency is the N7COX Star Repeater on UHF 444.525 (PI 103.5) or VHF 147.600 simplex DPL 074N crossband link .. (Allstar node # 60103)

More information and updates will be posted around the Treasure Valley Ham Groups and our web site as the event gets closer. (Reprinted from the Idaho Ham Radio Operators Facebook page)

N7LGN Meeting: Meets every 4th Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post 113 at 22 W. Broadway Meridian, ID. Pizza at 1845, meeting at 1900.