

# N7LGN NOTES AND NEWS

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**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 two regulars now; myself (KE0JRH) and Rich (W7BOI). We would like to have a few 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 Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs (ISRA) for making this possible by letting us use their repeater.

**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.

**Not very fancy**, but here 'tis. In the first picture are my 3 HT's lower left (Yeast, iCOM, Baofeng), FLEX Maestro and MacBook using SmartSDR, key and headset, and a Yaesu FTM300D and a Raspberry Pi. In the second picture, same stuff, plus the cupboard module with the station auxiliaries on the second level. The FLEX 6600 is on the lower level. Pretty basic station, but it's lots of fun! After I get my roof surface mounted untuned dipole better situated, I hope to have a lot of fun with it, again. I also have a 28' flagpole antenna that actually tunes from 160 thru 6, though it's somewhat limited on 160 and 75/80. I shared these with the ISRA group, and some commented on the tub of M&M's. RF fuel, right? JV (K7JV) Jim Voyles Garden City. Editor: Nice, clean station Jim!



"What's your favorite band?"

"Seventeen Meters."



**Star Ham Radio / GMRS Radio Swap Meet:** Saturday May 4th from 0700 to 1300 at the Star Riverwalk Park 979 S Main Street #947. The display spaces and attendance are free, although the display spaces require a reservation. More information at [ccox1956@hotmail.com](mailto:ccox1956@hotmail.com).

**From the I never thought that would happen department:** I have a 35' Rohn25 tower laying on the ground I plan on putting up someday. I have it on blocks just to keep it off the concrete. It was at a little angle but I didn't think that would pose any damage threat to the tower. WRONG! The top portion where the 3 legs come together is closed and was lower than the other pieces thereby collecting water this past winter. We all know what happens to water on these chilly Idaho days and nights...it freezes! One look at the photo will show you just how unforgiving Mother Nature is, and how clueless this Ham was. I have a high school buddy, a retired welder and lives in Payette, I'll buy him lunch!



**Let's Not Forget:** There is a lot of cool downloadable subjects on the N7LGN website. Log sheets, schematic symbols, and quite a few Silent Key forms. Take a look!

**SWIARC Spring 2024 HamFest** is on Saturday the 11th of May at the Peace Valley Charter School 1845 South Federal Way, Boise. Fest time is 0800 - 1700 hours.

**Remember Folks:** This is your newsletter! I try to put in items of interest to all. You have ideas? Let me know! I can always make this better, don't know if it could get any worse...73's KEOJRH.

**Our Classifieds Section:** Isn't getting a very good response. I know you guys and gals are always looking for that one special item. Let's get it put in the wanted portion of the classifieds, that way you won't be giving in to the temptations of buying other stuff at the local Ham Fests.

**Club Officer Elections:** Are in May. If you didn't attend the April meeting you may have been nominated for one of the positions (humor). It really pays to attend the meetings, just so there are no surprises. Personally, I think Rich, David and Alicia are doing a stellar job.

"Life is short, break the rules. Forgive quickly, kiss slowly. Love truly. Laugh uncontrollably and never regret anything that makes you smile." Mark Twain

**I'd Like to take this opportunity:** To thank all those that participated in the Post's kitchen remodel. I haven't seen it yet but the photos taken have revealed a very professional job. I have already volunteered to do dishes in that beautiful new sink, at least once...

**Mark You Calendar Items:** **May 18th at 0900** is test time. Get started in the hobby and take the Technician test or upgrade for more privileges to the General or the Amateur Extra Class license.

**May 19th at 1400** is our highly accredited "Elmer in the House" program. Bring your radio down and learn how to program or just ask those questions that have been bothering you of our intelligent and capable staff.

**May 22nd at 1900** is the N7LGN Ham Club Meeting. Come on down and hang out with the radio guys and gals and maybe, just maybe we'll have a drawing for some cool prize.



## From The Top

By: Yers Trooly

May is the start of the "busy" season. There are two swap meets in the month with the Star Radio Club on May 4th. Beginning in the morning around 8 AM, people will gather at the Star Riverwalk Park in Star for the goodie exchange. Another swap meet hosted by the Southwest Idaho Amateur Radio Club will be held May 11th, that event will be held at the Peace Valley Charter School in Boise.

A foxhunt is scheduled for May 25th starting around 10 AM. I say around because we can meet at the Post and have breakfast, then proceed to the hunt. Breakfast starts at 9 AM and the fox will be located in Meridian. Fox frequencies will be announced later.

Field Day will be abbreviated, albeit a fun kind of day. We will gather at David and Annett Hunter's home on June 22nd. In fact, it will be a family affair. He and Annette will host us with a BBQ and a relaxing afternoon while we work some stations across the country during the event. More details available at the next meeting.

The meeting discussion this month will be from Davis Hunter (N7MKY) where he will discuss the integration between Echolink and things like D-STAR, YSF and DMR. As I mentioned, TALARC (The American Legion Amateur Radio Club) uses Echolink as a means to host a weekly national net. We will also continue the discussion of emergency communications that we delved into last meeting.

And speaking of Echolink, we have in our passion two repeaters, one VHF and one UHF. They are 45 watt machines complete with duplexer. We will be talking about what to do with the repeaters at the next meeting.

Elmer in the House continues. We had a few people at the last event on the 20th of April and got new club members as well as a new Post member. Radio programming is featured as well as lots of "free" information. The event is on the Sunday after the Saturday test session. ~Rich Dees~

**My Apologies** for not getting May's newsletter out on time. I got caught up in some home projects such as rebuilding our John Deere 48" mower deck, painting and general household spring maintenance. I think I need to plan my project time better.

