



N7LGN NOTES AND NEWS

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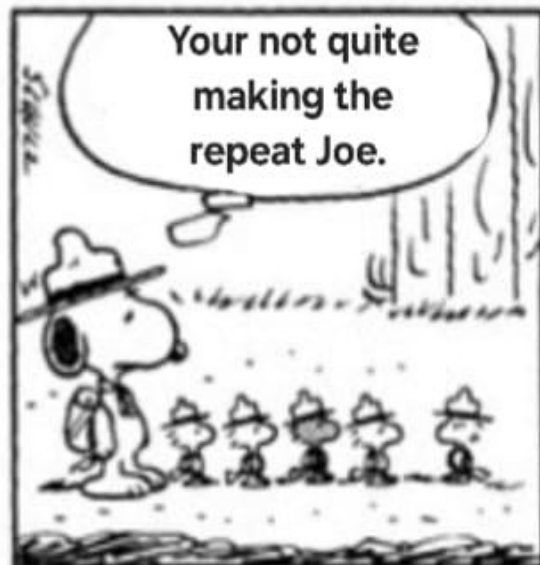
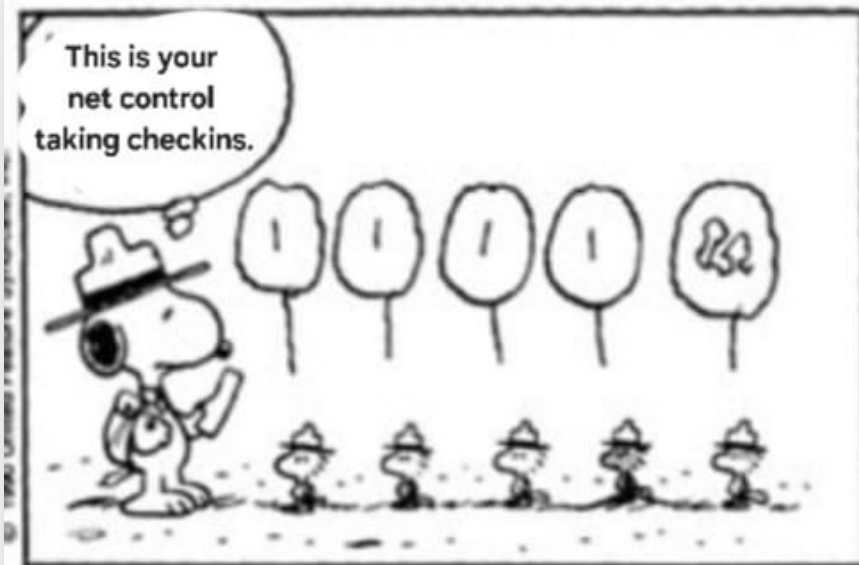
Every Thursday Night: At 1900, except on holidays, we have the N7LGN Club 2-meter net. We are still looking for more NCO's (Net Control Operators). We have three regulars now; myself (KEOJRH), Rich (W7BOI) and Kevin (KG7CHH). We would like to have a few backups just in case. Receive 146.940, Transmit 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. On occasion, and depending on the net repeater participation, we may or may not have a N7LGN simplex net at 1930 on 147.420 MHz.

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.

"Let us make a special effort to stop communicating with each other, so we can have some conversation." - Mark Twain

Our Classifieds Section: Still isn't getting a very good response and I'm a little confused as to why. This is your newsletter, use it! I hear folks all the time asking another, do you know who wants a certain gizmo or where I can get one? Email me with classified items at KEOJRH@yahoo.com

Did You Know?: The hertz is named after the German physicist Heinrich Hertz (1857-1894), who made important scientific contributions to the study of electromagnetism. The name was established by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in 1935. It was adopted by the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) in 1960, replacing the previous name for the unit, "cycles per second" (cps), along with its related multiples, primarily "kilocycles per second" (kc/s) and "megacycles per second" (Mc/s), and occasionally "kilomegacycles per second" (KMc/s). The term "cycles per second" was largely replaced by "hertz" by the 1970s.



At the N7LGN Meeting 5/22, Bart Hill who was scheduled to provide a presentation on the Threat to Amateur Radio, called in sick so Rich Dees stepped up and proxied the program. Thanks Rich!

Kevin KG7CHH, has agreed to take the 3rd Thursday and expertly call the N7LGN Net. We would still like to recruit another NCO to call the 2nd Thursday Net, and give Rich (W7BOI) a break. Right now, Rich has the 1st and 2nd Thursday, Kevin the 3rd and Jonathan (KEOJRH) the 4th. There are usually anywhere from 10 -15 check-ins and as many as 22 on a busy night. Come and say HI on 2 meters!

Heard it Through the Grapevine, the Post Kitchen is complete! A very nice job by Post volunteers and contractors! Looking forward to the 4th Saturday of the month breakfasts again!

Field Day 6/22, is at Dave and Annette's home. N7LGN will provide the dogs and burgers, members are asked to pot luck. Look for email with time and directions. Should be a good time.

Olaso (KJ7WDU) and Joe (N7ZXO), volunteered to establish an Em-Comm Group for the club. We should have some results by this fall.

In March, 12 Volt Power, an established manufacturer and distributor in North America for DC power products, announced they have been appointed the exclusive distributor for the Comet and Daiwa company brands in North and South America, effective immediately. After 40 years of distributing Comet and Daiwa products, Mick Stwertnik and Jim Einwalter announced they are retiring. 12 Volt Power will continue all sales, marketing, and shipping operations at the current Comet warehouse, 15036 Sierra Bonita Lane in Chino, California. Stwertnik said his daughter, Demi, will continue as the Office Manager, and that he has accepted a position on 12 Volt Power's Board of Directors to ensure a smooth transition and seamless operation. (Reprinted from The ARRL Letter)



ARRL Learning Center Features Two New Emergency Communication Training Courses

ARRL has released two new courses to train emergency communications (EmComm) operators for volunteering within the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®). Both courses are within the ARRL Learning Center.

The Basic EmComm course is designed to get a new volunteer started. It provides basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer and contains three modules and 11 topics, including required prerequisites. It's expected to take approximately 10 - 20 hours to complete.

The Intermediate EmComm course builds on the lessons learned in the first course and equips volunteer radio amateurs with the tools needed to thrive in the fast-paced environment of public service communications and to understand the legal rights and responsibilities of working with a served agency, as well as teach them and how ham radio fits into the broader incident command (IC) structure.

The new courses replace the previous EC-001 and EC-016 programs, however, certificates of completion earned for the previous courses are still valid. "Training is not a one-and-done thing. Throughout my firefighting and emergency management career, we were constantly taking new courses to reinforce existing knowledge and introduce new concepts," said ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV. "Engaged volunteers should want to stay up to date on advances in the science of emergency communications. I'd even encourage veteran operators to take the new courses."

In 2023, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revised the Guide for National Emergency Preparedness to specifically include amateur radio. ARRL and FEMA entered into a new Memoranda of Understanding in May 2023 that outlined the importance of trained radio amateurs within the response ecosystem. (Courtesy of the ARRL Website)



(ATV) Shack of the Month: Kevin (KG7CHH) has done a very nice job mounting his Yaesu FTM-200DR radio and antenna to his Polaris Sportsman 570EPS four wheeler. What fun to take an early morning climb up the Owyhee's' with a sack lunch for a little all day VHF/UHF DX fun! Thanks Kevin!

Testing, testing, testing: June 15th at 0900 is test day at the Post. Make sure you have your FRN, 15 dollars and a smile. I understand it's fairly painless, bring some band-aids just in case.

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) was created by resolution in 2011, and the club grew to become one of the largest in the nation. Both a hobby and a means of civil-defense communications during natural disasters, amateur [HAM] radio has long been an interest of veterans, many of whom served in communications roles in the military.

Due mainly to a lack of licensed radio operators on staff at the national level, TALARC is no longer operating as a national program. However, Legion amateur radio clubs and programs continue to operate successfully at the local level.

In an effort to foster continued interest and participation in amateur radio by Legion members, we have established this website along with the *TALARC* EchoLink Conference channel. With EchoLink acting as the primary communication hub, we hope to establish a Post cooperative to facilitate future over-the-air nets and events while informing American Legion HQ of participation results. (Reprinted from the TALARC Website)

Hey Radioheads! Here's another appeal for some assistance, send me that funny or serious story, I have through the months even as lowly Technician, shared a few with you...now it's your turn. What drove your interest in Amateur Radio? Spend a few minutes thinking of something to share! This newsletter is about you, not me. Hopefully I've brought a smile to your face or maybe even an out-loud chuckle, or perhaps you've learned something reading our N7LGN Newsletters. Until next month, enjoy!
~Jonathan~



A Fox Hunt was conducted on May 25, 2024. We met at the Post and had breakfast, then two groups went out looking for the elusive fox. Andy Cohen's (KK7IED) team won after finding the fox in about one hour. The fox was hidden in a Conestoga wagon located in a subdivision. Annett made some great prizes (custom bags with the N7LGN logo). The discussion after the hunt revealed we need to spend some time as a group learning about attenuators and squelch control. The next fox hunt will be at our Field Day event on June 22, 2024.

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For Field Day, we will gather at David's (N7MKY) and Annett Hunter's (KK7AYJ) home around 10:00 and start with a fox hunt. After the hunt, they will host a barbecue and we play radio for a couple of hours. It will be a family affair! Alicia (W7YUT) will send out info on the potluck part of the barbecue. Details will be at the next meeting. We had a discussion last meeting about the greatest threat to ham radio. As it turns out it is the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The ARRL is the only thing between us and the ITU when it comes to frequency allocations. This means we need to be vigilant and active so we don't lose spectrum. Testing continues each month, however this last month the ARRL was hacked. The disruption continues as the phones are still not working. Testing was affected as we could not process candidates. The damage may take a while to fix. Hopefully, it will be resolved before our next session. Pictures are said to be worth 1,000 words. Please consider taking pictures of your shack and sending them to the newsletter editor, Jonathan Hoffmeier, KE0JRH.

Want more info about the group...contact me at rjdees@aol.com