

N7LGN NOTES AND NEWS

September 2024, "The Almost Fall Issue"

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I think we are getting somewhere with our monthly Net Control Operator schedule. If we do have a no-show, the other two Operators should be able to take up the slack or, if you have a script, jump right in and help your N7LGN Club sound professional. The current Operator should identify the next week's Operator just as a friendly reminder to help keep us on schedule.

September (4 weeks in Sept):

Rich W7BOI - 1st and 2nd Thursdays - Sept 5 and 12
Kevin KG7CHH - 3rd Thursday - Sept 19
Jonathan KEOJRH - 4th Thursday - Sept 26

October (5 weeks in Oct):

Rich W7BOI - 1st and 2nd Thursdays - Oct 3 and 10
Kevin KG7CHH - 3rd Thursday - Oct 17
Jonathan KEOJRH - 4th Thursday - Oct 24
TBD - 5th Thursday - Oct 31

Scheduled Ham Test Date:

Sponsor: American Legion

Date: Sep 21 2024

Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Richard L. Dees

(208) 870-7928

Email: rjdees@aol.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: American Legion Post 113

By Appointment only! FRNs required.

22 W Broadway Ave

Meridian ID 83642-2521

Did you know? The Intermountain Intertie is the largest linked amateur radio repeater system in the state of Utah. Managed by the Utah VHF Society, the Intermountain Intertie primarily covers areas west of the Wasatch Front, from Saint George to Tremonton. The Intermountain Intertie also covers areas in the northwest of Utah up to **Boise, Idaho** and toward the northeast into Evanston, Wyoming and Rock Springs, Wyoming. The Intertie further reaches into parts of Montana, and Arizona. There are no Intermountain Intertie repeaters east of I-15 on I-70; in this area, the Sinbad Desert Amateur Radio Club Intertie has substantial coverage.

The Hidden Peak Repeater, on top of the Snowbird Tram, is the primary hub repeater for the Intermountain Intertie. Linked directly to Hidden Peak is Farnsworth Peak, which connects to southern and western Utah. Also connected to Hidden Peak is Malad Pass, a Simplex Carrier Squelch linking Idaho to the Intertie, Medicine Butte in Evanston, Wyoming connecting Wyoming to the Intertie, and Laketown, Utah connecting Bear Lake to the Intertie. Each of the repeaters connecting to Hidden Peak has repeaters connected to them.

Idaho Hams Got New License Plates (03/2023)

Idaho Governor Brad Little has signed House Bill 107 which authorizes a new look for ham radio license plates for Idaho radio amateurs. The new plates are available.

[Here is a link to HB-107.](#)

[Here is a link to the form you must fill out to get an Idaho Amateur Radio license plate.](#)

Just a Note From a Net Night: Thursday, August 22nd, we had 16 check-ins on the N7LGN Net, and a few of us QSY'd to the simplex channel at 1930. I enjoy being Net Control once a month and Lord knows I need the practice! Still looking for another Net Control Op for the 2nd Thursday of the month just to give Rich (W7BOI) a little break.

I attended the N7LGN Meeting on 28 August at the Legion Post 113 and enjoyed seeing old faces and some new faces. We had a door prize of a T-shirt with your name and call sign silkscreened on it, courtesy of Annette (KK7AJY). Pizza, bottled water and lots of good information was available.



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 (KE0JRH), 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.

Elmer in the House is September 29nd at 1400 hours at the Post. Bart Hill will be discussing his "to go" bag. Bring your radio issues and problems to our bunch of talented radio gurus for answers. I have it on good authority that Elmer in the House is just as painless as our famous Ham testing sessions.

Free Event! Star Ham Radio Swap Meet

Date: September 7, 2024

Time: 9am to 1pm

Location: Star Riverwalk Park, 979 S. Main Street Star ID 83669

Website: <https://starhamradio.com> Public Contact: Chris Cox, N7CCOX

Email: ccox1956@hotmail.com

Comments: Display Spaces are Free - But reservations are required.

To sell at the Swap Meet and reserve your space: Please fill out the form, available at: <https://starhamradio.com> or click: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGKLuWh8T9Y6FpXiDPgX6lZHRfIzzH64WuVyVXGXWD6AFgQg/viewform>

N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Yers Trooly

Hey everyone, just a friendly reminder about our upcoming Winter Field Day. We'll gather at David and Annett Hunter's home, in their heated garage, on January 25, 2025. We have plenty of time to get the radios ready, so feel free to bring your rig or use one that is available. David will set up his Flex, and I'll have a remote IC 7610 ready.

At our last meeting, David was the featured speaker, and he shared some tips on installing a mobile radio in a newer vehicle without drilling any holes. I'm a fan of using the drill, but my XYL usually talks me out of it. With the prices of cars these days, it's probably a good call.

We've also scheduled an Elmer in the House event for September 29, 2024, and we've decided to make this a quarterly event. Bart Hill will lead a session showcasing his "Go Box" and discussing emergency preparedness. I've seen his presentation, and it's really impressive. He'll be talking about his go kit and contingency kit, which includes several preprogrammed radios for use in the field.

Our nets have been getting more interesting lately, especially the general discussions about emergency communication and ham radio. You can tune in on Thursdays at 7:00 PM on the 146.94 MHz machine to join the conversation. We're also discussing issues on the N7LGN Simplex net at 7:30 PM on Thursdays. The frequency is 147.42 MHz.

There's been a lot of buzz in the ham community about emergency preparedness. I've been asking people why they got their licenses at the last two test sessions, and they all said it was for emergencies. Maybe you caught my recent message about the Doughnut Hole, where I discussed what we should be prepared to do in an emergency. We'll dive into the topic again and see what everyone thinks.

One of our members, Dan Marler K7REX, is running for the Northwest Division Director in the ARRL. This is one of those "big deal" offices as he runs for the post that oversees Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Montana and represents us to ARRL. Our support is needed for him to win this coveted office.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for our Christmas party. Like last year, it will be a potluck with a white elephant exchange. More details will be coming soon.

73,

Rich

Just a few thoughts from your editor: I don't want to sound like I'm whining, but in several newsletters I've asked for some photos and stories. This month is "No Shack of the Month" because nobody sent one in to me. I've shared a few personal stories with you all as a catalyst to get some coming...nothing. Everybody carries a camera and has an interesting story about themselves. Please help me continue to make this newsletter interesting! If you can't write or spell, I'll fix it up to make you look good.

Going to pull the trigger on digital, received my Kantronics KPC-3+ modem, cabling, and the software is downloaded, I'm about ready to rock 'n roll! Two meter phone is easy, but this digital stuff is a whole new ballgame. I've wanted to get into packet radio since it came out back in the early 90's. Now to sit down and read the 236 page Kantronics owner's manual. :-)

SECRET RADIO AERIALS

