

# Ohm Town News

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Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

## FIELD DAY

*By Joe Corbett, N7NJR*

We are having our Field Day on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, up Logan Canyon in the Sinks area. A Map is enclosed to help you find your way.

For the new ham operators, Field Day is an emergency preparedness activity. We do not use commercial power. All power must be from batteries or generators. We operate for a period of 24 hours from Saturday noon to Sunday noon, trying to make as many contacts as possible with other ham operators throughout the world. It is also a good day for camping and getting to know other amateur radio operators in our club.

We will have a large MASH tent set up for the operations. We hope we can get as many of you as possible to help us with the radios.

You do not need HF privileges to operate since someone will be there who has the privileges and will technically be the control operator. So come and help make world wide contacts. The operations will be similar to last year. We will also have a packet station and will try contacting other stations in the state.

Throughout the day Saturday, we will also be having a 2 meter transmitter hunt. I will use the simple Morse Code keyer I made last year which will be placed in an AMMO can and will be hidden somewhere in the valley. The person finding the transmitter will then hide it somewhere else for the next hunt. I am sure you will be able to sharpen your direction finding skills, so bring your 2 meter rigs and try your luck.

We will have a dinner at about 6 P.M. on Saturday evening and would like to invite everyone for that. The club will provide the Dutch oven meat and would like those who attend to bring pot luck salads and deserts. We need to know how many will attend so check into the nets on Tuesday nights and let us know if you are coming and how many in your family will attend.

...73 for now - Joe Corbett N7NJR

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

*By Dean Stevens, N7WDY*

As summer approaches, our schedules are becoming very hectic. For that reason, the customary club meeting for June will be field day June 25th & 26th. There will be no club meeting for July and August. We will start back up in September.

There is an important issue I would like to address; and that is the importance of keeping a good image in the public eye. As many of us know, the State of Utah allows us to get our radio license plates for five dollars. Now that is a great deal. And of course it is fun to have our call on our license plate so most everyone that is not familiar with amateur radio can try to figure out what it means. Also it is a way of showing how proud we are of the effort that has been put in to becoming licensed. Anyway, the thing I want to bring up is the importance of not doing anything that will give amateur radio a bad image. We can be a great help to people, because of the capabilities that we have. The draw back I guess that we face is the fact that we are a marked group of people. Yes it is tempting to do something that might not be quite right once in awhile, and I think that is only human. The thing we need to keep in mind is the importance of conducting ourselves in a respectable manner, as to set an example to others.

The other thing to keep in mind is that none of us know who is watching what we do, and how we conduct ourselves. I have found myself at times in situations, where someone has got me all festered, and I want to do some sign language or put some distance between us, or what ever it might be to make me feel better. I always try to remind myself that my vehicle is marked. It would be very embarrassing to have the radio on scan and hear my license plate be given over the police frequency and know that there are a good number of amateur operators that just heard about the embarrassing moment that is being experienced.

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My friends, I hope that all of us will take an extra second or so, to evaluate what we are doing so we will not be part of creating a bad image in the public's eye for amateur radio.

I hope that each one of you will be able to arrange your schedules some way or another so that you can come to field day, even if it is just for a little while. Dinner Saturday night should be excellent, so if nothing else, plan on being there, and have an enjoyable evening visiting, socializing, or just hanging around the activities that will be going on. And remember to bring your children. They are part of our amateur radio family.

73's to all,  
Dean N7WDY

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## MAY CLUB MEETING

Army MARS was on hand at the May club meeting to explain to local amateurs the purpose and mission of Army MARS. MARS stands for Military Affiliated Radio System. There are branches of MARS in the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. The main mission of MARS is to support the military in communications in times of need.

MARS members must be licensed amateur radio operators, but use military frequencies to conduct their operations. Those frequencies are just outside of the amateur and most all of the radios are modifiable to operate on MARS frequencies. MARS has nets every day. Locally nets are on both HF and VHF bands. VHF nets are on the 143.990 repeater. The input frequency is 148.010 (What an offset!). For new members, nets are conducted every week to provide basic training. New members are required to pass a test. There are also administrative, digital communications, and emergency training nets.

One benefit of being a MARS member is that surplus military equipment can be acquired for use by members. "This is a nice benefit but should not be a reason for joining MARS stated Mike Lawyer", state director for MARS. Mike Lawyer, along with Steve Carver, and Dave Baar gave the presentation and answered questions. Neal Erickson is the local area coordinator for MARS.

As usual a great treat was devoured after the meeting. This time it was spud nuts, and they were yummy!

## JUNE & JULY CLUB MEETINGS

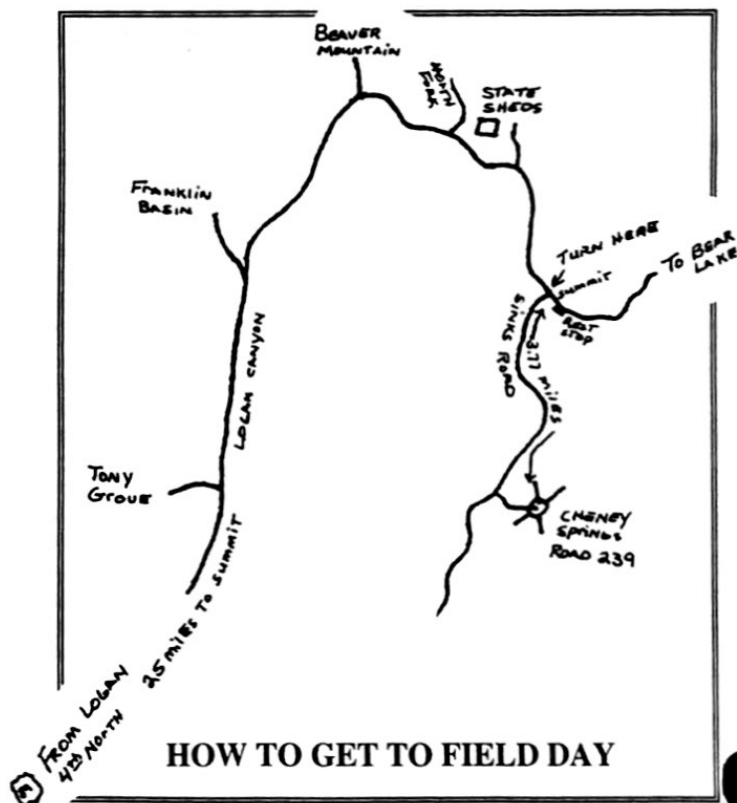
The club Meeting for June will be Field Day. Field Day is a lot of fun. Everyone come out and enjoy each others company. There will be no club meeting in July or August either. There are plenty of activities and community events that the club will be helping with this summer. Be sure to listen to the repeater and nets for more information.

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## .72 REPEATER

At press time the .72 repeater was still off the air. The Forest Service will not allow any one to go to Mount Logan until the roads are dry. The Utah VHF Society has offered to pay for the antenna that will replace the one damaged up on the mountain. They said that they get a lot of support from the Cache Valley hams and want to help out. If you haven't already joined the VHF society you may wish to do so. Dues are only \$10.00 per year, and they have a lot of repeaters that they support across the state.

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## BARC Club Officers

President	Dean Stevens	N7WDY
Vice President	Niel Holt	N7PEO
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Treasurer	Brian Potts	KB7FUB
Board Member	Joe Corbett	N7NJR
Board Member	Tyler Griffiths	N7UWX
Board Member	Terry Zollinger	N7PEG

## Calendar of Events

Club Meeting	June 25 & 26
Field Day	June 25 & 26
RACES map exercise	July 9, 9:00 AM

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## June Club Meeting

Date: June 25, & 26

Location: Sinks area , Logan Canyon (see map)

**This months club meeting is Field Day**  
It starts at noon on Saturday and goes till noon on Sunday.

Everyone is welcome to come. We need radio operators around the clock, HF, Packet, Satellite, CW, SSB, VHF etc. Come join the fun. Will be setting up early that morning and need lots of help. Contact Joe Corbett N7NJR , or Mike Farr KF7ZX for more information.

## VHF Nets

Bridgerland	Tuesday 9:00 PM	146.72
Cache RACES	3rd Thur 1 hour prior to state	146.72
MARA (local)	Sunday 9:00 PM	147.20
UARC info Net	Sunday 9:00 PM	146.62
UARC Packet	Sunday 8:00 PM	146.62
UBET	Wednesday 8:00 PM	145.29/145.43
VHF Swap-Net	Tuesday 8:00 PM	146.94
RACES*	3rd Thur. 8:00 PM	145.49

## UHF Nets

Bridgerland UHF	Wednesday 8:00 PM	449.80
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## HF Nets

Beehive	Daily 12:30 PM	7.272
HF slow code	Daily 7:30 PM	3.710
FARM	Daily 8:00 PM	3.937
MARA (voice)	Saturday 7:30 AM	3.918
MARA (cw)	Saturday 8:00 AM	3.723
RACES*	3rd Thur. 9:00 PM	3.870
Utah MARA (voice)	Saturday 8:30 AM	3.873

## Code Practice

K7HLR	Daily 7:10 & 9:10 PM	146.58
	also on 3.698 MHz & 7.092 MHz	

\*NOTE: RACES Net is on VHF in even months and on HF during odd months. You must have a RACES number to check in. Cache RACES net is 1 hour prior to the state net.

## FOR SALE

Niko AA7OL has a Yeasu FT73R 440 MHZ handheld for sale \$150.00

1 Hitachi Full sized VHS camcorder for sale also from Niko. Get a hold of him for more information.

## NEW GENERAL QUESTION POOL

As of July 1st, there will be new questions for the General written exam. The old study books may still help but they will not have the new questions in them.