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Ohm Town News

Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

Non Profit Status Granted to Club

By Brian Potts KB7FUB, Treasurer

On September 8, 1994, official notice was received from the Internal Revenue Service stating that BARC is exempt from Federal Income Tax and will be treated as a public supported nonprofit charitable organization.

The IRS determination allows tax deductible contributions to BARC beginning back to May 22, 1992. BARC was incorporated on that date.

Contributions may be in the form of monies paid for dues, repeater funds, and other BARC activities, donations of equipment and other property where title is passed to BARC.

Tax deductible benefits to BARC, its members, and the community include:

- Funds to support community activities
- Funds to support Cache County Emergency Services and County Sheriff
- Funds for equipment purchases and upgrades
- Funds for equipment maintenance and repair
- Equipment for BARC activities
- Funds for club activities and projects
- Tax deductible contributions for businesses, trusts, estates, and individuals

Contributions greater than \$250 will receive a receipt from BARC to substantiate the contribution for tax deduction purposes. If you have questions about our nonprofit status or concerning contributions, please contact me.

Coming Attractions ...

RACES meeting October 12th 7:30 PM

A general meeting to discuss up coming topics and trianing

Club meeting October 13th 7:30 PM

Direction Finding

Presidents Corner

By Dean Stevens N7WDY

Many projects have been going on this summer and fall, which has kept many of us extremely busy. I think the largest task that the club has taken on, is the new repeater system. As the repeater committee has worked on this project, it has developed into a major task, one of which was not originally anticipated. Not understanding the process of building these wonderful machines, but having the opportunity to see first hand the time that is involved in something like this, not even mentioning the stress that comes with all the little quirks that pop up that has to be taken care of and worked out. I can honestly say that I truly appreciate the time and efforts of all that have been and will be involved with this undertaking. It truly takes great talented people, to make something like these repeaters work.

If I may say something, without getting many of you festered, it would be "**Please be Patient!**" We also need to realize that this project was started late in the year, but at least it is progressing. Who knows, maybe it will have to go up piece by piece. Only time will tell. Please, as a club, be patient with each other and the repeater committee. That will greatly ease the tension that is on these fellers to complete their job.

LO-TO-JA was successful again this year as far as the amateur side of the race. Some hams went beyond the call of duty by driving all the way up, then turning around and coming home that night. Words can not express my appreciation to all that took time out of their schedules, to help with the race. Our ability to organize ourselves, and accomplish what needs to be done on our own, is a true sign of our professionalism. Thanks again everyone. You are neat friends to work with.

I hope to see as many of you as possible out to our club meeting October 13. We have an exciting club meeting lined up for you on direction finding. A special guest is coming, and knowing what he does, I know it will be worth it.

Packed House For September Meeting

A packed house filled the Cache County EOC for the September Club Meeting. A whole new bunch of hams introduced themselves, most of them with call signs they had received over the summer months. Some present were still waiting for their call. President of the club, Dean Stevens N7WDY announced a logo contest. He asked all of the club members to get out their drawing tools and draw up a logo for the club. Entries will be judged at the November Club Meeting and the winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate from Ross Distributing. In other business Dean talked briefly about the club's new repeater system. The board approved the repeater committee's proposal and authorized work to begin. A letter was sent out to all club members asking for a one time \$20.00 donation to pay for the new system. Dean also invited everyone to see the new repeater system down at the "Black Hole" after the club meeting.

Eldon Kearl KB7OGM a member of BARC who lives in Sandy Utah, gave a presentation on repeaters. He showed slides of many of the repeater systems across the state. Some of which are only accessible with a helicopter. Eldon then demonstrated the CACTUS network by linking a remote base into the 72 repeater. The CACTUS system is a network of 440 MHz repeaters tied together linking much of the western states. He talked to hams in Arizona and California as part of the demonstration. Eldon also presented the club a check from the Utah VHF Society to cover the cost of the new antenna and the coax. The new antenna replaced the one damaged by lightning and harsh winters and wind. Club members were encouraged to join the VHF Society which supports repeater systems throughout the state.

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VEC Exams

October 19th, Wednesday - 7:00 pm
UVSC Campus, 1395 North 150 East RM 115
Contact Steve or Susan Whitehead 465-3983

October 26th, Tuesday - 7:00 pm
Granite High School Seminary, Novice and Tech only. Contact Eugene McWherter 484-6355

November 5th, Saturday - 8:00 am
Weber State University, Engineering Tech Bld
Room 24. Contact Mike Fullmer 731-7573

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Ham Profile

By Alan Lamon KC7CXN

This month's feature ham is one of our new Licensee's, Annie Lamon KC7CXM. For several years Annie has been driving the big rigs. Until last month, Annie served the Logan area driving the LTD (Logan) Buses, earning her 2 year safe driving award. Driving 80,000 Lb. 18 wheel trucks, She has seen nearly all of the lower 48 states, several Canadian provinces and Mexico with over 500,000 miles behind her. That is one half of a million miles or 20 times around the world.

When Annie isn't driving she works hard at making a home for 3 cats and 2 dogs (one of them being KC7CXN). She also runs her own bookkeeping and tax preparation business.

Annie enjoys BARC club events, is a member of the ARRL, Cache UHF society, and Utah Army MARS. Having HF privileges along with her Tech license, she is looking forward to working the distant stations in the future.

Roll on little mama, keep the shiney side up.

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Alan Lamon KC7CXN



Annie Lamon KC7CXM, along with her husband Alan KC7CXN are recent member of BARC.

RACES Assists With Downed Aircraft Search

Saturday around 5:00pm, the Logan Airport received an emergency call from an airplane that they were going down. Minutes later the plane disappeared from radar and a search began. Early, early Sunday morning the mobile EOC was deployed to a location near Tony Grove in Logan Canyon. According to Brian Potts KB7FUB, RACES was involved in manning the EOC. Several hams tried their hand at direction finding. Brian even got a ride in the Life Flight helicopter on one of the searches. You will have to ask him about the maneuvers the helicopter can do. Thanks to George Becker N7YUH, Brian Potts KB7FUB, Tyler Griffiths N7UWX, Dave Rhodes N7PEI, Mike Crook N7QAS, and Tyler Nielson N7YNI, who helped with this emergency. The plane wreckage was found Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately there were no survivors.

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Nets

VHF Nets

Bridgerland	Tuesday 9:00 PM	146.72
RACES*	3rd Thur. 8:00 PM	146.68/146.49
Cache RACES	3rd Thur 7:00 PM	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

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 7:30 & 9:30 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.

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Letter of Thanks

The next page contains a letter expressing thanks from the Southern Area Interagency Incident Command team. This letter was sent to the club from Ron Coats who was the Incident Commander at the Beaver Mountain Fire. Thanks to those that helped on the fire.

Jeff Tingey	Russ Thurgood
Dean Stevens	Mark Jensen
Tyler Griffiths	DeAnn Jensen
Terry Zollinger	Niel Holt
Mike Farr	Ralph Holt
Nate Ricks	Clint Jeppsen
Elaine Ricks	Maryann Jeppsen
Todd Ricks	Tammy Stevens
Kevin Reeve	George Becker
Dave Rhodes	Brian Potts
Don Fullmer	Jim Hubble
Cheryl Thurgood	Jamie Forbush
Dan Anderson	Gary Hawkins
Cristi Anderson	Dave Fullmer
Alan Lamon	Jeff Farr
John Lovell	David Allen
Blaine Hancey	Scot Cannon
Paul Hansen	Clayton Clark
Ken Chalmers	

**SOUTHERN AREA INTERAGENCY
INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM**

1720 Peachtree Road, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30367



August 24, 1994

Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club
c/o Cheryl Thurgood, Secretary
41 W 345 N Box 194
Hyde Park, UT 84318

Dear Club Members:

On behalf of the Southern Area Blue Team, I would like to express our appreciation to the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club for the invaluable assistance given during the Beaver Mountain Fire. Your quick response and willingness to aid in the cooperative effort helped in saving lives, property, and our natural resources.

The Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club provided many services to the incident management effort. You provided dispatch services which would have meant ordering four additional team personnel at a time when fire incidents over many parts of the West had stretched agency personnel very thin. Being in such a remote location, with communications difficult at best, the direct radio contact you had with the hospital and local law enforcement was invaluable. The ability to perform a telephone patch for the incident, when no telephone services were available in camp was a tremendous help. Also, the assistance given the communications unit leader in installing radio equipment was appreciated.

Moreover, the friendliness of club members, the willingness and eagerness to assist in any way possible made it a pleasure to work with your group throughout the fire. Together, we have shown that a managed, cooperative effort is the most efficient and effective method of incident management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ronald H. Coats'.

Ron Coats
Incident Commander

Enclosure