



Ohm Town News

Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

CB'er or HAM

"This is a Plea Bargain"

By Jeff Tingey KF7ZX

Being a transverted (that's a combination of transformed & converted!) CB'er, to Amateur Radio, I would like to extend a "Welcome Aboard" to all of you who have done the same, and decided to "unleash" your communication talents into the real world of **amateur radio!**

As I have been prompted by several ham operators to address this subject, my thoughts turn to the days when I was heavily involved in, what I thought, was the greatest hobby in the world, "Citizen's Band Operation!" I was a CB'er for 14 years, before becoming a HAM. I started with a 23 channel Robyn, that was one of the best 23 channel AM radios made back in those days. I'm sure a lot of you can remember them. I used that radio, and it never failed me. The band was in great shape back in 1974 when I got that radio, and I used it for years. I was still living with my parents back then, and they began to notice a "change" in my speech. started asking people for 10-36's and radio checks, and "Smokey and the Bandit" was the best show around!!! Yip, CB was "10-4 for sure, Roger D Good Buddy and Keep the Pedal to the Metal!!!"

As the years went by, I found some really disturbing things going on with the AM CB, such as obscene language, not allowing breaks, and just plain "trash" was appearing on the radio. At that time, I found a new mode of communication on the CB, that being Single Side Band Operation! Boy, I talked to people all over the world, Australia, South Africa and basically anywhere in the United States, depending on the skip conditions. I thought that was going to be my hobby for life! Funny thing, the same problems started cropping up on that mode of communication. Drunks, obscene speech and very rude individuals were again driving me away from a hobby that I was so content with. CB was no longer as enjoyable...

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Presidents Corner

By Dean Stevens N7WDY

Our November club meeting is approaching, where we have the opportunity to elect our new club officers for next year. May I suggest that each of us take a minute to consider who you would like to represent you for the upcoming year, and encourage them if they are willing, to notify the election committee as soon as possible as to their desire of serving the club. The same applies with any of you that would like to serve. You need not to have held a previous position in the club to be eligible, except for president. With that you need to have served previously at some point in time in an elected position.

With our by-laws written the same way they are now, if you are unable to come to club meeting for one reason or another, you may still cast your vote by completing your proxy ballot that is contained in this months club news letter and return it to Cheryl Thurgood - N7YUE before club meeting on November 10th. Of course what would really be great is that you come to club meeting, and enjoy the association of everyone else. We do have a great club meeting arranged. Joe Corbett N7NJR, will be discussing and demonstrating amateur television (ATV). You may select people to fill each of the positions from those names that are on the ballot, or you may write in whom ever you feel that will do the best job. Please though, before writing any one in, ...

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Election meeting moved

Club meeting will be held at Utah State University in the Engineering Classroom Building #107 (EC 107) Thursday November 10th, 7:30 PM

Elections for new officers, dues structure, and a demonstration from N7NJR on ATV.

check with them to be sure they are willing to run for the office. Lets not waist a lot of time by writing in people's names, if they are not willing to be elected.

We together, have accomplished some great things as a club this past year, and I thank every one for your support. From changing the bylaws to bring them in line with our current times, to developing a more friendly atmosphere in the club, with our club meetings and nets, and just in general while on the repeater or in town, to a new club repeater system, and to receiving a tax exempt status as a club. Our club meeting attendance has greatly increased over the past year, along with our weekly nets. This is a great reflection of the enthusiasm and desire of those that participate, to be a part of an organization that we can be very proud of. I feel all of this and the many little things that each one of you have done to improve the club has been a great asset to all of us. Thanks my friends. **YOU'RE ALL NEAT!!!**

I want each of you to know that your club officers and board members has worked extremely hard this year for each of you. I hope that is realized by all, because I sure do, and I want to say thanks for the chance I have had to work with such great people as the officers in this club.

I hope to see you all out to Novembers club meeting. It is a very important one.

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No Business

By Terry Zollinger N7PEG, Board Member

Greetings to all. In the past few months it seems there are people using the club equipment for business. The club has voted and agreed that nothing of a business nature is allowed to be conducted on the club's repeaters.

I know that the F.C.C. has relaxed the rules but it is still the decision of the repeater owners about to what will be allowed. In this case the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club Inc, is the owner. Let's watch what we do and say on the club's repeaters in the future.

- 73 N7PEG Terry Zollinger

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Ham Profile Bill Neville

By Bob Wood WA7MXZ



Bill Neville WA7KMF stands proudly by the new 146.72 repeater system he and other club members are building

Photo by Tyler Griffiths N7UWX

Bill Neville WA7KMF, was raised in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He began his ham radio career through the Eagle Rock Amateur Radio Club in Idaho Falls. He received his first license about 1968 and sometime later passed his Conditional (General) ham exam. He later upgraded to the Advanced class license, the class he holds today. He was active in Field Day activities with the club and attended the WIMU Hamfest held at Mack's Inn, Idaho. While in Idaho Falls, he worked at one of the local radio and television stations, KID. He learned many of the workings of the broadcasting business and much of the electronics involved at the studio and transmitter sites.

After graduating high school in 1971, Bill traveled to Logan to attend school at Utah State University majoring in Electrical Engineering. While going to school he worked at KVNU as a disk jockey and later became the chief engineer. Several changes in FCC broadcast rules occurred during his stay at KVNU.

Bill was also active on 2 meter FM from his car. His small dorm room at the East High rise did not have enough room for radios or an antenna. As part of his 2 meter activity, Bill became interested in the 2 way radio business and started a company in Logan called Cache Communications. This business survived for a few years and then Bill opted to start working for Motorola Communications and Electronics in Ogden at the companies' repair shop. After training on Motorola radios and with the development of Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR), Bill and a salesman from Motorola left the company and went to work in Logan for ..

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as it once was. I abandoned radio communications for quite some time, as I was drivin' away by individuals who had no concern for the hobby, only to cause problems for everyone else.

About 5 years ago, I heard about this mode of communication called FM, and was astonished by it, by an individual who I met in the office where I work. He showed me about the phone patch, which I could hardly believe, and showed me about repeater operation. I asked him where I could buy one of those radios! He then informed me I need to pass a technician class amateur radio exam, and told me the name of Dr. Clayton Clark. That day, sparked an interest back in radio that I thought had disappeared forever.

Now, here I am sitting on the computer, typing a letter to the editor **pleading** with those of you who have converted from CB to amateur radio to "please" have respect for this hobby and respect for those who have participated with it for years and years. The reason I use the word respect, is that I, along with many others, are finding that the same problems that drove us away from the "Citizen's Band" are driving us away from 2 meters.

The language, the kerchuncking, using the autopatch with no ID and basically using repeaters and frequencies with no license to use it. I hear licensed amateur radio operators saying things on the air, that I would expect hearing on the Citizen's Band. I'm sorry, but such things should not be acceptable. Let's not make 2 meters an elevated form of CB communication. I think most of you know what I'm saying here.

Amateur Radio is a wonderful hobby, and I hope that all of us respect our privileges. Ya know the old saying, "The only good CB'er is a dead CB'er." Have you ever thought what the answer might be? Well, in my opinion, the answer, as it pertains to amateur radio, is a resounding, "YES!"

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a company called Crescent Communications, a company started by Bud Ozmun from Logan. Bill did engineering, installation, and maintenance of SMR systems all over the continental United States. During that time Bill installed an AM broadcast station in Tremonton, including engineering the antenna design and studios.

Bill is now a vice president for Crescent Communications. During this time Bill was still active in amateur radio, helping to put in repeater systems and developing new mountain top sites for both commercial and amateur radio. Bill travels extensively with his job and he gets a lot of opportunity to communicate with hams across the country. Bill still attends hamfests as his schedule permits to allow him to eyeball QSO his old friends from the Eagle Rock Club and other radio groups around the west. Bill has a custom built ham shack in the basement of his home with computers and ham radio gear all interfaced together. You might here him intermittently on HF and some VHF packet radio. His wife Lana, and Bill have a daughter Katey who is almost 2. Bill also helps care for Lana's teenage daughter Mindy.

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October Club Meeting

Another overflowing crowd was on hand for BARC's October club meeting. President Dean Stevens thanked all those that have donated to the new repeater system. Enough money has been donated to pay for the expenses incurred so far. It is still not too late to contribute to the fund as a few more items are still needed to complete the project. Discussed was upcoming elections in November. The nominating committee is working to get names on the ballot. All those wishing to run or nominate someone for an office were encouraged to contact Cheryl Thurgood N7YUE who is a member of the nominating committee.

Dean then had Brett Butler N7UXA introduce the guest speaker for the evening. Mike Mladejovsky WA7ARK talked about direction finding. Mike works with the Civil Air Patrol which searches for lost planes. He demonstrated several direction finders and discussed a circuit which he has designed for direction finding that many hams have built. He made copies of the schematic available to club members.

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Christmas Party

Thursday December 8, 1994
6:30 PM at the Juniper Inn
Door Prizes & Entertainment
Last day to RSVP is Nov. 29th on the Net