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Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

President's Corner

CQ FIELD DAY, CQ FIELD DAY. THIS IS K7OA!!! Those are the sweet words that many heard and said at the greatest field day yet..

Everyone that attended field day, was a part of the biggest and best field a that we have had in my knowledge. It was full of fun, great food and an opportunity to make some awesome contacts on the HF rigs. Many new hams got on the radios for the first time and had a great experience. Several of our Lady hams, that vowed they would never talk on the radios at field day, bit the bullet and gave it a try. And you know what? They made contacts and even had fun. Way to go girls. We are proud of you.

Thanks to Mike Farr KG7FZ for being the chairman over field day again this year and for all who helped out and made it a great success.. There were many that had a part in pulling this off and if I started naming names, I know that there would be someone missed, so I would like to say thanks to each one of you that helped. A job well done. It is a real pleasure being part of a hobby where everyone is willing to help out and be a part of the excitement. Thanks for the opportunity to be associated with each of you.

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Ham Profile

Tyler Griffiths - N7UWX

by Kevin Reeve, N7RXE

I first met Tyler just after he got his Ham License in 1991. Tyler shared with me his comprehensive frequency list he had compiled over the years he was an scanner buff. Later on Tyler and I became better acquainted on one of the Balloon Launches that sent us a tracking it into the range land near Evanston Wyoming. As I started to write this profile on Tyler, I realized I did not know very much about him. When we get together it is always RACES, packet, or computer stuff. I thought about being sneaky and interview his wife and parents to get the inside scoop, but then I knew Tyler would get even with me some how, so I gave in and phoned him. I learned a lot of things I never knew about him.

Tyler has live in Cache Valley all of his life. He was born in Logan and lived on 4th North, before his parents moved to the Island area when he was very young. Tyler's first radio was an 11 meter CB he got when he was 16. Tyler was an avid CB'er, for many years. Tyler then acquired a scanner and enjoyed monitoring police, fire and other public service frequencies. After he started working for Schreibers Foods, Inc. Tyler met Kahlil Godfrey WA7SHW who introduced him to amateur radio.

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He was fascinated with it and programmed in several of the amateur radio frequencies into his scanner. He made sure that he had his scanner on 146.720 for the Tuesday night BARC net. Once the Codeless Technician license was announced, he got a hold of a book and started studying for the test. He received his license in November of 1991.

Since then, Tyler has been very active in amateur radio. He immediately started playing with packet radio, and turned one of his computers into a BBS. This BBS known to many as "CACHE" handles most of the packet mail and forwarding for the valley. Tyler has spent many hours working on and tweaking his BBS and computer to keep it running 24 hours a day for the amateurs in the valley. This BBS makes it possible so that Hams with packet do not have to leave their radios and packet systems on all the time to receive packet mail and bulletins

Tyler is serving as a BARC board member for the second year in a row (sounds like he is in line to be president real soon). In addition to that, he is the RACES emergency coordinator and works closely with the county to make sure that when an emergency happens, that local RACES members on there and ready to help out with communications. He has put in hundreds of hours, giving demonstrations, and assembling packet stations to be put in cities throughout the valley.

Tyler's hobbies include yard work, computers, and packet radio. At one time cars were on his list of hobbies. He once owned a 66 Mustang, 68 Chevell, and a rare 68 or 69 Dodge GTX

that he still regrets selling.

Tyler met his wife Kathy roller skating at the Logan Roller Rink. Yes he still claims to love roller skating although he doesn't do it as much as he did. He has 4 children, all girls - Tacie, Tana, Tia, and Tawny.

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Presidents Corner Cont. From Pg. 1

Brett Butler, N7UXA, chaired the Little Red Riding Hood bike tour and said that it went well. This is the first time that our club has done this event. In the past the club in Salt Lake has taken care of it, but this year they asked us to help, where we are already up here. We didn't need many people, but those that were there, were plenty busy. Thanks to Brett and all those that helped, even those that were called at the last minutes notice.

Khalil Godfrey, WA7SHW, chaired the Pony Express event again this year, which went very well. It is quite an accomplishment to do this event and still make it to the field day dinner, which many did. Thanks Khalil and those that helped. From what I understand, there were no problems or injuries, which is good.

I just want to wish each of you a great summer and hope that you stay safe in all you do. Club meetings will resume on Sept. 14th. If I Don't see you before then, please be careful and I will see you on the 14th. There will be no newsletter in August.

Have a great summer.

Dean, N7WDY

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Test Sessions:

Every 4th Tuesday - 7pm Granite High Seminary. Novice & no code Tech only. 33rd South 3rd east SLC UT. Contact Eugene McWherter N7OVT 484-6355

Every 3rd Wednesday 7pm UVSC Provo 1395 N. 150 E. Room 155. Register with Steve or Susan Whitehead 465-4983

First Saturday of: Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec; *am Blue Cross Bldg. 2455 Parleys Way SLC. Register with Gordon Smith 582-2438

Usually 1st Wed of: Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov; 7pm Davis County Sheriff's Office 800 State, Farmington Utah. Call Brent Thomas AC&H 292-8110



FIELD DAY

Another year and another field day has gone by, but not without its impact on the people that came to test their skills or to just have fun. Once a year I get to play with my hobby for 24 hours non stop, I'm looking forward to next year. We should all feel a sense of accomplishment when we see all that is done in such a short time and in such a location. My thanks to everybody that helped to make it happen and to everybody that came and participated, it was great. This year was a great one, 536 contacts, propagation was good, the weather was great, wonderful food, what more could we have asked for. It was great to see so many people on the rigs, young kids, new hams, experienced hams, we had it all. I hope that maybe it gave somebody the drive to go farther in this hobby. Every year we have a better turn out than we had the year before, this year was tops. Once again I would like to thank everybody, you all made it happen. 73'S

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