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Ohm Town News

Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

President's Message

DE N7WDY

Those folks who attended our last club meeting were privileged to learn from Brett Butler, N7UXA, all about making solar cells and how to pick quality solar panels. As a result of his vast research and knowledge on this subject, many of us came away with a much greater appreciation for these wonderful little devices. He also discussed different batteries, what they are composed of, and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Thanks for a job well-done, Brett.

The November club meeting on the 9th is one of the most important meetings for the whole year because this is the night we conduct elections for next year's club officers. Enclosed in this issue of your newsletter is a proxy ballot listing those who have committed to run for office. I want to say "thanks" to each of these individuals for caring enough about the club to run for office and for their interest in keeping the momentum developed over the past few years. May I encourage each of you to take a moment to review the names of those who are running for office, and then select those you feel will best represent you and who will do the best job for the club. You can either bring your ballot with you to the club meeting, pick one up there, or, if you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your ballot with someone who is attending this election meeting. Of course, you may mail your ballot to Cheryl Thurgood, N7YUE

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Ham Profile

Wally and Roxanne Gibbons, WB7ASQ and N7NJD
by Neil Holt, N7PEO

Wally Gibbons (WB7ASQ) is a Cache Valley native and has been a licensed ham since 1969. Wally's first call was WN4QYW, "...the world's worst CW call", Wally claims. His first radio was a Heathkit HW16 and he used an inverted "V" dipole as an antenna. Wally has enjoyed the hobby of electronics since he was eight years old and now has made a career of electronics. Wally is a senior



electrical engineer at Space Dynamics Laboratory/Utah State University where he designs and builds electronics for satellites and other applications.

Wally purchased the first repeater that was on 449.80 in the valley. Since that time many changes

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(her address is on the ballot). The important thing is that you vote! If there is an individual or individuals you would like see nominated for any of the offices, there will be nominations accepted from the floor. If you chose to do this, please contact the person or persons you are going to nominate prior to the meeting in order to confirm their interest in running. This will keep us from wasting too much time.

The subject for the next club meeting is "Propagation". Dr. Clayton Clark, AC7O, has agreed to help us understand this vital aspect of amateur radio, and I know this will be a very educational evening for most of us. I hope to see each of you there.

73 for now,
Dean, N7WDY

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	Dan Anderson	KA0EOF	245-5027
	Clair Wyatt	NV7B	752-3823
	Stan Wellard	N7UXC	753-0433

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have been made to all the repeaters in the valley. Wally was one of the hams who had a great deal to do with the original 146.72 repeater on Mount Logan. He contributed his time, expertise and money to get it on the air. He also helped build the new 146.72 system. Wally, along with several others, also put together the 147.20 repeater. The controller used on the 147.20 repeater was designed by Wally.

A little over 15 years ago Wally started repairing radios for Ross' Distributing in Preston. One ham radio manufacturer claimed that they hated to receive radios from Ross' because they knew they would be very difficult to fix. In other words, if Wally can't fix it, it must be bad. Wally is extremely good at building and repairing radios, and I have enjoyed working with him and learning a little bit about radios from him when I could.

Wally is not a conversationalist on the radio. He enjoys restoring, collecting and building radios. Wally is also a collector of antique radios and enjoys restoring both the radio itself and the cabinets. He has quite a collection! He does take the radio with him when he travels and has used it a couple of times to get out of a bind. Once he had put a certain type of oil filter on his Toyota, and while travelling Ogden Canyon, the filter came off and the oil drained out. He was able to get on the radio and get another filter and some oil. Another experience Wally had was when he was travelling between Preston and Logan, and had two tires blow out at the same time. He was able to get on the radio and call Roxanne who arranged for some help.

Roxanne Gibbons (N7NJD) has been a licensed ham for about 5 years and is a Preston, Idaho native. Roxanne is Ross Hansen's daughter. Ross is the

