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# The Ohm Town News

Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DE N7WDY

I have to admit, the two years I served as your club president have gone fast, have been challenging and have been a great deal of fun. I have gotten to know and work with so many of you, and it has been a real pleasure to have this privilege. Thank you so very much for your support and help making our great club what it is today. As I always said, without each of you contributing, we could never be as successful as we are now. I have worked very hard on your behalf and in so-doing, we accomplished many great things together for the betterment of the club and its members both now and in the future.

While there are still some things that need to be completed on the repeater system, I want to say "thanks" for everyone's patience, for your support of the repeater committee and for your financial contributions. This task became much larger than anyone ever thought it would be, and we are still working on it. I look forward to serving on the Board for one more year so I can help to see this awesome project completed.

I would have liked to see more excitement and involvement with our Saturday breakfasts and build-it days, but I know those things take time to

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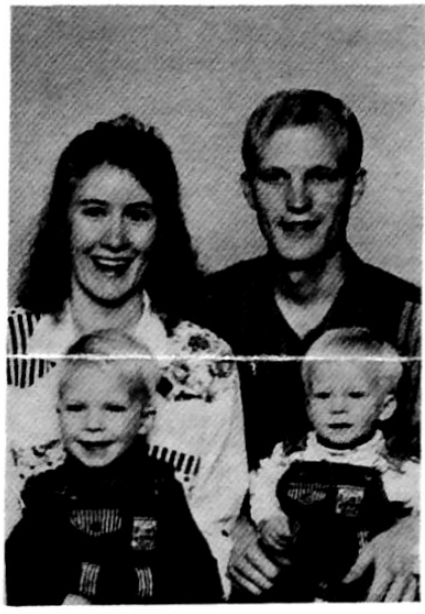
**DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON  
DECEMBER 14th AT JUNIPER INN. WE  
START AT 6:30. JUNIPER  
INN IS AT 4088 NORTH  
MAIN (HIGHWAY 91) IN  
HYDE PARK. BE  
THERE!!!**



## HAM PROFILE

Kevin (N7RXE) and Janet Reeve (KC7GCK)

Kevin Reeve was born in Idaho, lived in Nevada for eleven years, went to school in Manti and then attended Snow College where he met Janet. They were married in June of 1990. Kevin got interested in ham radio in 1987 when he was in Manti through a friend, WB7PRB, and bought the book and code tapes. Unfortunately, school got the best of him and he had to put it aside until 1990. At that time, Dan Baker told him about a ham class being taught by Paul Hansen and Don



Rawlinsong. Kevin got his ticket that year. Janet started the class with him but had to drop out because of pregnancy. She did, however, continue to study.

Kevin's first radio was a Radio Shack 10 meter with a twin lead vertical built from the plans in the *Tune in the World* book. He talked mostly to the mid-west, New Zealand and Japan.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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catch on. I encourage the new leadership to concentrate some effort in these important club-building activities.

Our November club meeting was awesome! Sandwiched between the election process, Dr. Clayton Clark gave an excellent class on propagation. The elections went smoothly and we have some great leaders for 1996. They are as follows:

President:	Clint Jeppsen - KB7ZOZ
Vice President:	Kevin Reeve - N7RXE
Secretary:	Cristi Anderson - KB7RAV
Treasurer:	Dan Anderson - KA0EOF
Board:	Dave Auger - WB7CFT
Board:	Ellis Hancey - KC7CXE
Board:	Dean Stevens - N7WDY

(Note: The past club president automatically fills a position on the board in order to help maintain continuity with club programs and to assist the new club officers with transition.)

Our annual Christmas party is December 14th at 6:30PM at the Juniper Inn Restaurant, 4088 North Main Highway 91, Hyde Park. We have always had a great time at this get-together because of fun programs put on by the Christmas-party committee. They have worked very hard again this year to make the program enjoyable for all. We hope to see you there!

In closing, may I say "thank you so very much" to all the club officers and committee members I have had the pleasure to work with over the past two years. You are great friends and it has been an honor to associate with you. Our ability to communicate with one another and to work together as a team have been cornerstones to our accomplishments. I also want to thank those of you who ran for office for 1996. Believe me I know it takes people like you who are willing to dedicate your precious time so that a club like ours can realize its full potential. I encourage you to continue building on the excitement and

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momentum that has been a hallmark of our club. I am confident that our new officers will maintain our recent developments and will continue to make improvements.

Some of you might wonder..."Well, now that Dean is not president for 1996, will he retire and not be heard from or seen any more?" The answer is NO! I still plan to serve by being on the board and by being involved with as many of you as possible. So no, I am not going to retire. Each of you is what helps make this hobby it fun, and I intend to remain involved.

To all my friends, thanks again for everything. **"YOU'RE NEAT!!!"**

73s

De N7WDY Dean

**HAM PROFILE**

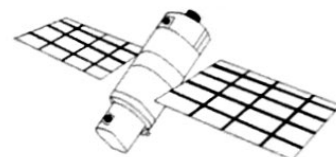
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Kevin now works for USU as a Multi-Media Specialist where he first worked producing videos. He also produced a video on our balloon flights. Kevin's hobbies other than amateur radio are photography and keyboard.

Janet got her license in October 1990. She is a housewife and loves chasing their three boys around all day. The boys are Cameron, 4.5, Nathan, 2.5, and Austin, 2 months. Janet grew up on a dairy farm in Mayfield, Utah which is about 15 miles south of Manti. She has a degree in elementary education.

Kevin has been the BARC newsletter editor, the training coordinator (as he presently still is), and helped quite a bit with the new .72 repeater system.

Kevin's wants us to know that his participation in amateur radio is because of a very supportive wife!



## Peer to Fellow Club Members

Mark A. Hebert, AA1HR

During the discussion of the club dues, I had the opportunity to reflect back to the repeater club I had belonged to prior to my move to Cache Valley. One thing that is consistent between the two clubs is that any discussion of raising dues is a hotly contested issue.

The club I belong to prior to my move had annual dues of \$25 for a single membership and \$40 for a family membership. This covered general use of the repeater. If you used that phone patch you were expected to pay an additional \$5 to \$10 per quarter plus phone charges since most members lived outside the local dial area for the repeaters phone patch.

When I met Dean, N7WDY, for the first time and he told me the dues for the B.A.R.C. were only going to cost me \$10 for single membership and an additional \$3 for each family member, I thought I had heard wrong. He then explained that all of the members had been asked to donate to the new equipment fund. I was glad to donate. For you see, I believe strongly in supporting the club or the repeater that I use on a regular basis. For if we do not support our club, who will?

I think that the officers of the club have come up with a very cost-effective means of continued support for the repeater in that you only pay for the portion of the repeater you intend to use. If all you intend to use is the local repeater, then you pay the minimum dues. If you plan on using the link capabilities, then the club is asking for an increase in dues from those members.

The officers of the B.A.R.C. in choosing this method of collecting annual dues from the membership have taken a big step towards the continued success of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club.

DECEMBER IS DUES MONTH...avoid the rush,  
Pay Early!



## Local Hams Assist with Annual LO-TO-JA Race

The annual LO-TO-JA (Logan to Jackson) bicycle race was held on September 23rd this year. There were 24 local ham operators who provided volunteer assistance to provide communications for this event. The hams arrived at Sunrise Cyclery in Logan at 5:45AM to pick up spare tires for the bikers and to get positioned for the start of the race. At 6:30AM a roll call was started. There was even an up-to-date weather report for the course to Jackson. The race started at about 6:45AM and from that point onward, the hams and repeaters were extremely busy. Considering the fact that there were a few crashes, split helmets,



some headaches, bruised ribs, road rash and two bikers with a trip to the hospital, everything went quite smooth!

Net control was positioned in Jackson Hole transmitting on the 146.800 repeater which was linked to the Star Valley 146.610 repeater to cover both sides of Tin Cup Pass. Thanks to Bart Cassity - N7VGS - for making this link possible, to Jim Stohel - AE7T - for the use of the .80 repeater, and to Jim Stone - WB7CQS - for the use of the .91 machine. As the race got within range of the Jackson repeater, everyone switched over to the .91 repeater. The first rider crossed the finish line in just 8 hours and 47 minutes. There were over 180 riders who started the race; over 130 finished, the last one crossing the line in

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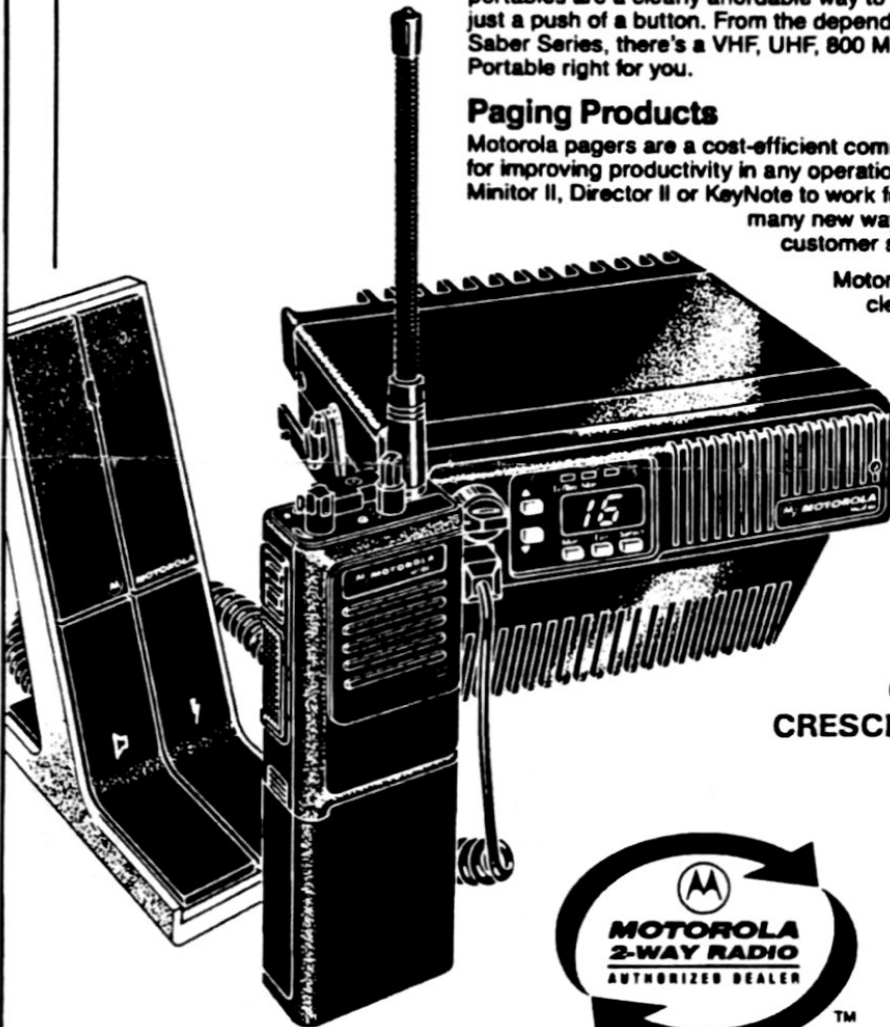
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**B-TO-JA BIKE RACE**

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just over 13 hours.

I would like to say "thanks" to everyone who assisted in this sizeable effort but especially for taking on additional jobs during the race. These "extra efforts" helped make the race



successful. It was very gratifying to see everyone working together as a team. The comments we got from riders and race officials alike were "...the race wouldn't have been a success without ham-radio support". They also said we were "...very professional and well-organized, and obviously knew what we were doing." Congratulations to everyone on a job well-done!

de Tammy - N7YTO



**Guglielmo Marconi. 1874-1937**

Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of the radio, was born in Bologna, Italy in 1874. His family was quite well-to-do, and he was educated by private tutors. In 1894, when he was just twenty years old, Marconi read of the experiments that Heinrich Hertz (as in megaHertz or kiloHertz) had performed a few years earlier. Those experiments had clearly demonstrated the existence of invisible electromagnetic waves that move through the air at the speed of light.

Marconi was immediately intrigued, and

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**Our Condolences to the Ricks Family**

On Monday, November 27th, Todd Ricks (KC7CVH) became a silent key after a lengthy illness. He passed away peacefully at his home in Lewiston, Utah. Todd was only 22 and left a wife and two children. On behalf of the entire Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club, we extend our sincere condolences to Todd's wife Lisa (KB7HGU), his father Nate (AB7GO), his mother Elaine (KC7BDS), his brother Shonn (KC7GCG) and all other family members. A viewing was held on Wednesday the 29th and the funeral was held in the Lewiston LDS church on Thursday the 30th. A flower arrangement was taken to his home from all of us in the club. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this trying time.



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