

The Ohm Town News

Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

The President's Corner

By the time this letter comes out in the newsletter, the 1996 holiday season should be well on its way as will 1996.

For many this has been a very productive year. Nate (AB7GO) along with others, has started a new career in farming, an antenna farm.

As I listened on the air I heard a lot of talk this year about many of you putting up new antennas, buying new equipment and generally upgrading your systems. I even got my antenna that was pointing off to the Jones' straightened up.

Here in Providence, next to the mountains, I seem to have a difficult time getting into the .72 repeater. So it didn't make much change to straighten the antenna. I find that if I point my antenna toward the Wellsville mountains, I get into the .72 alright. But my vertical gets the .06 better. So it goes.

The repeater committee has us in pretty good shape for winter.

The new club officers are in place, congratulations to them all, and biting at the bit to get going.

The club bought a new tent which will be a real asset for Field Day. All in all, the club is in pretty good shape to start the new year.

I need to extend my apologies to the club for not being as active as a president should be, but I had some personal problems over the past year that consumed more of my time than I had anticipated.

I have enjoyed the club and anticipate

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Ham Profile

Jody Reese, KC7CVI

Jody Reese, KC7CVI, has used his ham radio privileges many times and in many different ways. He's helped with the Cruise-in, LaToJa, and many other races. He's called 911 for emergency help for someone in need. He's called home from camp in the canyons. He's visited other hams while waiting "on call" for work. But one of the more interesting calls he



ever had came to him in Logan from the top of a canyon in Star Valley, Wyoming.

It was nearly dark when his friend called to ask for help. The friend had a full load of firewood and then found himself stuck and unable to get going. Jody called the man's family in Wyoming and they were able to help.

Jody was born in Logan but was raised in Iowa City, Iowa. In 1974 he came back to

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getting more involved this coming year.

I wish you all well, and thanks for your support to both me and the club. I am sure you all realize we have an outstanding club and I appreciate my involvement with you all.

Thanks again and good luck in the new year.

73, KB7ZOZ, Clint

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Utah on vacation; he's been here ever since (except for a brief time in Wyoming).

In 1975 Jody married Billie Edwards. They are now the proud parents of 5 children; two boys and 3 girls ranging from 9 to 18.

Jody is a registered nurse. He currently works as an operating room nurse at The Western Surgery Center. He prepares the operating room and the patient, and then observes and helps throughout the surgery. He has been there since last March. For two years before that, he worked in the Brigham City Hospital. He also worked as a staff RN at the Star Valley Hospital in Wyoming, and at the Logan Regional Hospital.

In Star Valley, Jody was required to use a radio to keep in contact with his work at the hospital. He found he liked radio communications. He did a lot of driving and enjoyed using the radio to communicate from wherever he was. One of the other nurses at work, who was a ham, helped Jody get a book to study. Jody took the test and received his amateur radio license in 1994. That was back when it took nearly three months for the license to come!

Jody is very involved with ham radio here in the valley. He is currently the Cache Valley Coordinator for MARA (Mercury

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Amateur Radio Association), and is the coordinator of Emergency Communications for BARC. There are several groups in the valley that provide emergency communications. Some of these are RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service), MARA, ERRS (an LDS church system), and BARC of course, whose members help the Sheriff's Office with emergency communication. Recently the Cache Valley Emergency Amateur Radio Net (CVEARN) was set up to coordinate these different groups and allow them to work together. This is the group that runs the Sunday night net on the 146.720 MHz repeater station. Jody is coordinating this group too!


Jody has another interesting hobby. He is very involved with and spends a lot of time with the Mountain Man group here in the valley. He helps with the Cache Valley Rendezvous and the Festival of the American West. He also gives Mountain-man demonstrations and presentations for schools, scouts and other groups.

1997 BARC OFFICERS

President	Dave Fullmer	N7RRZ	753-2685
Vice Pres.	Farrell Garr	KC7CWX	753-4332
Secretary	Tammy Stevens	N7YTO	753-2644
Treasurer	Travis Roberts	KC7HHK	
Board	Don Rawlinson	WA7VNQ	752-1269
Board	Boyd Humphries	W7MOY	752-4868
Board	Kevin Reeve	N7RXE	753-1645

1997 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Repeater	Bill Neville	WA7KMF	753-4352
	Bob Wood	WA7MXZ	753-2119
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	Neil Holt	N7PEO	563-3643
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Training	Kevin Reeve	N7RXE	753-1645
VE Tests	Paul Hansen	WO7N	753-4843
Club Station Equipment	Terry Zollinger	N7PEG	797-3928
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	Clair Wyatt	NV7B	752-3823
	Stan Wellard	N7UXC	753-0433
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and place in one of those clear plastic page-protector thingys to keep as a reference!! You may need it.

★★★New Club Officers★★★

At the November Club meeting, we held an election for officers to run the BARC for 1997. The results are as follows:

President:	N7RRZ, Dave Fullmer
Vice President:	KC7CWX, Farrell Garr
Secretary:	N7YTO, Tammy Stevens
Treasurer:	KC7HHK, Travis Roberts
Board Members:	WA7VNQ, Don Rawlinson W7MOY, Boyd Humphries

Our congratulations, our welcome, and our thanks are extended to each of these fine people!

LOTOJA, Revisited

(You may recall we did a "piece" on the LOTOJA Bike Race two months ago; our Prez, Clint KB7ZOZ, received the letter of thanx that follows. The author of the letter, Samuel W. Reynolds, is a big shot in Human Powered Productions who organized the race. I think we can fairly say we upheld one major charter of Ham radio....service.)

Dear Clint,

This year's Cache Valley Classic was a great success with over 80 racers. The event was especially exciting due to the added attraction of the annual Sidewalk Festival. Spectatorship was at an all-time high and press coverage of the event was unbeatable. In fact, the Race made the front page of the *Herald Journal* front section and the sports section, as well as the front of the *Herald Journal Midweek*. Bicycle racing in Cache Valley has reached a new level with races such as the Cache Valley Classic, Little Mountain Road Race, Mud Flat Massacre (MTB) and

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LOTOJA, among others. Exposure such as this lends credibility to our sport and encourages people to look at cycling as a mainstream sport (which it is, of course).

(He then lists some of the results, which I deleted; sorry if any BARC Hams, loved-ones, relatives, or neighbors were on the list - Ed)

Sponsors like **The Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club** make these events possible. Quality sponsors increase the level of professionalism and help attract the best possible competitors. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank **The Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club** for supporting cycling and bicycle racing in the greater Cache Valley area. Let's work together to make next year's event even better!!

Sincerely,

(signed)

Samuel W. Reynolds

P.S.

Please pass along my thanks to all the volunteers who helped during the Cache Valley Classic. You guys and gals are great!!

Letter to Editor

(This letter also refers to the LOTOJA race article from October's *Ohm Town News* telling about a speeding ticket one of our volunteers got in Alpine, Wyo. during the return trip. We always welcome letters to the Editor and appreciate the time taken to give feedback!)

Dear Editor,

After having done sweep for two years in the LOTOJA race, it is not your fault you got the ticket in Alpine, Wyoming. After doing 20mph for 200 miles, the vehicle acts as if it is a barn-sour horse with a mind of it's own.

Trust me, I've done it! When you say "whoa", it wants to go!!

73, KC7CXN, Alan