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BRIDGERLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Farrell Garr, KC7CWX



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY RADIO AMATEUR OPERATORS ARE CALLED HAMS? THE WORD "HAM" WAS APPLIED IN 1908 AND WERE THE CALL LETTERS OF ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HARVARD RADIO CLUB. THE MEMBERS WERE ALBERT HYMEN, BOB ALMY, AND PEGGIE MURRAY.

AT FIRST THEY CALLED THEIR STATION HYMEN-ALMY-MURRAY. TAPPING OUT SUCH A LONG NAME IN CODE SOON CALLED FOR A REVISION SO THEY CHANGED IT TO HY-AL-MU USING THE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF EACH NAME. EARLY IN 1909 SOME CONFUSION RESULTED BETWEEN SIGNALS FROM HYALMU AND A MEXICAN SHIP NAMED MYALMO, SO THEY DECIDED TO USE ONLY THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH NAME AND IDENTIFIED THEIR STATION AS HAM.

IN THE EARLY PIONEER AND UNREGULATED DAYS OF RADIO, AMATEUR OPERATORS PICKED THEIR OWN FREQUENCIES AND CALL LETTERS. THEN, AS NOW, SOME AMATEURS HAD BETTER SIGNALS THAN SOME COMMERCIAL STATIONS. THE RESULTING INTERFERENCE FINALLY CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THEY GAVE MUCH THOUGHT TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO CRITICALLY LIMIT AMATEUR ACTIVITY. IN 1911, ALBERT HYMAN CHOSE THE CONTROVERSIAL WIRELESS REGULATIONS BILL AS THE TOPIC OF HIS THESIS AT HARVARD. HIS INSTRUCTOR INSISTED THAT A COPY BE SENT TO SENATOR DAVID WALSH, A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. HYMAN WAS PUT ON THE STAND AND DESCRIBED HOW THE LITTLE AMATEUR STATION, HAM, WAS BUILT, AND ALMOST CRIED WHEN HE TOLD THE CROWDED COMMITTEE ROOM THAT IF THE BILL WENT THROUGH, THEY WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN THE STATION BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT AFFORD THE LICENSE FEES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHICH WERE SET UP IN THE BILL.

THE DEBATE STARTED AND THE LITTLE STATION HAM BECAME A SYMBOL OF ALL THE LITTLE AMATEUR STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY THAT WERE CRYING OUT TO

BE SAVED FROM THE MENACE AND GREED OF THE BIG COMMERCIAL STATIONS WHO DID NOT WANT THEM AROUND. FINALLY THE BILL GOT TO THE FLOOR OF CONGRESS AND EVERY SPEAKER TALKED ABOUT THE POOR LITTLE STATION HAM. THAT'S HOW IT ALL GOT STARTED. YOU CAN FIND THE WHOLE STORY IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE OLDER HAM'S HAVE PROBABLY HEARD THIS STORY BEFORE. BUT I THOUGHT IT WORTH REPEATING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO HAVEN'T HEARD IT OR WHO ARE NEW TO THE HAM COMMUNITY.

I WISH EACH ONE OF YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, "KEEP YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS AND YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND." Ω

## HAM PROFILE

By Boyd Humphreys, W7MOY

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T YET HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING RUSSELL TARBET, OUR NEW B.A.R.C. BOARD MEMBER FOR 1998, I THOUGHT I WOULD PRESENT A FEW "VITAL STATISTICS" (AT LEAST SOME THAT WE COULD GET AWAY WITH).



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**HAM PROFILE continued...**

RUSS WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SMITHFIELD, UTAH IN THE SAME HOME THAT THE FAMILY OCCUPIES PRESENTLY. HE ASSISTED IN EXPANDING THE CITY POPULATION AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS BY BUILDING FOUR RENTAL HOMES. WITH HIS FATHER BEING A DAIRY FARMER, RUSS SOON LEARNED HOW TO GET THE UDDER-MOST FROM A COW.

HIS STINT IN THE AIR FORCE TOOK HIM TO COLORADO, NEW JERSEY, GEORGIA, TEXAS, AND OVERSEAS TO THE CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER DURING WW2. HE MUST HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE INDIAN AREA AS HE AND HIS WIFE LANAE WERE CALLED TO SERVE AN LDS MISSION THERE IN 94-95. AFTER RETURNING FROM THE SERVICE HE STARTED WORK IN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WITH VARIED EXPERIENCE WITH ALL SORTS OF EQUIPMENT, EVENTUALLY RISING TO THE POSITION OF PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT. THIS WORK TOOK HIM TO IDAHO, NEVADA, AND OREGON AS WELL AS HERE IN UTAH. IN 1976 HE PURCHASED A MACHINE SHOP IN SMITHFIELD WHICH HE OPERATED FOR THE FOLLOWING 15 YEARS.

EARLY ON IN THIS FLURRY OF ACTIVITY HE BECAME AWARE OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, ALSO BORN AND RAISED IN SMITHFIELD, BY THE NAME OF LANAE. THEY DECIDED TO BUILD BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, AND MAKE THINGS WORK TOGETHER. THEIR FAMILY INCLUDES A

SON, BRUCE, WHO LIVES IN SMITHFIELD, TWO DAUGHTERS, CHERYL AND KAYLENE, WHO LIVE IN NORTH SALT LAKE CITY. ALSO OCCASIONALLY SUPERVISING THINGS AT THE FAMILY ABODE ARE FOUR GRANDCHILDREN.

RUSS INDICATED HE WAS 65 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE HE SAW THE LIGHT AND EARNED HIS NOVICE TICKET WITH CALL SIGN KB7LQA, THEN HIS TECHNICIAN AND GENERAL WITH CALL SIGN N7QAE, THEN ON TO HIS ADVANCED LICENSE WITH HIS CURRENT CALL SIGN OF KJ7UP. HE INDICATED THAT VARIOUS OTHER ACTIVITIES DIVERTED HIS ATTENTION YEARS EARLIER SUCH AS LEARNING TO FLY, ACQUIRING AN ETERNAL PARTNER, LANAE, RAISING A FAMILY, RAISING QUARTER HORSES, KEEPING THE WOLF FROM THE DOOR, ETC.

HE AND LANAE HAVE HAD A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE SERVING IN MANY WARD, STAKE, REGION, AND FOREIGN CALLINGS IN THE LDS CHURCH. LANAE LOVES HANDIWORK AS ANY VISITOR TO THEIR LOVELY HOME WILL ATTEST. SHE HAS ALSO BECOME INVOLVED IN FAMILY HISTORY, WORKED ON THE FESTIVAL OF TREES, AND WORKED FOR SMITHFIELD CITY FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS. SHE WAS POINTEDLY ASKED WHAT HER FIRST IMPRESSION WAS WHEN RUSS SUDDENLY GOT INTERESTED IN HAM RADIO. SHE SAID THAT IT WAS FUN. THEY PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL BUNNY HUNTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. THAT'S A KEY INGREDIENT. THE HOBBY IS FUN AS WELL IT SHOULD BE. SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TOGETHER IS ALWAYS WORTHWHILE (THERE PROBABLY IS NO FOOL-PROOF SCHEME TO INDUCE THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES TO GET LICENSED AND JOIN THE MAD BUNCH).

RUSS IS ACTIVE ON 2 METERS. HE HAS A BUTTERNUT VERTICAL AND AN HF RIG WHICH WILL START TO LIGHT UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD SHORTLY. HE ALSO SERVES PRESENTLY AS HIS WARD'S COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST.

WE WELCOME RUSS TO THE BOARD AND INVITE ALL OF YOU TO STOP AND SHAKE HANDS. AFTER ALL, OM ALSO MEANS HOWDY FRIEND IN HINDI. Ω



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**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

*By Beanie Lofthouse, KJ7LQ*



REMEMBER TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY B.A.R.C. MEETING IF YOU CAN. IMPORTANT INFORMATION WILL BE DISCUSSED. THE MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1930 (7:30 PM) AT THE HYDE PARK CITY OFFICES BASEMENT.

THE MONTHLY B.A.R.C. BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND ARE HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1900 (7:00 PM). THE LOCATION OF THESE MEETINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1998. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES FOR 1998, PLEASE DO SO RIGHT NOW. THERE IS AN APPLICATION INSERT INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, THERE IS ANOTHER APPLICATION INCLUDED FOR A FRIEND. *Ω*

**DECEMBER 1997 MEETING REPORT**

*By Tammy Stevens, N7YTO, Immediate Past Secretary*

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS HELD AT JUNIPER INN AGAIN THIS YEAR. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AS USUAL WITH LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES AND SOME INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT. WHILE EVERYONE FINISHED UP THEIR DINNER, A MAGICIAN PERFORMED TRICKS AND VARIOUS ACTS. HE TRIED TO AMPUTATE ONE OF OUR FELLOW HAM'S FINGER, BUT AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, OR "FATE", WHICH EVER WAY YOU WANT TO LOOK AT IT, HE STILL HAS HIS FINGER. THE LOOK OF SERIOUS CONCERN ON HIS FACE WAS WORTH IT FOR US IN THE AUDIENCE.

TWO ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON DURING THE EVENING:

ITEM 1: TRAVIS ROBERTS, THE CLUB TREASURER EXPLAINED THAT WITH THE RISING COST OF PRINTING AND POSTAGE, IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CLUB TO RAISE THE ANNUAL DUES FROM \$10.00 PER YEAR TO \$15.00, LEAVING ALL ADDITIONAL MEMBERS IN THE FAMILY AT \$3.00 AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS. THE PROXY BALLOTS RECEIVED WERE COUNTED IN THE VOTE.

ITEM 2: TRAVIS ALSO BRIEFED US ON THE PROMONTORY REPEATER. HE SAID THAT THE REPEATER COMMITTEE HAD ENCOUNTERED MORE

EXPENSES GETTING THE REPEATER UP ON THE MOUNTAIN THAN THEY EXPECTED AND THAT AN APPROVAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF \$400.00 MORE THAN WHAT WAS ALLOWED IN THE BUDGET FOR 1997 WAS NEEDED. HE STATED THAT THE CLUB HAD THE MONEY, IT JUST WAS NOT APPROVED FOR THE BUDGET. A VOTE WAS TAKEN TO APPROVE THE EXTRA EXPENSES OF THE PROMONTORY REPEATER INSTALLATION. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SEVERAL VOTES AGAINST AND SOME ABSTENTIONS THE MAJORITY APPROVED THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE. THE PROXY BALLOTS RECEIVED WERE COUNTED IN THE VOTE ALSO.

FARRELL GARR, KC7CWX, OUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT, REMINDED EVERY ONE OF THE JANUARY 98 CLUB MEETING AND THAT WE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE CLOSING OF THE AUTO-PATCH SYSTEM, AND THE 1998 BUDGET. HE ENCOURAGED ALL TO ATTEND. HE ALSO REMINDED US OF THE CLUB BREAKFAST THAT WAS TO BE HELD SATURDAY THE 13TH OF JANUARY AT JJ NORTH'S.

ON BEHALF OF THE CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN COMING OUT THE DINNER. IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS WITHOUT YOU. THANKS SO MUCH. WE ARE LOOKING AT GOING TO THE COPPER MILL FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IN 1998. IF YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE THIS IDEA, PLEASE LET EITHER ME OR A MEMBER OF THE BOARD KNOW.

MAY EACH OF YOU HAVE A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, AND MOST OF ALL, KEEP HAMMING IT UP! Q

### *For Your Information*

- 01 Jan 1863: President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.
- 03 Jan 1959: Alaska became the 49<sup>th</sup> State.
- 04 Jan 1896: Utah granted statehood.
- 08 Jan 1821: Gen James Longstreet, born.
- 08 Jan 1983: Highest wind gust recorded in Utah at Hidden Peak of 120 mph.
- 09 Jan 1851: Salt Lake City incorporated.
- 09 Jan 1913: President Richard Nixon born.
- 13 Jan 1929: Wyatt Earp died in Tombstone, Arizona.
- 17 Jan 1706: Benjamin Franklin born.
- 19 Jan 1807: Gen Robert E. Lee born.
- 23 Jan 1971: Coldest temperature in the United States occurred at Prospect Creek, Alaska of -80 degrees!
- 28 Jan 1825: Gen George Pickett born.
- 28 Jan 1986: Space Shuttle Challenger blew up on take off.
- 30 Jan 1968: NVC launch Tet Offensive.

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

*By Dave Fornefeld, KC7UYJ*

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH OF THE 1997 B.A.R.C. OFFICERS, B.A.R.C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND THE CACHE VALLEY EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO COMMITTEE. YOUR DEDICATION TO THE HOBBY AND WILLINGNESS TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME AND TALENTS HAS BEEN A GREAT ASSET TO THE CLUB AND CACHE VALLEY AS WELL. I KNOW THAT COPIOUS TIME IS PUT IN ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP THAT IS NEVER KNOWN. PLEASE KNOW THAT I, AND WE, THE CLUB, DO APPRECIATE IT.

ALSO, THANKS TO ALL OF THE CANDIDATES WHO WERE WILLING TO GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS FOR CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1998.

NOW, ON A BUSINESS NOTE, I NEED TO HAVE ALL ARTICLES THAT ARE TO BE IN A PARTICULAR NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO LATER THAN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH. A NEWSLETTER IS NOT NORMALLY PUT TOGETHER QUICKLY. I NEED TIME TO "ASSEMBLE" THINGS AND TO GET THE FINAL PRODUCT TO THE PRINTER. I APPRECIATE YOUR ARTICLES AND INPUT. Q



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#### AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE?

I WAS DISTURBED TO NOTICE THAT IN THE DECEMBER 97 OHM TOWN NEWS, THE REPEATER COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING CLOSING THE AUTOPATCH TO ALL BUT THE ELITE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR REPEATER FEES. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, PART OF THE DEAL WITH THE AMATEURS GETTING THEIR REPEATER ON THE TOWER WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES WAS THAT THE REPEATER BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. THIS BEING THE CASE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT RESTRICTING THE USE OF THE AUTOPATCH TO ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE PAID A FEE DEFEATS THE PURPOSE IN THAT IT IS JUST AS LIKELY THAT AN OPERATOR WHO HAS NOT PAID FEES WILL COME ON AN ACCIDENT OR EMERGENCY SITUATION AND BE UNABLE TO USE THE AUTOPATCH, OR THEY MAY NOT KNOW HOW BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PRACTICE IN A NON-EMERGENCY SITUATION. WE SHOULD HAVE QUITE A FEW OPERATORS IN THIS BOAT COME MARCH IF TRAVIS DOES A GOOD JOB IN HIS CLASS. HITTING PEOPLE WITH A FEE THAT MUST BE PAID BEFORE THEY CAN USE THE FACILITIES CAN MAKE THEM LOOSE INTEREST IN THE HOBBY VERY QUICKLY. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION IN THE CLUB ABOUT ACHIEVING BALANCE IN OUR LIVES. IN THE PROCESS OF BALANCING LIFE'S PRIORITIES, REPEATER FEES OFTEN FALL BY THE WAYSIDE.

YES, THE REPEATER FUND NEEDS FUNDING AND WE SHOULD ALL HELP IF WE CAN. YES, THE COMMITTEE CAN CLOSE THE AUTOPATCH TO ALL BUT THOSE OPERATORS WHO HAVE PAID FEES IF THEY SO CHOOSE, BUT WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE DOES THAT SEND TO THE NEW OPERATORS COMING IN TO THE HOBBY AND WHO MAY BE FINDING OUT THAT IT COSTS MORE THAN THEY CAN AFFORD? DOES THAT CHOICE REALLY FOLLOW WITH THE AGREEMENT THAT GOT THE 72 ON MOUNT LOGAN IN THE FIRST PLACE?

LET'S LET THE 72 REPEATER DO WHAT IT WAS INTENDED TO DO; SERVE THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY IN AN EMERGENCY.

NEIL DABB, KC7GCL

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

B.A.R.C. MONTHLY CLUB MEETING 08 JANUARY 1998 AT 1930 (7:30 PM) AT THE HYDE PARK CITY OFFICES.

B.A.R.C. MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING EACH 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY AT 1900 (7:00 PM), LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

### FOR SALE OR TRADE & ITEMS WANTED

FOR SALE: KENWOOD TH79A DUAL BAND WITH 5 WATT BATTERY. PURCHASED IN AUGUST, HARDLY USED. GREAT CONDITION. \$350.00 OR OFFER. GREG FABRICIUS, KC7J00 563-0746.

### LOCAL NET SCHEDULES & CLUB MEETINGS

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| SUN:  | 9:00PM | CACHE VALLEY EARN  | 146.72 |
| TUE:  | 8:00PM | SL VALLEY SWAP NET | 146.94 |
|   | 8:00PM | VHF SWAP NET       | 146.94 |
|   | 9:00PM | B.A.R.C. NET       | 146.72 |
| B.A.R.C. MEETING AT HYDE PARK CITY OFFICE BUILDING BASEMENT ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30PM. |        |                    |        |

