



THE OHM TOWN NEWS

Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

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The President's Message

by Farrell Garr, KC7CWX

I'm sorry I missed the last Club meeting at the park. I would very much like to have attended, but I had a marvelous time with my wife on our 28th wedding anniversary/vacation to Hawaii.

From the discussions I've had over the last few weeks with club members and the Board it was quite a meeting which generated some genuine concerns and a lot of interest. That is good, and I am pleased that we as members of the club are interested in what goes on with our club. We have an excellent club and need to keep it that way.

Our discussions at Board meeting were very beneficial. I really felt good about the counter proposals that were made and discussed. There is always a workable solution to everything if we can communicate and talk things out. And that is exactly what happened. This is good. We are your elected officers and work with the clubs best interest at heart. But we don't have all the answers and may not always think things through as thoroughly as we should. And that is what makes you as club members so important. If you have concerns that deal with club issues or have any ideas on how the club could be run better, we need your input.

Now, because the vote was tabled on the issues proposed until next Club meeting until further discussion could be accomplished we will vote on those issues proposed at the next club meeting. So come prepared to discuss any concerns you may still have and vote on the proposals presented. Now that LOTOJA is over for this year, we still have some very interesting activities still to come. I would encourage your participation in as many of them as you can. We have had a very successful and exciting year of activities so far. So let's keep them going!

Again, let me say, we have an excellent club. I've heard it a lot this year as I have talked with other clubs and organizations and within our own ranks. And I believe them. We have some of the best people to be around and learn Ham Radio from that I know of. I believe in us (our club). So let's keep it going!

In closing, I'd like to thank all of you again for being such good club members. I feel it a pleasure to have served you for

this year. And remember, "Reach for the stars, but keep your feet on the ground".

73's and MAHALO, Farrell Garr KC7CWX, President

Ham Profile

by Boyd Humpherys, W7MOY



Robert KD7BHB and Ann Humpherys

At the potential risk of being charged with some manner of nepotism, we threw caution to the wind and felt one of clan who succumbed to the noble art of Ham Radio ought to be introduced. He is #2 son, a twin no less, Robert Humpherys, KD7BHB who has held a Tech plus license for several months and is thoroughly involved in the endeavor. He along with a few others of the tribe was born in the erstwhile sleepy community of Salt Lake City back when there wasn't even one block of freeway down there to complain about. He resided in SLC for 5 years, then to the adjoining community of Bountiful for another 5, and then migrated to the current family residence in River Heights where he and seven siblings attended grade school and ultimately graduated from South Cache, Sky View, and Mountain Crest.

He and twin brother Richard accepted mission calls to the North Carolina- Virginia, and Pennsylvania areas respectively, in 70-72. He fought the battle at USU for a couple of years, met his future spouse at his brothers reception of all places, and wound up marrying the brides sister Ann Seamons, who hailed from Benson.

He is currently Bindery Technician with the Publication, Design, & Production Dept. at USU, and claims 26 years of brown bagging there. The family calls Smithfield home, at least that's where the teenagers hang out. He is an avid scouter, having been a Scout Master and in several other tail wagging positions with the youth in past years. Asked what impression the good frau had when he decided to get involved in Amateur Radio, she responded with the with the typical classic. "So your dad will help finance some radio gear, eh, Go for it." Lightning has struck twice now in similar fashion, six more kids to go. Filing chapter 11 may be next.

His Spouse Ann, a USU graduate, has been serving as a volunteer at the Logan Hospital for a spell and enjoys serving others. She is involved in a multitude of crafts and fills the table with lots of appetizing goodies for the growing tribe. They have three girls, and one son, one of which, Camille, has graduated from USU, another, Darin, working on it, still another, Michelle recently married, and the youngest, KellyAnn is a Junior in school and has been on the camp staff at Camp Bartlett the last three years, brews up a mean batch of Mulligan stew we understand.

Robert has in his collection an HT with all sorts of antennas, mobile and portable. Involved in the Northern ERRS region nets and other activities, and looks forward to getting involved in various club fun things. He, Ann and others they can lure into the car, enjoy camping and canoeing. He also is involved in model rocketry and such nefarious activities as rousing his elders from the arms of Morpheus at about 4 am on the 4th and 24th of July with loud detonations of M-80 type ordnance. Such respect for maturity. It appears Robert may also be operating some form of offshore environmental antenna testing facilities. Regardless of what type of antenna you may have, he will scientifically put it through its structural paces and you will know shortly at what point the whole thing turns into nuts, bolts, and small pieces. Certification and Documentation come at no extra charge. From the Smithfield area, we assume he is still air worthy.

Welcome to the fraternity Robert, now get working on an update.

The Secretary's Corner

by Beanie Lofthouse, KJ7LQ

Our social at the Merlin Olsen Park the 10th was a great success, lots of friends and good food. It was even mentioned by someone that there so many good cooks in the club that we should compile our own cookbook!

After we had enjoyed the meal, the meeting was called to order. The main topic was voting on the items mentioned in your September newsletters. After much discussion, there was a motion made that we would postpone our vote until the Board of Directors and the Repeater Committee could get together and discuss further the item of electing the Repeater Committee Chairman. That motion was seconded and carried, so nothing further was done in the way of the vote. Voting WILL be on the agenda for the October meeting, so please be there to let your voice be heard.

Mark, AA1HR brought us up to date on JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) which will be held October 17, at the Cache

County Fair Grounds. Look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

We will be doing some fun things towards the end of this month, the 26th is scheduled for a balloon launch at the Cornish Park. (**NOTICE:** For those who get this before the 26th, the launch has been postponed until October 10. *Editor.*) We have done these in the past and are lots of fun. A good time to bring the family and get involved. Which reminds me, most of the club activities are family affairs!

See ya at the Balloon Launch and/or the October club meeting!

JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)

As most of you may have heard by now, October 17th is the big day. Our club, under the direction of Mark Hebert AA1HR, will be participating. The activity is to be held at the Cache County Fair Grounds, thanks to the effort of Lem Earl KC7VLV and Mark. They were able to get the fair ground facility at no cost to the club. Thank you also goes to the Logan Parks and Recreation Department for this contribution.

This is a world wide activity of the Boy Scouts of America, in conjunction with the Hams worldwide. It is the only day in the year when Great Britain allows third party traffic, to allow the scouts to talk to each other. Should be great fun. Please keep you ear to the airways for more details, or call Mark at 787-4641 if you would like to participate.

LOST!!! (OR MISPLACED)

The club is attempting to establish an inventory of radio gear and other related radio and antenna equipment which belongs to the club. If you have in your possession ANYTHING that belongs to the club, would you please contact Farrell Garr KC7CWX at 753-4332. You may also give him your list at the meeting on October 8.

WEB SITE

Have you visited the BARC web site yet? If you have internet access, you may want to surf over to <http://barc.everton.com> and check it out. Some neat stuff and links there. *Editor*

From the Board - Proposals

Dear Club Member,

As your Officers and Board of Directors we have really enjoyed this year in serving you and trying to make our Club grow both in unity and enjoyment. After our last Board meeting we wish to re-submit to you the following proposals. Please note that it was decided by the board to remove the proposal in regard to the repeater chairman.

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BYLAWS (As proposed October 1998)
BRIDGERLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

Article I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Article II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to unite radio amateurs in fellowship, to aid those not licensed in learning code and theory, and to provide service to the community, especially in times of emergency.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All persons having bonafide interest in amateur radio, whether licensed or not, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Applications for membership shall be submitted to a club Officer. A member charged with conduct unbecoming a member of this Club may be expelled by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members if the Board of Directors (Board) has found the charges are sustained by its investigations. An expelled member may not reapply for membership unless approved by the Board.

Section 3. A member shall be defined as one who has submitted an application for membership and paid the appropriate dues.

Article IV - OFFICERS AND BOARD

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors which shall consist of the Officers, the immediate past President, and two (2) at large Board Members.

Section 2. The Officers of the club shall be President, ~~Vice-President~~ President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3. All Officers and Board members shall be members of the Club in good standing.

Section 4. Any person ~~elected to~~ holding the office of President shall have served at least one year as an Officer or Board member of the Club, whether before or after incorporation.

Section 5. The immediate past President shall serve the subsequent year as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The President-elect shall serve the subsequent year as President.

Section 6 Z. Committee chairpersons of the various committees as required shall be appointed by the Board. Additional members of said committees shall be appointed by the committee chairperson.

Article V - ELECTIONS

Section 1. The officers and Board members of the Club, except for the President-elect, shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and until such time as their successors shall have been elected and take office. Newly elected Officers and Board members shall take office the first day of January of the next year.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board. They will present their list of nominations by notification as specified in Article XII, Section 6.

Section 3. Election of Officers and Board Members shall be held at the November meeting of the Club. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Those receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

Section 4. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by a special election at a general meeting, after which the withdrawal or resignation is made known. Nominations for replacement shall be made by the Board. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor. Voting shall be conducted per Article XII and the person receiving the largest number of votes will be the new Officer. The newly elected Officer shall take office immediately.

Section 5. Officers and Board members may be removed by a petition signed by at least (10) members and upheld by a ¾ majority vote.

Article VI - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD

Section 1. The Board shall be the governing body of the Club and as such shall formulate and be responsible for all matters of policy. Decisions of the Board shall be reached upon majority vote; and thereupon the President shall execute the decisions so made or the policies so formed.

Section 2. The President shall call an organizational meeting of the old and new Officers and Board members within 30 days of the election meeting.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of this Club; shall enforce due observance of the by-laws; shall decide all questions of order; shall sign all official documents that are adopted by the Club; and shall perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 4. The ~~Vice-President~~ President-elect shall possess all the powers and assume all duties of the President in the event of the absence, disability, refusal, or failure to act, of the President. The ~~Vice-President~~ President-elect shall, further, assist the President in all functions of that office and shall perform such other duties as are properly assigned by the Board.

Section 5. The Secretary shall countersign all deeds, leases, and conveyances executed by the corporation; shall keep a record of all proceedings of all meetings; keep a roll of members and current status of those members; shall keep a roll of members present at meetings; accept applications for membership, keep a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws present at all meetings; carry on all correspondence; read communications received at each regular meeting; and give notice of all meetings.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all club funds, including dues from members; shall keep an accurate record of all such transactions; and shall give a financial report to the Board and members upon request.

Section 7. The at large board members and the immediate past president board member shall perform such Club duties and assignments as determined by the President and Board.

Article VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be a general club meeting held monthly. This meeting schedule may be changed subject to a decision by the Board.

Section 2. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President, provided the entire club membership is notified in writing of such special meeting ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Notification may be done per Article XII, Section 6. The President shall be required to call a special meeting upon receipt of written request signed by ten (10) or more members.

Section 3. The Board shall meet in general or special meeting in order to transact business. The board shall normally meet once a month. All meetings of the Board shall require (10) days notice to the Board members.

Section 4. All meetings of the Board shall be open to all club members.

Article VIII - DUES

Section 1. The annual dues will be recommended by the Board and approved by the members. The dues year shall be January 1 to December 31. Pro-rated dues will apply only to new licensees or those new to the area. The Board has the authority to accept dues paid from any valuable consideration.

Article IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a general meeting, provided that members shall have been notified per Article XII, Section 6. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing to a Club Officer.

Article X - RULES

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of this Club.

Article XI - BUDGETS AND REPORTING

Section 1. The Board shall give an annual report to the members on the activities of the Club with a financial report including the receipt and disbursement of club funds. The Board shall present an annual budget after receiving input from committee members and members at large. The members shall vote upon said budget and then the Board shall have authority to conduct Club business within the guidelines of said budget. A vote of the members will not have to be given again unless the budget is changed materially or exceeded in total.

Article XII - VOTING

Section 1. Only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

Section 2. All voting shall be by majority vote of the members present, unless specifically stated otherwise in these articles.

Section 3. Voting for the election of the Board and Officers; expulsion of a member, Board member or Officer; adoption or amendments of the By-laws; approval of the annual budget and dues; and other issues as determined by the board shall be conducted as stated below in Sections 4 through 6.

Section 4. Voting on matters specified in section 3 of this Article shall be by secret ballot of members in attendance and by members Proxies.

Section 5. A proxy shall be included with the notification as specified in section 6 below. Proxies may be given to a Club Officer or any other member by mail or in person. Proxies may be specific or general. The form of the proxies, ballots and balloting procedures shall be determined by the Board.

Section 6. Notification to members of the subject matter of any vote to be taken shall be by publication in the Ohm Town News the issue prior to the meeting in which the voting is to be done. The notification shall include the time, date and place of the meeting in which the vote will be taken. This notification shall be mailed no later than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

For the Dues structure of the club (requires a simple majority vote):

We have carefully studied the demographics of the club and feel that this change will produce very little, if any further financial burden on more than 95% of the Club members now on the roster. The biggest driving forces for this change is the difficulty we have in fixing responsibility for voting on issues in the club. Because we have been essentially two different groups, supporting fundamentally two different causes, we have had difficulty in providing voting input for those who only support the repeater side of the club. Further, per the by-laws, a club member can vote on repeater issues whether he has contributed to the repeater fund or not.

We, therefore, first wish to propose a \$10 one-time membership activation fee for any new member applying to the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club. For this activation fee, with the payment of regular club dues, the new member will receive, but will not be limited to, the following: Repeater codes and privileges now given only to those joining the repeater group, a club directory, and such other valuable consideration still to be determined by the board.

We further propose that the annual dues be \$25 per member with \$3 per additional member living in the same household. These dues cover membership from January 1 to December 31 and are pro-rated for when the person joins. These dues will give the club member full privileges for all club sponsored facilities or activities. Of course, as usual, anyone wishing to make additional funds available to the club for its use may do so, and may also specify the intended use of such funds, if desired.

While the Repeater Committee will remain intact and function as in the past, the "repeater group" as such, would be eliminated as a separate entity.

For the organizational structure, the following by-law amendment is proposed (requires a 2/3 majority vote):

Most, if not all, of the service groups such as Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc. and many professional societies use the following organizational structure. We feel that because of the leadership rotation it gives, we will receive the same benefits as such groups have done for many years.

We therefore propose that the present office of Vice-President be replaced with a President-elect. This person would serve the subsequent year as club President and the year after that as a member of the Board of Directors. This would be a three-year consecutive commitment and would require some extra dedication to the club of the person elected to this office. However, it would be only one more consecutive year than is currently required of the President. Current by-laws require the President to have served previously. Except for this first year, a President would no longer be elected each year.

We hope that you sense the need we feel to build a more unified club by these actions. Voting on these proposed changes will take place by absentee (Proxy) ballot (enclosed) or by attendance at the regular club meeting on October 8, at 7:30 PM at the Hyde Park City Center, 113 East Center, Hyde Park. See you there.

Respectfully yours,

Farrell Garr, BARC President 1998

for The Officers and Board of Directors

Proxy Ballot

Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

For use only by members of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

Mail to: PO Box 111

Providence UT 84332 **(Note: must be mailed in time to reach us before club meeting or ballot will be void.)**

Or,

send in a **sealed** envelope to the meeting, **October 8, 7:30 P.M., at the Hyde Park City Center**, 113 East Center, Hyde Park

That the office of Vice-President be replaced by the office of President-elect, as explained in the Board letter in this issue.

I am:

For

Against

That the dues structure be changed to \$10 member activation fee (one time) and \$25 per year, as explained in the Board letter in this issue.

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