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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LOTOJA BIKE RACE HELD!

The President's Message

by Tyler Griffiths N7UWX



turn out to be reality. If there are problems we will be in place and ready to go, other wise this will be a very good exercise to test our readiness and equipment.

Well looks like summer is gone and fall is here, and a busy one it has been. We have finished up with LOTOJA and the Top of Utah Marathon. This was the inaugural running of The Top of Utah Marathon and it went very smoothly, with out hardly a hitch.

I would like each of you to keep in mind that these kind of public service events are the training we need to keep each of us trained and up to date on our equipment so in the event we are called on to be communicators for a disaster, we are prepared!

If you have not already, you will be soon receiving a letter from Captain DeGasser, the Cache County Emergency Services coordinator, informing you of a Y2K exercise we have coming up on December 31, 1999.

There is a meeting scheduled at some future date in October for all interested Hams who want to help out with this exercise. So keep an eye on your mail box and listen to the Nets for a date, time and place.

This meeting will inform you of what we have planed for this exercise. It is being called a exercise, but because of the possible problems that may show up on January 1st it may

If you need more information about this exercise you can contact, Brian Potts KB7FUB at 563-6467 (home) or 716-5460 (work) or myself Tyler Griffiths N7UWX at 752-7269 (home) or 752-8175 x377 (work) or any other members of the Sheriffs Emergency Communications Team (Nate AB7GO, Elaine KC7BDS, Farrell KC7CWX, Kevin N7RXE, Alan KC7OLT, DeAnn KB7LLG, Mark N7EVJ, Jim KB7RAL, Jay KB7RAZ and Steve WA7RUU).

Also coming up, on October 16th, JOTA, Jamboree on the Air. If you are interested in helping with this Scouting event contact Brent Hale (KD7AID) at 752-9376, and Two balloon flights that are secluded for October 9th and November 6th. If you want to get involved with this fun activity contact Joe Corbett at 752-3263 and stay tuned to the nets for further updates.

73 de Tyler N7UWX

LOTOJA

Support was great again this year for another LOTOJA bike race. I hope to have a full detailed report in the November OTN. I know that isn't very "newsworthy" but we ought to have some interesting stories to tell.

...Editor

HAM PROFILE

By Boyd Humpersys, W7MOY



Brett Butler N7UWA
XYL Jenne, and their
Children Ian 10, Anna 5, and Ryan, 7 months

It's amazing what a few cookies will do as a bribe. So something good has to come out of this one. Brett Butler, N7UWA, a dyed in the wool affectionado of Cache Valley was born in Logan, however due the work requirements of the head of the household, they moved to St. George, Cedar City, Richfield, & Price in approximately that order. He graduated from High School in Richfield, probably as he was climbing aboard the moving van. Several

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summers were spent in the wilds of South Eastern Utah in working for the Dept. of Highways, that was before highways through the area were forbidden.

Brett has held a Tech license for about 8 years, has participated in some field day, marathon, and community assistance projects. He sports a 2 meter HT, and a couple of moderate powered mobile and base stations. The family is presently renting a home here in Logan and one has to don his spectacles to detect the rather obscure 2 m vertical on the roof, however he indicated that he has a whole closet full of commercial 2 m, 450, & 1-1/4 antennas ready to hang on the roof of the next permanent location.

Most good wives fail to understand how we locate the addresses of fellow Hams just by peering at the odd stuff stacked on the roof. It's a talent.

Brett graduated from USU with a degree in Economics, with an emphasis on the International aspect. As of this date the world situation ought to provide a life time occupation in this field. Brett has the desire, willing to travel, and hopes the crew will tag along.

Brett is wrestling with a little Spanish as a close relative or two hails from Chile. He felt a little expertise in the language would improve the communication a bit over the wild flailing of arms and smiles. This procedure however generally saves one from difficulty in a pinch. He served an LDS mission up in the northwest in Oregon and Washington, where the annual 100" rainfall starts to grow moss on the toes after a couple of months.

He and his great partner, the former Jenae Hyer, of Lewiston vi-

nage, met when she started graduate work at USU, they were married in Manti in 1987. They have three children, Ian, 10, Anna, 5, and Ryan, 7 months. He indicated Ian is progressing well in his cub scout activities, but plans to sprinkle a little electronics on him when the time is right. (that's the spirit). Brett proudly described Jenae as the greatest homemaker, referee, and understanding wearer of all hats. That's an expression I couldn't find in Webster's latest, however it is believed to denote capability in many fields. Jenae has been involved in Rehab work at the Deseret Industries and LDS employment facilities for quite a few years and enjoys the challenge and opportunities.

As you might guess, some where along the line, one of our covert agents in the form of Paul Hansen WO7N, (we ought to work for the KGB), put a bug into Brett's ear, convinced him he ought to get involved in Amateur Radio, and through the elmering activities of himself and Clayton Clark, persuaded Brett to take several classes the club was sponsoring in the art up at USU, and as a result, another welcome individual joined the ranks. He's now upping his code speed.

Without coercion of any sort, he volunteered the fact that his good wife supported him wholeheartedly in his involvement in the hobby. I asked if that likely might change when the cranes, erection crews, and zoning inspectors gathered at the mounting of all the anticipated antennas on the roof. He replied that he was reasonably certain there would be no problem.

Brett's preference in sports lies in baseball, year round if it were pos-

sible. Probably views basketball as a brief time out during the winter while they clear the snow from the diamond.

Brett commented that he felt we might be losing a bit of intimacy as a fraternity in all the mechanics of the sport. Perhaps that might be true. It's certainly changed, be it good or bad.

SUCCESSFUL EXAM SESSION HELD

An exam session was held on Saturday, September 11th. There were 16 examinees, with the following results:

- 1 Advanced
- 2 General
- 1 Tech Plus
- 6 Technician
- 3 CSCE

Our VE coordinator, Paul Hansen WO7N was especially pleased that there were so many upgrades at this session. We encourage all of you to prepare for next exam and see if you can upgrade at least one license class. The next exam is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, again at Campbell Scientific. Watch for all the details in the next issue of the OTN, the nets, or on the website.



Secretary's Corner

by Beanie Lofthouse,
KJ7LQ



The September Social was great fun, great food, even had a couple of friends that dropped by from the neighborhood! They were cute kids, don't know who they belonged to but they enjoyed our evening with us.

Be thinking about what office you'd be interested in filling for the year 2,000, it's time to think about our elections. There are plenty of things to volunteer for in the club and look forward to seeing some new faces in office. If you'd like to volunteer to run, contact any of the BARC officers or board members. Remember if you wish to nominate someone, they **MUST** give their permission. We are looking for people this month because November is election month.

Another thing to be thinking about is our Christmas Party, it will be December 9, at the Coppermill. We had it there last year and it worked out well, everyone is invited although they do not have children's prices for the buffet, they are the same price as adults. So, start saving your pennies and bring your family to the party. We will be taking reservations on the Tuesday night nets when it gets closer. The 9th is our regular club meeting night which usually works out well since we already have that night set aside. We can have as many people as can come, they just need to know some in advance so they save a large enough room for us. I made reservations for 70 and can change that up to a week ahead.

See everyone at the October meeting.
73s Beanie KJ7LQ

AC70 Repeater System News



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The Utah VHF Society is a group dedicated to maintaining and operating a system of repeaters in the state of Utah. Dues are \$10.00 per year and can be sent to PO Box 482 Bountiful, UT 84011-0482. The Utah VHF Society holds a swap meet annually, usually on a Saturday in February. The Society holds a traffic and swap net for its members each Tuesday night at 8:00 PM on the 146.940 repeater (PL 88.5). Contact is Eldon Kearl KB7OGM at 571-9955. The UVHFS maintains a webpage at <http://www.uscc.com/~uvhfs/>.

FINDING OUT YOUR NEW CALL

In December of 1994 the FCC adopted new rules that allow a newly-licensed operator to get on the air as soon as a call-sign has been issued. Previously, a new licensee could not operate until his printed license arrived by mail. If you have recently passed the test for a new license or an upgrade, you can find out your new call-sign and start operating as soon as it has been issued. Start checking about five days after the exam session. Here are ways to check:

1. Call the FCC at (888) 225-5322.
2. Call the ARRL at (860) 594-0300 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mountain time.
3. Check the call-sign server (see below) maintained by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and search using your name and state.

If you include your middle initial, do not include a period. <http://www.ualr.edu/~hamradio/callsign.html>

4. Check the call-sign database (see below) maintained by the publishers of the "QRZ" CD-ROM. In the portion of the form for "First Name", be sure to enter your first name and middle initial exactly as they were entered on your application form, but with no period. For example "JOHN B" would be a typical entry. <http://www.qrz.com/name.html> <http://www.qrz.com/name.html>