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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD DEC. 9TH

HAM PROFILE

By Boyd Humperts, W7MOY



We ought to get to know our new secretary for the year 2000 don't you think? She is Nadene Mattson, KD7BGS, resident of River Heights. She will have the honor of documenting club activities for the new millennial year, provided the Y2K bugaboo leaves all of us and our gadgets intact.

Nadene has held a general ticket for about a year and a half, initially taking care of the 13 WPM test, a bit to her surprise, and decided to go for broke with the rest of the exam. (solid testimony of a little determination, or you can do it too) She indicated the 3-4 month study effort was really part of a family preparedness program and seemed a natural to add

to other things such as stored beans and candles. She has gotten involved with a couple of field day activities and gave her stamp of approval on the vittles served. She sports a couple of Yaesu rigs, a two meter 50 watter in the vehicle most of the time and another VHF rig in the shack hooked to a Windham antenna.

She was born in Liberty Idaho, over on the North West edge of Bear Lake, attending Fielding High School. Some of you may remember back during the centennial year 1976, practically every home over there in Liberty proudly flew the American flag. It was an inspiring sight for everyone. Then she spent a couple of years at Columbia Basin College in Pasco Washington majoring in Journalism. In the past she has been employed by Design west, involved in Marketing and Promotion. You may have seen some of her ideas in circulation.

At present she is up to her ears in Family History Research, both her own and assisting others. If you always suspected blue bloods in your line, she may just help you find the link. I say there old chap.

She manages time to garden, enjoys spinning & weaving, as well as being somewhat of a photography buff. She probably would engage you in a lively discussion of the new digital camera technology versus conventional film, takers anyone?

She claims six harmonics as her pos-

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THURSDAY

December 9

6:30 PM

Copper Mill Restaurant

(Across from the

Logan Tabernacle

about 50 north Main in Logan.)

FOOD...

FUN ...

PRIZES...

Menu

Prime Rib and

Deep Fried Shrimp.

Tossed, Seafood Macaroni,

Tropical Fruit, and Pasta

salads.

Au Gratin Potatoes.

Dessert choices are

Dutch Apple Pie or Vanilla

Ice Cream

\$11.95/person

RSVP Required

Cheryl Thurgood

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You will be able to pay your dues for 2000 (Yes, they are due again already!)

Please Come and Join Us

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The President's Message

by Tyler Griffiths N7UWX



Well looks like elections are over and we have a new Board to lead our club into the Millennium.

Year 2000 Officers and Board

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Secretary

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Joe Corbett N7NJR

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Please take a minute when you hear these people on the air or see them at club activities to congratulate them and get acquainted

I would like to thank all of those who ran for positions in the club and especially all those who have confidence in me to lead our club one more year.

Going into the new millennium our club has the opportunity to go many new directions, so if you have any ideas what you would like to see our club do in the next year please give me a call and let me know.

With the Resignation of Bill Neville WA7KMF, (See Repeater News) we as a board will be looking for a new Repeater Committee Chairperson. We thank Bill for all his hard work in support of the club.

See everyone at the Christmas Party Dec. 9th!

73 de Tyler N7UWX

As a member of BARC, I wanted to say a big thanks to all those that serve as club officers, committee members, newsletter editor, and volunteers who help out with the numerous club activities and public events our club assists with each year. This club would not work if it was not for those who give of their time to make the club a success. To all of you, THANKS! I hope all amateurs in the valley will get involved with the club. BARC has fun activities and has a great reputation among community leaders and event organizers that we have assisted. I enjoy the opportunity I have on the air, and at club activities to visit with and learn from fellow amateurs.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Kevin Reeve N7RXE

Upcoming Y2K Exercise

On December 31 the Cache County plans on activating the County EOC and all the city EOC's at 5:00 PM. Plans are to stay up and running until Sunday, January 2nd if necessary. If the phones fail, because of overload or other problems, we will be in place. Otherwise it will be a great drill to exercise our equipment and preparedness.

We will be using the Sunday night nets for training until then.

All Cache County Hams and other interested persons are invited to participate.

Additional information is being sent through the Sheriff's office. If you wish, please feel free to contact

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terity, an even 3 and 3. All of the children are married and scattered hither and yon. The youngest Brad and his spouse both served a mission in Germany and he is nearly finished (ready to graduate) at USU. She claims 21 grand children, she thinks about half and half. That does pose some sort of tactical problem, probably not serious.

Her oldest son Ralph chided her a bit when she got involved in Amateur Radio, mentioning it being "old technology". Not losing a beat, she explained that someone and something had to save the day when the "new technology" crashed, in order that our society would not perish. Sounds reasonable.

When the kids heard she had gotten involved in Ham Radio, the saying went around that "Mother's gone nuts".

Welcome Nadene! We believe you.

AC70 Repeater System News



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I've enjoyed for many years serving as Repeater Committee Chairman, however, as I become busier and busier with work and personal obligations I have determined that something must go. As a result I will no longer be able to serve as Repeater Committee Chairman. I would like to continue with the Repeater Group with Promontory & Red Spur and look forward to doing that. It also seems to me that there are plenty of capable people with the time and the interest to devote to the repeater system and serve as Repeater Chairman to continue improve and expand the system.

Thanks to all over the years for your support.

Thanks

Bill Neville WA7KMF

With the resignation of Bill Neville WA7KMF, we as a board will be looking for a new Repeater Committee Chairperson. If you are interested, or if you would like to make a nomination of someone, let one of the club presidency know.

Nominations will close on December 9th during our next club meeting so the board can make a decision during the next board meeting in December.

Tyler N7UWX

Letters to the Editor



YOUR contributions to this column are welcomed.

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The Utah APRS User's Group will hold its first in person meeting on Saturday December 4th, 1999. The location is the American Red Cross Building in downtown Salt Lake City (455 S 400 East). Start time is 10:00 AM and it goes until 5:00 PM.

The topics include

- Introduction to APRS
- Demonstrations of APRS programs
- Discussion of WIDEN and its use in Utah
- Session on setting up trackers (bring your completed or partially completed trackers and we will help get it going)
- Discussions on the Internet and APRS (email, ICQ, map server, IGates, etc)
- How to help installing digipeaters in the state
- Intro to the Kenwood D7A and info on the new D700 APRS Mobile Dual bander
- Utah APRS net
- Where do I get good Utah maps?
- Other topics as desired

We have full RF capability at the Red Cross and we will have Internet Access to show the tools.

If anyone would like to make a presentation on one of these topics, please contact me so we can coordinate things.

Also, I thought we would just order in some pizza for lunch and have everyone chip in. Please RSVP as soon as possible so I know how many to expect.

By the way, there is a VE exam in Salt Lake at 8:00 in Salt Lake. If anyone needs to take a test, they can set that up with Gordon, (k7hfv@arrl.net).

Thanks and see you there...Tom NY4I

Secretary's Corner

by Beanie Lofthouse,
KJ7LQ



Greetings to everyone!

We appreciate all who came out for elections this month. We have a great group of leaders for the year 2000. They are listed in the Presidents message.

Our ARRL Section Manager, Mel Parks N5UVP was there with a few words about the new FCC paperwork. All things you will need to do, renewals, upgrades, address and name changes, etc. will use form 605. It is a must in February, the old 610 will be obsolete then. Also all amateurs are requested to sign up online with ULS, a number will be assigned to you which you will use for all correspondence, contact is made by going to <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/>. This new way is supposed to make it easier for everyone by using a universal form instead of several different ones.

We voted on the menu for the Christmas Party December 9th. See the announcement on page 1. The club will pay for the tax and gratuity. We will meet at 6:30 and eat at 7:00 P.M.

Come a little early to fill out paperwork and pay for your meal. We will have forms available for those interested in paying next year's dues also. Everyone pays the club and we will write one check to cover the total bill.

Come join us for a great meal and a good time. We will have the usual gift drawings. If you want to volunteer to entertain everyone, please either just come prepared or let anyone in the presidency know!

See you there. 73, Beanie KJ7LQ