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HAM PROFILE

By Boyd Humpherys W7MOY

When the name of Ralph Holt, KC7CWT, is mentioned, one suddenly realizes that Amateur Radio is definitely a family affair with this group and calls are plural rather than singular. With this in mind it was felt the whole story must be told rather than risk the ire of a great number of this outstanding family who have all been bitten by the bug and have a huge dose of what ever it is. To begin with, Ralph claims the metropolis of Trenton as his birth place, attending North Cache where he and his classmates often threatened to tear the school down, as most were inclined to do, only to have the School District itself do the job some 40 years later. He graduated from USU with a degree in Ag Econ in 57, there met his future frau, Gloria Nielsen, of Hyrum and South Cache fame, and began their life's careers together. When asked about places where he had lived, it appeared he must have memorized the State Atlas of Utah & Idaho. How about Spanish Fork, Roy, Ogden, Smithfield, Hyrum, Logan, Burley, Franklin and possibly a few points in between. He finally threw in the cans, carrots, corn, & beans, and retired in 91 after 35 years as plant manager for Del Monte.

He enjoys life with involvement in hunting, fishing, PCs, 5th. wheeling, camping, dutch oven cooking and family projects, whew!!! Gloria is similarly involved in keeping a comfortable home, Family History research and supervising hubby's performance in the above areas. Ralph sports a couple of HTs, a 50 watt, 2 meter base feeding a Copper J-Pole on the roof, and rigs in each car plus the 5th. wheeler. Does that give you a clue on what we are about to hear next? He did make some rather interesting remarks about down sizing his antenna structures after some close lightning strikes in the neighborhood did numbers on about everything

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FCC Announces Restructuring

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 16:07:20-0500
From: "Jahnke, Bart, W9JJ" <bjahnke@arrl.org>

The FCC today announced their restructuring details. The ARRL has summarized them, and you will find them on the ARRLWeb home page at <http://www.arrl.org/>. The full text the report and order can be view on the FCC web site at

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/1999/db991230/fcc99412.txt The ARRL VEC should be able to answer any questions on this material early next week. Have a very happy new year!

73,

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Presidents Message

By Tyler Griffiths
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Welcome to the New Year!

I guess if you are getting this news letter we must of made it through the Y2K stuff. Speaking of Y2K stuff I, along with the Cache County Sheriffs office, would like to thank all of those who participated in this exercise. It was a great learning experience. We learned what worked and what did not, tested our City Stations and our personal equipment and what we learned will help us to be better prepared in the future.

As of this writing we have not got a firm topic for the January Club meeting, but if we get everything together we will have a budget to propose to the club and start passing around the sign up sheet for all the club events we participate in.

As far as future club meeting, we need your input! Send us a note, Call us on the radio, call us on the phone or email us and let us know what you want to see in club meetings this year. It's up to you!

We'll see ya at club meeting and on the air!

73 de Tyler N7UWX

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Silent Key –

As some of you may have heard, this past month we lost one of our numbers, Larry Olsen, KC7NCE, passed away. He was a member of the club and a good friend to many, he will be missed.

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Club meeting January 13th 7:30 p.m. Hyde Park city office

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electronic in the neighborhood a few years ago. Take heed folks!!!

Both he and Gloria, KC7CWU, took their license exams together and have held tech licenses since 94. He intimated that son Ned, KB9RIJ must have spread the affliction amongst the family a few years back, and to date, no valid cure. (Who wants one?)

NOW COMES THE GOOD STUFF!!!!

He & Gloria served a mission in Washington D.C., realized there was no means of emergency communications in the particular area, started a radio school in their group, and thus influenced a great number to get involved. (You can do it too.)

When you serve the kids mush in the mornings and start a discussion of Ham Radio amongst the group, they likely will absorb a bit before they get through with the stuff in the bowl. Apparently the whole family made some sort of commitment to get their licenses before they were allowed to leave the table. Son Mark, N7YTH, came along, then daughter Kristin, N7YTG, then Niel, N7PEO, Kathy, N7PEN, also passed the test. Son Hugh, KB7MZA, followed, then daughter Peggy, KC7PCK. Ned of course had previously been licensed as KB9RIJ. A son in law Mathew Funk, KD7FXE, must have come aboard just to keep peace in the family. Ralph calmly announced they have 3 daughters in law, and 1 son in law licensed, with good prospects of 6 more. Now that is commitment. Some of their greatest experiences have been their annual entire family excursions into Yellowstone and points beyond, making use of most repeaters along the route. That must be an awesome array of radio equipped vehicles headed down the road, as all have mobile rigs aboard.

What a story of family togetherness, fun, and involvement in a wholesome hobby. Time nor space does

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not permit all of the details, but now you know the rest of the story. They just might be able to share a few good ideas with you, otherwise get to know the family, they enjoy life and share it with others, isn't that the way it ought to be?

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Secretary's Corner: Beanie KJ7LQ

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone! Our Christmas Party at the Coppermill was terrific, it was great to see so many people out!

This is my last official month for things in the Ohm Town News, Nadene takes over the reins next week. I have really enjoyed working with the last two presidencies and boards, we have had lots of fun along with the usual things that it takes to keep the wheels turning smoothly.

Our club has had lots of growth in these years, it's great getting to know all the new members and friends, both as seeing you earn your licenses at the VE Exams and as your secretary. Keep coming out, get involved and enjoy your hobby, as with everything else, you only get out of it what you're willing to put into it! It's more fun when you share it with a family member or friend.

Thanks to all the wonderful people I've had the opportunity to work with, that includes all those in the presidency, board, newsletter editors, etc.

It's been fun.

73, Beanie

A letter of interest from Paul Hoth, KJ7RJ

When Logan City was approached regarding what would be required to erect a HF radio tower, Paul Hoth (KJ7RK) was told a "Special Use Permit" would be necessary. A "Special Use Permit" means presenting the matter before the Logan City Planning and Zoning Commission and all property owners within 300ft of the property wishing to erect the antenna tower. Paul estimates this is approximately 30 owners for his neighborhood.

An antenna tower review by the Planning and Zoning Commission and neighbors places the right for all Hams to erect a tower, for more efficient broadcasting, before public scrutiny without thorough technical and legal aspects being taken into consideration. Paul recognizes this matter is of his own choosing and fully accepts total responsibility

for the outcome. However, Paul says if he is prohibited from erecting a tower or even restricted in height, a precedence will be set for Logan City and probably for all of Cache County with lingering consequences for all Hams wanting to erect an antenna tower in the future.

It is obvious this matter is of major importance to all Cache County Hams. As Paul sees it, a decision for him to erect a tower is likely to be based on personal opinion of the Planning and Zoning Commission and his neighbors unless there is a good representation from the Cache County Ham community present in the review meeting.

This matter is scheduled to be brought before the Logan City Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday January 13, which is the same night as our next BARC Club Meeting. The Zoning meeting goes from 5 to 10 PM or until all scheduled business is finished. The exact time for the tower subject to be discussed is not known at this time. If the tower issue is first on the Planning and Zoning agenda, the meeting could be over in time for all who attend the Zoning meeting to attend the Club meeting, but if it gets scheduled for later on the agenda, there could be a meeting time conflict. According to Tyler, our Club President, there is important business that needs to be conducted at the January Club meeting.

Paul is not requesting anyone miss the January Club meeting, but since this matter could effect all Cache County Hams it is important enough for everyone to be informed of the situation. The decision to attend the Club meeting or the Logan City Planning and Zoning Meeting is up to each person individually. If you attend the Zoning Meeting, you don't need to worry about speaking unless you want to. Your attendance with HT in hand will send a 59 Signal report to all present. The estimated time the tower subject will come up for discussion will be announced in next week's NET.

The Zoning Meeting will be held in the Logan City Business building at 255 North Main St. in the Court Room across the Hall from the Logan City Library. If anyone wants more detail, please call me on the landline at 753-0750 or my email address is pbhoth@yahoo.com in all lower case letters.

Submitted by Paul Hoth, KJ7RJ

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VE Test Session – March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at Campbell Scientific. 815 West 1800 North Logan, Utah  
The cost has gone up to \$6.65

# NEW YEAR

# Greetings

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