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Ham Profile

By Boyd Humpherys W7MOY

Ever wonder who could copy 45 wpm and still talk to you all the while about other things in general? One candidate would probably be Leon Creger, W7NRV of Lewiston. Leon holds an Extra class license and has been licensed since 49. That's one or two after the spark gap heydays. Talking about yesteryear, Leon reminisced a bit and a few good ones are worth passing along. He mentioned hearing that the military operated a big SSB rig on Long Island back in 1927, with teletype on one sideband and voice on the other. Strange how the ham fraternity took so long in getting interested in that type of stuff. He also recalled an acquaintance who used a big Leece Neville alternator in his jalopy with a 304 jug in the output. If you can't figure out that jargon, give Leon a call and he'll clue you in. Now that is what we



call mobile QRM. I wonder if the vehicle ever faltered when he began to talk. One other ham related urban legend and we'll move on to other good stuff. He recalls some ham operations at the military base in Honolulu. It appears that the ham rig sat right next to the multi

kilowatt military rigs and it was said on occasion that the temptation was too great and many a transmission went abroad on the ham bands with a little extra horsepower. The greater than normal field strengths on the ham bands did not go unnoticed however and the gents from the local commission monitoring facility generally came calling, proffering their identification at the gate. This always prompted a quick telephone call to the boys at the shack who promptly put things in order. We cannot

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Presidents Message

By Tyler Griffiths N7UWX

Well, it looks like summer is gone and fall is here. Time to get the outside antenna work done before the snow flies.

We finished up with the LOTOJA race and the Top of Utah Marathon. This was the second running of The Top of Utah Marathon and it went very smoothly, again, with out hardly a hitch except for the weather. I would like to personally thank each of you for your participation. With out each of your help these events would not happen.



I would like each of you to keep in mind that these kinds 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!

Coming up next month will be elections. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in being nominated and put on the ballot, please contact Farrell Garr KC7CWX or any other of the members of the board. Also coming up on October 21st, JOTA, Jamboree on the Air. If you are interested in helping with this Scouting event contact Clyde Best KD7EOZ at 563-9492.

73 de Tyler N7UWX

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LOTOJA and Top of Utah Marathon
Great Success!!!

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vouch for that story, nor condone that mode of operation, however it does sound plausible.

Leon was born in Lewiston, graduated from North Cache, took some courses at the AC as it was then known, took a position with Union Pacific as a telegrapher in 49, retiring in 89.

He sports a handful of HTs, Kenwood 180, an NCX500, a Henry 2 KW, Heath SB220, & a couple of BC610s, (the latter rig will date most of you who recognize the numbers). A few years back he operated a multi element rhombic on 10 acres of his farm, all bands, but generally on 20. Oriented to the Northwest, it is said that he warmed up the arctic and orient a couple of

degrees. Most of us couldn't match that setup even with an easement on several neighbor's back yards.

He spent a hitch in Korea during the activity there, initially thinking he was headed for a rifleman or snipers appointment. When they realized he could burn up the ether as a brass pounder, his salvation was secure. He managed the MARS station and a few other good things.(see fellers, a little talent in the right area makes life a lot easier)

Of course radio is on the list of his activities, however scouting gave him some great experience, earning his Eagle rank. He built his present castle, and maintenance on the ranch keeps the shovels from rusting. Those of you who know Leon will recognize that he can spot a bargain from afar, and if you have some sort of purchase in mind, electronics or not, he might just come up with some good ideas.

He met his future spouse through a brother's wife in Richmond. Marilyn Humpherys, who was born in Smithfield decided he was the one, so she knowing that the hobby came with the package, decided to accept. She is an efficient homemaker, presently working on an Insurance and Securities license. She sews, reads, is interested in health topics and was a mid wife. Incidentally Marilyn sports a call of N7NMZ, most of you have heard her on the air. There was some talk of a rather obscure agreement that if he would learn to play the piano, she would get interested in Ham Radio. I think an invitation for a piano number at the next meeting would settle the question.

Their family consisted of 6 boys and 2 girls. One son Eric has a tech license and another son, Howard has a novice ticket. He mentioned that another son Carlyle, before he could write, was copying morse code, no doubt learning this from looking over dad's shoulder.

Leon probably remembers such names and things as Meisner, Henry Radio, water cooled finals, National, cycles versus Hertz, dimming lights, pole pigs, and PCB filled HV capacitors.

Keep up the good work Leon and Marilyn.

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Upcoming Events

21 Oct 00 Sun Up to Sun Down
 JOTA – Jamboree On The Air – Logan Fairgrounds

9 Nov 00 7:30 P. M.
 November Club Mtg. at Hyde Park City Offices
 Including election of next years Club Officers

9 Dec 00 8:00 A. M.
 VE Test Session – Campbell Scientific - Logan Ut.

3.(G1E02) Under what circumstances may a 10-meter repeater retransmit the 2-meter signal from a Technician class operator?

- A. Under no circumstances
- B. Only if the station on 10 meters is operating under a Special Temporary Authorization allowing such retransmission
- C. Only during an FCC-declared general state of communications emergency
- D. Only if the 10-meter control operator holds at least a General class license

4.(G1F05) What is the maximum symbol rate permitted for packet emissions below 28 MHz?

- A. 300 bauds
- B. 1200 bauds
- C. 19.6 kilobauds
- D. 56 kilobauds

5.(G2A02) Which sideband is commonly used on 3925-kHz for phone operation?

- A. Upper
- B. Lower
- C. Amplitude compandored
- D. Double

6.(G2B02) If a net is about to begin on a frequency which you and another station are using, what should you do?

- A. As a courtesy to the net, move to a different frequency
- B. Increase your power output to ensure that all net participants can hear you
- C. Transmit as long as possible on the frequency so that no other stations may use it
- D. Turn off your radio

Answers for questions on page 3: 1-A, 2-B,

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