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Voice of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

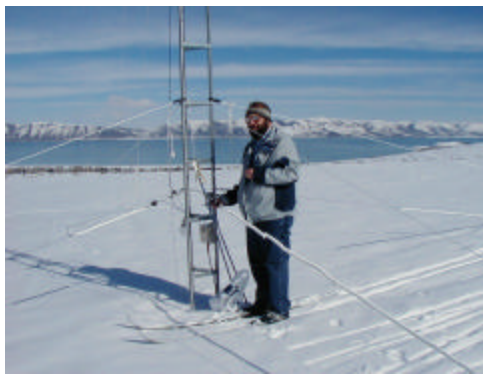
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HAM PROFILE

by Boyd Humpherys W7MOY

Today's Ham of interest was born in Montrose Colorado, spent most of his life in Fairbanks Alaska, just a few miles south of the arctic circle, now has taken refuge in temperate Cache Valley. Don Rice, formerly KC7JIQ, now AC7ZB, resides in Providence with spouse, the former Susan Gallihan, also afflicted with the malady, KD7RUM. This type of OM-XYL-YL



combination is becoming quite the fad here in Cache valley and other places. What with Ham radio, GPS, cellular phones, satellite phones, packet, on star, APRES, etc, it's becoming more

difficult to get separated very far without a great deal of effort. In years past one could sneak in an afternoon of fishing with not much more than a few devious words of explanation, but those days may be gone forever.

Don has held a ticket since about 78, both he and the good frau assisting with Top of Utah and some other activities. He sports an ICOM 726, a 2m HT, a covert 2 meter antenna in the garage and a windham that needs a bigger ranch. His first love, besides his good wife, is HF. He also mentioned he would like to get up to 60 wpm on CW, anyone interested?

Susan took in the first breath of sea breeze in Portland, Oregon, and after a few years, accepted an invitation to live in Eskimo land where they put on red flannels and endured it. She is now teaching school at the Lincoln Elementary in Hyrum. According to info from the OM, she decided to get involved in Ham Radio on her own, boned up on the good stuff and made it on

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The leaves are falling fast, and looking up to the mountain peaks, it appears that winter is near. Perhaps the snow will fall before I get the leaves raked, and I will not have to worry about them. I am excited about our annual Christmas party. A great relaxing event, a chance to bring the spouse, and an opportunity to feast upon some great food. This years Christmas party will be on Wednesday December 7th, 6:00 PM at the Blue Bird in Logan. It is \$15.00 per plate for a prime rib buffet. We have room for 60 folks so RSVP to Tammy Stevens, or Dave Fullmer before Thanksgiving if you want in.

Nets

We appreciate the efforts of Tom Baldwin KD7TRN who has served as our net manager for the past two years. He has done a great job. Tom would like to have other amateur radio operators help him with the net. Other clubs rotate the responsibility to call net among club members during the year. At board meeting we decided we would invite and ask club members to take a month and be responsible for net during that month. They can do the net themselves, or get someone else to do it. This way, a lot of folks will get the opportunity to do the net. Yea it can be a bit nerve racking the first time, but after doing it a few times, it will get easier. While on the subject of nets, we have had several suggestions on things we should do for nets. These include training topics, swap meet items, bringing back news line, and rag chew sessions after the net. A lot of ideas here, we will talk about them at our November club meeting.



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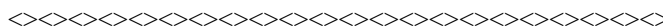
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

November 12 - Club Meeting
Officers Elections for 2006, planning for upcoming year

December 7 - Christmas Party
Christmas party is on Wednesday the 7th at the Blue Bird. Prime Rib Buffet. RSVP to Tammy Stevens N7YTO or Dave Fullmer. \$15.00 per plate. Of course the great prize giveaways, and another surprise package.

BARC Club Meetings are normally on Saturday mornings at 10:00 A.M. on the 2nd floor in the EOC at the Cache County Sheriffs Complex on 200 North and 1225 West, Logan, Utah

ARES Meetings are starting up again, and are usually held on the Third Wednesday of each month at 7 P.M. at the Cache County Sheriffs Complex. Contact Tyler Griffiths for more information or if you want to be involved.

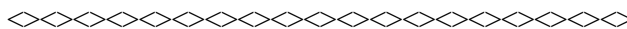


Club Unveils New Website

After a few months of planning and preparation, BARC has unveiled a new website. The new site uses database software behind the scenes to generate the pages on the fly and dynamically. It also allows anyone with the appropriate permissions the ability to add or update information without the need to know HTML or use a fancy program. In addition the web site has a calendar, polling capabilities and a news aggregator. The news aggregator grabs ham radio news from several sites and brings them into one location.

Additional features to be added soon will include a picture gallery, and list serve to replace the current yahoo groups email list. If you have not seen it, please be sure to go to <http://www.barconline.org>. Anyone interested should register there for a username and password which will give them more access to the site including restricted areas as the site continues to grow. Thanks to Jacob Anawalt KD7YKO and Garth Mikesell KC7VLZ for their help with getting the server and website software up and going.

See page 7 for a snapshot of the opening page.



Answers to questions on page 10:
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Club Elections

You will most likely see some familiar names on the ballot again. We wished more members of the club would be willing to run for office. New blood is always important in keeping the club going. Hopefully some of you will consider putting yourself on the ballot at club meeting. The club is in need of more helpers/organizers for club activities and events. It seems the same group of a few year after year is doing the majority of the work. Thanks to these folks for your efforts. I know not everyone can participate as much as they would like too, with kids, jobs, and every thing else. We really appreciate all the time you can give. At our November meeting we will break up into 3 or 4 groups and have mini brain storming sessions on ideas for next years club meetings and activities. We will then list them on the white board and record them for further development.

HF Breakfast

Put this on your calendar folks, all of those interested in HF communications are welcome to join us at the Golden Corral for breakfast on Saturday January 14th. This is a buy your own breakfast event, and a chance for those who really enjoy CW, SSB, and other HF modes to get together. I have been in contact with a few of our veteran club members and other interested parties who are really not into the other aspects of the hobby, but would love the opportunity to get together with others who share their interest in HF. For this reason we would like to facilitate such a gathering of folks. We will meet at the Golden Coral at 8:15 on January 14th. I am looking for someone to be the host of this event and who will help contact some of the hams we do not see a lot to invite them to this event. Please pass the word around if you would. More information will come out later. This event is open to all hams, and will be held before our regularly scheduled club meeting. Speaking of which, is anyone using the call book of the world? It would be a great club meeting topic. I would like to learn more about it.

Finally

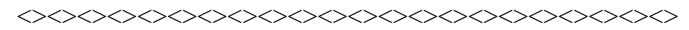
I wish to express my appreciation to Dale Cox KB7UPW, and Boyd Humphries WA7MOY for their work each month on the newsletter and the ham profiles. To Jacob Anawalt, KD7YKO and Garth Mikesell, KC7VSZ, Bob Wood WA7MXZ, and Rik Stallings N7XZ for help in getting our new web server / site up and going. If you have not seen it, then you need to visit it. While you are there, please register. In January we will start using the web sites email server to handle the list-serv rather than Yahoogroups. This site allows multiple people to post information. It is updated weekly or

more, and has some great information. Also look at one of the menu items at the bottom called news aggregator. It grabs the latest ham radio news from a few sites out there and pulls it all in for us. I did not even know we had that, but it is way cool! Also the polls will be a fun thing. So while online each week, be sure to visit the club website.

See you all in November and at the Christmas Party.

73's

Kevin Reeve



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the first pass. (see gals, it can be done) In her spare time she gets involved in some quilting workshops and managing the family castle and it's doings.

Don related some interesting details of driving up near the Arctic circle, and the Alaska pipeline which runs close to Fairbanks. Actually he mentioned that the climate and weather in and around Fairbanks wasn't all that bad, however he failed to mention which day that occurred. Haming in the far North, and incidentally far South as well, where the auroras make beautiful sights, is really a bummer when the skies light up. HF blackouts accompany the celestial displays and you might as well get out the checker board. On the other hand, you might run into some interesting short term odd stuff from all over the globe that you wouldn't hear normally. He indicated the fraternity up in the frozen North and especially in and around Fairbanks was really an active bunch. (keeps the blood circulating) A lot of jokes make their rounds about our cool 49th, however those who brave the ice and snow up there are a special lot and make a practice out of survival under an environment that would require we Sun Belters to consume a considerable amount of anti freeze.

Don went to High School in Fairbanks, worked on his advanced degree in EE here at USU and now works for Space Environmental Corp. with an office over in Providence.

His firm is engaged in some very intriguing concepts. That of investigating atmospheric phenomena in the 1-20 MHz range. At his finger tips on the PC screen, one can see instantaneously the characteristics of the spectrum in that range from ground level up to a great distance in the air. Thus one glance at the screen and you can tell immediately what the propagation characteristics are on the pertinent Ham band, then roar down the basement to the shack and garner all that rare DX. Sounds fun eh? Most of the data comes real time from the facility on the shores of Bear Lake, just North & East of Bridgerland Village. Most of you have seen that installation and wondered what it was. Initially developed by NASA, some work done relative to GPS studies, then a BLM operation, now turned over to USU for their propagation studies of characteristics into the E & F layers.

We would invite you to take a look at some of their web sites as listed below and I would suspect you may pass up your morning dish of mush. A lot of interesting info.

73s Don

www.spacenv.com/~rice <http://taori.cass.usu.edu/blo/webcams/>

Proxy (Absentee) Ballot and List of Candidates

For year 2006 Officers and Board
Of the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club

Voting held on Saturday November 12th, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.
At the EOC in the Cache County Sheriffs Complex on
200 North and 1225 West, Logan, Utah

Important Instructions: If you are unable to attend the above meeting and wish to vote you may mail this ballot to any club officer in time to be in their hands before the meeting time noted above, or, you may seal the ballot in an envelope and send it with someone to be handed to a club officer at the meeting. If you need help, please contact any club officer.
You need to be a current member of BARC to vote

For President	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kevin Reeve N7RXE	
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For Vice President	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacob Anawalt KD7YKO	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tyler Griffiths N7UWX	
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For Secretary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tammy Stevens N7YTO	
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For Treasurer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dave Fullmer N7RRZ	
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For members of the board (Vote for three)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tom Baldwin KD7TRN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ken Buist KC7QES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ted McArthur AC7II	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neil Dabb KC7GCL	
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You **MUST get approval from a write-in candidate before submitting their name for office. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting, with the approval of the nominee. Ballot can be mailed to BARC P.O. Box 111 Providence Utah 84332. It must reach the post office box by November 11th. Send in your ballot or come in person.
If mailed please put your name on the mailing envelope only.*

**BYLAWS
BRIDGERLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC**

Article I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be **THE 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 a bonafide interest in amateur radio, whether licensed or not, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be submitted to a club Officer. A member charged with conduct unbecoming a member of this Club may be expelled by a (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 at large Board Members.

Section 2. The Officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, 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 the office of President shall have served at least one year as 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.

Section 6. Committee chairpersons of the various commit-

tees 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 shall be elected for the 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 Club meeting. 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 ten (10) members and upheld by a ¾ majority vote.

**Article VI – DUTIES OF THE BOARD
AND OFFICERS**

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 newly elected 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 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 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 the current status of these 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.

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 a written request signed by ten (10) or more members.

Section 3. The Board shall meet in a general or special meeting in order to transact business. The Board shall normally meet once a month. All meetings of the Board shall require ten (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 only apply to new licensees or those new in 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, providing 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. Roberts's rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of this Club.

Article XI – BUDGET 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 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.

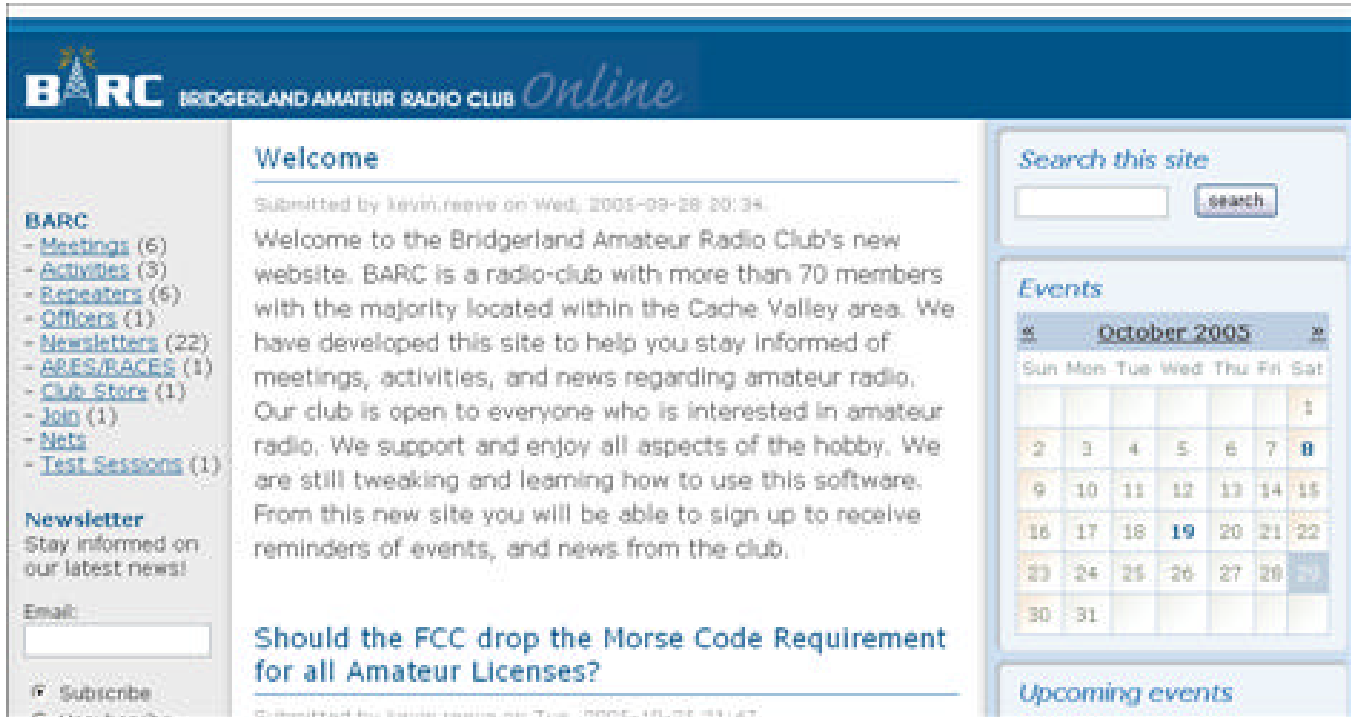
Section 2. All voting shall be by majority vote of the members present, unless specially stated otherwise in these articles.

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 designated by the Board shall be conducted as stated below in Section 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. The notification shall be mailed no later than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date.



Here is a snapshot of the opening page of the new BARC website, took it up for more details!!! <http://www.barconline.org>



The following is a message we received from Brent Chambers the event organizer from LOTOJA. Of particular interest are the comments at the end from many cyclists.

Thanks again for everyones help.
Kevin Reeve

>>> Brent Chambers <brent@lotojaclassic.com> 10/6/2005 >>>
Dear friends:

Just a quick and belated note to say THANK YOU for your help and support with the LOTOJA CLASSIC this year. We could not successfully plan or manage this event without your support -- especially this year.

This year's edition will not fade into memory for a long time. Due to rain, sleet and snow, almost 500 of our 1,000 participants could not finish the race. More so than other years, this year's LOTOJA was a test of sheer determination -- for every one involved.

Many thanks to the folks and volunteers all along LOTOJA's race route, especially those from the Montpelier and Preston, Idaho areas. You were beyond description! Several of you played a roll on Saturday (September 10) in helping those that were too cold to pedal on in Strawberry/Emigration canyon. We don't know every one's name specifically but we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the service and the care you gave to hundreds of shivering cyclists. Your response was immediate and without reservation. You were courteous and helpful despite being pulled away from your families and Saturday activities. Your response has overwhelmed all of us at Epic Events with gratitude.

I am not alone in my feelings of gratitude. Below, I have included portions of several "thank you" emails to back me up. This feedback is truly a reflection of your hard work and support.

THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Brent Chambers
Epic Events 2005 LOTOJA CLASSIC

LIVONIA, MI

Race Directors:

I don't have a great story. As I think back, it was a cold, wet, and painful day. My legs were stiff on the plane trip back to Michigan the next day, I couldn't feel the tips of my fingers for five days, my neck hurt for two weeks, but I finished and I can hardly wait for next year. What could be better?

I felt like an idiot at the start with my arm/leg warmers, jacket and long finger gloves. That changed sometime between when I started to see my breath and noticing the first snowflakes falling on the Strawberry ascent. By the way, have someone check the distance from Wilson to Alpine Village. It sure seemed more like 20 miles to my tired and cold legs.

One thing that I wanted to mention is that I loved this course. It was my first LOTOJA so I have never ridden the other courses, but the stretch from Riverdale to Montpelier was just awesome!! I certainly hope we can keep the same course in the ensuing years. I can't imagine a better route. Now that I have the first one under my belt I am excited to start working on my finishing time.

Thanks for putting on such an awesome event. Even with all the unexpected issues with mother nature, I felt that the organization was superb and the problems were handled as well as possible. Thanks to all the WONDERFUL volunteers as well.

See you next year (probably with a bunch more Michigonians)

Robert Isaak

SUGAR CITY, ID

Thank you for a well sponsored ride. Even though the weather was a surprise, for me it was an event of a lifetime, and I thought your crew and support did a fine job under the circumstances. With any luck, our group will ride again next year.

Brad Parkinson

SALT LAKE CIT, UT

Brent and crew at Epic. This year was difficult, but I have to applaud all of your support as well. The response in Montpelier was incredible and without the help of all the volunteers I would not have been able to finish the race. Thank you for responding so quickly and making the necessary arrangements to take care of so many patients! It was an Epic day! I just want to know how you will beat the difficulty of this year's Lotoja next year?!

Sonia Maxfield

ANACORTES, WASHINGTON

Dear LOTOJA support staff and organizers: My cycling buddy and I just got back home to Washington State, and wish to tell you how impressed we were with the response to the adverse weather conditions that occurred on race day. We decided to abandon the race in Montpelier due to the conditions. Prior to our decision, we saw numerous others hauled off the Strawberry pass; aid cars and support staff everywhere, help offered at every turn, in all, an excellent response to difficult circumstances.

Thanks again.

Scott Nash

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

First, let me say what an epic day. Who knew when I shed my leg warmers at the start I was going to need mountaineering gear three hours later. As usual your entire crew did a fantastic job putting on a massive event. Everything was effortless. Starting from my late entry, through check-in, all the way up to the point in Strawberry Canyon where you forgot to put the bubble over the road.

Next, please pass on my gratitude and respect to the Montpelier EMS and LOTOJA volunteer personnel. As a paramedic I know what it is like when your resources are taxed and you are scrambling for manpower and vehicles. As far as I am concerned the people of Montpelier and LOTOJA volunteers could not have performed better caring for the hundreds of frozen bodies littered along the highway. Everyone I encountered during my frozen moments were very professional and courteous. They all had smiles on their faces and they were eager to help despite being pulled away from their families and activities. I don't know how money from entry fees gets distributed but I do know volunteer fire and EMS agencies rely a lot on donations. I for one will be sending a small donation to the Montpelier Fire Dept. and maybe you could generate an email to all of the participants who were saved on Saturday and they could do the same. Again, thank your staff of volunteers and the Montpelier community for their valiant efforts.

KP

PARK CITY, UTAH

I just wanted to write a quick note to praise the volunteers for the race. I was on a relay team and managed to take off from Preston with my support vehicle's car keys in my jersey pocket. In addition to dealing with the many flats and hypothermic people I saw along the road, they managed to find me and get the keys back to my support crew (one of whom was freezing after having ridden the first leg) in enough time for them to meet me at Montpelier (and warm up a bit in the process). Everyone at the rest stops put the cold out of their minds and were there to help you out (even while they were being rained on at 35 degrees at Strawberry Summit).

This really is one of the best-run events I have ever competed in with some of the best volunteers I've ever witnessed.

Thank you all for making an enjoyable event.

Jeremy Lund

JACKSON, WYOMING

Thanks again for another epic race. I was wondering if you had ad-

dress information, (or just the names/titles), for the various agencies that assisted many of our friends, as I would like to send them letters of gratitude for their long hours of help.

Thanks in advance.

Best,

Amy Bryan

PARK CITY, UTAH

First of all I wanted to say a big thank you to all of the volunteers who did an outstanding job coordinating the efforts to get everyone off the mountain safely. I was certainly thankful for my pickup at the 64.5-mile mark. While I am disappointed I was not able to complete the race, I am continually amazed at how much I learn during each race I participate in.

Again, a big thank you to the race support volunteers for their efforts. I know we taxed the system to the max.

Already looking forward to next year.

Todd Stowell

JACKSON, WYOMING

I'm hoping you'll share this email with as many staff, volunteers, police, EMTs, etc. as possible.

THANKS to all for putting on a very well organized and safe event, in spite of the conditions. I can assure you that my peleton of three, no matter how cold, wet and miserable we were, felt safe and well attended to by the tremendous support crews out on the course.

This was my second LOTOJA and, even though we dropped out in Afton, I feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment. For me, it's not as much about finishing as it is about the camaraderie built up during training as a team over the summer. The all for one, one for all spirit that develops means more than the end result to me; we three were definitely in it together, through thick and thin ... Even when the going got to be too rough.

We'll be back next year and really will be prepared for anything.

THANKS again!

Keith Peters, Jane Hilt and Richard VanGytenbeek

LAYTON, UTAH

Thank you for the wonderful race. I signed up as a non-competitive rider and, being my first time doing the LotoJa wasn't quite sure what to expect. Now that I've got one under my belt I want to tell you that my experience doing the LotoJa was wonderful, challenging, very cold, but mostly rewarding. I had it set in my mind that I was going to do the whole race. Now, after completing it I feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment. I can't stop smiling. Talking with my Dad, who was congratulating me earlier today, I told him I felt I was walking a little taller today. I really appreciate the opportunity of the LotoJa.

I don't have any idea of the amount of problems and challenges the weather and cold conditions inflicted on the race, the participants and on you the organizers and workers but I want to tell you I appreciate your efforts and have you know that for me and my riding buddy it was a success. Even though we were some of the ones who came in late and crossed the 'imaginary' finish after it had been all taken down we greatly appreciate the encouraging words, kindness and concern offered by the race staff manning the feed zones and volunteers providing support. Thank you and thanks to them.

Curtis Tanner

HARRISVILLE, UTAH

Hello Epic,

Somewhere along the LOTOJA route I think at about Mink Creek in Strawberry Canyon, I had managed to lose my pride and my ego in the cold and rain. If you had found it, please send it back to me and I will

pay for the postage. If not I am sure I will pick it up when I ride LOTOJA in 2006.

My riding partner and I were the last two riders out of Strawberry Canyon that were officially supported and we did eventually make it to Montpelier but were too tuckered and cold to go on.

Thanks for putting up a great event and extend my heartfelt appreciation to all staff and volunteers for this great event. Special thanks to the deputy at the Strawberry Canyon Feed Zone that let me thaw out in his truck so I can go on. And a special thank you to whomever brought the Coleman barbecuer that was at the feed tent.

See you in 2006 and I am hoping for 70 degree weather next year.

Sincerely,

Dennis Balay

SALT LAKE CITY

Dear LOTOJA folks,

What can one say after a race like that? I delayed sending this email for a bit because I figured you would be getting swamped right after the race. LOTOJA was incredible. You all do an amazing job. The organization was excellent and the volunteers unbelievable. Given the conditions the volunteers were all the more important, and really stepped up to the plate while so many riders were struggling.

As this was my first (of many?) LOTOJAs, I was very impressed. I want you all to know how much this meant to me. The race was an impossible goal when I started riding after cancer treatments last year. Having only gotten my first bike in June of 2004, many of my friends thought I was crazy. Some, I'm sure, doubted that I could do it. However, I knew all along. LOTOJA was going to be the milestone that marked my recovery and return to health, and the survivors jersey was a great honor. LOTOJA has a similar meaning to many survivors, not just of cancer. Take for example the youngest finisher this year who rode in memory of his father. LOTOJA inspired me.

Thank you,
Dave Budge

PARK CITY, UT

Dear LOTOJA XXIII Organizers,

Amid the mayhem of this year's race, I'm sure that a positive vibe was not overflowing the central command. My name is Dev Letendre and I participated as a racer support "seigneur" and as the last leg of a relay team (which due to the weather, caught up with the rider I was supporting allowing me to add 'domestique' to my resume, but I digress). As a support vehicle driver, I wanted to share with you that I was VERY impressed with the event. The weather aside, I did not have to worry about a single thing. The maps your crew provided were great (only missing a north arrow, but I'm a geography nerd), the feed zones were easily identifiable and easily negotiated. Parking was not an issue and the flow of traffic was very smooth. The route you selected was great and provided a nice shoulder for most of the whole race. What I'm trying to say is that I didn't have to think about the race at all, except for my little slice of it, my rider (and then my leg of the relay). This was fantastic, particularly when it was very obviously unusual from every other LOTOJA. I want to commend you and your staff for continuing such an excellent event. I work in event management, so I know that much goes on behind the scenes, but trust me, I did not see "the man behind the curtain." Keep up the great work, and I look forward to participating next year.

Sincerely,

Dev Letendre

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Hi everyone,

Thank you so much for another EPIC experience! I know the bad weather presented all kinds of extra challenges for the organizers and volunteers and I am amazed by how well you dealt with it. 2004 was my first Lotoja and I am thrilled to say I was able to finish both years! I am sure enough people don't take the time to thank you for making such a unique event possible. Even late in the day, the neutral feed zone at Astoria Springs was well stocked and staffed. You folks are amazing! My motel reservations for next year are already made and I am already looking forward to the 2006 Lotoja. Thanks again. I hope you all get a chance to catch your breaths and enjoy some time to yourselves.

Mike Watson

BIRMINGHAM, MI

My sister and wife were evacuated from Strawberry pass. They were not dressed for those conditions and were facing the possibility of frostbite/hypothermia. At dinner Saturday night there was nothing but praise for Epic and the volunteers of the Montpelier region for the efficiency in which they were evacuated.

By the way, we all hope you will use that same course again next year.

-Tom Petzold

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Hi Epic Events,

I've participated in 10 LOTOJA events, the first one was in 1989. I've never before felt inclined to send any feedback to the organizers...until this year. I have to say thanks to all of you at Epic, all the volunteers, all the riders, everybody for putting together a great event. In particular, I have to say that checking in was SO easy this year! I can't speak for other rider's experiences during the race, but from where I was in the Citizen's 45-54 group, the neutral feed zones -- which were incredibly important this year -- were well-stocked with a variety of foods and drinks and well-staffed with helpful volunteers. Call me crazy, but I believe that the bananas that I got at the neutral feeds made all the difference and got me to the finish line. Thanks for that!

Keep up the great work! I'm already looking forward to another great event next year! You can skip the rain and snow next year though!

Peter Hoogenboom

LAS VEGAS, NV

Hey Folks,

I wanted to thank you for this years LOTOJA. Support, Racer or Rider it was a day never to be forgotten. Complete with all the planning, work and emotion endurance riding/racing offers. You guys did a stellar job making it the best and most difficult race I have ever done. Thank you again. See you in 06

Regards,

David Kelsey

SALT LAKE CITY, UT

2005 LOTOJA LEGEND AWARD RECIPIENT

What you did Sunday at the awards meeting was an honor to everyone who has or will over come adversity in their lives. When my story was read in front of our fellow bikers it was like a story about someone else. Hard to explain I guess but I know without family, friends and team mates supports I would probably be in a wheel chair. So again thanks for the Honor, friendship and the tribute to Cancer survivors. I am so glad that I finished the race Saturday - I have decided that this life is about learning not to quit. Enough said.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Stephen Allred

Questions for Extra Class License

1. (E1A19) If an amateur station is installed on board a ship and is separate from the ship radio installation, what condition must be met before the station may transmit?
 - A. Its operation must be approved by the master of the ship
 - B. Its antenna must be separate from the main ship antennas, transmitting only when the main radios are not in use
 - C. It must have a power supply that is completely independent of the main ship power supply
 - D. Its operator must have an FCC Marine endorsement on his or her amateur operator license
2. (E1F13) Where must the VE team be stationed while administering an examination?
 - A. All administering VEs must be present and observing the examinees throughout the entire examination
 - B. The VEs must leave the room after handing out the exam(s) to allow the examinees to concentrate on the exam material
 - C. The VEs may be elsewhere provided at least one VE is present and is observing the examinees throughout the entire examination
 - D. The VEs may be anywhere as long as they each certify in writing that examination was administered properly
3. (E2D01) What does CMD: mean when it is displayed on the video monitor of a packet station?
 - A. The TNC is ready to exit the packet terminal program
 - B. The TNC is in command mode, ready to receive instructions from the keyboard
 - C. The TNC will exit to the command mode on the next keystroke
 - D. The TNC is in KISS mode running TCP/IP, ready for the next command
4. (E4B06) If a frequency counter with a specified accuracy of +/- 10 ppm reads 146,520,000 Hz, what is the most the actual frequency being measured could differ from the reading?
 - A. 146.52 Hz
 - B. 10 Hz
 - C. 146.52 kHz
 - D. 1465.20 Hz
5. (E5A18) What is the resonant frequency of a series RLC circuit if R is 47 ohms, L is 50 microhenrys and C is 40 picofarads?
 - A. 79.6 MHz
 - B. 1.78 MHz
 - C. 3.56 MHz
 - D. 7.96 MHz

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