

# ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

ARRL NEWSLETTER

July 2025

## ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

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July

Effective July 9th, Dan Marler, K7REX, has elected to step back from his Section Manager responsibilities while he focuses on his current health concerns. Don Lynn, ND7L, has been appointed to serve the remainder of Dan's term as the ARRL Idaho Section Manager.

There many things that we can thank Dan for – I'll mention a few – Radio Amateur Training Planning and Activities Committee (RATPAC), Dan's vision to share and educate on Amateur Radio Technical knowledge, using different forums in which to present this information, and his vision coupled with arrangement, alignment and delegation within the Idaho Section to ensure that the vast area of Idaho is equally represented when it comes to Amateur Radio.

What can you expect from this change? The simple answer is that hopefully, you won't notice anything different. The rest of the team is still here, capable and eager to continue promoting amateur radio throughout the section.

Section Managers come and go, but there will always be someone in that role. We remember recent holders of the position, such as Doug Rich, W7DVR, Ed Stucky, AI7H, and Dan Marler, K7REX. Regardless of whether we remember their names, the focus of this position has consistently been on improving Amateur Radio for the greater good, particularly for those in Idaho. This remains unchanged.

Pardon the delay in our July section newsletter, as we addressed the logistics of the leadership change within our ID ARRL Section.

Feel free to reach out to us at [AllIdahoHams@gmail.com](mailto:AllIdahoHams@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We'll have more to say, but will bid 73 for now

Best Regards,  
Don, ND7L  
Section Manager, Idaho

## July edition



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E R O C K E T S R R H O  
H K S O S K M G E R E U  
C U O S M C I L P Y L N  
S O X M K A K C P Q L T  
E O M K S R E Y O J S A  
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I V G P T E J W T T L N  
S T S K U R H T E O O K  
S R E N N I P S B R X P  
I N Z U V F M Z Z Q I U  
M J W H I S T L E R S F

Boom

Fireworks

Poppers

Smoke

Whistlers

Comet

Fountain

Rockets

Sparklers

Firecracker

Missiles

Shells

Spinners

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

*Solution on page 10*



# 16th Annual Tailgate Swap Meet Mini-Cassia Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

AMATEUR RADIO-ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Buy — Sell — Trade — Give a way

Saturday, August 23 2025

9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Call in radio FX 147.000 Repeater and 146.520 Simplex

Location: Minidoka County Fairgrounds

085 East Baseline Road Highway 25

Rupert , Idaho



## > CYCLING

### JUST FOR THE HILL OF IT TURNS 30

Matt Morra of Moscow led a field of 40 cyclists with a time of 56 minutes, 3.17 seconds in the 30th annual Just for the Hill of It event on a 13-mile course starting at Hammer Creek and climbing more than 2,000 feet to the summit of the old White Bird Grade on Saturday.

Matt Minick of Clarkston finished third in 57:47.36.

The race doubled as a benefit for Syringa Hospice.

Top 10 finishers — 1. Matt Morra, 56:03.17; 2. Mike Emerson, 56:31.68; 3. Matt Minick, 57:47.36; 4. Bill McPherson, 1:02:15.01; 5. Neil Andrick, 1:06:25.55; 6. Bill Reed, 1:07:11.92; 7. Sonny Andrick, 1:09:02.80; 8. Dean Heckman, 1:10:20.07; 9. Mason McCrosky, 1:12:12.80; 10. Scott Whiteley, 1:13:15.02.



*Courtesy photo*

From left to right: Mike Emerson, Matt Morra and Matt Minick pose after completing the Just for the Hill of It race recently.

Camas Prairie ARC called for volunteers for the race mentioned at the left. Eight answered and were in positions along the course.

3 Rivers ARC did another motocross—check the girl catching air below.



Here's my radio that worked for both these events. I have a 19.5 inch Tiger Tail which does enhance the signal. After the motocross that Tiger Tail suddenly turned into a Bob Cat Tail.

# 2025 Hamfests

## Hamfest Season is upon us

**Your Hamfests, Swap Meets, and Tailgates can be listed in this newsletter  
to help promote your event**



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**Part of doing an ARRL Hamfest or Convention is getting approval from the ARRL.**

To submit a request to the ARRL to hold an ARRL-sanctioned Hamfest or Convention, follow these steps:

- Complete the online application form available on the ARRL website at [Hamfest/Convention Application Form](#)
- Submit your application well in advance of your event date:
  - For Conventions: At least six months in advance of your event date.
  - For Hamfests: At least three months before the event.
- Provide essential information in your application, including:
  - The proposed date and location of your event
  - The area to be served by the event.

If you need assistance or have questions, contact ARRL Headquarters:

Email: [hamfests@arrl.org](mailto:hamfests@arrl.org) | Phone: 860-594-0265





# Idaho State Convention

08/09/2025

**ARRL Idaho State Convention**

**HAMFEST/CONVENTION**

**Location:** River of Life Friends Church  
3263 E. 12th Ave. Post Falls, ID 83854  
Post Falls, ID 83854

**Website:** [KARS – Kootenai Amateur Radio Society](#)

**Sponsor:** Kootenai Amateur Radio Society

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-In:** 146.980 MHz

**Public Contact:** Cliff Pratt , K7CVP

PO Box 1765 Hayden, ID 83815-1765

**Phone:** 208-620-8589

**Email:** [K7vp.id@gmail.com](mailto:K7vp.id@gmail.com)



***Advertise your Hamfest & Swap Meets here***





## RATPAC live sessions will resume in September

[Keeping Up with Amateur Radio News & Events-  
General, ARRL, EmComm, DXing, Contesting &  
More](#)

Do you have a presentation? RATPAC has automated the scheduling and tracking of presentation proposals with an on-line form to schedule presentation dates according to presenters' needs

<https://forms.gle/Vtw6kTHQWYwWM7pUA>

Catch up on over 400 recorded videos at <http://tiny.cc/ratpac-list>.



[https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/2128884758?  
pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZiW  
mhXaEdwdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2128884758?pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZiWmhXaEdwdz09)

**Meeting ID: 212 888 4758**

**Passcode: RATPAC**

Watch previous sessions on  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/  
RATPAC](http://www.youtube.com/c/RATPAC)

Check out the list of upcoming  
and past sessions at

[Tiny.cc/ratpac\\_list](http://Tiny.cc/ratpac_list)

Or view just EmComm-related  
sessions at

[Tiny.cc/rpem](http://Tiny.cc/rpem)

**RATPAC offers free online  
presentations via Zoom for clubs  
upon request. Submit request,  
date & time to**

[Ratpac.plan@gmail.com](mailto:Ratpac.plan@gmail.com)



## Field Day June 28 & 29

Share your Field Day photos along with your club or group information to us



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H K S O S K M G E R E U  
G U O S M C I L P Y L N  
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E O M K S R E Y O J S A  
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I V G P T E J W T T L N  
S T S K U R H T E O O K  
S R E N N I P S B R X P  
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## Field Day 2025

The op is W7AAZ. He built that SDR radio he is using. The event was held at the QTH of Bob, K6UDA in Twin Falls.







Field Day 2025 in the books. Results will be posted this week. We had a great time with IMARS club.

We worked GOTA - Get On The Air with new Hams, Phone in the CIARC trailer, FT8 digital, and Morse Code in the IMARS trailer. Satalite contact was made by Nick, Granite, and John. All these modes of contacts gain points for the IMARS KX7ID A3 ID.

Ben and I made last contacts the first day at midnight. Granite and McCall Donnelly teacher Andy rocked with most contacts for GOTA and Phone!!!

Marisa rocked the dinner Saturday night!!

And... Jeff Lappin, David, Gary, and crew put six months of planning into this event. Thanks you for making this a great weekend.





Photo credit Brian Roberts

Southwest Idaho ARC







Dereka Kay at the operating position. She came to the site for KMVT TV to do a story on Field Day. She spent about an hour talking to us and doing interviews. Then we put her in front of the 20 meter SSB station and she had a blast making contacts until 5 PM Saturday afternoon! She was really hooked and she was really a fun person. Her control op was Oscar Carranza, K7KOA (pictured in front). (He used to own the local KOA camp ground!)



## Magic Valley ARC

Kelly K7SU (left), Idaho State Representative Clint Hostetler from Dist. 24 (middle) and Bob Brodovsky K6UDA (right).





## Rattle Snake Amateur Radio Club

Photos courtesy Butch







CW Station



3 Rivers ARC





**Do you have an Idaho based Net?**  
**Drop an email to**  
**ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com**  
**with the day, time, and time zone,**  
**please.**  
**Idaho has two time zones!**

### **Clearwater Valley Amateur Radio Club**

Sundays

PDT 7:00 PM 146.7600 Tone 1318

PDT 7:30 PM 145.4900 (no tone)

Continuing to be challenged with noise in the evenings.

This week we will switch to the 40m Frequencies for the evening nets. We will evaluate.

See net frequency logo attached.



**Idaho State ARES Nets**  
**Thursdays**

#### **HF Phone Net**

**Primary 3920 kHz LSB**  
**Alternate 7190 kHz LSB**

**Mountain - 0830 / 1930 hrs**  
**Pacific - 0730 / 1830 hrs**

#### **HF Digital Net**

**Modem MFSK32 @ 1500**  
**Primary 3578.5 kHz USB**  
**Alternate 7108 kHz USB**

**Mountain - 2000 hours**  
**Pacific - 1900 hours**

### **Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club**

Tuesdays

Mountain Time 7 PM

146.76 MHz Tone 100

[Help@K7MVA.org](mailto:Help@K7MVA.org)

### **Camas Prairie Amateur Radio Club**

Tuesdays

PDT 7:30 PM 146.68 100 MHz



IHeartCraftyThings.com

### **3 Rivers Amateur Radio Club**

Tuesdays

PDT 6:30 PM 146.62 88.5

Followed by Simplex Net 146.54

[Info3riversarc@gmail.com](mailto:Info3riversarc@gmail.com)

Did your club make WinLink contacts? Show us your photos of your setup and what you accomplished!



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## WINLINK

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### GLOBAL RADIO EMAIL

[Winlink Express | Winlink  
Global Radio Email](#)

Join the Net

[Winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com](http://Winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com)

<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants>



### From the desk of Kelly Klaas K7SU

Need help getting your Club organized. Here is the information on the Ham Club Online web site. This is a site where you can get your club organized.

<https://www.hamclubonline.com/>



# Idaho Repeater Frequency Coordinators

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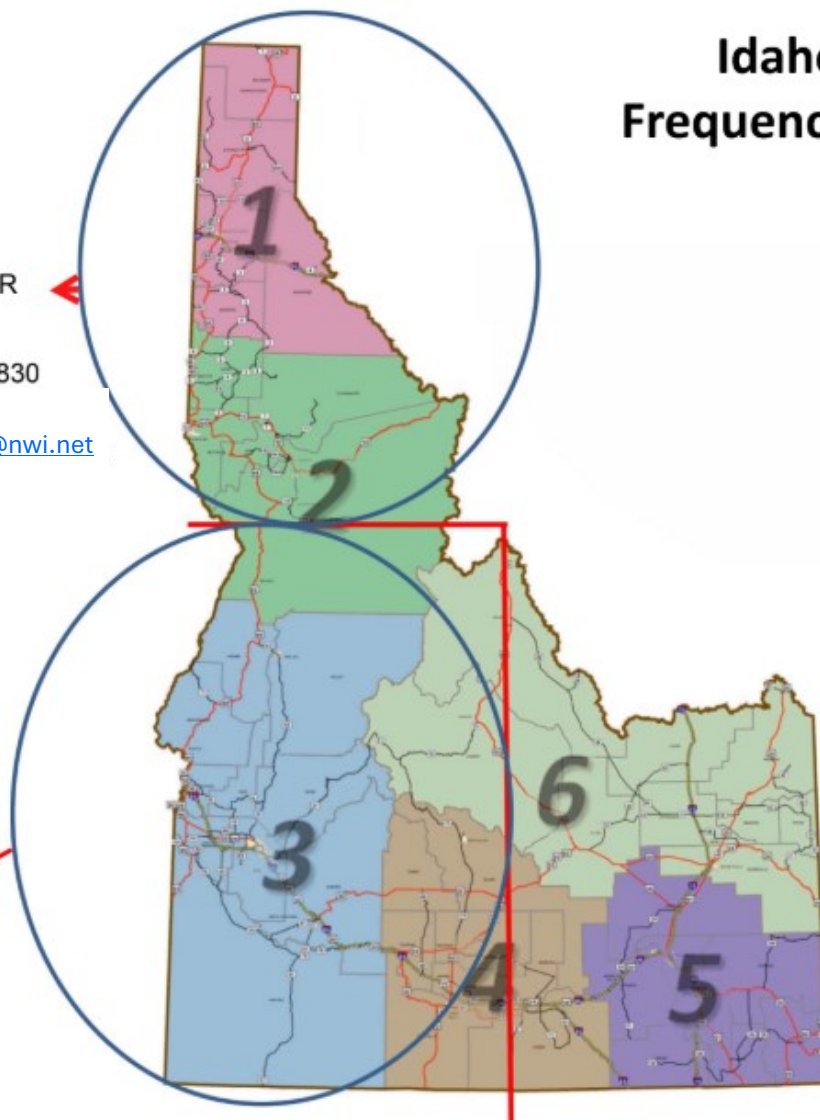
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## Idaho Repeater Frequency Coordination

### Information:

1. Repeater Frequency Coordination is a responsibility of the National Frequency Coordinators Council (NFCC).
2. NFCC is not associated with the ARRL. (This information is presented as a courtesy to Idaho hams).
3. The preceding page is a map of Idaho showing three frequency coordination zones in Idaho. (The shaded areas with numbers 1 through 6 are the ARES "districts" in Idaho).
4. Here is a description of the three Idaho frequency coordination zones:
  - The Northern Zone is coordinated by the Eastern Washington Coordinator, and includes all of Idaho north of an east/west line passing through Grangeville, ID.
  - The Southwestern Zone is that part of Idaho south of Grangeville, and west of a north/south line running through Malta, ID.
  - The Southeastern Zone is that part of Idaho east of a north/south line through Malta, ID.
4. The Northern Zone Coordinator is Ken Rau (K7YR), e-mail: [lacc.coordinator@nwi.net](mailto:lacc.coordinator@nwi.net)
5. The Southwestern Zone Coordinator is Larry Smith (W7ZRQ), e-mail: [smith\\_larrye@hotmail.com](mailto:smith_larrye@hotmail.com)
6. The Southeastern Zone Coordinator is Bliss Wheeler (W7RUG), e-mail: [bmw@ida.net](mailto:bmw@ida.net)
7. If you have questions about repeater coordination, please contact the coordinator for your area.

Dan Marler, K7REX Idaho ARRL Section Manager



## Idaho ARRL Calendar

To send an item for the Idaho ARRL Calendar on the web site...

<https://www.idahoarrrl.info/eventsform.html>

To send a Silent Key announcement, the web page explains how...

<https://www.idahoarrrl.info/skreport.html>

To Update a repeater in your area...

<https://www.idahoarrrl.info/RepeaterForm.html>

To make a suggestion to the Idaho ARRL team...

<https://www.idahoarrrl.info/suggestions.html>

-- Kelly Klaas

Ham Radio Operator K7SU

Woodworker

Voice Over for ads and audio books



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## Final Comment

Finally, as with any newsletter, we need your contributions, your Idaho related articles, your photographs.

Please submit your Idaho news to [ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com](mailto:ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com)

The next page is contact information for the Idaho ARRL Leadership

To read past newsletters:

<https://www.idahoarrl.info/Newsletter.html>



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