

ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

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ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

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Please send your news, events, activities, and pictures.

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Do you have questions or comments? Send them.



Idaho Repeater Frequency Change at Malad

Don Daniels WD9DWD

The standalone repeater at Malad for the Raccoon Club had to change frequencies.

Malad – 447.250 with a standard -5 meg with a tone of 77

Further information K7RCN.org

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ARRL Launches Nationwide Grassroots Campaign to Pass Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act

09/19/2025

[ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio](#)® has launched a nationwide [grassroots campaign](#) aimed at securing the passage of federal legislation that would grant Amateur Radio Operators the same rights to install antennas on their property as those enjoyed by users of TV antennas, wireless internet, and flagpoles.

The campaign, announced in an [ARRL Member Bulletin](#) on September 17, 2025, follows the reintroduction of the *Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act* in February 2025 (see [ARRL News 02/07/2025](#)). The bipartisan bills -- [H.R.1094](#) in the House and [S.459](#) in the Senate -- are designed to prevent restrictive homeowners' association (HOA) rules that currently prohibit or severely limit the installation of amateur radio antennas, even when such antennas are hidden in trees, placed in attics, mounted on vehicles, or look like flagpoles.

“This legislation is about restoring equal rights to licensed Amateur Radio operators,” said ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR. “These restrictions hinder not only the enjoyment of Amateur Radio, but also its vital role in emergency communication during disasters.”

Public Support Needed for Passage

To advance the legislation, ARRL is calling on its members and all licensees of the US Amateur Radio Service to take action by sending letters to their congressional representatives. Through a dedicated online tool at send-a-letter.org/hoa, amateurs can easily generate and submit pre-drafted letters with a few clicks.

Go to — send-a-letter.org/hoa

— and help us by sending your letters to your Representative and Senators.

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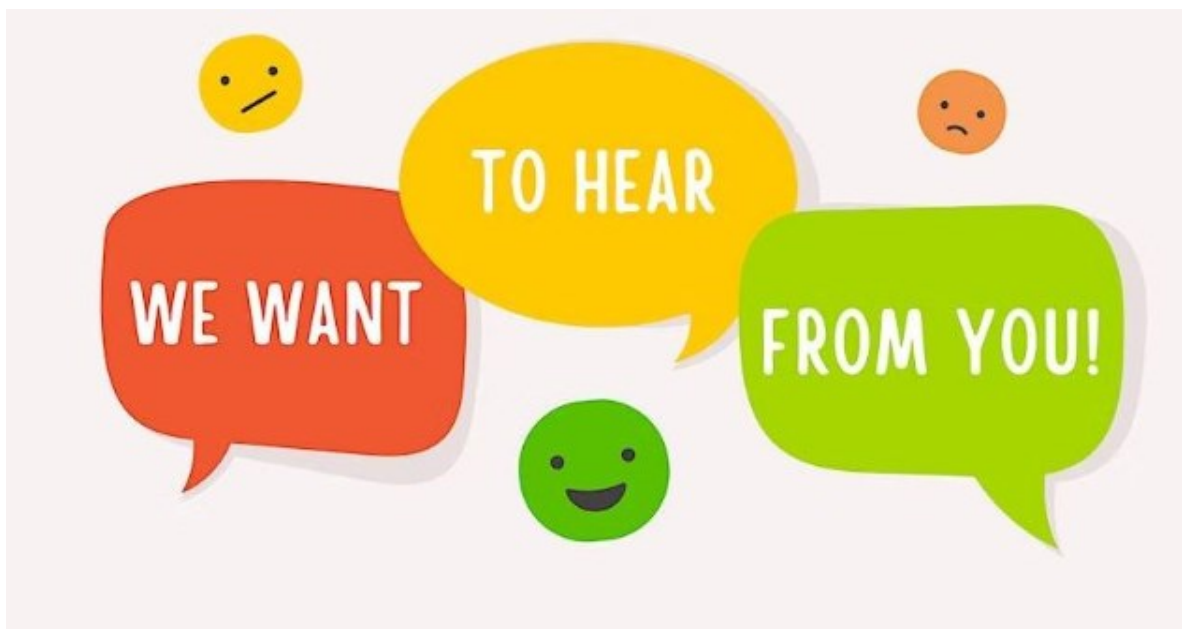
Submitting Info for Anything Amateur in Idaho Newsletter

This newsletter is for radio enthusiasts and clubs to show how they are working the hobby in their Idaho communities to advance amateur radio. If you or your club supports an event, completes a project, or participates in an emergency communication mission, we want to hear about it.

Submit your article to ALLIDAHOHAMS @ gmail.com. Send them as Word files or PDFs. Send photos with the name and callsign of the photographer, and name the individuals with their callsigns.

Our goal is to highlight the excellent work that Idaho clubs and individuals do in their community.

This newsletter (and past newsletters) is posted on the Idaho ARRL website [Idaho ARRL](#) , and our readers are “all over.”



Update Your ARRL Club Affiliated Information, Please

Idaho-based amateur radio clubs are encouraged to update their information. Idaho ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC), Richard Casper, WB&ML, stated that he understands some are waiting to update until after their officer elections.

He is available to help clubs with their updates.

The list will be updated via email every couple of weeks. Those who have updated this year:

3 Rivers Amateur Radio Club
American Legion Post 113 ARC
Bonner County Amateur Radio Club, Inc
Boundary Amateur Radio Society
Clearwater Valley ARC
Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs Boise Chapter
Island Park ARC
Kootenai Amateur Radio Society
Pocatello ARC
Treasure Valley Radio Assn



The VOI ALL CALL

Linked Repeaters - Give it a try

Go on Bench, Shafer, Squaw Butte, Snowbank, or War Eagle VHF repeater and say:

This is <callsign> on the VOI ALL CALL using <repeater>

This is K7DD on the VOI ALL Call using War Eagle

PL is 100

VOI Full-Time linked Analog Repeaters

- Snowbank 146.620
- Squaw 146.700
- Shafer 146.840
- Bench 145.290
- War Eagle 147.240



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off
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contest
ham
October
RTTY
vhf



coax
grid
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portable
uhf

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Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Solution on page 10

DX Marathon- Sprint

This is a great event for newcomers to work toward their DXCC (100 countries) or for long-time DXers to work them all again. The event also contains the very popular (and busy) CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest. There will be plenty of countries around the world on the air. There should also be ample opportunities on 10 Meters for Technician Class Licensees to work stations on SSB between 28.300 and 28.499 MHz. Alternatively, Techs can concentrate on FT & FT4 on 10 meters during the entire sprint.



Modes

Any modes for which the operator is licensed may be used. Popular modes seen in the DX Marathon include:

- CW: Utilizes the International Morse Code
- Phone: USB, LSB, DSB, FM (voice), AM
- Digital: FT8, FT4, PSK, RTTY

BANDS

Radio frequencies in the 160-6 meter bands are eligible, including the 60m band and WARC bands (30 m, 17 m, & 12m).

SCORING

Scoring will be the same as the 2025 DX Marathon Program. You will be awarded one point the first time you work a new country/entity and one point for working a zone. Add the country and zone points together and that results in your total score. There are no multipliers in the DX Marathon Program.

Anthony Luscre K8ZT

ARRL Ohio Section — Youth Coordinator & Education Outreach

ARRL — The National Association for Amateur Radio

K8ZT Radio Website — www.k9zt.com

Amateur Radio Resources for Students/Youths — www.k8zt.com/hry



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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Do you have questions or comments? Send them.

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 | Phone: 860-594-0265

RATPAC live sessions Are back!

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

We are in the midst of the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Amateur radio played a vital role in the response to this event. There was multi state/multi ARRL Section/ Division cooperation and coordination that lasted weeks. Many unsung amateur radio heroes ~ Barry, KB1PA

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>

Did you miss the last presentation?

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



[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/2128884758?
pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZlW
mhXaEdwdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2128884758?pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZlWmhXaEdwdz09)

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

Or view just EmComm-related
sessions at

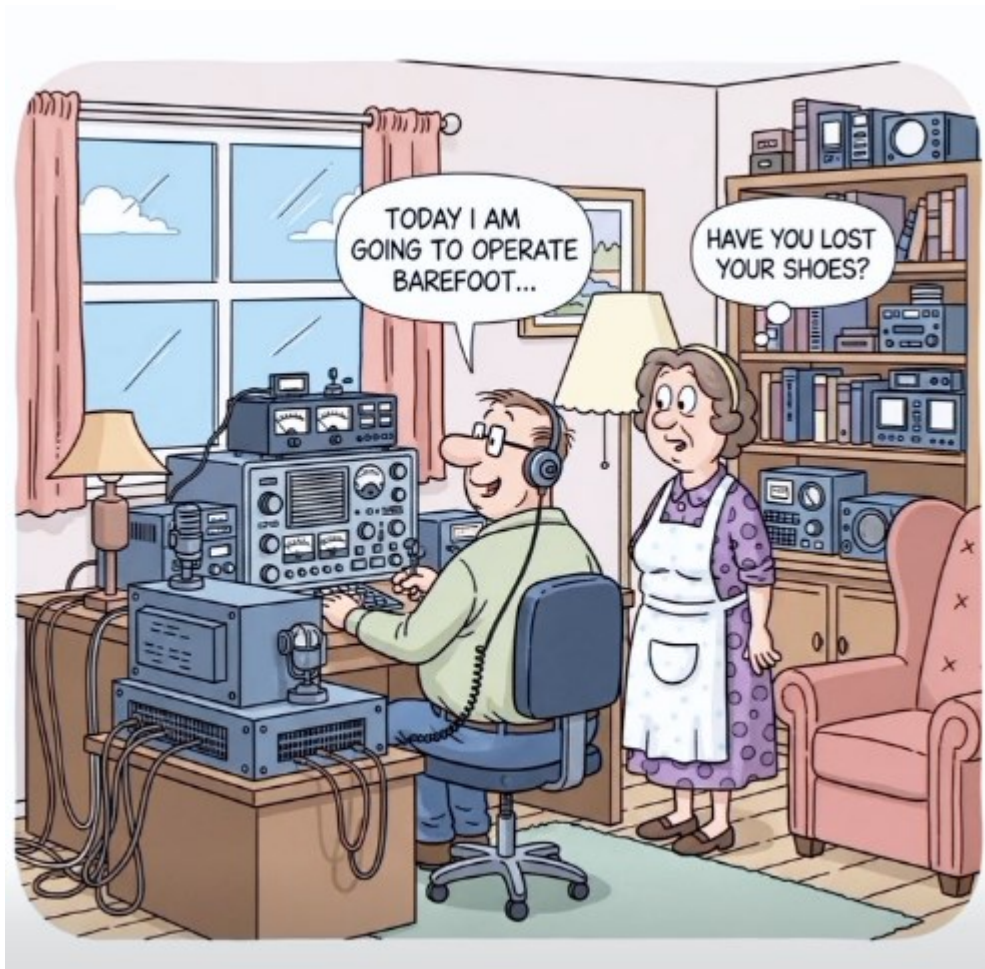
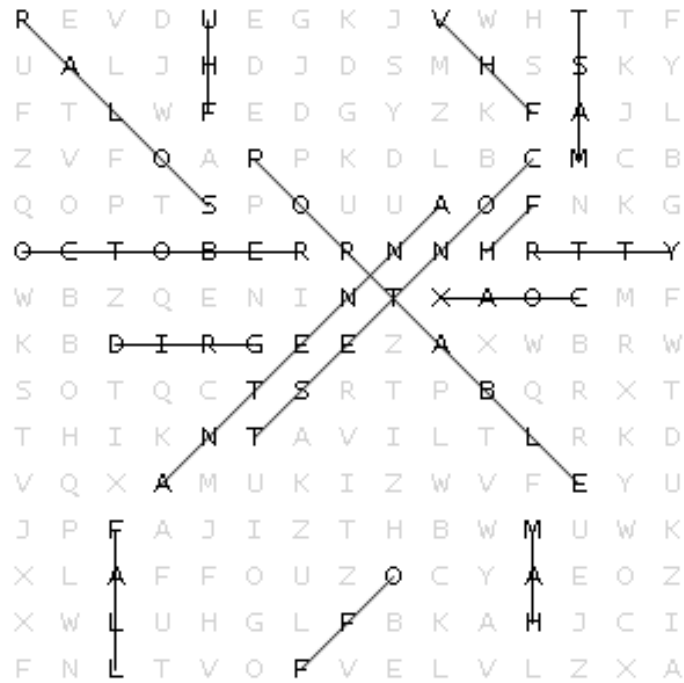
Tiny.cc/rpem

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

Ratpac.plan@gmail.com



Send in photos and brief description what projects your club did this summer: foxhunts, tower and repeater installations, etc.!



3 Rivers ARC 2025 activities



We can be found in North Central Idaho in the Kooskia/Kamiah area. Our club had a productive year.

We began in February when a motocross group reached out to us for radio support. We participated in seven of their scheduled bike events and encountered various conditions, ranging from frozen ground to dry, dusty terrain.

Throughout these well-attended events, we showcased the significant value of ham radio in ensuring public safety and facilitating communication among participants.





We completed two out of three phases for our 2M RMS Gateway (KG7DPO-10). This location previously housed the Club repeater until 2023. It was already set up for solar power, which we are now utilizing for the Gateway.

A high wind event displaced the shack from its brick foundation, but we were able to use a tractor to reposition it correctly.

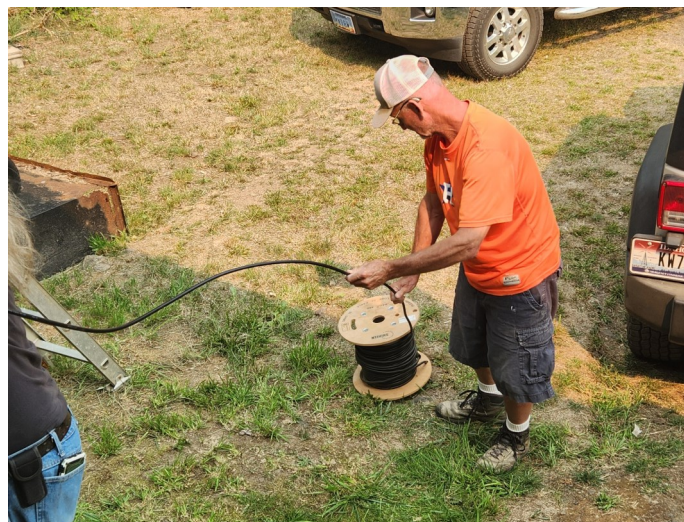
Snow accumulation is a challenge, so we implemented a design that theoretically allows snow to slide off the roof and fall behind the panels.

Additionally, we replaced the coaxial cables for both the panels and the tower. The final phase will be painting the tower and installing metal siding, weather permitting.





For members that avoid heights and not sure of the tech side, for antenna installations, a few of our Hams volunteered to handle it.



Cushcraft R5

KE7CIU on the ladder

KK7BWJ the coax guy

Bring a trailer loaded with the necessary stuff, and

The end result is playing with a new ICOM 7300

What to do to celebrate a year of accomplishment?

Have a picnic!



Clockwise starting above L to R: KW7DWM, KF7LGR, KK7NOZ. Next photo: KJ7VNC, K7DO, KK7CHt with Ava DOG. W7BN with wife, Tina. Below is Wanda—she attends every meeting supporting her husband K7DO



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 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

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

Show us your photos of your setup and what you accomplished!

Wednesday WinLink Check-in

The current assignment can be found at:

[Winlink Wednesdays of Idaho](#)

[For the Month of October 2025](#)

For October 2025 we are going on a WinLink adventure. Each week I would like you to pick a different Template Form to send in as your check-in. Use a form that is in the Standard Forms folder

Thanks for being a part of the Idaho WinLink Wednesday Net.

All Hams from around the world are welcome to join in.

Remember, if you include your daily email address, you will receive a copy of your check-in status faster.

Don W7PJ
Net Control



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

Join the Net

Winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com

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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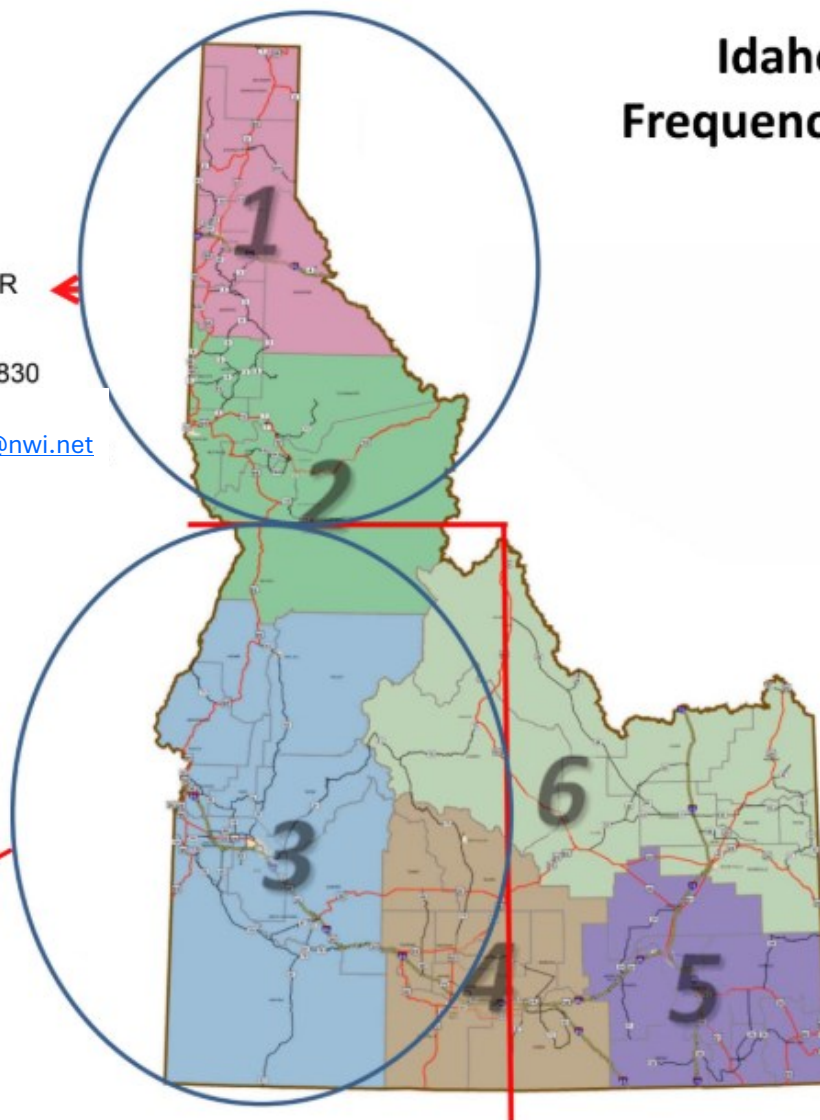
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Idaho Repeater Frequency Coordination

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
5. The Southwestern Zone Coordinator is Larry Smith (W7ZRQ), e-mail: smith_larrye@hotmail.com
6. The Southeastern Zone Coordinator is Bliss Wheeler (W7RUG), e-mail: 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



VOLUNTEER



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

The next page is contact information for the Idaho ARRL Leadership

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

Idaho ARRL website [Idaho ARRL](#)

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