

ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

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ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

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Idaho ARRL “One-stop” email address for ALL Idaho Amateur Radio Operators.

ALLIDAHOHAMS@gmail.com

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

Be sure to include recent Silent Keys (SKs)

Do you have questions or comments? Send them.

Idaho Hams Word Hunt

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

CALL
CONDUCTOR
MICROPHONE
QRP
TUNING
COAX
KEY
MORSE
SPEAKER
YAESU
CAPACITOR
ICOM
MONITOR
RADIO
WATT

Find the word in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Solution on page 7



Idaho ARRL Calendar

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

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

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

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

To Update a repeater in your area...

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

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

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

-- Kelly Klaas

Ham Radio Operator K7SU

Woodworker

Voice Over for ads and audio books



Youth Outreach for Idaho Amateur Radio Clubs

Richard Casper, WB7ML
Idaho Section ARRL ACC

How Can We Reach Youth as Amateur Radio Enthusiasts?

- Clubs can create a Youth Outreach Committee or Appoint a Youth Outreach Specialist
- Must either be adults with Youth Leadership Experience or Youth with Leadership Acumen!
- Clubs can include specific activities for youth only
- Kids Net, Antenna Build for Young members, classes to build operating skill and experience, Elmer committee, et.
- Help Youth start their own club—(Your ACC can help with that!)
- Visit Schools, STEM groups, Scout Troops, and other youth groups to introduce AND demonstrate Amateur Radio

This is a list of great resources from Anthony Luscre, K8ZT:

[K8ZT Amateur Radio - Youth](#)

Another great read on the subject can be found at:

[Attracting Youth to Ham Radio: Get Out of Their Way! • AmateurRadio.com](#)

Other Suggestions To help Clubs Reach Youth

Great video to share at a club meeting:

[Amateur Radio Youth Outreach: The Why And How - ARRL Education & Learning](#)

Questions to consider:

- What is your experience?
- How can you help? Are you willing to Elmer young people in a meaningful way?
- When can you be of assistance? (To help create an availability schedule)

Operator Comments and Suggestions:

[Amateur Radio Youth Outreach: The Why And How - ARRL Education & Learning](#)

Speaking of Youth *Using* Amateur Radio

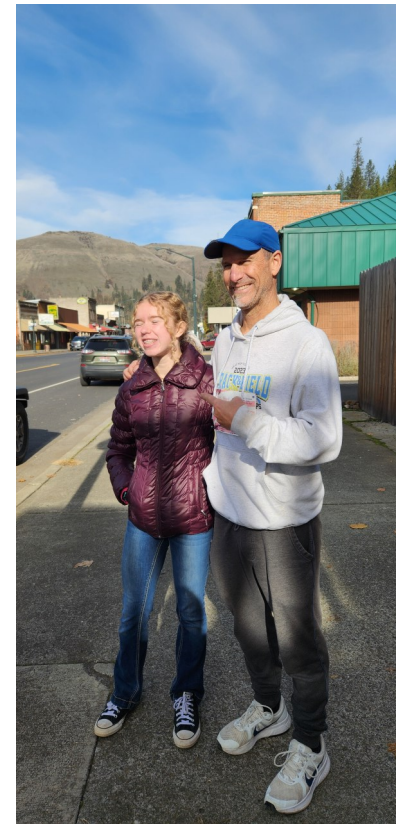
If a person prepares for small communication events, they will also be ready for last-minute communication requests. For the past few years, our local club has handled the communications for an annual “Fun Run” July event and created an After-Action Report (AAR) to help us improve each year.

A local student at Clearwater Valley High School in Kooskia chose to focus her senior project on raising awareness for breast cancer, a disease that affects 1 in 29 individuals, not just women. As part of her project, she organized a race to promote awareness.



KK7FHG, seated KW7DMW

How can we ensure the safety of the participants and the public during a race that takes place on city streets and crosses busy highways? She discussed this issue with a teacher, who happened to be a Ham. He suggested that she reach out to our local Hams for radio support. They apologized for the short notice of seventeen days. Sufficient time, especially since this race would follow the same course as the summer event.



Evelyn & KJ7TST

Our club was between meetings so we successfully enlisted radio operators by email and text.

We took the AAR created in July and made a couple of adjustments to radio operator placements. This too improved success especially when our cross-band radio that worked before decided to hiccup.

On November 9th, we met Evelyn, a teenager whose infectious smile helped recruit racers from the three nearby schools. By the time the race began, there were 59 participants, including teachers, coaches, students, other runners, and moms pushing baby strollers.

Congratulations to Evelyn for a job well done, and thank you for choosing Hams to assist with your project.

Race “things”

Temperature was 37°

5K course

59 participants

9 radio operators

Chase Vehicle

The oldest runner was a 51-year-old woman who finished 3rd in just under 16 minutes.

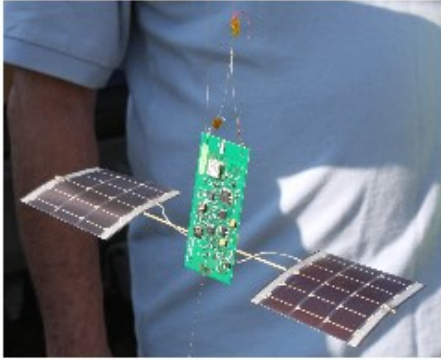
What Did Your Club Do This Summer



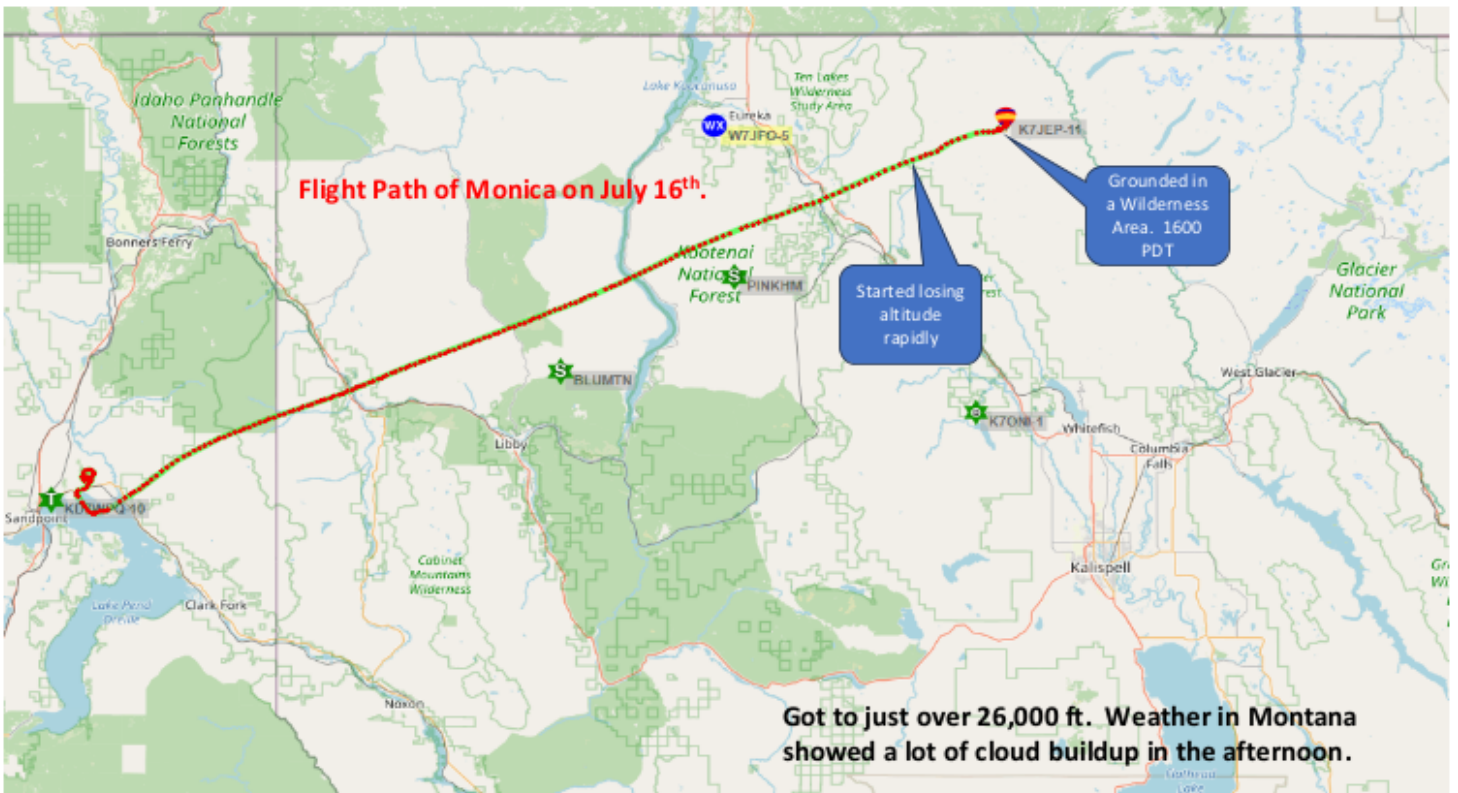
Submitted by
John Ailport K7BSV



Launch of K7JEP-11 (Monica) – July 16th.



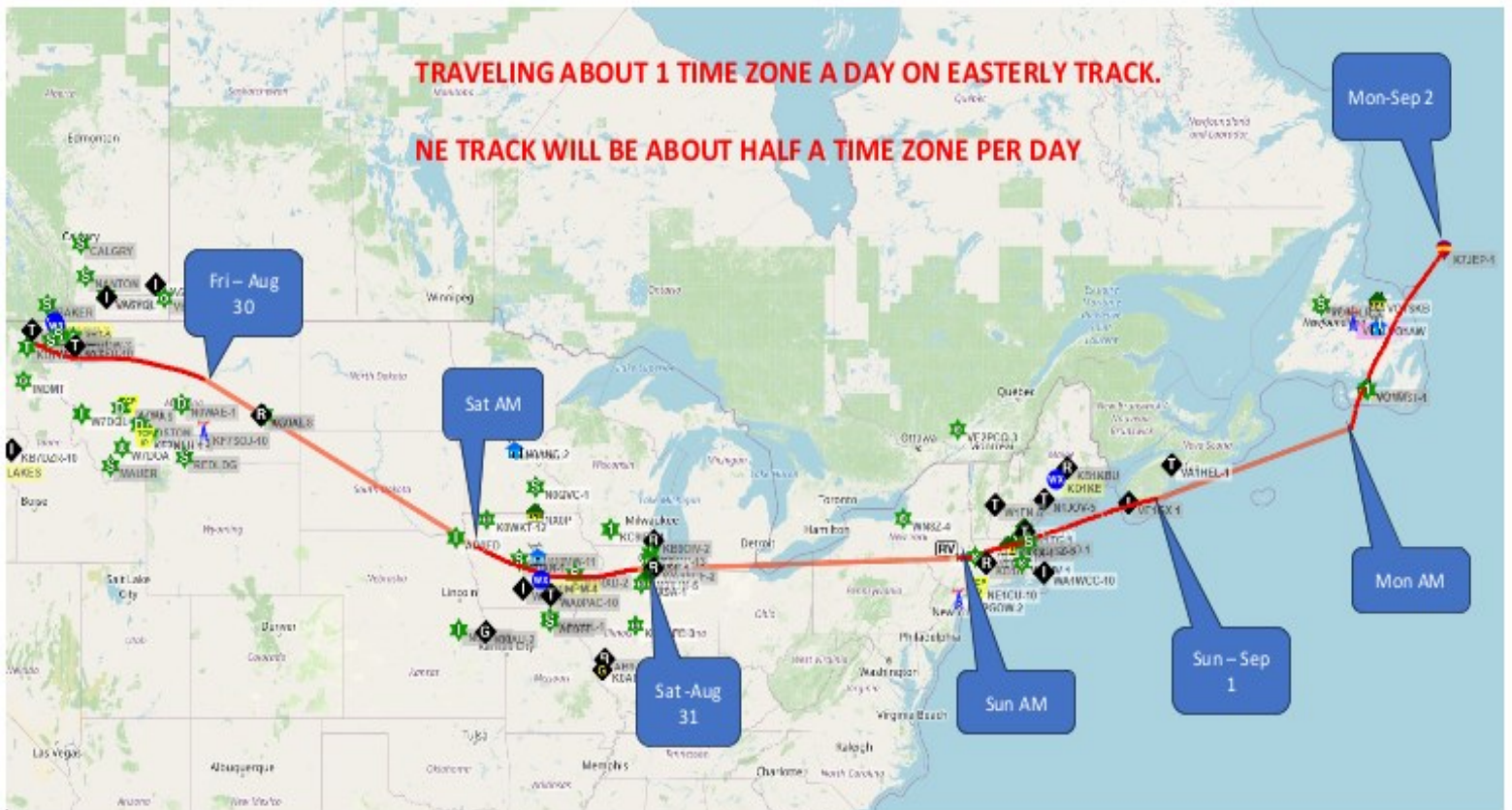
Monica had the zoomies and traveled far. How about inviting youths to watch and participate in these events?



K7JEP-1 (BETTY) BALLOON LAUNCH - AUG 30th



[K7JEP balloon Betty](#)



RATPAC live sessions on Wednesday evenings

One of our latest presentations

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

Keeping Up with Amateur Radio News & Events

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT



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



<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

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



RATPAC Committee Recruitment Announcement



The RATPAC committee is actively seeking additional members to join our dynamic and dedicated team. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to our mission and work alongside a group of passionate individuals committed to making a meaningful impact.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please contact us at ratpac.plan@gmail.com. We welcome all inquiries and look forward to expanding our team with individuals who share our vision and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

The RATPAC Committee

Radio Amateur Training Planning and Activities Committee (RATPAC)

professional development is evident in the quality and consistency of its weekly presentations. The committee's efforts have established a robust platform for amateur radio operators to expand their knowledge, refine their skills, and stay abreast of the latest developments in the field.

In conclusion, RATPAC stands as a beacon of knowledge and community for amateur radio operators worldwide. Through its weekly Zoom presentations and extensive post-session resources, the committee not only disseminates valuable information but also fosters a global network of passionate and knowledgeable radio enthusiasts.

Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/y8sc3jyy>

Website link: <https://www.ratpac.us>

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/ratapacfb>

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!



Idaho State ARES Nets
Thursdays - Spring/Summer
Phone: MDT 0830/2030 - PDT 0730/1930
Digital: MDT 2100 - PDT 2000

Clearwater Valley Amateur Radio Club

Sundays

PDT 7:00 PM 146.7600 Tone 1318

PDT 7:30 PM 145.4900 (no tone)

3 Rivers Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

PDT 6:30 PM 146.62 88.5

Followed by Simplex Net 145.54

Info3riversarc@gmail.com

Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

Mountain Time 7 PM

146.76 MHz Tone 100

Help@K7MVA.org



iHeartCraftyThings.com

Camas Prairie Amateur Radio Club

Tuesdays

PDT 7:30 PM 145.68 100 MHz

WinLink nets are back in service.

Proven to be an essential tool in emergency communications and used during hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Thank you for your cooperation!



WINLINK

GLOBAL RADIO EMAIL

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

Join the Net

Winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com

Answers

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

Is Your Club Wanting To Become an ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest or Convention?

Check out these links!

Please refer your club to this on-line guide:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Hamfest/ARRL%20Hamfest%20and%20Convention%20Guidelines.pdf>

The ARRL Convention and Hamfest Planner is the most comprehensive guide that I know of, and a link to this pdf document can be found on the ARRL Web's site at the bottom of the page that discusses how to "Become an ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest or Convention."

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events>

It's very good to know that KARS is already approved to host the ARRL Idaho State Convention on August 3. <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2024-kars-arrl-idaho-state-convention>

If there are questions or clarifications that are needed about the information in this booklet or elsewhere about hosting a convention, please let me know. I will be happy to try to provide answers and updates.

Best wishes to KARS and to you as you prepare for a great ARRL Idaho State Convention.

73,

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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/>



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



To read past newsletters:

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

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