

ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

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ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

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Idaho Amateur Radio Operators.

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

Be sure to include recent Silent Keys (SKs)

Do you have questions or comments? Send them.



April

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Accuracy
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 Observation
 Theory

Analysis
 Data
 Hypothesis
 Precision
 Universe

Conclusion
 Experiment
 Model
 Scale
 Variable



Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Solution on page 8



The Adventures of Dennis K7JEP

Bonner County Amateur Radio Club

Alas, the Adventures of Dennis appears to have ended.



So, now we must patiently wait until Dennis half-sibling will be launched later this month.

Motocross & HAM

In February

Motocross is popular worldwide and in North Central Idaho it is popular, even in February. This was the first of several events for a Kamiah based organization. Check out their website: [Hidden Thorn](#) for further.

On the heels of a zero-degree cold snap, radio operators provided a safety net for over 60 professional, expert, intermediate, and novice riders on a 3 1/2 mile course of ice covered track near Cottonwood, Idaho.



Three Idaho clubs 3 Rivers ARC, Clearwater Valley ARC in Orofino, and Camas Prairie ARC in Grangeville.



Start/finish line, bikers, and radio comms. 5 watt handhelds covered the whole course.





The riders have studs to race. Each of the three rounds had three laps.

The first round the track was frozen at 27°. The second round the track started out semi frozen and by the third round at 34 , this was a mud track..



What did Ham contribute?

Incident Command worked up an Incident Action Plan that included the physical address and Lat/Long in case of an EMS incident and necessary contact numbers. An added bonus was one of the race organizers is a Ham and stayed in the Pit to relay information and monitor the frequency.



Happily to report there were no injuries. Comms work well with this event.

We watched the races, watched the bikes catch some air and, to the right, evident by the grin, lots of fun.

Photo credits:
KW7DWM and
KG7DPO



2025 Hamfests

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.

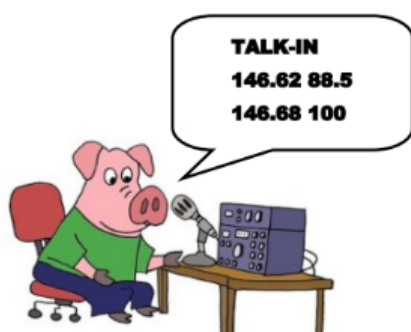
If you need assistance or have questions, contact ARRL Headquarters:

Email: hamfests@arrl.org | Phone: 860-594-0265



**5th Annual
Kamiah HAMFEST & Swap Meet**

ARRL Sanctioned Event



**Saturday, April 19, 2025
American Legion Hall
618 Main St. Kamiah, Idaho
8 AM till 3 PM
Admission \$5 Under 18 FREE**

ARRL Affiliated Cosponsors:
Clearwater Valley ARC KC7VBT
& 3 Rivers ARC KK3ARC



- . HANDS-ON TEACHING STATIONS**
- . FREE COFFEE & WATER**
- . VE TESTING ALL LICENSE CLASSES AT 10 AM**
- . HOURLY DOOR PRIZES**
- . FOOD & REFRESHMENTS**

SELLERS LIMITED TABLES RESERVE NOW

Tables 8-ft x 30-inches

Early Reserve—Seller Tables \$20

At Door—Seller Tables \$25

SELLER SETUP Friday 1-7 PM or Saturday 6 AM

For info or seller reservations contact KG7DPO 208-553-6022 or email info3river-sarc@gmail.com OR mail payment to 3 Rivers ARC HAMFEST P.O. Box 1325 Kamiah, ID 83536

Advertise

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Your event!

August 9th

Kootenai Amateur Radio Society to host the ARRL Idaho State Convention in Post Falls. More details to come.

RATPAC live sessions on Wednesday and Thursday evenings

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

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**CREATING A GO-KIT
THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU**

*Dan Lundwall
N7XDL*

March 13, 2025

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



RATPAC has resumed Wednesday and Thursday sessions. Check out upcoming topics.

<http://tiny.cc/ratpac-list>

Upcoming RATPAC Sessions

- * **Apr 02** The Wilderness Protocol- Dan Lundwall, N7XDL
- * **Apr 03** Hello from ARDC- Rosy Schechter, KJ7RYV
- * **Apr 09** OCFD Antennas Revisited- Steven Dick, K1RF
- * **Apr 10** Canst Thou Send Lightnings- James Wades, WB8SIW
- * **Apr 16** Temporarily Offline Ham Radio- Steve, KM9G
- * **Apr 24** The Radio Relay International Certified Radio Operator Program
- James Wades, WB8SIW

Join us live via Zoom at 9 PM Eastern / 6 PM Pacific.

www.ratpac.us/zoom

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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>

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)



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 145.68 100 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

WinLink is an essential tool in emergency communications and was successfully used during hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Winlink 2025

VHF/UHF and HF Winlink Gateways

John Trinterud K9ONR
ARRL East Bay Section
Technical Specialist



[VHF/UHF and HF Winlink Gateways ~ 02/12/2025](#)

Be sure to check out the above video for information about RMS Gateways!



WINLINK

GLOBAL RADIO EMAIL

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

Join the Net

Winlinkofidaho.blogspot.com

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



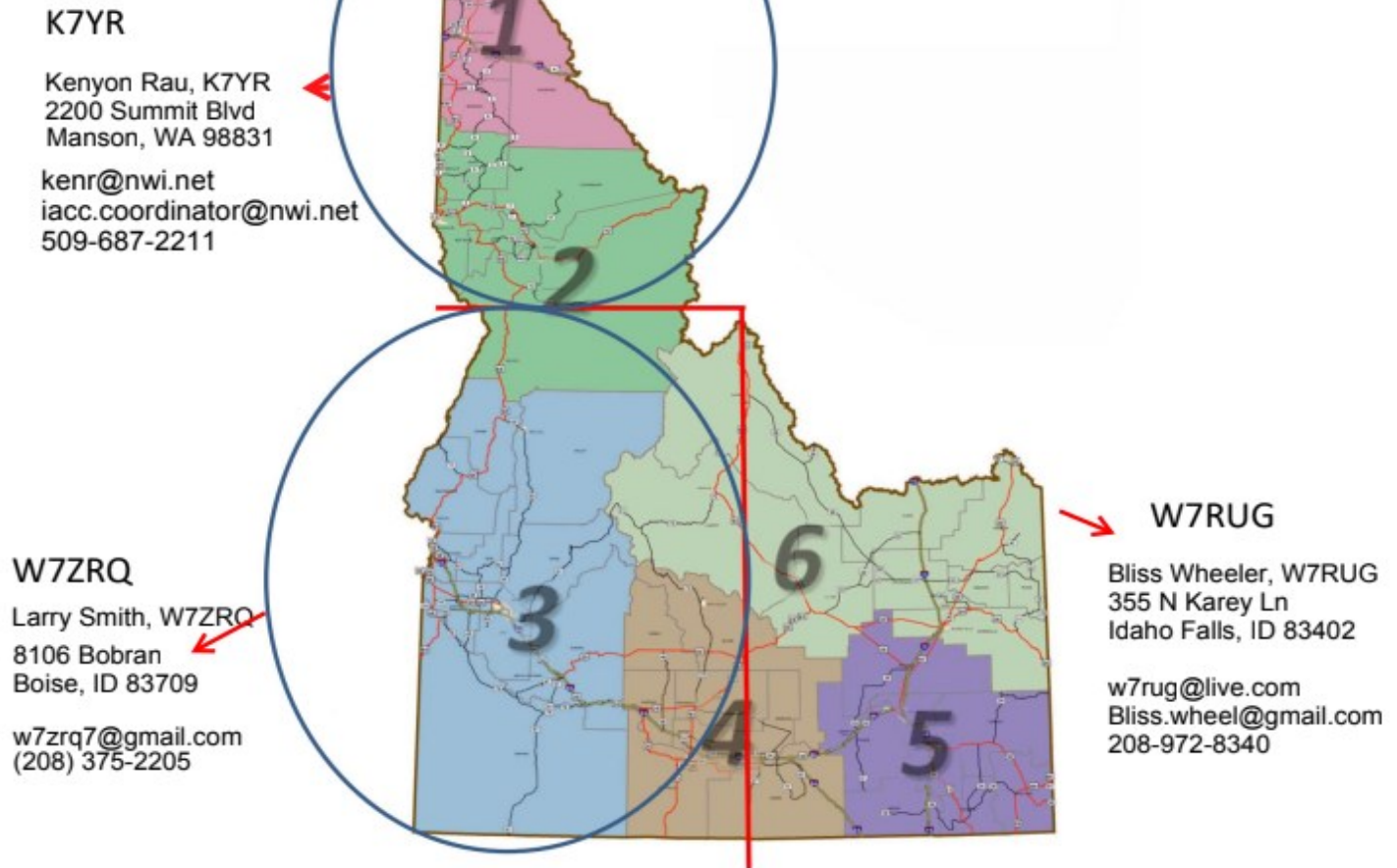
From the desk of Kelly Klaas K7SU

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



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: iacc.coordinator (at) nwi.net
5. The Southwestern Zone Coordinator is Larry Smith (W7ZRQ), e-mail: smith_larrye (at) hotmail.com
6. The Southeastern Zone Coordinator is Bliss Wheeler (W7RUG), e-mail: bmw (at) ida.net
7. If you have questions about repeater coordination, please contact the coordinator for your area.

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



Final Comment

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

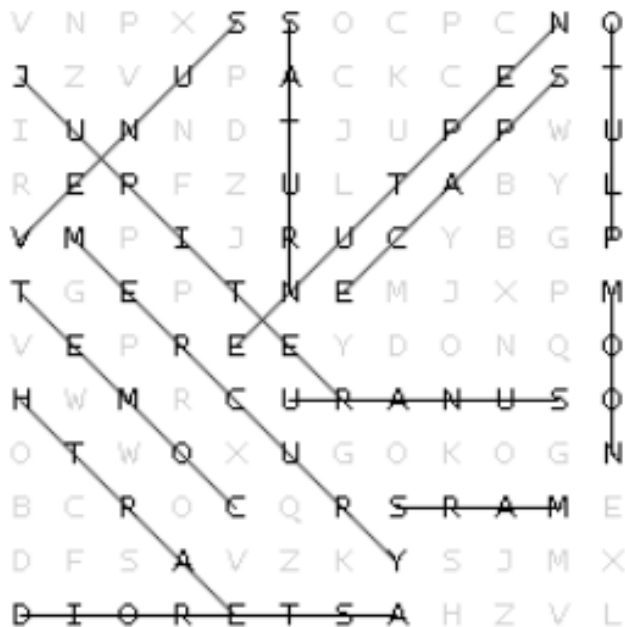
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The next page is contact information for the Idaho
ARRL Leadership



To read past newsletters:

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



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