

ALL IDAHO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

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ANYTHING AMATEUR RADIO

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Idaho Amateur Radio Operators.

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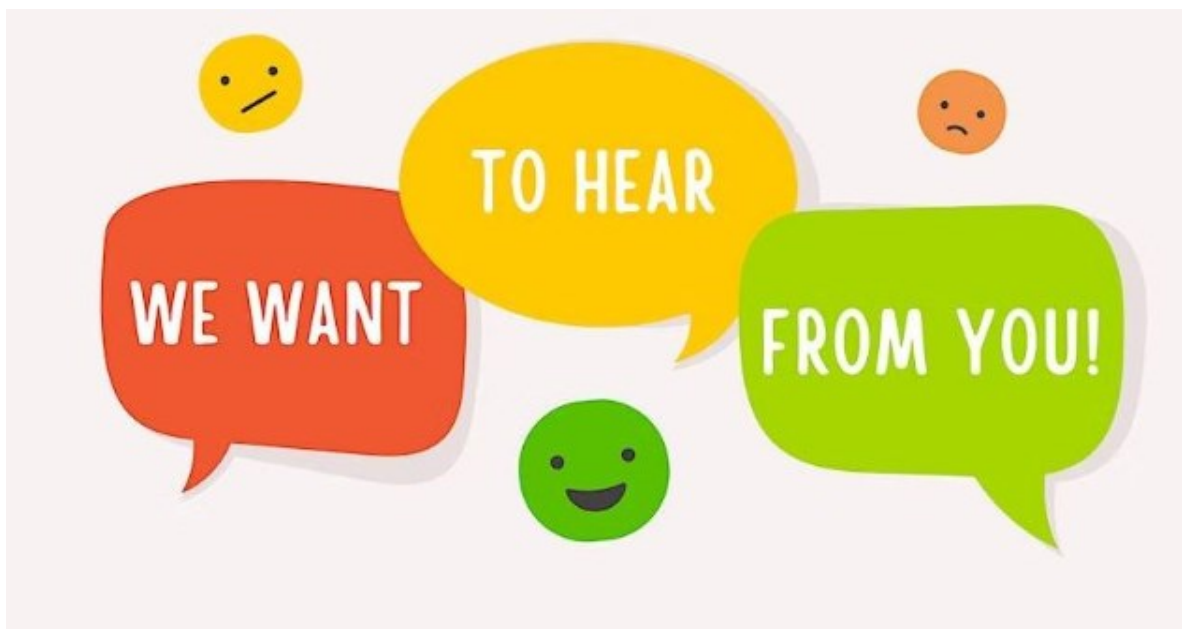
Submitting Info for Anything Amateur in Idaho Newsletter

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](mailto: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, and our readers are “all over.”



August edition

Earth

Jupiter

Moon

Pluto

Uranus

Io

Mars

Neptune

Saturn

Venus

Janus

Mercury

Phobos

Titan



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Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Solution on page 10

Motocross & Ham



February 2025 Ice Bowl

The Thorn Springs Motocross Club asked for Ham support for their enduro races. Working with the crew they have realized the importance of amateur radio is for communications. They didn't hesitate to communicate their needs or announcements during recent races.

What a difference five months makes as these photos show of the same spot!



July 2025 Dust Bowl



On the Camas Prairie near Cottonwood the temp was about 81 degrees with the wind whipping circles and creating dust devils. In addition to what the bikes stirred up .



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

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 | 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](https://www.kars.org/)

Sponsor: Kootenai Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 146.980 MHz

Public Contact: Cliff Pratt , K7CVP

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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

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



It's not too late to share your Field Day photos!

We'll post them for you!

**I was going to procrastinate today, but I'll
do it tomorrow.**

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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 7:30 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

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

Did your club make WinLink contacts at Field Day? 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](#)

Don Gardner sends Congratulations to **Carroll Tracy W7WXV** for reaching the Idaho Winlink Wednesday Net Century Club by checking in 100 times. We now have 23 who have reached this level . We have others who will soon be able to join this club. Keep checking in and you too can reach 100



WINLINK

GLOBAL RADIO EMAIL

[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/>



HAMS & Communities—Tracking Lightning storms

What else can Hams do within their communities. We are in August, the month for lightning and wildland fires. Monitor frequencies.

I worked summers in Wildland Fire Dispatching. I used computer websites then transitioned into the phone apps and those are handy.

Monitor the fires for your community.

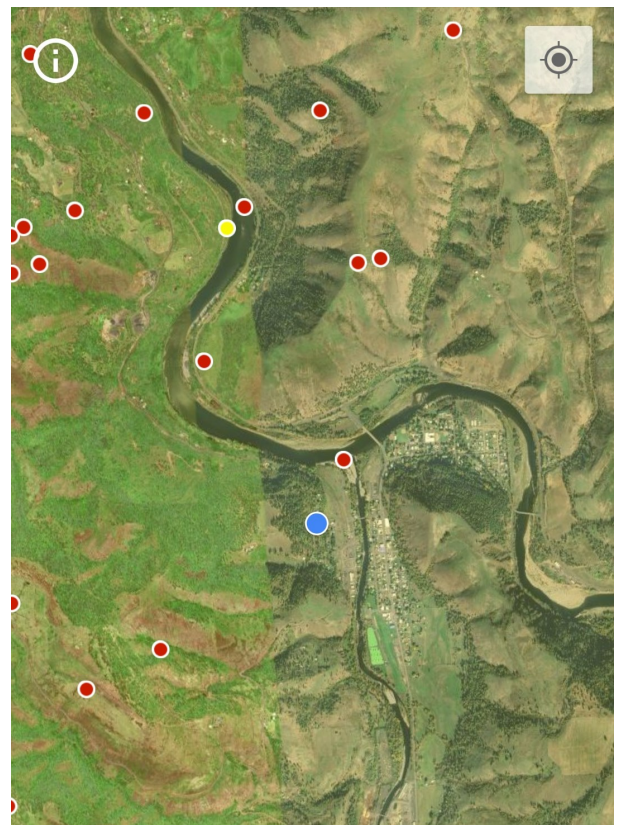
Check on your neighbors and members of your club.

Keep your safety in mind.



Days following a storm, I tracked W7BN as he flew looking for fires. He works for a fire agency

When a storm passes through your area, take precautions such as shutting off your computer and disconnecting your radio. Use a handheld and the phone app to monitor. And, stay under cover or inside.



A storm I tracked had caused fires; I monitored the local fire department frequency on my HT. They were enroute to a lightning caused fire near Ham friends.

On the right, the blue dot is my location. The red dot that's close by was a FLASHBOOM that occurred when I sat down on a chair my porch—I kind of jumped.

Idaho Repeater Frequency Coordinators

K7YR

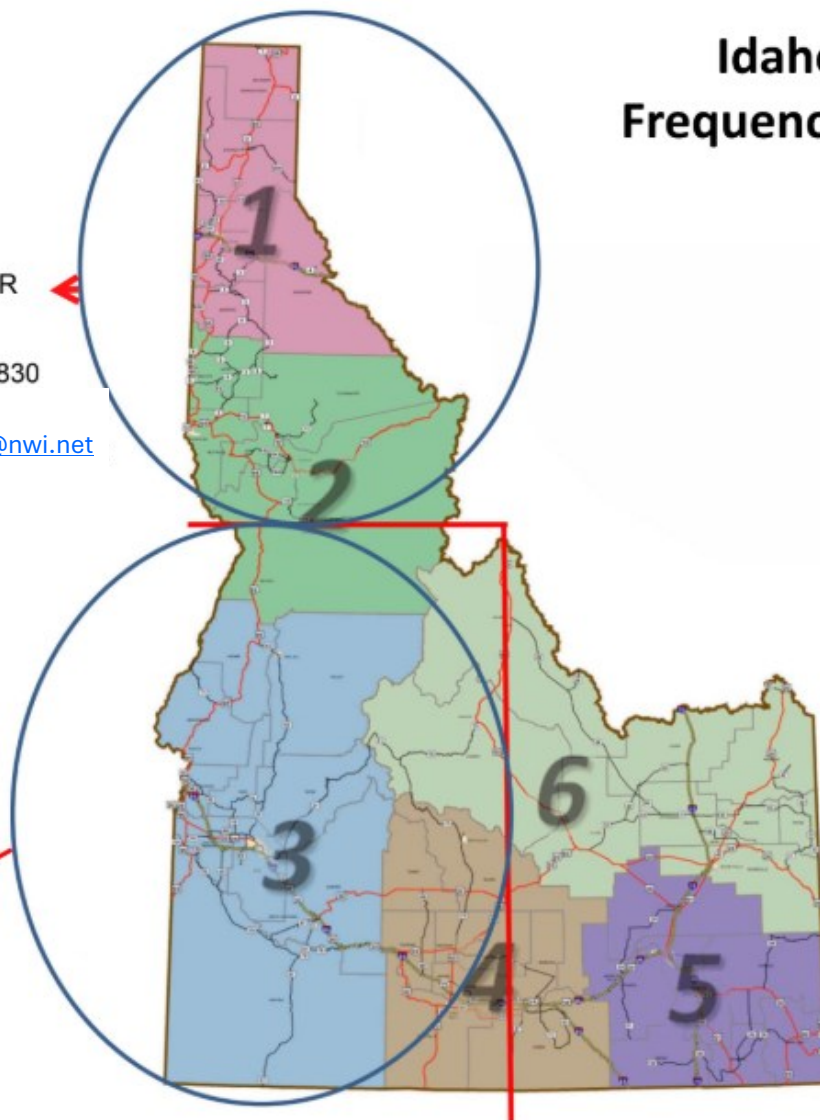
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Idaho Repeater Frequency Coordination

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



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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

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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