

# KBARA

# GAZETTE

Spring 2006

The Quarterly Journal of the Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association  
Please note our new mailing address: KBARA, PO Box 30801, Spokane WA 99223-3013

## The President's Corner

Bob Lemon, W7HFI

Hello everyone. Our busy time of year is coming up again--annual meeting, Field Day and Hamfest. Please check out the web page [WWW.KBARA.org](http://WWW.KBARA.org) for updates and information. Nets are also a good way to find out the news of KBARA.

We wish to say welcome home from the hospital to Ken, KD7 DDQ. We are hoping for a very successful recovery for him.

March 25th there will be an informal KBARA meeting. It will be at 1:00 PM at the Harvester Restaurant at Spangle, WA.

At the last Hamfest meeting the committee decided on prizes for the September Spokane Hamfest. Seminars are being decided on. There will be a barbeque put on by the same folks as last year. Raffle tickets for prizes will be out shortly. Stay tuned for more updates.

June 24-25 are the dates for Field Day. KBARA will also have our annual meeting on the 24th. This will be held at Bear Lake near Chatteroy. There will be flyers available soon with all the information. At the annual meeting new officers for KBARA will be elected and I would like to encourage more people to run for an office. New officers mean new ideas and thoughts and keep our club growing and going. To run for an office you just need to be a paid member of KBARA. There will be a potluck following the meeting. The Evergreen Intertie is still having some problems and the owners are aware of them. They are working on it as time, money and weather allow.

Thanks everyone for your support.  
Bob Lemon, W7HFI, President, KBARA



## MOE CHECKIN AWARD



The first recipient of the prestigious KBARA Net Controller award "Moe Checkin", Robert Lemon, W7HFI, for his tireless dedication to Amateur Radio & KBARA. Bob received this important award at the December holiday luncheon in Spokane. The next recipient of "Moe" will be awarded at the Annual Meeting in June





## Spring is Springing Along!

An informal KBARA meeting & no-host luncheon is planned for March 25, 2006, Saturday 1PM  
 Harvester Restaurant  
 410 W 1st, Spangle WA  
 509-245-3552

All are welcome & encouraged to attend.



Thanks from Mike, N1NG.....



At the Ham-it-up luncheon on 17 Dec 2005, it was my pleasure to present this small US flag and small Washington State flag to Mr. Ken Crosswhite, KD7DDQ.

Mr. Crosswhite, sent the attached letter that he had several KBARA ham radio operators sign. Mr. Crosswhite himself is a Vietnam Veteran who earned a Purple Heart. The flags were with me throughout my tour in Iraq, and mean a great deal. They physically flew over the city of Baghdad with me on three occasions and were carried with me behind the plates of my body armor. The support that Ken and our fellow hams have shown means a great deal. We continue to remember those who are currently serving our country away from loved ones.

Sincerely,

Mike Maxson, N1NG aka YI9NG

## AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TEST SESSIONS

### Coeur d'Alene, ID

Contact: John Hollar, Jr., N7JU, phone: 208-765-5470  
 email: n7ju@arrl.net

### College Place/Walla Walla, WA

Every May, August, November, February, third Sunday of month, Walla Walla College, Industrial Technology Bldg., SW 4<sup>th</sup> & Bade St., College Place, WA, 99324  
 Contact: Mable Babbitt, WB5AVH, phone: (509)525-7003 e-mail: [wa5zay@msn.com](mailto:wa5zay@msn.com)

### Colville, WA

The Armory, 225 South Silke Road, Colville Wa  
 Talk-in 146.62 MHz (minus offset)  
 PHARC regular club meeting will follow testing at 7:30 PM

Contact: Karl Miller, KC7KPA, phone (509)258-8922 or (509)-684-6491 email: [kc7kpa@msn.com](mailto:kc7kpa@msn.com)

### Grangeville, ID

Super 8 Motel, 801 W.S. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Grangeville, ID 83530, call for time

Contact: Larry Keith, phone (208) 983-2163

### Kennewick, WA

March 19, 2006; May 21, 2006, 2PM, American Red Cross Bldg, 7202 W. Deschutes Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336

Contact: Andrew Rakowski, W7UNX; phone: 509-734-9507; email: [w7unx@arrl.net](mailto:w7unx@arrl.net)

### Lewiston, ID

First Tuesday of each month, Nezperce County Court House, Emergency Management Office Basement, Lewiston ID 83501

Contact: Lyle Cable, phone: (509)758-8374

### Sagle, ID

March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, 2006, 9:30AM; no walk-ins; Sagle Senior Center, 650 Monarch Rd, Sagle, ID 83860; PLEASE CALL AHEAD

Contact: Russ Arndt, AA7XM, phone: 208-265-4534 (after 8PM) email: [russell.arndt@verizon.net](mailto:russell.arndt@verizon.net)

### Spokane, WA

Every month 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 5:00PM (summer months excluded), upstairs meeting room, Tidyman's Grocery, 13014 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

Contact: Mary Qualtieri, AA7RT, phone (509) 991-2192 email: [aa7rt@arrl.net](mailto:aa7rt@arrl.net)

February 28, 2006, Tuesday; April 25, 2006, Tuesday; 7PM; University High School, Room E102, 12420 E 32<sup>nd</sup>, Spokane Valley, WA 99216 (signs will be up pointing the way; use far east entrance on 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave)

Contact: Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ, phone: (509) 448-5821 email: [n7wrq@aol.com](mailto:n7wrq@aol.com)



## Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association

### Field Day & Annual Meeting/Camp Out June 23, 24 & 25, 2006\*

#### All are welcome!

Come to the KBARA Field Day & Annual Meeting/Camp Out at Bear Lake Park on Hwy 2 near Chattaroy, WA.

Swim, Hike, Fish, Paddle, Camp, Eat and Operate. KBARA will participate with radios...lots of radios & old timers can apply their skills and newcomers can try out new bands, modes and contacts. Newcomers can learn about Amateur Radio and have some fun. This is a camp out, a cookout, a summer bash and an emergency preparedness exercise, along with the KBARA annual meeting, all in one. Do not miss it.

WHERE: Bear Lake Spokane County Park, N 29601 Hwy 2; 15 miles north of Francis on Newport Highway, 1 mile north of Chattaroy on the west side of Hwy 2

Our camping site is at the south end of the lake.

Talk-in frequency: 147.380 MHz or 147.360 MHz repeaters

Annual Meeting time: Saturday, June 24, 2006, 1PM

Potluck dinner: Saturday, June 24, 2006, 5PM

What to bring: chairs, tables, radio gear plus extension cords, quiet generators, fuel, snacks, etc.

#### Info about Bear Lake Park:

([www.spokanecounty.org/parks/parklisting.htm](http://www.spokanecounty.org/parks/parklisting.htm)): 80 acres of park, play equipment, hiking trails, shelters, BBQ areas & swimming, restrooms available; entry fee is \$4.00 per person per day. Lifeguards are on duty. Fishing (non-motorized boats only), boat rental, handicap access trail, and volleyball are also available.

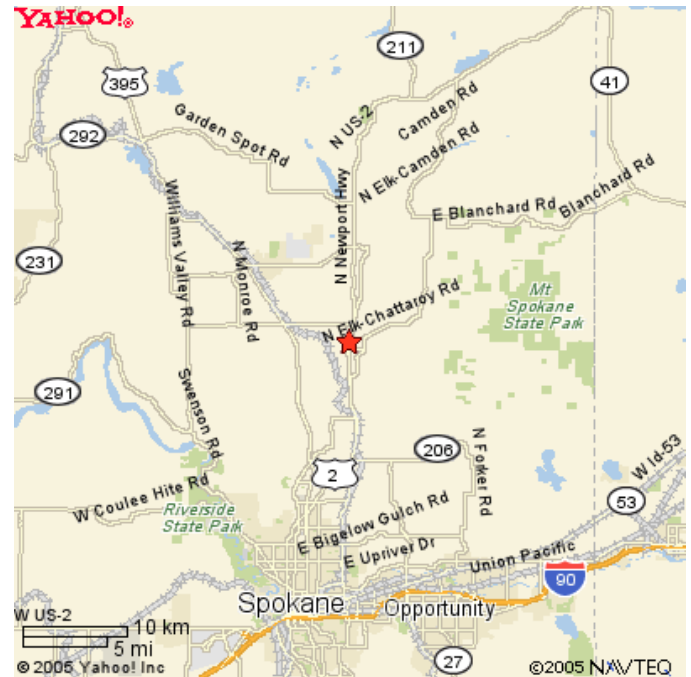
Please note there are no trees at the south end of the park where we will be located, so "tip-up" antennas are suggested. Also, the Spokane County Parks Department has kindly given KBARA special permission to use this "day-use only" park for the event. We must be on our best behavior, as always, and leave the park as we found it. Also, the gate will be locked at sunset, Friday & Saturday nights.

PS. No swimming at night, when no lifeguard is present, per Parks Department.

For more information contact:

WQ7O, Dennis at 509-995-4764, WQ7O@arrl.org

\*Pending approval from the Spokane County Parks Department



#### Special offer to ARRL affiliated club members.

Have you wondered about **Radio Frequency Interference**? Exactly what is it, what causes it, and how to get rid of it?

For a limited time, we are offering ARRL affiliated club members the opportunity to participate in the Radio Frequency Interference online course at a \$15.00 discount. (Regular price, ARRL Members \$65.00 Nonmembers 95.00)

- Get tips and suggestions for dealing with RFI problems
- Various types of filters.
- Sources of RFI
- Forms of TV interference
- On-line course, accessible 24/7 during the 16-week session

#### How to Register:

Follow the links from the Radio Frequency Interference

(<http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html#ec006>)

Enter the discount code **AC42306** on the registration screen

Offer expires April 23, 2006

**QUESTIONS?** please send questions to Jean Wolfgang, WB3IOS at [cce@arrl.org](mailto:cce@arrl.org).

## ARRL

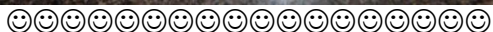
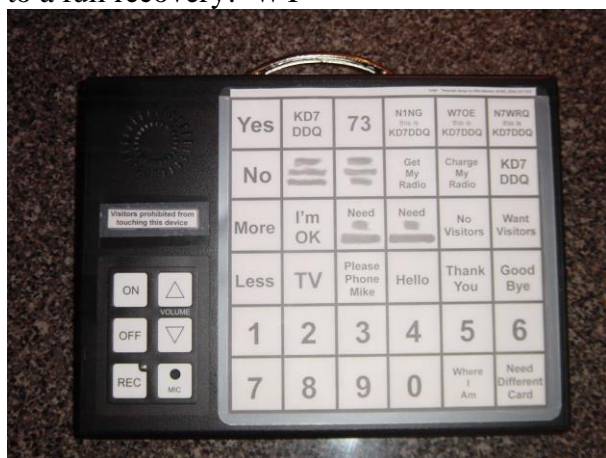
The national association for AMATEUR RADIO  
225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111-1494 USA



### Hams helping Hams:

Mike, N1NG, and others have been offering a hand to Ken, K7DDQ, during his recovery from a stroke. Mike set up a Crosstalk 36 board for Ken, whose stroke left him temporarily without the ability to speak. "In his hospital room, Mike, KC7NOA, provided a power supply, and I provided a hand-held radio with an external antenna. The nurses were surprisingly interested in all of this. Ken was able to simply press a button, and my recorded voice played the requested phrase."

Thanks to all the Hams who are helping Ken back to a full recovery! WT



"A search via <http://callsign.ualr.edu/callsign.shtml> found close to 2000 licensed hams in the 991XX and 992XX zip codes areas alone. There are many Hams that could take advantage of our KBARA club and newsletter. Please remember to talk to at least one Ham friend, or new Ham to ask him to invest \$15 per year to keep KBARA Ham radio alive and well in Eastern Washington!"



### KBARA Repeater Fund Members 2005-2006

We wish to thank the following members for their very generous contributions to newly established Repeater Fund.

#### Bronze Membership (\$1-\$20)

Ken & Linda, KE7AWZ & KE7EZX  
John, KD7BLC

Victoria, Ron & Sean, KE7CWQ, KE7CWR & KE7CWS

Richard, KA7DNJ

Joseph, KC7GKY

Art & Alma, W9IIT & N7YLO

Mike, WA7MJB

Paul, N7OCI

Shawn, KD7OIR

Jim, KC7QHE

Steven, W7SBK

Stanley, N7TCN

Charles, W7TN

Warren, N7YRN

Bill, KC7ZUF

#### Silver Membership (\$21-\$50)

Ken, WI7B

Roy & Jan, VE7IS & VE7QE

John, W7JLL

Wilber, KD7QLT

#### Gold Membership (\$51-\$100)

John, KA5LXG

#### Platinum Membership (over \$100)

John, KE7CSF



### From North of the border

We would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for the 8th Annual Christina Lake "International" Picnic & Campout. This event will be held on the weekend of August 11 - 13, with the picnic taking place on Saturday, August 12th. We hope to see everyone there. Come and join several of us for the camp out starting August 09/06. We will give more details in the next newsletter. We would also like to send our best wishes to Ken KD7DDQ, for a very speedy recovery. We hear that he is getting out to the breakfasts now. Good for you Ken!

Our Arizona holiday has been great. We have been traveling with Royal KB7WTO and Barb KB7WTN off and on and have had a very nice time. We are taking in a "Date Festival" in Indio, CA at this time. We'll take a walk through the fair to see how many "dates" we can pick up!!

We look forward to seeing several of you at the Puyallup Hamfest in a few weeks. That will be the end of our holidays. We'll head for home in Okanagan Falls right after that.

73's to all

Roy VE7IS & Jan VE7QE

Okanagan Falls, BC Canada

## Spokane Hamfest 2006 Progress

Here's the progress from our latest meeting held on February 11 at the Eatza Pizza Restaurant in North Spokane. Thanks to all who attended & contributed.

1. University High School ARC, as mentioned previously, is now one of the Hamfest hosting clubs, and will have their logo on the flyers along side the other six clubs'. Too, the usual \$600 Hamfest contribution to the school will continue, baring any disasters, but the school club will not financially participate with seed money as the other clubs do.

2. The KBARA/SRA Treasurer, Neil, N7LVO, has again offered to be the Hamfest Treasurer, which we certainly appreciate. He would, though appreciate assistance by the other Treasurers on Hamfest day in the handling of cash, tickets & banking.

3. The seed money structure remains unchanged: up to \$400 may be contributed by NW Tri-State, SRA, KBARA & SDXA, while up to \$200 may be contributed by the IEVHF & Palouse Hills clubs.

4. Each year, the ARRL has graciously sent a guest to our event. It was suggested that we ask the League to invite back Dan Henderson, N1ND. Dan is the League Contest Branch Manager.

5. As for Hamfest eats: Owens Grocery & Deli will again be invited to serve their delicious BBQ lunch, along with donuts, muffins, Snicker Bars, refreshments, etc. being offered at the snack bar.

6. The budget for prizes was left at \$1800, and the three raffle prizes are: the Yaesu FT 897D (HF+6M+ 2M+70CM all mode), the Kenwood TM-V708 (dual-band FM mobile dual watch), and the Yaesu VX-6R (tri-band HT with 2M+220 Mhz+70CM)

7. Advertising rates for the Hamfest program will remain the same:

\$120 full page ad

\$70 half page ad

\$40 quarter page ad

8. The open-cry auction was discussed, and the Committee hoped that Wilse & Gimmie, WX7P & AL7LB, would again host this outstanding event.

9. There were a number of exciting seminar recommendations:

DX'pedition by Ward Silver, N0AX

Tower Safety by Karl Shoemaker, WA7YCP

IRLP by Dave Cameron, VE7LTD

UHigh Radio Club by U High students

Techniques of Radio Installation in Car by Car Toys or Aspen

Copper Pipe J-Pole Construction by Pete, W7OW  
Twin Lead Antenna Construction by Jack, K7AZN & Mike, KE7PG

How to Use an Antenna Analyzer by ???

Thanks everyone for your support. Soon we'll have the flyers & raffle tickets available, so be sure to step right up.

73,

Betsy, N7WRQ

Spokane Hamfest Chairman

## KBARA NETS

(Pacific Time)

Join us on IRLP reflector 9205

Weekdays	7:00AM	7AM NW Regional/International Net
Monday	7:00PM	N.W. Elmer Net (summer excluded)
Wednesday	7:00PM	Wednesday Evening KBARA Net
Saturday	7:00AM	Bozo Net
Sunday	7:30AM	Roadrunners' Net

## Officers

### President

Robert Lemon W7HFI

509-397-4167

lemon @ colfax.com

### Vice President

Ken Crosswhite, KD7DDQ

### Secretary

Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ

509-448-5821

n7wrq @ aol.com

### Treasurer

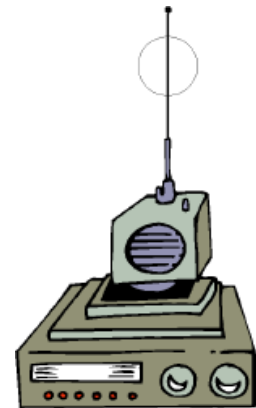
Neil Gallup, N7LVO

509-209-3109

### Newsletter

Wes Taylor, KD7HGG

KD7HGG@yahoo.com



## KB7ARA REPEATERS

**146.74 W7HFI** Kamiak Butte, near Pullman, WA, owned by Bob, W7HFI, John, W7OE & Whitman County

**147.02 N7LVO** Lookout Pass on I-90 on the Idaho-Montana border, owned by Neil, N7LVO & John, W7OE

**147.28 KD7DDQ** Pikes Peak in the Blue Mountains, southeast of Walla Walla, WA, owned by Ken, KD7DDQ

**147.36 KB7WTO** Stensgar (Stranger) Mountain, near Chewelah, WA, owned by Royal, KB7WTO & John, W7OE

**147.38 W7OE** Mica Peak, east of Spokane, WA, owned by John, W7OE

**223.90 WA7YCP** Stensgar (Stranger) Mountain, near Chewelah, WA, owned by Karl, WA7YCP

**IRLP Node #3957 N1NG** (Internet Radio Linking Project) owned by Mike, N1NG