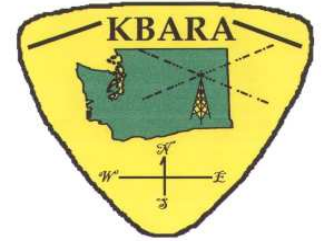




KBARA GAZETTE



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From the Editor: Wes, KD7HGG

Spring is the time for Growth!!



Help us GROWWW our
KBARA organization!

According to the web site from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Amateur Radio Club, for Spokane, there are a total of **1078 actively licensed** Ham Radio enthusiasts. (For a list, by city, go to their web site at: <http://callsign.ualr.edu/index.html>. Look through the list and encourage one or more persons to join the KBARA club.

We currently have 104 individual members and several other Ham clubs who are members. This is less than 10 percent of the actively licensed Hams in Spokane alone. There is a lot of opportunity for growth and increased membership!

Membership dues in KBARA costs only \$15.00 per year for individuals and \$20.00 for a family. Becoming a member helps us keep the repeaters in top running shape, gives you connections to other like minded Ham operators, and helps you to make

new friends! There are annual activities that you can participate in that not only build your skills, but they also build community relationships. This year some of our activities include: Field Day in late June, our annual campout, along with various dinner and breakfast get-togethers, as well as the many nets. Based on the web site at University of Arkansas at Little Rock Amateur Radio Club, here's an example of other Hams in the Spokane zip code areas.

How many Hams are in **your** zip code?

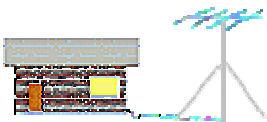
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Encourage your friends or neighbors to join KBARA today! Help make the Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association the best it can be!

Kamiak Butte Amateur Repeater Association



Don't forget to plan ahead for the **Field Day & Annual Meeting and Camp Out**. This is usually in **late June**



Hamfest Corner

Hello All,

For all those that didn't make it to the meeting this past Saturday (3/1/08), here is what we discussed:

The Spokane Hamfest 2008 is scheduled to be on Saturday, September 27th. University High School has already been reserved.

Raffle Prizes will be:

- Yaesu FT-950
- Icom IC-718
- Icom IC-2200H

Raffle tickets are being printed now and will be available at the Puyallup Hamfest this weekend. Flyers are being designed and will be available as well.

It was decided that the Lilac City ARC will be invited to join us as well. I have already sent a formal invitation to them via e-mail.

Admission and swap table pricing will remain the same this year.

Hamfest hours will remain the same this year. Another meeting will be planned very soon (but with much more advance notice).

Thanks all for coming!

73,

Bryan, K7WXO

Chairman, Spokane Hamfest 2008

k7wxo@gktech.net



Attention Hams

Amateur radio operator (HAM)



→ [Apply for amateur radio operator plates](#)

New: \$5 plus standard licensing fees

Renewal: No special plate fee

You can get Amateur radio operator (HAM) specialized Washington state license plates. Anyone with a license issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may get one set of amateur radio operator (HAM) plates for one vehicle registered in their name. The license plates show the call letters assigned by the FCC.

How to apply

1. Provide a copy of your valid FCC license and the registration of the vehicle your HAM plates are being issued to.

2. Complete a Special License Plate Application.

3. Contact your local vehicle licensing office to determine the exact cost of your license plates, including all licensing fees.

4. Mail the completed application, a copy of your FCC license, a copy of your vehicle registration, and all appropriate fees to:

Vehicle Licensing

Department of Licensing

PO Box 9909

Olympia, WA 98507-8500

How to renew

To renew, pay all licensing fees and:

•Renew online.

•Renew in person at a vehicle licensing office.

•Renew through the mail by following the instructions on your vehicle renewal notice.

<http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/spham.html>

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For fun, here are a few of Washington license plates with "Ham" in them, according to

<http://wwwb.thenewstribune.com/databases/>

AHAMMER

BADHAM

HAM

HAMBONE

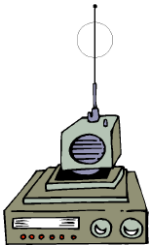
HAMMER

Bluetooth Audio and Amateur Radio

By Mike, N1NG

(in response to the many questions I have received lately)

Bluetooth headsets are very common with cell phone users. As such, many amateurs may already own a Bluetooth (BT) headset. So why not use it with amateur radio? To do so requires very little effort, and can be quite rewarding. I



recently monitored my HF radio and had free run of the area around my station. That included a break in front of TV, a visit to the refrigerator, and a visit to the restroom. All the while, I was able to monitor, hands free using the

same BT headset I use with my cell phone. Of course results will vary depending on your own environment. It doesn't stop with just monitoring. You can use the two-way capability of your BT headset as well. The only catch is you still need a manual PTT switch. This works just fine in a number of circumstances.

Suppose you are skiing with your handheld. You can monitor things just fine with your BT headset, then when it comes time to transmit, just press the PTT on your handheld. This also works well with mobiles. The adaptor..... has a built in PTT, so again, when it comes time to transmit, I just reach down and hit the switch. The switch can be whatever suits your needs.

So far, as long as the environment is somewhat quiet, VOX has worked pretty good. Not great, just pretty good. Driving in a car with the fan on even works fine, but when a bump in the road is hit, or you need to clear your throat, you guessed it. I do find myself operating more and more in VOX mode, especially as I refine the settings. I also find myself talking without too many gaps. The reward? The reward is hands free operation! Here are a couple of BT options depending on what your needs are.

For many applications, you will want to use BT for both transmitting and receiving. For this, I have been using a Jabra A-210. It has a built-in rechargeable battery, so it is well suited for

handheld and mobile operation. These devices are very difficult to find in local stores, so you will probably end up having to order them over the Internet. They were originally designed for converting a non-BT cell phone into a BT cell phone. It uses standard 2.5 mm, so you will want to wire up assorted adapters to suit your needs.(please see my www.kbara.org for pictures)....

The only thing you really need to know is that the plug coming from the Jabra A-210 has a ground contact, then a speaker contact, then a mic contact at the tip. BEWARE!

Unfortunately, there are some less than honest businesses on the Internet, and be sure that you order a new, fully functional device. I received three bad ones before I had one that actually powered up. Don't be bashful about returning stuff if it doesn't work or is in poor condition. For stations at home where you want to just monitor your radio, there are many options out there. For this, I have been using a Sony HWS-BTA2W. It plugs into the wall, so it is well suited for station use. It has more features than you may want, so you might opt for a less expensive device. What I liked about this one is it allows you to manually switch between transmit mode and receive mode. Transmit mode



is where it functions as a BT transmitter to allow you to monitor your radio with a BT

headset. Also, there are times when I want to play music or other audio from my new BT cell phone into a stereo. For that, I switch it to receive mode, and it receives my cell phone music or audio and plays it on my stereo. These devices are available at places like Best Buy and Radio Shack. Once everything is built, follow the manufacturer's instructions on handshaking between your earpiece and the device, then enjoy. WARNING! Any modifications made to your equipment are performed at your own risk. Be aware that modifications will probably void your warranty.

The author assumes no responsibility whatsoever from the use or misuse of this information.

About My IRLP Node from Ken, W7KLL
 W7KLL IRLP node #3282 is on a frequency of 145.610 MHz with a 100 HZ tone. The antenna is at 15 ft. on my garage and covers most of Spokane. The best way for someone to start using IRLP is to "Google" IRLP and find out about bringing up the node, and connecting to other nodes and reflectors. Also, there are lists for all the reflectors and nodes around the world. (don't try to download the node list, there are 2721 nodes around the world, which would make a book.); the reflectors list contains 42

reflectors, and is only one page. A lot of the nodes are part of a repeater system. So when you bring up a node or a reflector, listen and make sure it is not in use. A quick start: Key your mic, ID your station and key in the code of the node or reflector you wish to talk to (eg. code 3333 is the Whidbey Island, WA repeater on 146.860). To DROP the node or reflector, key in 73 (Good-by in Ham). Listen to the node or reflector sign off, then ID your station clear.
 Thank you,
 Ken, W7KLL

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KD7DMP	Jeremiah P. Puhek	KE7NWL	Chris Grimmatt	N7WRQ	Elizabeth Ashleman
KE7DOQ	Carl M. McDonald	AK2O	Karl Shoemaker	N7WRR	James Ashleman
K7EFX	John Brackemyre	WQ7O	Dennis Todaro	KB7WTN	Barbara J. Moore
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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!"

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We wish to thank the following contributors for their very generous donations to our Repeater Fund.

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Timely Tidbits from Moe Checkin

Thanks to Ken, W7KLL, our trusty call sign trustee, the vanity club call sign, KB7ARA, is good for another 10 years (I should live so long). Thanks, Ken for doing that, and for footing the bill. The Sunday Roadrunner Net will run from 7AM-8AM, rather than from 7:30AM-8:30AM...no more sleeping in! And for **tremendous** information on the area's Hamfests, please visit Lynn, N7CFO's "Pacific Northwest Hamfairs & Events" web site at <http://www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm>

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Address _____
City/State _____ Zip _____
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Would you rather receive the KBARA newsletter by e-mail as a PDF file rather than by the postal service?
 YES NO

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KBARA Membership / Support Information

The KBARA repeater system consists of several privately owned linked Amateur Radio repeaters. It covers an area from northeastern Washington to northeastern Oregon, and from western Montana to central Washington. The KBARA system is also part of the Evergreen Intertie, an interconnected group of repeaters located in western Washington and Oregon. The primary purpose of the KBARA repeaters is to provide a means for emergency communications within the above areas, and secondarily for routine radio traffic. It makes possible a single system of mobile communications coverage, extending the limited range provided by any single repeater operation.

The KBARA FM repeaters operate in the VHF bands and are linked by UHF radios. The repeaters' frequencies, call signs, locations and owners are as follows:

KB7ARA REPEATERS

146.74 W7HFI	Kamiak Butte, near Pullman, WA, owned by Bob, W7HFI, & John, W7OE
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 N1NG	Stensgar (Stranger) Mountain, near Chewelah, WA, owned by Mike, N1NG, & John, W7OE
147.38 W7OE	Mica Peak, east of Spokane, WA, owned by John, W7OE
223.90 AK2O	Stensgar (Stranger) Mountain, near Chewelah, WA, owned by Karl, AK2O
444.35 N1NG	South Hill of Spokane, WA, with a 192.8 Hz tone, owned by Mike, N1NG
IRLP Node #3957 N1NG	South Hill of Spokane, WA, owned by Mike, N1NG
EchoLink Node #247640 N1NG	South Hill of Spokane, WA, owned by Mike, N1NG

All licensed Amateur Radio operators are welcome to use this open repeater system. Your support would also be greatly appreciated. Please visit these websites for more information: <http://www.kbara.org> and visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/evergreenintertie>

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