

KBARA Winter 2004

From the President

Bob Lemon, KBARA President, W7HFI

Hello everyone! Its getting close to the holiday season and best of wishes to each and every one for the holidays.

The hamfest was a great success thanks to Betsey, N7WRQ and her crew.

The system has had some problems. I would like to thank the owners and crew for all their work and time spent on up keep and repairs.

Please take time to check in on the nets when you can. The Wednesday net has been having very low check-ins. So, when you can, take the 30 seconds and check in and say "Hi" and thank the net controllers for hosting the nets. After all, you folks are the ones that make the nets.

KBARA is a user supported club. The dues received are used to pay site rentals, repairs and extras as they are needed.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes,
Bob Lemon, W7HFI, KBARA President



Christina Lake Annual Picnic:
by Jan VE7TST

"It was real great having such a good representation from the KBARA group at our picnic this year. Even John, W7OE, got up this year, along with a few other members.



Maybe we'll even get more next year. Next year the date is set for August 13, 2005. Mark your calendars and hope we see everyone there. Roy & I say thanks to all who participated this year. It gets better every year.

Thanks all who came and enjoyed our Picnic!
Happy Holidays from the folks in Canada!

Roy and Jan

Happy Holidays Everyone!

All Hams, their families & friends are welcome to join in a no-host Ham-it-up luncheon on:

December 18, 2004, Saturday, 1PM
Longhorn Barbecue Restaurant
2315 N. Argonne Rd.

Spokane Valley, WA 99212

Hope to see everyone there & 73,

KBARA supports new IRLP nod by Mike Maxson N1NG

Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) node
A collaborative effort on the part of several generous KBARA members is moving toward the establishment of an open Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) node. The goal of IRLP is to provide an inexpensive (nearing worldwide) link between amateur radio systems using Voice-Over-IP (VoIP) technology.

The reason for choosing IRLP over one of the other internet-related modes is that it provides a rich amateur radio experience which focuses more on radio operation than Internet access. Access to, and control of IRLP nodes is dependent upon DTMF signals generated from participating radios.

Recently, N1NG upgraded his server and network where our web site www.kbara.org has been hosted for several years. Since this high speed network is up 24/7 (according to Qwest) and is situated up on the south hill of Spokane, it was collectively agreed that this was an ideal location to establish an IRLP node. Using about every spare computer part he had laying around, N1NG was able to get the Pentium II mother board that KE7CBS generously provided up and running. This means that we have a computer system that can be dedicated solely to the IRLP node. Also, Steve Krause, KG5AO recently helped us out with our computer needs.

KB7WTO will be instrumental during the installation and testing of the 70cm repeater. We even found a spot on the tower for the antenna. Crystals will be need to be ordered after we have completed frequency coordination, so there is the first item we need help with. As of this writing, the last and most essential area we need help with is the purchase of the IRLP interface board and software for \$130. There are several hundred IRLP nodes in the US and Canada. More and

more are being established throughout the world.

Thanks to VE7DTT, N7WRQ, KB7WTO, W7OE, KG5AO, KE7CBS, and N1NG for encouraging and supporting this project!

For more information on IRLP such as operating procedures, please visit www.irlp.net.

Fun stuff from the Internet:



The Original Famous Hams and ex-Hams

List: (http://users.tellurian.com/gjurrens/famous_hams.html)

*** *K2ZCZ George Pataki Governor of New York*
*** *HS1A Bhumiphol Adulayadej King of Thailand*
*** *W2ZH Dr. E. Stuart Davis Personal*
Telegrapher to President Franklin D. Roosevelt
*** *F05GJ Marlon Brando, Jr. Actor*
*** *KD4CKM Veronica Bowers Baptist missionary*
*** *N4HX James R. Bullington Peace*
Corps Director in Niger
*K4LIB Arthur Godfrey TV personality****
*** *K4TPJ David Funderburk former US*
Congressman
*** *W4ZVZ Colonel William M. Long World War*
II Hero; P-51 pilot
*** *CN8MH King Hassan II King of Morocco*



REAL ISSUED CALLS -- HONEST!!

Are these calls actually issued -- look em up??

N9CAT K9PIG (huh) N1HOG
WIHAM NØEL N6SSB N9MOO
N6LID

Kbara radio-activity corner **Guidelines for the users of the system** by John, W7OE

The following operating procedures are suggestions that would be consistent with the principal owner's wishes (or at least with his aspirations when he doesn't slip up himself).
(1) Observe all F.C.C. rules. This is a must

and you will be kicked off immediately if any violations are observed.

(2) Proper net practices would be appreciated. When checking into nets, let the net control run the net. Excessive interjections are usually more distracting than helpful. Check into nets with your call sign or call sign, name, and location.

Ragchew nets: A reminder about checking into a Ragchew...please remember to check in once when the net control asks for check ins. The net control should acknowledge these check ins and ask if anyone was missed. If you were not acknowledged then check in again when the net control asks if anyone was missed. The link has a 90 second time out on the Seattle side. Therefore, if you must talk longer than 90 seconds, unkey for about seven seconds and then continue your dissertation. This practice also allows emergency traffic to use the system.

(3) For general conversations follow the 90-second rule discussed above. Also, remember to leave about seven seconds between transmissions among those in a conversation. This allows for timers to reset and for emergency traffic to use the system. Try not to be a repeater hog. Most people get tired of a steady diet of one individual all the time. Instead of sharing your great wit and intellect for one hour at a stretch share your greatness over shorter transmissions. Remember the Jonathan and Elisabeth factor. Young children may be listening and they should not be exposed to salacious or scatological discussions..

Most people are not interested in listening to discussions of health and personal problems. Please save the details of your gastric bypass or divorce to the telephone. I have been told to stop making fun of the Democrats on the air. I will try harder not to discuss politics. I guess Religious discussion would also fall under this category.

Aside from following F.C.C. rules, the rest are all suggestions. These are based on my personal opinions and on suggestions given to

me by others. KBARA is an open system and operators may say and do as they choose as long as the F.C.C. rules are followed. These suggestions are not made to make this Listerine Alley, but to make sure that some thought goes into what we say and do on this system.

Ta Ta For Now, W7OE.

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Announcements!!

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TEST SESSIONS

Coeur d'Alene, ID
February 5, 2005, Boswell Hall on the campus of North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene, ID
Contact: Harvey Zion, K7VZ, phone: (208)664-3546
e-mail: k7vz@earthlink.net
College Place/Walla Walla, WA

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

December 15, 2004; Super 8 Motel, 801 W.S. 1st St., Grangeville, ID 83530, call for time
Contact: Larry Keith, phone (208)983-2163
Lewiston, ID

*December 7, 2004, 7PM, Nezperce County Court House, Emergency Management Office Basement, Lewiston ID 83501
Contact: Lyle Cable, phone: (509)758-8374
Spokane, WA*

*Every month 2nd Thursday, 5:30PM, 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*

January 18, 2005, 7PM; March 17, 2005, 7PM; May 19, 2005, 7PM; University High School, Room E102 (just inside main NE entrance), 12420 E. 32nd, Spokane Valley, WA 99216

*December 18, 2004 (tentative), 9:00AM, Church of Latter-Day Saints, 1620 E. 29th, East end of building, Spokane, WA
Contact for Jan 18 & Dec 18 times: : Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ, phone: (509)448-5821 email: n7wrq@aol.com*

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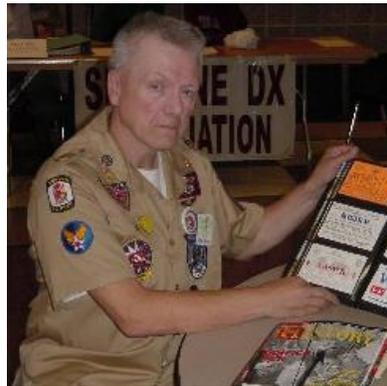
Hope to see everyone there & 73,

Betsy, N7WRQ

Some Local Packet Nodes:

***145.09 Spokn2 (wr7vhf)
145.05 Pullmn
145.53 Orfino***

***Some of our Net controls: KE7MBL
Sunday Morning Road Runner Net***



N7DRA Saturday morning BOZO Net

